

ST JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
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The Parish Messenger

St. John's Lutheran Church, Belleville, Pennsylvania

SUMMER 2025



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

9:00am 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
Website ~ stjohnsbelleville.org



Pastor's Page

Somewhere along the line I came across this story which is both priceless and appropriate for the summer months that are now before us.

A Minneapolis couple decided to go to Florida to thaw out from a particularly icy and brutal winter. Their plan was to stay in the same hotel where they had spent their honeymoon almost 30 years before. Because of their hectic schedules it became difficult to coordinate their travel plans together so, the husband decided to leave Minnesota and fly to Florida on a Thursday, with his wife flying down the following day.

The husband arrived, checked into the hotel and he noticed that there was a computer in his room. He then decided to send an e-mail to his wife. However, he accidentally left out one letter in her e-mail address, and without ever realizing the error, send off the e-mail.

Meanwhile, somewhere in Houston, Texas, a widow had just returned home from her husband's funeral. He had been a good and faithful pastor who had been called to his eternal glory following a sudden heart attack.

When she arrived back home, the widow decided to check her e-mails and other correspondence, expecting that there would be several notes of condolences from family, friends, and neighbors. After reading the first message, she screamed and fainted. The widow's son came rushing into the room to see what the problem was, and found his mother collapsed on the floor, he looked up and saw the computer screen which read:

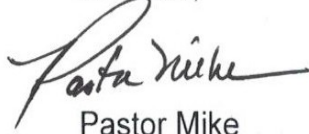
To: My loving wife

Subject: I've just arrived. I know you are surprised to hear from me. They have computers down here and you are allowed to send e-mails to your loved ones. I've just arrived and have checked in. I've seen to it that everything has been prepared for your arrival tomorrow. Looking forward to seeing you then! Hope your journey tomorrow is as uneventful as mine was.

P.S. It sure is hot down here!

The summer months are now upon us. Be careful about your correspondence with others in whatever form you choose to communicate with them...and here's hoping our summer isn't unbearably hot for us...here on earth I mean!

In Christ,



Pastor Mike

Pastor – Reverend Mike Sigler
Office hours ~Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday
10:00am till noon
(subject to change to accommodate meetings, etc.)
Phone ~ 717-437-7007
Organist – Rick Cole
Sextons – Calvin and Kelly Byler
Church Secretary – Kelly Byler
Office Phone 935-2032
Email us at secretary@stjohnsbelleville.org

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

Angela Parko, Director
Phone 717-935-2959

St. John's Congregational Council

	<u>Term Expires</u>
Jim Buchanan ~ Treasurer	end of 2025
Carol Fultz ~ President	end of 2026
Michele Harshbarger ~ Secretary	end of 2025
Joe Kanagy	end of 2025
Sue Lynch	end of 2027
Nancy Penepacker ~ Vice Pres.	end of 2027

Meetings are held at 6:30pm the second Thursday of each month, with the exception of July and August.

St. John's Financial Report

Checking account balance 6/10/2025
\$ 16,551.81

January 1 through June 10, 2025

Income \$ 91,257.61 Expense \$ 82,305.35
Net Income \$ 8,952.26

Daycare Financial Report

Checking account balance 6/10/2025
\$ 11,960.22

January 1 through June 10, 2025

Income \$ 134,581.62 Expense \$ 127,258.21
Net Income \$ 7,323.41

Pastor Sigler will be taking some vacation time , beginning Monday, June 23 through Friday, July 25. Pastor Longfield is covering for emergencies. He can be reached at 717-250-6696 or you may contact the church office.

Doug Pierce will be leading worship three of the four Sundays and presiding over Holy Communion on July 6. Ed Bilich is leading the July 20 service, with a guest speaker from the Gideon's sharing on their mission and ministry.

**Pastor is on
Vacation**



*Taking a
Summer Break*



Bible Study

The Tuesday morning sessions will resume on September 2 at 10:30am.

Comfort Knotting

Knotters will meet on Thursday, September 4 at 9:30am.

Council

The next monthly meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 11 at 6:30pm.

Sunday School

The adult class which meets in the blue room will resume again in September. Date will be included in Sunday bulletins and the fall newsletter.

IN OUR CHURCH and COMMUNITY

St. John's has Meals on Wheels in August. If you would like to help by providing the following desserts, a sign-up will be placed in the narthex the middle of July.

