

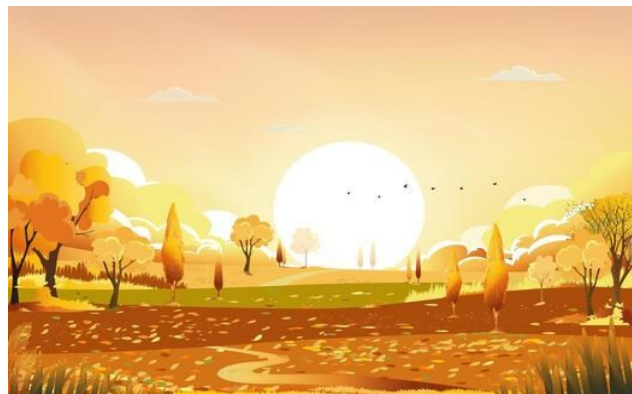


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ST. JOHN'S

Evangelical Lutheran Church

4125 Penn Avenue
Sinking Spring, PA 19608
610-678-1088



Church Office Hours:
Monday-Thursday: 9:00 AM-2:00 PM
Friday: Closed

The Light Oct / Nov 2026



After a Bible Study on Joshua, some St John's members went to Sight & Sound to see Joshua. Great time had by everyone!

If your not part of a Bible Study join one today!



St. John's Lutheran Church Staff:

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Congregational Council:

President - Pete Bonargo

Vice President - Jerry Stump

Secretary - Cleann Pauley

Treasurer - Gail Hauseman

Care Team Liaison - Deb Scheidt

Learn Team Liaison - Jen Stinson

Serve Team Liaison - Gerry Kreider

Worship Team Liaison - Chris Woronko



Congregational Team Leaders:

Care Team - Deb Fick

Learn Team - Danielle Hale

Serve Team - Open

Worship Team - Leon Moll

Care & Hospitality - Deb Scheidt

The Gift of Listening

"Let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak." — James 1:19

One of the greatest gifts we can give another person costs nothing: **our attention.**

We live busy lives. Parents are juggling children, work, meals, schedules, appointments, school activities, and countless other responsibilities. Children are learning how to understand their emotions, make friends, communicate what they need, and find their place in the world. In all of that busyness, it can become easy to hear one another without really **listening.**

Listening is more than waiting for our turn to speak. It means becoming curious about another person's life.

How are you really doing? What has been difficult lately? What are you excited about?

What do you need me to understand?

Writers J. Russell Crabtree and Douglas Hill have both challenged me to think about the importance of listening when building healthy communities. We cannot truly serve people if we assume we already know what they need. Healthy communities begin by paying attention to the experiences, hopes, fears, and gifts of the people around us.

That matters deeply for both **St. John's and Genesis Preschool.**

Our guiding statement at St. John's speaks about becoming a community of **healing and new life, where everyone experiences God's love.** One of the simplest ways that love can become real is when someone discovers:

"Someone noticed me. Someone heard me. My story matters."

Jesus did this constantly. He noticed people others passed by. He asked questions. He listened to their stories. He treated people as people, not problems to be solved.

That is something adults can practice—and something we can teach our children.

This month, try a simple experiment. Choose one person—a child, spouse, friend, coworker, neighbor, teacher, or another parent—and ask a question you normally might not ask:

"How are things really going for you?"

Then give them the gift of listening without immediately trying to fix anything.

Sometimes healing begins before we ever find an answer.

It begins when someone knows they have been heard.

Prayer:

God, give us ears to listen, hearts that are curious about others, and the patience to hear one another well. Help our homes, our preschool, our church, and our community become places where people are noticed, valued, and loved. Amen.

Blessings, Pastor Rolf



Presidents Letter October / November 2026

Now the Hard Work Starts

We, as St. John's ELC in Sinking Spring, value compassionate generosity, grace-filled forgiveness, trusting relationships, and humble service, so that we may equip ALL to live like Jesus and become a spirit-filled community of healing and new life, where everyone experiences God's love.

The Vision team has wrapped up. We have our guiding statements. Have you gotten tired of Pastor reviewing this yet?

Well, I am here to tell you that NOW the hard work begins. We need to find ways to merge the guiding statements into each mission that we have at Saint John's. What is working. What is not. We will have to stretch and reach towards what we hear Jesus asking us to do. We need to LISTEN, to what we are being asked to do by God.

We may think it is too much. How could we ever do that. That will not work here.

Well, as I learned in the Experiencing God, bible study, he will provide the inspiration and the guiding principles. We need to fill in the gaps.

Please reach out to me or any council member if you have an idea or even better plan to attend the monthly TEAMS meeting. These are held the first Tuesday of each month at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. The next two meeting dates are October 6th and November 3rd. I hope that you take the time and come out to see what we are doing and more importantly how you can help.

