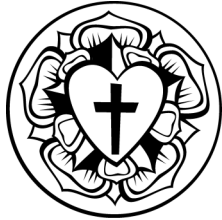


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St. John's Lutheran Church, Belleville, Pennsylvania

OCTOBER 2020



Our Mission Statement

*We, the members of St. John's congregation,
promise to share the good news of Jesus Christ
and to love one another through worship and service*

St. John's Lutheran Church
3597 West Main Street
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9:30am Worship
10:45am Sunday School
September through May

Church Office ~ 935-2032
St. John's Christian Day Care and Preschool ~ 935-2959
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Lisa Lingle ~ Director

St. John's Congregational Council

	<u>Term Expires</u>
Ed Bilich ~ Treasurer	end of 2021
John Boring	end of 2020
Joy Byler ~ Vice President	end of 2022
Denise Chester	end of 2021
Deb French	end of 2022
Carol Fultz ~ President	end of 2020
Michele Harshbarger	end of 2020
Susan Lynch	end of 2021
Jami Zook ~ Secretary	end of 2022

St. John's Financial Report January 1 thru September 30

Checking account balance 9/30/20
\$ 34,689.58

Income \$ 180,301.18 Expense \$ 158,646.70
Net Income \$ 21,654.48

Parking Lot Donations YTD ~ \$ 17,428.72
Boiler Repair Donations ~ \$ 2,550.00

Daycare Financial Report January 1 thru September 30

Checking account balance 9/30/20 \$ 79,402.10*
***Please see daycare report on next page**

Income \$ 221,774.55 Expense \$ 146,797.06
Net Income \$ 74,977.49

2019 Payroll Expense Owed to St. John's
September 9, 2019 \$11,738.56
September 29, 2020 \$ -0-

Service Schedules for next year will be compiled in November. If you are no longer able to/or are interested in serving please contact the church office or your Good Shepherd by **October 31st**.

If you are currently serving and do not respond, it will be assumed that wish to continue. **Please note ~ there are fewer people to help, so you may be scheduled more often.**

Many of these duties only involve a little of your time on Sunday mornings. Please prayerfully consider serving our church in this way.

St. John's would like to make sure our service is available to **ALL** members, especially those who are not able to attend Sunday morning worship.

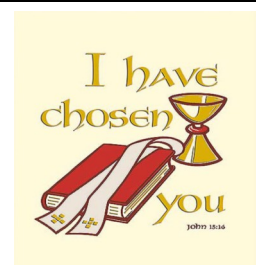
The service is now being recorded on CD and will be delivered to anyone who requests a copy.

If you do not have a CD player, the church will provide one for you. Please contact the church office or your Good Shepherd if you are interested.

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On Sunday, November 8 after more than three decades of walking with God, Reverend Rosalie Smith is celebrating the 30th anniversary of her ordination as a minister in the Church of Christ, and has invited us to join her during the morning worship service.

Bishop Collins is presiding over the service, and Reverend Laura Klick will preach. A reception is being held afterwards.



Daycare News

St. John's daycare along with other child care centers across the state has recently received two allocations from the CARES Act. Listed below are the amounts and restrictions.

\$44,900.00 ~ Support child care providers with money lost due to COVID closures. No stipulations on spending.

\$22,100.00 ~ Support child care providers with funds for COVID purposes. Funds must be spent by November 30, 2020, with supporting documentation, and are to be used for facilities costs, personnel costs and cost associated with increased health and safety practices due to COVID 19.

At the next meeting, the daycare board will discuss using a portion of these funds to help with the parking lot paving and boiler repair projects. The Property Committee is also obtaining bids to install additional LED lighting fixtures in some of the basement classrooms, which will also be paid for through this funding.

Comfort Knotting

Blanket Sunday is October 4. Due to COVID, the ladies have not been able to meet for the last 6 months, but a selection of comforts from what they have completed since last October is being displayed in the narthex and sanctuary.

Notice was received this week from the synod office that St. John's Lewistown **WILL NOT** be accepting/delivering any quilts. Since the number of finished comforts is half of what we normally send, they will be stored and sent next year.

Monetary gifts are being accepted and will be sent to the synod office to support this important ministry. Envelopes were included in the September 27 bulletin and can also be found in the narthex.