Tuesday, August 12 ~ 5 Angel Food cakes
Thursday, August 14 ~ monetary donations for pies
Tuesday, August 19 ~ 4 cans of cherry pie filling
Thursday, August 21 ~ 5 dozen cookies (any kind)

The annual yard sale is being held on **Tuesday, August 12 Noon-7pm and Wednesday, August 13 8:00am –1:00pm. The stage is already filled and has overflowed onto the floor.** If you have anything to donate, with the exception of TV's and clothing, place it in front of the stage. Please, make sure your items are in good clean condition...we **do not** have room in the dumpster for things which are dirty or no longer usable.

With the very nice donations we have already been blessed with, and those to come, this year's sale may be the largest we have ever had!!



Liberia Tuition Sponsorship time will soon be here. If you are not already, please prayerfully consider becoming a new sponsor in the program. By providing a child with the opportunity for an education, YOU can make a difference in their life. More information will be included in upcoming bulletins.



We will begin using the With One Voice (blue hymnal) on Sunday June 22 through August 31.

There will be no communion on Sunday, July 20. It will be held on July 27 after the Pastor's return.



When the Social Ministry committee met earlier this year, they discussed ways to reach out and bless others in our congregation and beyond. Providing meals was something they felt called to do. So, on Saturday, May 17 they prepared and delivered Ham Pot Pie, coleslaw, rolls and dessert. Other meals are planned for July and September. The following are some of the expressions of appreciation.

Thank you all for being do kind to us "old Folks". So nice to be remembered!

Thank you so much for the meal that was prepared and delivered to me on Saturday. It was wonderful having a full delicious meal that I did not need to prepare. May God bless your commitment to serve others.

Thank you for the Ham Pot Pie. That is something I have not enjoyed for many years. It all tasted so good.



A special thank you to all those who organized and provided the casseroles, fruit and other goodies for the Mother/Father Brunch. It was an enjoyable time of good food and fellowship.

Thank you to Don Smith and Joe Kanagy for taking the time to pull weeds and edge around the church. It looks so nice!

Camp Mount Luther

At their May meeting, Council agreed to direct all loose offering collected during the month of June to Camp Mt. Luther. If you would like to include a gift with your offering, please notate CML on your envelope or check.

The church will once again be paying camp fees for any children who would like to attend Camp Mt. Luther this summer. **Brochures are available in the narthex, and** information can also be found at www.campmountluther.org. Please contact the church office if interested in attending.

SUMMER SCHEDULE AT-A-GLANCE

WEEK	DAY CAMP Weekdays 9am-3pm Pick your days	MINI CAMP (Sun-Tues) Drop-off: First day 4pm Pickup: Last day at 4pm	WEEK-LONG CAMP Drop off: Sunday 4pm Pick up: Friday 4pm
WEEK 1 <i>June 15-20</i>		Ages 9-11	Ages 9-11 (Night Owl) Ages 12-14 (Night Owl) Ages 15-17 (X-Teen)
WEEK 2 <i>June 22-27</i>			Ages 9-11 (Tracks) Ages 12-14 (Tracks) Ages 15-17 (Outdoor Quest)
WEEK 3 <i>June 29-July 2</i>	Ages 6-8 [†] (Mon-Wed) Ages 9-11 [†] (Mon-Wed) Ages 12-14 [†] (Mon-Wed)	Family* (ends Wed at noon) Ages 12-14 (Buffalo Gap Adventure) Ages 15-17 (Buffalo Gap Adventure)	
WEEK 4 <i>July 6-11</i>		Ages 9-11	Ages 9-11 (Water Adventure) Ages 12-14 (Water Adventure) Ages 15-17 (SALT)
WEEK 5 <i>July 13-18</i>			
WEEK 6 <i>July 20-25</i>			
WEEK 7 <i>July 27-August 1</i>	Ages 6-8 [†] Ages 9-11 [†]	Ages 6-8 Ages 9-11	Ages 6-8 (Classic Camp) Ages 9-11 (Classic Camp) Ages 12-14 (Classic Camp) Ages 15-17 (SALT)

* Pick your length of stay if you cannot attend the whole program

[†] Option for one overnight on Tuesday (week 3) or Thursday (week 7)



CAMP MOUNT LUTHER

44th Annual Big Valley
Bluegrass/Gospel Concert
&

Ice Cream Social

Saturday, July 5, 2025

6:00 p.m.