Pete Bonargo

Treasurer's Report

	Aug '26 YTD	Aug '25 YTD	2026 budget
Net Income after change in investment value	(\$20,860)	(\$19,209)	(\$61,857)

Please refer to the financials in this newsletter for more detail.

Giving in 2026 has increased over the prior year by 8.9%!

The net loss year-to-date is holding steady with 2025 even though there is no bequest income in 2026. There was \$20,000 in bequest income in 2025.

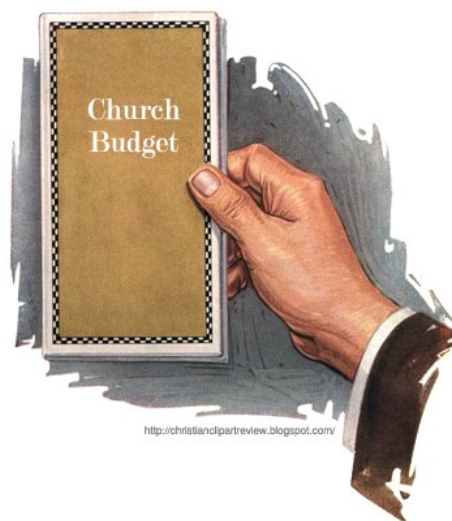
Total expenses for 2026 (budgeted plus unbudgeted) are \$300 lower than total expenses for 2025.

St. John's has secured a \$100,000 line of credit to use for replacement of larger items such as HVAC units or for large repairs.

GIVING CHALLENGE FOR REMAINDER OF THE YEAR

St. John's can get into the black this year. That means positive net income, a net loss means we are in the red. We're keeping our eyes on the deficit of \$20,860 looking for that to go to zero by the end of December. Please help in St. John's quest to "close the gap"!

Submitted by Gail Hauseman, Treasurer



<http://christianclipartreview.blogspot.com/v>

Finance Report

INCOME AND EXPENSES

Month: Aug 2026

	Year to date Aug 2026	Year to date July 2025	Year to date 2026 Budget
INCOME			
General Fund Giving	\$131,289	\$118,611	\$120,743
Targeted Giving	\$14,882	\$15,659	\$15,662
Fundraising	\$18,074	\$16,390	\$15,600
Other Income	<u>\$11,605</u>	<u>\$12,976</u>	<u>\$12,000</u>
Subtotal	<u>\$175,850</u>	<u>\$163,637</u>	<u>\$164,005</u>
Genesis Income	\$90,327	\$84,384	\$79,295
Bequests	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$20,000</u>	<u>\$0</u>
TOTAL INCOME	<u>\$266,177</u>	<u>\$268,020</u>	<u>\$243,300</u>
EXPENSES			
Care Team	\$0	\$0	\$210
Learn Team	\$375	\$1,666	\$1,843
Serve Team	\$7,356	\$7,904	\$7,212
Worship Team	\$4,928	\$3,550	\$4,850
Property Team	\$58,102	\$63,169	\$57,774
Hospitality	\$693	\$381	\$580
Office/Support Team	<u>\$26,818</u>	<u>\$23,563</u>	<u>\$23,970</u>
Subtotal	<u>\$98,273</u>	<u>\$100,233</u>	<u>\$96,439</u>
Staff	\$123,257	\$119,612	\$122,792
Genesis Expense	<u>\$72,790</u>	<u>\$80,425</u>	<u>\$85,926</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES	<u>\$294,319</u>	<u>\$300,270</u>	<u>\$305,157</u>
UnBudgeted Expense	<u>\$20,274</u>	<u>\$14,645</u>	<u>\$0</u>
Net Income	<u>-\$48,416</u>	<u>-\$46,894</u>	<u>-\$61,857</u>
Change in Investment Value	<u>\$27,556</u>	<u>\$27,685</u>	<u>\$0</u>
Net income after change in investment value	<u>-\$20,860</u>	<u>-\$19,209</u>	<u>-\$61,857</u>

Unbudgeted Expense

Hetrich Bequest -	\$0	\$4,997
Tucker Bequest	\$0	\$2,063
Pastor Discretionary Fund	\$1,718	\$140
Maint & Repair Fund - Diagnose & repair heating unit bldg 3	\$8,954	\$5,127
Maint & Repair Fund - Termite remediation	\$2,332	\$0
Memorial Funds - Paraments	\$2,999	\$1,190
VBS	\$2,239	\$626
Youth	<u>\$2,032</u>	<u>\$502</u>
Total	<u>\$20,274</u>	<u>\$14,645</u>