Donations can be made through Sunday, October 11.



Property Committee

Completed Items since Last Meeting

Shrubs trimmed at Church.

Boiler work completed. Room by Elevator should have heat.

Open Items

- ◇ Washer & Dryer approved by vote for install. Daycare to pay for installation but plans for installation need to be brought before property committee (electric and plumbing) and location if it changes.
- ◇ Snedekers will not charge us for rental of propane tanks as we buy fuel oil from them. We would like to keep both tanks. Mike to call Snedekers.
- ◇ Parking Lot work started. Concrete strip installed so far. Waiting to hear on date.
- ◇ Repair or Replace walls on east end of fellowship hall- Need more permanent planning and a possible partner with an annual budget.
- ◇ Estimate is for \$2400 to \$3700 depending on repair. Include in report for Annual Meeting.
- ◇ Place felt around front doors of Church to seal better- If ¼" felt is not big enough Mike will purchase different size. Don Smith to install.
- ◇ Pastor would like window in her door. Kit for \$74 brought forth in motion by Ed. Second Deb. Motion Approved.
- ◇ Lights need attention in Basement. Jim Buchanan to get estimate and proposal for various options. Committee would like to look at replacing on regular basis.

Next Meeting 6:30 PM October 19th, 2020

IN OUR CHURCH AND COMMUNITY

Join the Belleville Mennonite School community as we celebrate 75 years of God's faithfulness to the school at the Faith Promise Banquet on Friday, October 2. The evening will begin with a time of fellowship at 6:00 and feature a walk through 75 years of history, a dinner at 6:30, keynote address, update on BMS today, a concert choir selection, and the recognition of two special alumni. The homemade dinner is free of charge; however an invitation to give to the Faith Promise Annual Fund, which supports the school's operating budget, will be presented. Seating is limited so please reserve your seat soon by calling the office, 717.935.2184.

Thank you to the volunteers who recently took the time to trim the shrubbery around the church and fellowship hall. You did a great job!



Nancy Aumiller died on Sunday, September 27. Two of her sisters have also passed away in the last 3 months, Sally Shingler, on September 17 and Donna Snook on June 20. Please keep Nancy's daughters, Julia and Rebecca, son, Chip and their families, as well as sisters, Lucy Magda and Audrey Michael and their extended families in your prayers during this difficult time.

Their death is of infinite value to God. He sees every detail. He is present in every agonizing moment. They are not just one of thousands of souls entering eternity today; their passage is significant because it brings them home to their heavenly Father.

The Sky Family will present Celtic Revival at the Allensville Community Church on Friday, Saturday and Sunday evenings, October 2-4 at 7:00 PM. The program will also be given on Sunday morning, Oct. 4 at 9:00 and 10:15 AM. All are welcome.

There is no admission charge, but a free will offering will be collected.

The Belleville Fire Company is having an open house to celebrate their 100th anniversary. It is Saturday, October 10, 2020, from 8:00 to 1:00 at the firehouse located at 4231 E. Main St.

There will be a tour of the fire hall and apparatus, demonstrations, history displays, handouts, hotdogs and chips.



Resources for your congregation from the Upper Room. upperroom.org

Morning Prayer with The Upper Room via Facebook Live, every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 11 a.m. (CT). These guided prayer experiences are archived so you may join us at your convenience if you miss it live.

Resources for Spiritual Wellness in Anxious Times. For navigating the pandemic, this link makes available to you a robust list of timely practices—for individuals and families as well as your faith leaders. Included are digital devotionals, videos, eCourses, podcasts, etc., all of which can be accessed and distributed free of charge to everyone in your congregation.

From Pastor Ela:

One of these is the Upper Room Prayer Wall. Similar to our collection of prayers for others from the congregation the prayer wall allows you to offer a prayer, request a prayer or just pray for others who have put prayer requests in the list. A wonderful way to see what others' needs are and to extend our prayers beyond the walls of our own community.

OCTOBER SERVICE SCHEDULE

Worship Duties ~ **If you are not comfortable performing the duty you volunteered for, please contact the church office or your Good Shepherd.** Please do not feel you have to, we have others who are ready and willing to help as we continue with COVID-19 precautions in place.

