

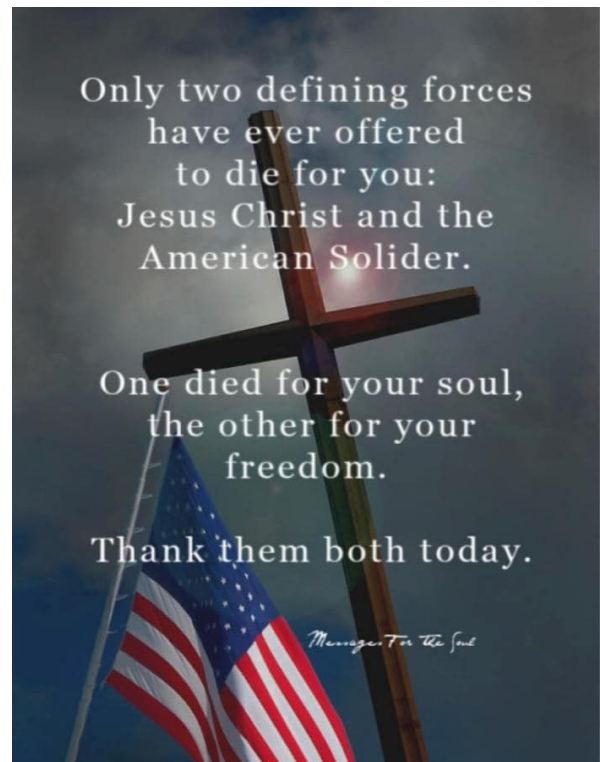
ST JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH  
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St. John's Lutheran Church, Belleville, Pennsylvania

**MAY 2021**



***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  
in our homes, church, community and the world.*

St. John's Lutheran Church  
3597 West Main Street  
P.O. Box 5716  
Belleville, PA 17004

9:30am Worship  
10:45am Sunday School  
September through May

Church Office ~ 935-2032  
St. John's Christian Day Care and Preschool ~ 935-2959  
E-mail us at [secretary@stjohnsbelleville.org](mailto:secretary@stjohnsbelleville.org)  
Website ~ [stjohnsbelleville.org](http://stjohnsbelleville.org)



### St. John's Lutheran Church

Pastor – Reverend Ela J. Robertson  
Phone 740-338-7123  
Organist – Susie Yoo  
Sextons – Calvin and Kelly Byler  
Church Secretary – Kelly Byler  
Office Phone 935-2032  
Email us at [secretary@stjohnsbelleville.org](mailto:secretary@stjohnsbelleville.org)

### St. John's Christian Daycare and Preschool

Lisa Lingle, Director  
Phone 717-935-2959

### St. John's Congregational Council

	<u>Term Expires</u>
Ed Bilich ~ Treasurer	end of 2021
Joy Byler ~ Secretary	end of 2022
Denise Chester ~ Vice President	end of 2021
Deb French	end of 2022
Carol Fultz ~ President	end of 2023
Susan Lynch	end of 2021
Jami Zook	end of 2022

### St. John's Financial Report

Checking account balance 4/28/2021  
\$ 25,050.25

April 1 through 28, 2021

Income \$ 58,060.93 Expense \$ 49,049.73  
Net Income \$ 9,011.20

### Daycare Financial Report

Checking account balance 4/28/2021  
\$ 13,602.33

April 1 through 28, 2021

Income \$ 73,460.95 Expense \$ 94,022.41  
Net Income \$ -20,561.46

### Explaining the Daycare Deficit

While the YTD income and expense figures which are included in the weekly bulletin and newsletter, show the daycare operating at a loss, in this instance, that is not the case. If we look back to the beginning of the year, the checking account balance in January was approx. \$32,000.00, and reflected the income which was received last year. The 2020 year-end reports show the daycare finished the year with a net income of \$27,000.00+.

This year, they have had to close twice to quarantine and also did not receive income for those 2+ weeks. The excess in the checking was from the CARES funds received, and was there for that purpose...to cover payroll or loss of tuition income due to COVID related closings. Since the income was included last year, and the expense this year, it will naturally show on the reports as a loss.

The daycare is covering their payroll and monthly expenses. There is another round of CARES money coming to PA daycares in the near future.

**GOD NEVER SAID  
THAT THE JOURNEY  
WOULD BE EASY,  
BUT HE DID SAY  
THAT THE ARRIVAL  
WOULD BE  
WORTHWHILE.**

Max Lucado

ChristianQuotes.info

Thank you to everyone who supported this year's Calendar Fundraiser. We raised \$3,340.00! A special "thank you" to Carol Fultz for taking the time to solicit the area business in our community/county for the daily prizes.