THANK YOU
for

GIVING

Mark your Calendars

October is Pastor Appreciation Month

- Oct 4: Youth at St John's Sinking Spring - 5:30 til 7:30 pm
Oct 6: Bible Study here at St John's - 10 am to 12 pm
Oct 6: All Teams Meeting & Property Meeting - 6:30 pm
Oct 7: Open Door Community Prayer Time - 6 to 8 pm
Oct 11: Pastor Appreciation Sunday
Oct 11: Food & Fellowship after Service
Oct 11: Crop Walk at Grings Mill - 1 to 3pm
Oct 14: Men's Breakfast - 9am at Red Plate
Oct 15: Food Pantry Set up - 12:30 til 3 pm at West Lawn UMC
Oct 16: Food Pantry Distribution - 2:30 pm at West Lawn UMC
Oct 18: Youth at St John's in Mohnton - 5:30 til 7:30 pm
Oct 20: Bible Study here at St John's - 10 am to 12 pm
Oct 20: Circle of Friends Luncheon 1-3pm
Oct 20: Council Meeting - 6:30 til 8:30 pm
Oct 24: Fall Cleanup at Church - 7 am til ??
Oct 24: Trunk or Treat - 4 pm til ??
Oct 24: Opportunity House - 6:30 to 7:30 pm
Oct 25: Congregational Conversation after Service
Oct 25: Food & Fellowship following the Conversation
Oct 25: Youth at Atonement - corn maize outing - 5:30 to 7:30 pm
Oct 31: Installation of Bishop Jennifer Dee - 1 pm at
First Presbyterian Church of Bethlehem, 2344 Center St, Bethlehem, PA
Nov 1: Youth at St John's in Sinking Spring - 5:30 to 7:30 pm
Nov 3: All Teams Meeting & Property Meeting - 6:30 pm
Nov 4: Open Door Community Prayer Time - 6 to 8 pm
Nov 8: Food & Fellowship after Service
Nov 8: Youth at St John's in Mohnton - 5:30 to 7:30 pm
Nov 10: Bible Study here at St John's - 10 am to 12 pm
Nov 11: Men's Breakfast - 9 am at Red Plate
Nov 15: Youth at St John's Sinking Spring - 5:30 to 7:30 pm
Nov 16: Newsletter Articles due
Nov 17: Council Meeting
Nov 19: Food Pantry Setup 12:30 til 3 pm at West Lawn UMC
Nov 20: Food Pantry Distribution - 2:30 at West Lawn UMC
Nov 22: Congregational Meeting after Service: Budget
Nov 22: Food and Fellowship after Meeting
Nov 22: Youth Faith Stories at Atonement - 5:30 to 7:30 pm
Nov 24: Bible Study here at St John's - 10 am to 12 pm
Nov 28: Opportunity House - 6:30 to 7:30 pm
Nov 29: No Youth (Thanksgiving)



Children's Chapel

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Do you have a heart for leading youth to a relationship with Jesus? We are looking for individuals who would be willing to lead or assist our Little Friends in Children's Chapel. If you are interested in learning more about this rewarding opportunity, please see Pastor Rolf.

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11 Pastor Appreciation Sunday 9:00am Worship Service 10:00am Food and Fellowship after Church 10:30am Confirmation Class 1:00pm CROP WALK at GRINGS MILL 8:00pm AA/Alanon Meeting	12 Church Office 9AM-2PM 5:00am FT Fitness 5:00pm FT Fitness 6:30pm Women's Courage To Change AA Meeting	13 Church Office 9AM-2PM 5:00am FT Fitness 5:00pm FT Fitness 7:00pm Women's Club	14 Church Office 9AM-2PM 5:00am FT Fitness 9:00am Men's Breakfast 9:30am Staff Check-in 5:00pm FT Fitness	15 Church Office 9AM-2PM 5:00am FT Fitness 12:30pm Food Pantry Setup 5:00pm FT Fitness	16 Church Office is Closed Pastor Rolfs day off 5:00am FT Fitness 2:30pm Food Pantry Distribution	17 Pastor Rolfs day off 8:00am FT Fitness
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WILSON AREA FOOD PANTRY NEWS

At our August pantry distribution, we served 97 families (382 individuals). Thank you to all the volunteers that helped make our pantry run smoothly and keeping the guidelines which Helping Harvest directs us.

Please consider volunteering some of your time if you are around September 17(setup) and 18 (distribution). We will be setting up the tables and bagging the churches donations, and emptying the pantry closet, with the truck coming at 1:30pm on the 17th. Set up begins at 11:30pm from the church's donations.

Our pantry distribution is the third Friday which is September 18 starting at 2:30 PM. Please come at this time to hear announcements and directions for handouts.

We primarily serve the Wilson School District and Wyomissing area. Seven churches work together to serve the community with money donations and nonperishable food donations.