Please note ~ there is no need for communion assistants and ushers at the present time, until some of the worship restrictions are more relaxed.

October 4

Elevator: Randy Harshbarger

Greeters: Jami Zook and Mike Boring

Lay Reader: Jami Zook

Money Counters: John and Denise Chester

Sound System: Ed Bilich

October 11

Elevator: Mike Harshbarger

Greeter: Carolyn Conner

Lay Reader: Jami Zook

Money Counters: Volunteers Needed

Sound System: Joe Kanagy

October 18

Elevator: Randy Harshbarger

Greeter: Volunteer Needed

Lay Reader: Jim Buchanan

Money Counters: Jay and Joy Byler

Sound System: Jay Byler

October 25

Elevator: Mike Harshbarger

Greeter: Deb French

Lay Reader: Jim Buchanan

Money Counters: Sharon Dancy and Joe Kanagy

Sound System: Jay Byler

Altar Care ~ Joy Byler and Carol Fultz

Altar Flower Delivery ~ Jami Zook

Bulletin Delivery ~ John and Brenda Boring ~ Bulletins will be placed on the old altar in the narthex. Valley View will be separated from the others with Apt/Room number notated on each bulletin, please leave them at the front desk.

St. John's Lutheran Church Council Meeting

June 11, 2020

Our mission statement

We, the members of the St. John's congregation, promise to share the good news of Jesus Christ and love one another through worship and service in our homes, church, community and the world.

Council members present - Pastor Ela, Michelle Harshbarger, Sue Lynch, Ed Bilich, John Boring, Carol Fultz, Denise Chester, Joy Byler, Nancy Pannepacker, Deb French and Jami Zook. President Fultz called the meeting to order. Pastor Ela led us with devotions and prayer.

Approval of Minutes - Motion was made by Joy Byler and second by John Boring. Motion carried.

Financial Report -

St John's financial report was presented. Council decide to drop the Profit and Loss Budget vs Actual summary report and keep the spread sheet style. Motion to approve was made by Jami Zook and second by Sue Lynch. Motion carried.

St. John's Day Care financial report was presented. Day Care will continue to use the PPL monies for payroll until it runs out. Motion to approve by Joy Byler and second by Denise Chester. Motion carried.

Pastor's Report -

- A printer was donated to the Pastor. Thanks Joy !
- Synod asked all congregations to talk to their insurance companies on the coverage we may have "should someone get sick and sue us for getting the Corona virus at our church". Ed Bilich will talk to our insurance company.
- Good Shepard program still going well.
- Pastor reminded council that there continues to be monies in the Discretionary fund if anyone knows of people in need. (Not to be confused with the Emergency Fund.) Ed

also confirmed that council is authorized to spend up to \$2500. without congregation approval.

- Discussion was heard on distribution of bulletins to the shut ins and members residing in Valley View. Michelle expressed an interest in going back to recording the service on CD's and distributing those also.

Committee Reports

Day Care

- Several individuals were interviewed for the directors position. Michelle explained that the salary we offer it makes it hard to compete for filling this position. Alicia Hartzler and Rosie Peachey have agreed to fill in for Valerie till we have a new director. They will continue to advertise the position. The congregation will also be informed through the bulletin in case they may know of anyone interested in the position. Ed Bilich made a motion " to defer the day care's rent" due to low attendance caused by the shut down and the corona virus. Deb French second the motion. Motion carried
- Day care employees asked if they could return to parking in the front of the church and allow parents to also come through the door at the restrooms. Council would like it to remain as it is due to wear and tear on the front parking lot.

Property Committee

Elevator and dumb waiter were inspected by the state. Jim Buchanan is to be getting estimates to fill the pot holes until we raise the money for resurfacing the parking lot.

Social Ministry

No report.

Long Range Planning

Brochures are ready to be printed.

Music and Worship

Committee will meet next week to get organists/pianists scheduled and hymns picked for the

rest of the year. There will be a special service for the anniversary of Rosalee Smith's ordination on Nov 8, 2020.

Christian Ed./Youth

No report.

Finance

No report.

Cemetery

Denise Chester reported that they are still looking into digitizing our cemetery records. However, it was determined that doing this may entail 250 hours of inputting information. She will look to the Synod for any grants/suggestions, or possibly putting it on Microfiche.