It is starting to feel like summer outside, and the annual daycare yard sale is only 2 months away. Tentative dates are Tuesday, July 6 and Wednesday, July 7. We could really use your unwanted items. Anything in clean, usable condition, including furniture is always appreciated. Please feel free to place your items on the stage.

**NO CLOTHING OR TELEVISIONS PLEASE!**



REMINDER ~ St. John's has Meals on Wheels the second and third weeks in May. If you signed up to provide a dessert, please be sure to drop it off at the Community Hall by 9am the day it is needed.

THANK YOU!



St. John's is once again participating in the *Baby Bottle* fundraiser for Crossroads Pregnancy Center.

The bottles can be found in the narthex for anyone who would like to participate, please take one, fill it with your spare change or other monetary donation and return it to the church by Father's Day, June 20th.



If you walk into the church on Sunday morning or throughout the week you will immediately notice how bright the main floor hallways and restrooms are. Twelve new LED lighting units were recently installed. They are much more energy-efficient, last longer and do not burn out. Hopefully, we will soon be able to replace the units in the offices and blue room.

Thank you to those persons who signed-up to help with Sunday morning duties for the months of May and June. Still needed are volunteers to ~

**Deliver Altar flowers in May and June  
Bulletin/CD delivery in June  
Lay Reader/Greeter for June 27**

If you can help in this way please sign-up in the narthex or contact the church office.

Thank you!!

### ***BMS 56th Annual Auction May 28 & 29, 2021***

The Annual Auction is being held the end of May, when most activities can more readily be held outdoors. Friday's activities will include a Chicken Bar-b-que dinner, Silent Auction, Live music, a preview of auction items, fellowship and more! Saturday begins with Breakfast served from 6:30-8:30am and will include the Merchandise & Certificate Auction starting at 8:30, Kid's Activities, Baked Goods, Food and a special 75th Anniversary Quilt. Plan now to join us!

Practice service at camp at Camp Mount Luther at the Annual Spring Work Day on Saturday, May 22, 2021, from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. We need your help getting the camp grounds and facilities ready for summer. There will be plenty to do and everyone in the family can help! Please bring supplies to do cleaning, mulching, raking, and light construction projects such as step ladders, buckets, rakes, etc. A light lunch will be served. RSVP by May 17 if staying for lunch to [cml@campmountluther.org](mailto:cml@campmountluther.org) or 570-922-1587.

## St. John's 2021 Committees

Listed are our current committees along with committee member phone numbers and email addresses. Several meet on a monthly basis, while others meet several times a year, or only when needed. If you would like to serve, please contact one the committee members or council representative.

### Cemetery

<b>Council Rep - Denise Chester</b>	<b>994-2570</b>	<b>dechester@embarqmail.com</b>
John Chester	935-5614	jfc0632@embarqmail.com
Joe Kanagy	994-3094	fre2bfre50@yahoo.com
Ross Harshbarger	935-2925	sandrharsh@embarqmail.com
Bob Keller	994-4872	rsk290@embarqmail.com

### Christian Education / Youth

<b>Council Rep - Denise Chester</b>	<b>994-2570</b>	<b>dechester@embarqmail.com</b>
Michele Harshbarger	935-2453	mandmharsh@embarqmail.com
Reba Harmon	935-2624	rjharmon@embarqmail.com
Rosalie Smith	935-2877	rodosmith139@gmail.com
Ralph Murphy	814-506-2463	

### Day Care

<b>Council Rep - Carol Fultz</b>	<b>935-0140</b>	<b>carolfultz@embarqmail.com</b>
Michele Harshbarger	935-2453	mandmharsh@embarqmail.com
Joy Byler	250-3545	jaynjoybyler@embarqmail.com
Deb French	994-5426	mommygram53@yahoo.com

### Finance / Investment

<b>Council Rep - Ed Bilich</b>	<b>935-5395</b>	<b>edbilich@embarqmail.com</b>
Joy Byler	250-3545	jaynjoybyler@embarqmail.com
Mike Harshbarger	935-2453	mandmharsh@embarqmail.com

### Long Range Planning

<b>Council Rep - Joy Byler</b>	<b>250-3545</b>	<b>jaynjoybyler@embarqmail.com</b>
Ed Bilich	935-5395	edbilich@embarqmail.com
Mike Harshbarger	935-2453	mandmharsh@embarqmail.com
Joe Kanagy	994-3094	fre2bfre50@yahoo.com