Locust Grove Mennonite Church, 3358 W Main Street, Belleville 17004

Featuring

J-Tyme



Siblings Jayna, Jerell, Jordan, and Jerlyn, along with their parents, Javan and Joyce, will entertain you with their toe-tapping bluegrass tunes, sincere gospel songs, and family harmonies.

&

The Unusual Suspects String Band

Please bring a dessert to share at the 8:30 ice cream social.
Iced tea, lemonade and Hostettler's ice cream will be provided.

Your generous donations support this local, live event.

JUNE 15 through 30 SERVICE SCHEDULE

June 15 ~ Holy Trinity

Elevator: Ed Bilich

Greeters: Mike and Michele Harshbarger

Lay Reader: Mike Harshbarger

Money Counters: John and Denise Chester

Sound System: Calvin Byler

June 22

Elevator: Mike Harshbarger

Greeters: Chelsea and Merritt Reed

Lay Reader: Chelsea Reed

Money Counters: Randy Harshbarger and Joe Kanagy

Sound System: Jay Byler

June 29

Elevator: Randy Harshbarger

Greeters: John and Brenda Boring

Lay Reader: Jami Zook

Money Counters: Jami Zook and Mike Boring

Sound System: Calvin Byler

Please remember:

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

Altar Care ~ Joy Byler

Altar Flower Delivery ~ Joy Byler

Bulletin Delivery ~ John and Brenda Boring

Social Hour ~ No Social Hour during summer months, will resume in October

JULY SERVICE SCHEDULE

July 6

Elevator: Joe Kanagy

Greeters: Jim and Georgianna Buchanan

Lay Reader: Jim Buchanan

Money Counters: John and Denise Chester

Sound System: Ed Bilich

July 13

Elevator: Ed Bilich

Greeters: John and Denise Chester

Lay Reader: John Chester

Money Counters: Carol Fultz and Sue Lynch

Sound System: Joe Kanagy

July 20

Elevator: Mike Harshbarger

Greeters: Ken and Nancy Wyland

Lay Reader: Ken Wyland

Money Counters: Jay and Joy Byler

Sound System: Calvin Byler

July 27

Elevator: Randy Harshbarger

Greeter: Deb French

Lay Reader: Deb French

Money Counters: Randy Harshbarger and Joe Kanagy

Sound System: Jay Byler

Altar Care ~ Georgianna Buchanan

Altar Flower Delivery ~ Georgianna Buchanan

Bulletin Delivery ~ Randy Harshbarger

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AUGUST SERVICE SCHEDULE

August 3

Elevator: Joe Kanagy

Greeters: Don and Rosalie Smith

Lay Reader: Joe Kanagy

Money Counters: John and Denise Chester

Sound System: Ed Bilich

August 10

Elevator: Ed Bilich

Greeters: Jay and Joy Byler

Lay Reader: Ed Bilich

Money Counters: Carol Fultz and Sue Lynch

Sound System: Joe Kanagy

August 17

Elevator: Mike Harshbarger

Greeters: Mike and Michele Harshbarger

Lay Reader: Mike Harshbarger

Money Counters: Jay and Joy Byler

Sound System: Calvin Byler

August 24

Elevator: Randy Harshbarger

Greeters: Ken and Nancy Wyland

Lay Reader: Ken Wyland

Money Counters: Randy Harshbarger and Joe Kanagy

Sound System: Jay Byler

August 31

Elevator: Joe Kanagy

Greeters: Jami Zook and Mike Boring

Lay Reader: Jami Zook

Money Counters: Jami Zook and Mike Boring

Sound System: Ed Bilich

Altar Care ~ Nancy Penepacker

Altar Flower Delivery ~ Nancy Penepacker

Bulletin Delivery ~ Randy Harshbarger

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St. John's Lutheran Church
Minutes of the May 1,2025 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, June 6,2024 at 6:30 pm in the blue room.

Present: Pastor Mike Sigler, President Carol Fultz, Sue Lynch , Jim Buchanan, Michele Harshbarger, Joe Kanagy and Nancy Penepacker.

The meeting was called to order by Carol Fultz

Devotions: _Nancy Penepacker led devotions.

The devotion schedule for 2024 is:

February –Sue Lynch

March –Jim Buchanan

April –Joe Kanagy

May –Nancy Penepacker

June – Michele Harshbarger

July & August – no meetings

September –Jim Buchanan

October –Sue Lynch

November – Joe Kanagy

December – Nancy Penepacker

Approval of Minutes: The minutes from the 04/08/25 meeting were presented. A motion to accept the minutes was made by Pastor Sigler and seconded by Jim Buchanan. Motion carried.