YOUR church donations to the pantry are vital to the support that we can give to the families in need. We thank all for the peanut butter, mac & cheese, cereal plus whatever you can give which are bagged for handouts. Our dependence on the donations from our supporting 7 churches is even more important than ever as the need grows and Helping Harvest funding is being reduced. Please ask your congregation to bring just 1 or 2 cans a week and watch it build up.

The pantry needs donations of nonperishable food items. The pantry especially needs donations of

1. Canned fruits
2. Canned vegetables
3. Pasta sauce or tomato sauce
4. Spaghetti
5. Canned meats especially canned tuna, spam, or chicken
6. Peanut butter
7. Canned soup
8. Mac and cheese



OUR WEB-SITE

Everyone that volunteers must renew their civil rights training for 2025-26 and sign Civil Rights Sheet for the year. You can review the civil rights training materials at <http://wilsonareafoodpantry.org/Files/Civil%20Rights%20Training%202018.pdf> and then sign in on our sheet at the pantry when you first serve our clients. ONLY ONE TIME EACH YEAR MUST YOU SIGN THE CIVIL RIGHTS. We greatly appreciate any and all who volunteer. THANK YOU!

Serving our neighbors in need is what we are called to do in Christ's name.

May God Bless you all with Health and Love.

Judy Romberger
Volunteer Coordinator
610 678-2571 (home)



CHECK OUT OUR ONLINE CALENDAR

Saint John's has a newly updated online calendar. You can find this on our church website. Use the QR code on the right to check it out now. Check it to see what's happening, when is the newsletter deadline, or when Sunday's service includes Holy Communion.



While you're there...

Click  to print the calendar.

Click  to add the calendar feed to your device.



Did you receive this newsletter in your postal mailbox?

We would like to reduce our postage costs and send you your church newsletter electronically. Please email the office administrator at stjohn-sec@saintjohnss.com with your email address and we will make that change.



Redner's Save-a-Tape Program is Simple

So far for 2026 we have received \$557.56. This is \$158 less that we had a year ago at this time. Please remember to use your Redner's Card and turn in your receipts. This is free money for the church. We are very thankful for your participation in the Rewards Program. We had 19 receipts turned in that could not be used because the card was not used. ***Remember you must use your Redner's Card in order for us to get any reward.*** Thank you!!!

VOLUNTEER DRIVERS NEEDED!

Western Berks Shepherding Ministries is a local non profit organization that drives ambulatory adults in Western Berks County to medical appointments through the use of volunteer drivers.

Recently, Western Berks Shepherding has had a big increase in new clients using our transportation services. Because of this, **we are in need of new adult volunteers to drive our clients to local medical appointments.**

It is a great way to volunteer that is flexible, there is very little commitment and extremely rewarding!

Our volunteers choose when and where they wish to drive as well as how often. (Volunteers are never assigned a transport.....they are always in control of which transports they wish to do.) In addition, our volunteers are only asked to provide transportation (they are not asked to provide any kind of personal or medical care).

Please consider volunteering for this important service.

For more information, please contact us at: 484-294-7394 or

WesternBerksShepherding@gmail.com

Opportunity House Volunteers Needed!

Hey there St. John's, we are hoping to raise up some new cooks and helpers for our Opportunity House ministry. St. John's is responsible for the evening meal every 4th Saturday of the month. We'd love to have more depth on our Opportunity House bench! It's not a difficult task to assist with the Saturday evening meals. No experience necessary.

Families, couples, singles, and friend groups welcome. It's a fantastic way for kids to get service hours. We'll get to cook in their brand-new kitchen! Please email or call Gail Hauseman. I'll be happy to tell you about the "Opportunity" to serve.

Gail Hauseman, St. John's Opportunity House Scheduler
shaus10215@aol.com
610-914-0886



We are continuing to collect soda and soup can tabs to help support the Ronald McDonald House of Philadelphia. Put them in the jar on the table outside the church office. Thank you!



Flowers, Bulletin and Newsletter Sponsors are needed!

(Flowers: \$55, Bulletins: \$20, Newsletter: \$30)

Please fill out the yellow form posted on the bulletin board by the "FLOWERS" calendar, and put it in the office administrator's bin along with your cash or check. Thank you.