### Property

<b>Council Rep - Deb French</b>	<b>994-5426</b>	<b>mommygram53@yahoo.com</b>
Jim Buchanan	935-5328	jimbuck196@embarqmail.com
Ed Bilich	935-5395	edbilich@embarqmail.com
John Boring	935-2032	jbboring@embarqmail.com
John Chester	935-5614	jfc0632@embarqmail.com
Mike Harshbarger	935-2453	mandmharsh@embarqmail.com
Joe Kanagy	994-3094	fre2bfre50@yahoo.com
Don Smith	935-2877	rodosmith139@gmail.com
Jed Smith	935-2977	ajssmith@yahoo.com

*Committees continued...*

**Safety**

<b>Council Rep - Carol Fultz</b>	<b>935-0140</b>	<b>carolfultz@embarqmail.com</b>
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**Social Ministry**

<b>Council Rep - Sue Lynch</b>	<b>935-2013</b>	<b>sml403@yahoo.com</b>
Brenda Boring	935-2052	jbboring@embarqmail.com
Carolyn Conner	935-2850	
Carol Fultz	935-0140	carolfultz@embarqmail.com
Jane Fultz	935-2780	
Michele Harshbarger	935-2453	mandmharsh@embarqmail.com
Ralph Murphy	814-506-2463	

**Staff Support/Personnel**

Carol Fultz	935-0140	carolfultz@embarqmail.com
Sue Lynch	935-2013	sml403@yahoo.com

**Worship and Music**

<b>Council Rep ~ Jami Zook</b>	<b>994-2570</b>	<b>jami@sa-re.com</b>
Sharon Dancy	483-6985	sharondancy@hotmail.com
Reba Harmon	935-2624	rjharmon@embarqmail.com
Sandra Metz	935-2330	sbmetz@embarqmail.com
Rosalie Smith	935-2877	rodosmith139@gmail.com



**Centre Volunteers**

**IN MEDICINE**

**CVIM has vaccine appointments available!**

Use the link below to sign up for a Pfizer vaccine.

You must be 16 or older to sign up.

This link will also schedule your second dose appointment.

If you need assistance or lack computer access please call  
814-231-4043 to get an appointment.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/cvim1stdosecovidvaccination>

# ***MAY SERVICE SCHEDULE***

## **May 2**

**Elevator:** Randy Harshbarger

**Greeter:** Susan Keller

**Lay Reader:** Jim Buchanan

**Money Counters:** John and Denise Chester

**Sound System:** Ed Bilich

## **May 9**

**Elevator:** Joe Kanagy

**Greeter:** Carol Fultz

**Lay Reader:** Joe Kanagy

**Money Counters:** Sue Lynch and Carol Fultz

**Sound System:** Joe Kanagy

## **May 16**

**Elevator:** Randy Harshbarger

**Greeters:** Mike and Michele Harshbarger

**Lay Reader:** Anne Harshbarger

**Money Counters:** Jay and Joy Byler

**Sound System:** Jay Byler

## **May 23**

**Elevator:** Joe Kanagy

**Greeter:** Sandra Metz

**Lay Reader:** Sandra Metz

**Money Counters:** Sharon Dancy and Joe Kanagy

**Sound System:** Jay Byler

## **May 30**

**Elevator:** Randy Harshbarger

**Greeter:** Jim Buchanan

**Lay Reader:** Ralph Murphy

**Money Counters:** **Volunteers needed**

**Sound System:** Ed Bilich

**Altar Care** ~ Carol Fultz

**Altar Flower Delivery** ~ **VOLUNTEER NEEDED**

**Bulletin Delivery** ~ Randy Harshbarger

### **Please remember:**





If you are unable to be present  
on your scheduled day,  
**it is your responsibility,**  
to find a replacement.



# St. John's Lutheran Church

## MAY

## 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
2 Holy Communion	3	4	5	6	7	1 8
9  Mothers Day	10 6:30pm Council (Note change of day)	11	12	13  Ascension Day	14	15
16 Holy Communion	17 Property Committee Meeting	18	19	20	21	22 8am-1pm Camp Mt. Luther Workday
23  Pentecost	24	25	26	27	28 <b>BMS Annual Auction</b>	29 <b>BMS Annual Auction</b>
30  Trinity Sunday	31 Memorial Day Daycare and Office Closed					

## St. John's Lutheran Church

### Minutes of the March 11, 2021 meeting

#### **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.

#### **Vision Statement**

To be welcoming people who encourage God's love in our community through our prayers, devotion, benevolence, and deeds.

The monthly meeting of St. John's Lutheran Church council was held on Thursday, March 11, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. in the blue room.

**Present:** President Carol Fultz, Ed Bilich, Joy Byler, Deb French, Sue Lynch, Jami Zook, and Pastor Ela Robertson. Absent: Denise Chester.

The meeting was called to order by Carol Fultz.