Financial Reports:

The financial reports were presented by Jim Buchanan.

St. John's – A motion to accept the church financial report was made by Joe Kanagy and seconded by Nancy Penepacker . Motion carried.

St. John's Daycare – A motion to accept the daycare financial report was made by Pastor Sigler and seconded by Michele Harshbarger . Motion carried.

Pastor's report was presented

Committee Reports:

Cemetery - Nancy –nothing to report

Christian Ed/Youth – Michele -Bible Study and Sunday school to restart in September

Day Care – Carol- Director provided a report.

Finance – Jim- Nothing to report

Music & Worship – Pastor -still trying to find more members

Mutual Ministry – Nancy-nothing to report

Property- Joe- Painting done in Fellowship Hall, Joe is trying to keep birds away from the doors

Asked to fix pulpit parament hooks

Social Ministry – Sue- Meals delivered to church members

Safety – Carol Fultz- nothing to report

Missions – Michele –lose offering of June for Camp MT Luther Building Fund

Chad Hershberger to come May 11

Old Business:

Basement Bathroom- letter to congregation with quotes

Put quote and letter by Pastor mailed for meeting June 8

Mother/Father Brunch-June 1 St Paul's is attending

Rick-special music for congregation before/during a non-communion Sunday?

During offering

New Business:

Montor for Sound System and church office I PAD for both

Trim hedges/mulching(workday or hire someone)

Workday-sign up sheet in Nathex

With there being no further discussion, the meeting was properly adjourned and closed with the Lord's Prayer. Next meeting will be held on September 4,2025

Respectfully submitted,

Michele Harshbarger

Daycare June Council Meeting Report

Enrollment: 40 Several children left the program following the end of the school year. Recently enrolled a part-time 2 year-old. Another family coming for a tour this week. Still have a waiting list.

Staff: 11 staff ~ Our full-time (summer only) college student began in mid-May. Also hired a Penn State student who was looking for part-time summer work. Hired a year-round part-time person.

DHS: We passed our yearly inspection!

Day of Caring: Marcel Paper of Lewistown came on Friday, May 9. They assembled a storage shed for us to keep toys, etc. in on the young toddler play area, and painted basement classroom doors.

Pre-K Counts: The school year ended on May 30. Our 10 spots for the fall have all been filled! Pre-K classes will resume again on Monday, August 25.

St. John's Lutheran Church

JUNE




2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Holy Communion Mother/Father Brunch	2	3	4	5	6	7
8 Pentecost Congregational Meeting following worship	9	10	11	12 6:30pm Council Meeting	13 Synod Assembly ~ Pastor Sigler, Joe Kanagy and Nancy Penepacker attending.	14
15 Holy Trinity Holy Communion 	16	17 6:30pm Property Committee Meeting	18	19 	20	21
22 	23 Pastor Sigler on vacation through July 25	24	25	26	27	28
29 Pastor vacation Doug Pierce preaching	30					

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July




2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
9:00am Worship Sunday school resumes in September		1	2	3 Daycare Closed for Mandated Training Day	4  Office and DC Closed	5
6 Holy Communion Doug Pierce preaching Pastor vacation	7	8	9	10 No Council Meetings until September	11	12
13 Pastor vacation Doug Pierce preaching	14 	15	16	17	18	19
20 Pastor vacation Guest speaker from the Gideon's	21	22 6:30pm Property Committee Meeting	23	24	25 Pastor returns from vacation	26
27 Holy Communion	28	29	30	31 	Aug 1	Aug 2

St. John's Lutheran Church

August

2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
9:00am Worship Sunday school resumes in September	Looking Ahead Monday, September 1 ~ Labor Day Daycare and Office Closed Tuesday, September 2 ~ Bible Study resumes Thursday, September 4 ~ Knotting resumes Thursday, September 11 ~ Council Meeting				1 	2
3 Holy Communion	4	5	6	7	8	9
10 	11	12 St. John's has MOW's Noon—7pm 	13 8am—1pm 	14 St. John's has MOW's No Council Meetings until September	15	16
17 Holy Communion	18	19 St. John's has MOW's 6:30pm Property Committee Meeting	20	21 St. John's has MOW's	22	23
24	25 	26	27	28	29	30