John Chester cleaned the brass sign at the cemetery.

Old Business

- Dumpster is now locked.
- The oil tank was filled and some oil over flow. Snedekers delivery man looked at the boiler to determine the problem. While looking at the boiler he noticed a piece was missing that covered the flame. This will be investigated by the property committee.
- Jami had talked to Glen Randolph about the money in the Francena G. Randolph endowment. It was established for youth and youth sunday school. He agreed to open it up for use in the day care but wasn't interested in funding the parking lot repair.
- Denise hadn't had a chance to talk to Bill concerning the Kester Fund. Council was reminded that it was established for college funds for Pastor's and member's children of St. John's and St. Pauls.
- Council members divided church service duties, as we had agreed to cover them till the end of the month of June. Pres Fultz will contact those members who were previously signed up as they may be willing to preform the duties themselves. Altar flower and

bulletin delivery will also be continued.

New Business

A motion was made by Jami Zook "to allow Logan Byler's wedding at the church in August with safety precautions in place". Nancy Pannepacker second the motion.

Reminder to have all committee minutes to Kelly in time to be added in the monthly newsletter.

Next meeting July 9, 2020, 6:30 pm. will be held only if there is business for council. Typically, there are no meeting in July and August. A motion to adjourn was made by Nancy Pannepacker and second by Ed Bilich. Meeting ended with the Lords Prayer.

Jami Zook, secretary.

St. John's Lutheran Church

Minutes of the July 12, 2020 Special Council Meeting

We, the members of the St. John's congregation, promise to share the good news of Jesus Christ and love one another through worship and service in our homes, church, community and the world.

A special meeting of St. John's Lutheran Church council was called by President Carol Fultz on July 12, 2020 following worship. Present were: Pastor Ela Robertson, President Carol Fultz, Ed Bilich, John Boring, Deb French, Sue Lynch, Joy Byler, Michelle Harshbarger & Denise Chester. Absent was Jami Zook.

The purpose of the meeting was to approve two items to be taken to a special congregational meeting on July 24, 2020 for a vote. The first item being the repair of the boiler. A motion was made by Michelle Harshbarger and seconded by Ed Bilich. Motion carried. The second item was the paving of the parking lot. A motion was made by Joy Byler and seconded by Michelle Harshbarger. Motion carried.

We now have a new Day Care Director, Lisa Lingle. Recently we had a couple of air conditioners donated for the day care, as it gets extremely hot in the basement. They have been installed.

With there being no further business, the meeting was properly adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Joy Byler, Fill-in Secretary

St. John's Lutheran Church

Minutes of the July 24, 2020 Special Council Meeting

We, the members of the St. John's congregation, promise to share the good news of Jesus Christ and love one another through worship and service in our homes, church, community and the world.

A special meeting of St. John's Lutheran Church council was called by President Carol Fultz on July 24, 2020 at 4:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall. Present were: Pastor Ela Robertson, President Carol Fultz, Ed Bilich, John Boring, Sue Lynch, Joy Byler, Michelle Harshbarger. Absent were Deb French, Jami Zook & Denise Chester

The meeting was called to order.

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss a few topics that are very important.

Discussion on holding off on worship in church due to COVID 19 being more prevalent in our community and our church family. It was decided to hold off on church until at least Labor Day and then re-evaluate the COVID 19 situation. Pastor Ela stated she wants to concentrate on prayer. There was discussion on doing radio broadcasts again, having parking lot church through a radio frequency, home visits etc. Each council member needs to call their shepherd list and let them know we would not be having church until at least labor day.

The congregational meeting to vote the boiler repairs and the parking lot paving was supposed to take place on Sunday, July 26th, however without services being held, that will not happen. So, it was discussed that we send a letter with a survey on how the church members would like to continue with worship through the pandemic....also a section where you could vote "yes or no" for the parking lot paving and the boiler repair". A motion was made by Michelle Harshbarger and seconded by Joy Byler to move with the survey and ballot to be mailed. Motion carried. Joy said she would prepare the letter and get the members to approve and/or make changes.

With there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Joy Byler, Fill-in secretary