Anniversaries & Birthdays to Celebrate

- Oct 1: Al & Janet Muchoney's Anniversary
Oct 3: Ray Himes Birthday
Robert & Judith Smith's Anniversary
Oct 4: Richard Barnett & Zachary Hauseman's Birthday
Oct 5: Ron Bieber's Birthday
Oct 8: Leighton Meyer's Birthday
Oct 10: Robert Velekei's Birthday
Oct 12: Georgianne Jones & Patricia Hite's Birthday
Oct 13: M. Elaine Schwenk & Margaret Lillis' Birthday
Oct 15: Gerald Stump & Marlene Winkleman's Birthday
Oct 16: Jennifer Froelich & Kevin Riegel's Birthday
Oct 17: Dorian Fetherolf's Birthday
Oct 19: Kirsten Biehl's Birthday
Oct 21: Lorene Triviets' Birthday
Oct 22: Allen Fritz's Birthday
Paul & Kathleen Miller's Anniversary
Oct 23: Amy Kline's Birthday
Oct 24: Kimberly Hudzik & Scott Rosenmerkel's Birthday
Oct 25: Donna Stewart & Julie Jones' Birthday
Jeffrey & Barbara Bressler's Anniversary
Oct 28: Travis Hale's Birthday
Nov 1: Charlene Wessner's Birthday
Nov 3: Andrew Romberger, Ashton Heltzinger & Grace Schwambacch's Birthday
Jeffrey & Gloria Fioravanti's Anniversary
Peter & Tammy Bonargo's Anniversary
Nov 4: Timothy & Deanna Riegel's Anniversary
Nov 7: Antonette Rosemerkel, Beth Schmidt & Nancy Pawling's Birthday
Nov 8: Roger Moyer's Birthday
Nov 10: Jeffrey Fioravanti & Nancy Gajewski's Birthday
Nov 11: Jacob Meinig, Michael Hudzik & Tobias Crayton's Birthday
Nov 13: Nancy King's Birthday
Nov 14: Stephanie Allen & Susan Nagle's Birthday
Nov 15: Jace Drobeck's Birthday
Nov 16: Chris Bruno & Landon Rubida's Birthday
Nov 17: Janette Minnich's Birthday
Nov 18: Lydia Moll's Birthday
Nov 19: Sharon Schlessman's Birthday
Nov 20: Debbie Peer's Birthday
Nov 21: Christine Woronko, Liam Sassaman & Nathan Lis's Birthday
Nov 29: Edwin Schwenk & Peggy Klinger's Birthday



Trunk-or-Treat

Saturday October 24th, 4pm
(Rain date 10/25)

We need your help!

Donate candy, decorate your trunk or
volunteer to help at the church!

Scan QR code, use link below or
sign up at outside church office!



<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc4skil3mHoEgVqFeaWa3uU7jbAxi55NT1dA4ArpZKBPrDcAg/viewform?usp=header>

We are working on updating the website, and we'd love you to help us share the great things St. John's is doing! For any past or future events, please send photos to:
saintjohnssinkingspring@gmail.com



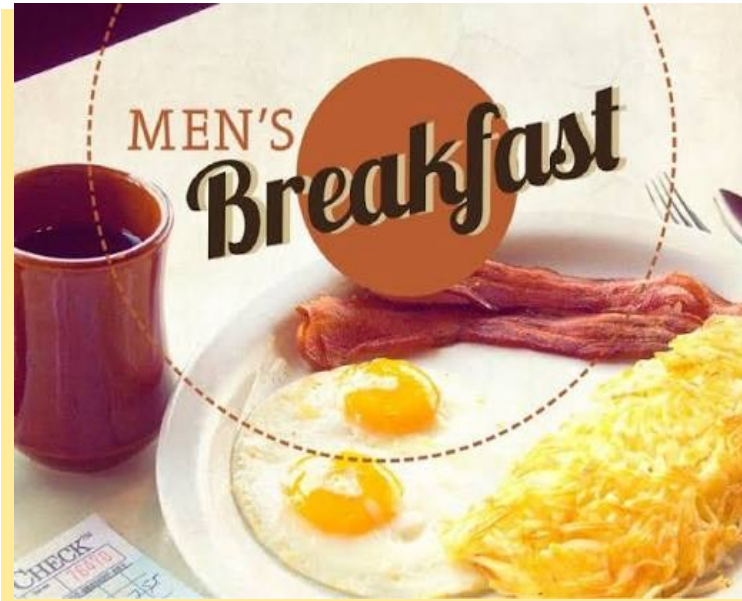
St John's is partnering with Hope Rescue Mission & LightHouse for
October 2026 Clothing Drive

There are bins in the upper parking lot to drop off your donations.



We'll be collecting all seasons of gently used clothing for men, women and children. Coats, hats, shoes, gloves, backpacks, belts, purses, new mens underwear & long Johns in sizes small to xxxl.

Shampoo, shaving cream, toothbrushes, deodorant, bodywash, etc are also accepted.



**Men's Breakfast meets the second Wednesday of each month at 9am, at the Red Plate Diner
October 14th
November 11th
Please rsvp to Jerry Stump**



**Please join us for lunch on the 3rd Tuesday of each month.
October 20th - Gino's
November 17th - Red Lobster
Call Sandy Drobeck at 484-638-0966 with any questions.**

Care Ministry Upcoming Events

Boscov's Day Friends Helping Friends October 11, 2026 8 a.m to 11 p.m.