**Devotions:** Jami Zook led devotions.

**Approval of Minutes:** A motion to accept the minutes of the February 9, 2021 meeting was made by Jami Zook and seconded by Ed Bilich. Motion carried.

**Financial Reports:** The financial reports were presented. A motion to accept the St. John's financial report was made by Jami Zook and seconded by Sue Lynch. Motion carried. St. John's Daycare financial report was presented. A motion to accept the report was made by Jami Zook and seconded by Deb French. Motion carried.

#### **Pastor's Report:**

- Discussed Lenten and Holy Week Services. Maundy Thursday at St. John's and Good Friday at West Kish.
- Worship Outreach
- Local Mission – Find people in need.
- Global Mission – Annie Harshbarger stated she would be willing to help.
- Discretionary Fund Report – Balance \$1,798.04.
- Valley View – deciding about starting with visiting soon. Pastor Ela is eager to start visiting again.
- Geisinger Hospitals – Pastors are considered part of the care team.
- Constitution – Review and revisions – it was decided that at each council meeting we will begin going over the constitution a little at a time until we get through the whole thing. Once all changes have been made to the constitution, a special meeting will need to be scheduled to approve the new revised constitution.
- Meetings – Pastor Ela has had some weekly and some monthly virtual meetings.
- Self-care and motivation – Morning time for sunrise prayer, focusing on Lent has been regenerative.
- Pastor Ela will use vacation time when family is ok with getting together again.

#### **Committee Reports:**

- **Cemetery** – Denise - None
- **Long Range** – Joy - None
- **Property** – Deb - None
- **Music & Worship** – Jami – Music and Worship met on March 9, 2021. Jami stated that we would give palms out again on Palm Sunday, March 28<sup>th</sup>. There will not be communion on Palm Sunday. Maundy Thursday service will be held at St. John's on April 1<sup>st</sup> at 7 p.m. It will be an abbreviated service. No collection will be taken. The altar will be stripped at the end of the service. Good Friday service will be held at West Kish on April 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7 p.m. Easter Sunday is April 4<sup>th</sup>. Jami will work on getting small gifts for the children and possibly having a children's choir. Kelly will no longer be ordering flowers for special holidays (i.e. Easter and Christmas)...Jami will



take care of the Easter flowers. Sandra Metz took all of the pastor's stoles to be dry cleaned. Hymns will be picked on March 16<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m. at Reba Harmon's home. Discussion about the bulletins and possibly going back to the hymnals. Starting March 21<sup>st</sup> the hymns will no longer be printed in the bulletins, we will use the hymnals. We will make a couple of bulletins in large print for those who need and also a couple for anyone who stays in the parking lot.

- **Social Ministry** – Sue – None
- **Day Care** – Carol – Classrooms are full with a waiting list. Met with Lisa, went over a few items of importance. Doing a fundraiser calendar for April. Sundays after the service, there will be fundraiser calendars for sale. Ed asked if the newsletters were getting to the daycare. Deb French went downstairs to check and confirmed there were some down there.
- **Finance** – Ed – Signature authorizations were given to Thrivent.
- **Staff Support** – Carol & Sue – Haven't set a date yet. Will hopefully be getting together soon.

#### **Old Business:**

- Coded Lock Back Door – Daycare parents can only get in 6 a.m. – 6 p.m. Mondays through Fridays.
- Church Duties – Most duties are filled for April. Need Lay Readers for April 11<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>. Need flower delivery for April. Sign ups for May and June will be in the next newsletter.
- Parking Lot Boxes – Yoder's Tees and More made boxes for the parking lot service for communion cups and offering.
- March 21<sup>st</sup> the council will be installed during worship.
- Jami called Bob Metz from St. Paul's church in Allensville about the Kester fund. Nothing has been decided yet.

#### **New Business:**

- Lenten Offering – Joy Byler made a motion to use the Lenten offering to help the discretionary fund. Jami Zook seconded the motion.
- Easter Flowers – Jami will take care of the Easter flowers as stated in the music and worship report.
- Gift from Clecks - Received a gift of \$5,000 from the Cleck family to use per our discretion.
- Revisions to Constitution – We need to take the model constitution and match to our constitution to see what changes may need made. We may do a little at each upcoming council meetings until we finish it.
- \$369 was raised for Camp Mount Luther. Raise the Region (a fundraiser for non-profits) matched the funds.
- June 24<sup>th</sup> – Gary Anderson Memorial service. Mona Anderson requested use of the fellowship hall for a memorial service. A motion was made by Jami Zook and seconded by Deb French to allow the family to use the fellowship hall. Motion carried.

A motion was made by to adjourn was made Jami Zook and seconded by Sue Lynch. Motion carried. The next monthly meeting will be held on Thursday, April 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.

Meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Joy Byler, Secretary