Tickets \$5.00 each

See Deb Scheidt for tickets and can also be purchased after church as well. These can be used as often as you want that day at any Boscov's and will provide a 25% discount off most items. More details on each card.

Texas Roadhouse Dine to Donate October 28, 2006 3 p.m. to 10 p.m.

We will receive 10% of all sales that day. We will have a dessert/info table also available. We will need desserts to sell that day. Desserts can be brought to church and we will take to Texas Roadhouse. You will need to take along the Dine to Donate flyer or show a copy of the flyer on your phone. No flyers can be given the day of event at Texas Roadhouse.

We will also be selling Texas Roadhouse peanuts for \$3, and gift cards.



Reading-Berks 45th Annual CROP Hunger Walk Sunday, October 11, 2026 at Gring's Mill

Register online to walk, take your donation with you to the walk. If you choose not to walk, you can still participate by writing a check payable to CWS Crop.

Checks can be placed in
collection plate or mailed to: Robin Lupowitz
149 Lucinda Lane
Wyomissing, PA 19610



**Boxes must be returned
to St. Johns by Sunday
November 16th**

Operation Christmas Child Project is a way to demonstrate God's Love in a tangible way to children in need around the world. Churches play an essential role in packing and collecting shoebox gifts. The boxes are shipped around the world to children where there are no churches to introduce the gospel. Anyone can participate by filling an empty shoebox. Information packets are available to guide you through the process, or you can go online to Operation Christmas Child and follow the instructions.

The Manor Care Bingo Team is in need of:

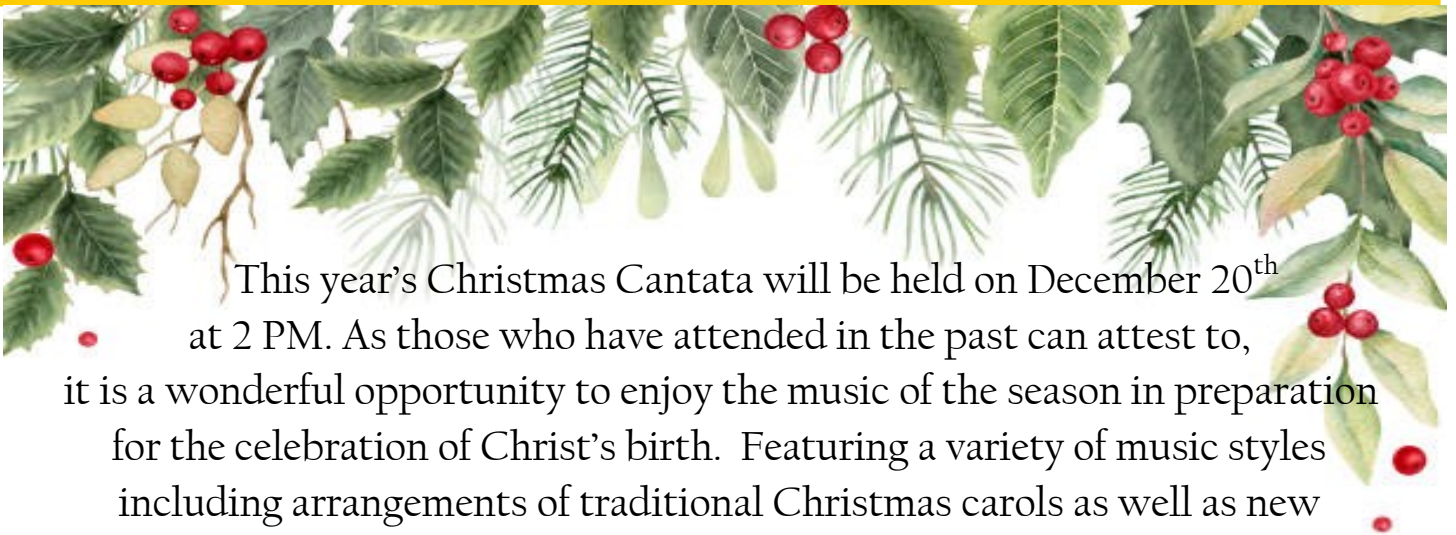
- ♦ Hard Candy
- ♦ Large print Word Search Books
- ♦ Gum
- ♦ Bags of small size chocolate candy
- ♦ Reading books



The September monthly mission is Church World Services

The October monthly mission is The Salvation Army

The November monthly mission is Wilson Food Pantry



This year's Christmas Cantata will be held on December 20th at 2 PM. As those who have attended in the past can attest to, it is a wonderful opportunity to enjoy the music of the season in preparation for the celebration of Christ's birth. Featuring a variety of music styles including arrangements of traditional Christmas carols as well as new compositions by some of the most well-known composers in our time, it is sure to bring joy to your heart. As in the past, anyone who would like to sing with us is invited with open arms.

Rehearsals will begin in earnest the November 5th at 7:30 pm.

If you're planning on joining us, please let me know so that I can get you the music as soon as it arrives.

Any questions – Check with Arlene.



**Food & Fellowship, Refresh Berks
& Adopt a Student
Was a successful Sunday!!**

**50 Bags were bagged up for
Refresh Berks**

**27 Students were adopted so far!
There are plenty more available.
Contact pastor or church office for
names.**

**Food & Fellowship with the church
family, what better way to spend
time after church!
Such a blessing!**



Sunday Volunteer List for October & November

October 4, 2026

Greeter: Rick Fick
Head Usher: Dale Whitehead
Ushers: Joanne Conrad
Lay Reader: Sally Orth
Comm. Asst: Sally Orth
A/V Tech: Jon Leopold
Children's Chapel: Jen & Emily
Schwambach

October 11, 2026

Greeter: Sandy Drobeck
Head Usher: Dale Whitehead
Ushers: Carol Spigelmyer
Lay Reader: Becky Ruth
Comm. Asst:
A/V Tech: Travis Hale
Children's Chapel: No Children's
Chapel

October 18, 2026

Greeter: Peter Bonargo
Head Usher: Deb Scheidt
Ushers: Whiteheads
Lay Reader: Carol Heckman
Comm. Asst: Bev Whitehead
A/V Tech: Jen Schwambach
Children's Chapel: Antonette &
Piper Rosenmerkel

October 25, 2026

Greeter: Rick Fick
Head Usher: Dale Whitehead
Ushers: Allen Fritz
Lay Reader: Russ Lis
Comm. Asst:
A/V Tech: Chris Dailey
Children's Chapel: Sandy Drobeck
& Elise Froelich

November 1, 2026

Greeter: Rick Fick
Head Usher: Dale Whitehead
Ushers: Sassaman
Lay Reader: Elise Froelich
Comm. Asst: Elise Froelich
A/V Tech: Jon Leopold
Children's Chapel: Tammy Bonargo
& Linda Yanchocik

November 8, 2026

Greeter: Sandy Drobeck
Head Usher: Dale Whitehead
Ushers: Millers
Lay Reader: Bev Whitehead
Comm. Asst:
A/V Tech: Jon Leopold
Children's Chapel: Antonette
& Piper Rosenmerkel

November 15, 2026

Greeter: Dale Whitehead
Head Usher: Deb Scheidt
Ushers: Joanne Conrad
Lay Reader: Sally Orth
Comm. Asst: Sally Orth
A/V Tech: Jen Stinson
Children's Chapel: Jen & Emily
Schwambach

November 22, 2026

Greeter: Rick Fick
Head Usher: Dale Whitehead
Ushers: Marilyn Frasso
Lay Reader: Chris Witlox
Comm. Asst:
A/V Tech: Bonargo
Children's Chapel: Jen Stinson
& Elise Froelich

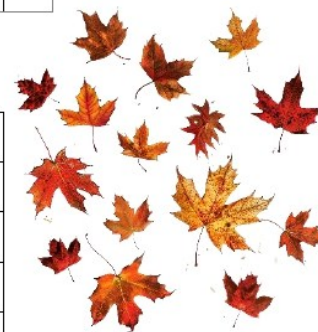
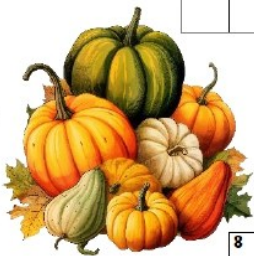
November 29, 2026

Greeter: Peter Bonargo
Head Usher: Dale Whitehead
Ushers: Colleen Shillady
Lay Reader: Ed Schwenk
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A/V Tech: Jen Schwambach
Children's Chapel: No Children's Chapel

Name: _____

Date: _____

Fall Crossword

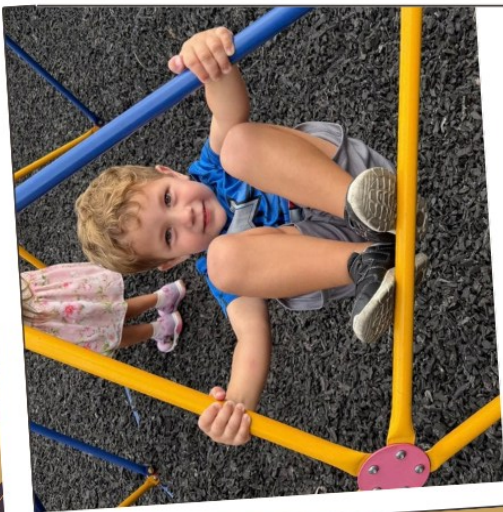


Across

2. Fallen foliage
5. Name for a type of summer corn
6. Nut of an oak tree
8. Container for collecting apples
12. Yellow fruit often cooked in autumn
14. Gathering crops
17. Jack-O'-Lantern's main ingredient
20. Grain often found in fields
24. Warm & comfortable
25. Fruit of the season
26. Holiday in late November
27. Tree known for its colorful leaves

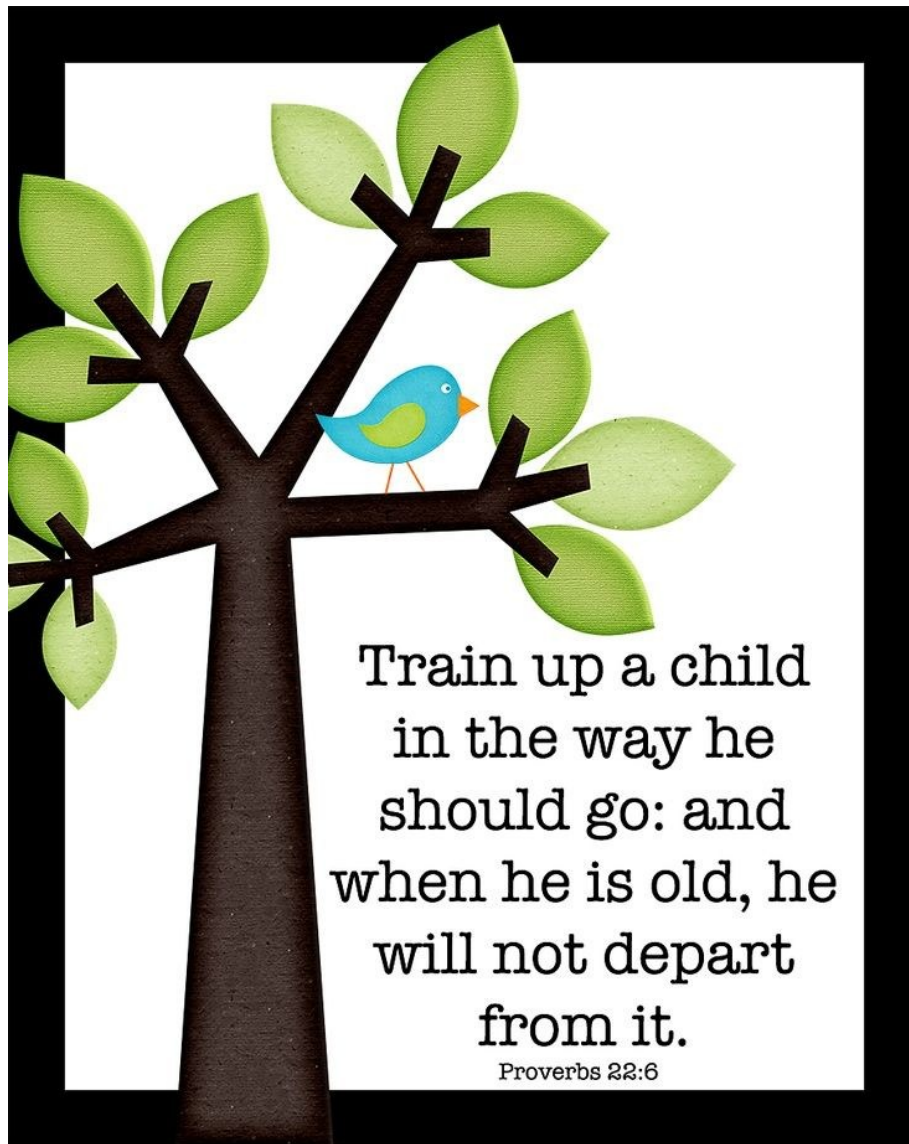
Down

1. Evergreen tree
3. Season after summer
4. Sound a turkey makes
7. Clothing worn in cooler weather
9. Another word for fall
10. Keeps birds away from fields
11. Opposite of cold
13. Baled grass
15. Bird often eaten on Thanksgiving
16. Nut roasted over an open fire
17. Early settlers of America
18. Event celebrating fall harvest
19. Fire used for outdoor cooking
20. Drink made from apples
21. Decorative fall fruit
22. Outdoor fire often seen in fall
23. Color of many fall leaves
27. Type of fall flower



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for your
support*

We feel so blessed by all of your very generous donations of supplies and gift cards to our preschool. We are able to make the best use of our funds and resources because of your kindness. We are off to a great start and look forward to an amazing school year ahead! May the beauty of autumn fill your heart with peace and happiness!



Genesis School Supply Wish Lists

Target



Amazon



We are so thankful for your generosity in helping us gather all our needed supplies!

We, as
St John's ELC
in
Sinking Spring,
value

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so that we may

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to live like Jesus

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Spirit-filled community
of healing and new life,



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