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Evangelical Lutheran Church

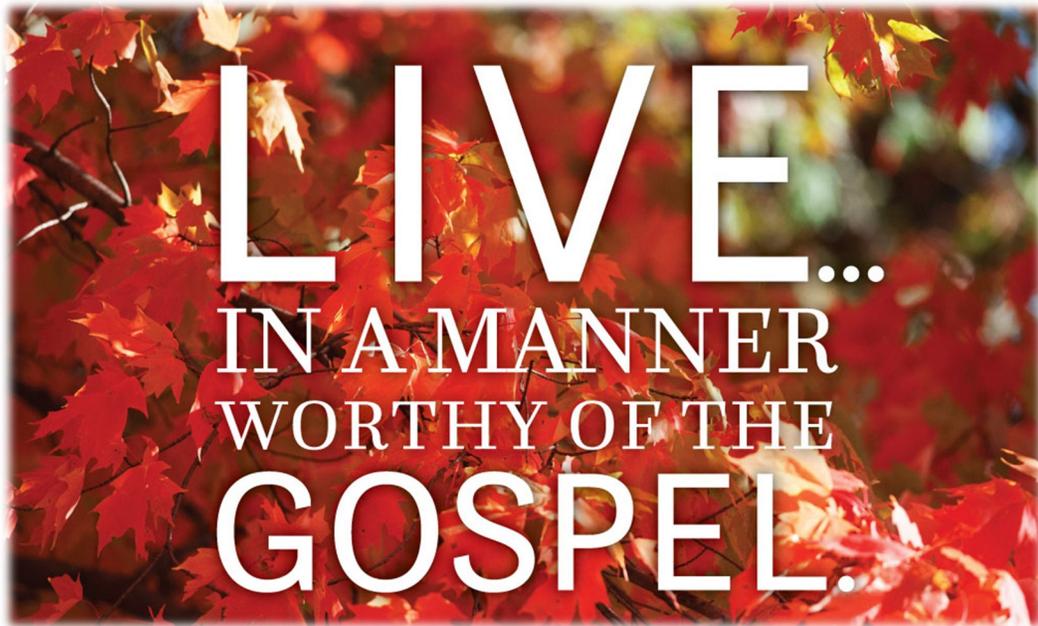
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hello



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

The Light Oct/Nov 2025



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President - Pete Bonargo
Vice President - Jerry Stump
Secretary - Cleann Pauley
Treasurer - Gail Hauseman
Care Team Liaison - Deb Scheidt
Learn Team Liaison - Chris Woronko
Serve Team Liaison - Andy Romberger
Worship Team Liaison - Deb Fick



Congregational Team Leaders:
Care Team - Georgie Jones
Learn Team - Danielle Hale
Serve Team - OPEN
Worship Team - OPEN

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.

A Message from Pastor Rolf

“The Port Pilot”

Whenever a ship wants to make port, the Port Pilot is flown to the ship. They come on board, enter the main bridge, and guide the ship through the port. In every port, there are shallow sandbanks, pier foundations, hidden rocks, and perhaps even old shipwrecks that are so out of the way that it wasn't worth moving them.

Because the sandbanks sometimes move, even though the port dredges out the sand, ships need a Port Pilot to tell them where to go and at what speed. The pilots also know which terminal and berth are assigned to each kind of ship.

There is a story of a passenger ship that was waiting to enter port. Eventually, after the Port Pilot had boarded the ship and entered the bridge, the captain saw how young she was. The pilot had just finished her exams, and this was one of her first ships.

Nervously, the captain asked the young Port Pilot if she knew where every sandbank, rock, pier foundation, or even shipwreck was in the port. The Port Pilot replied, "I don't know where every rock, foundation, shipwreck, or shallow sandbank is, but I do know the safe way into port."

This is a good story for life. You can't control your lives. You can't know every danger, pitfall, and hurt that could come your way, but in Jesus, we know the safe way. God never changes, will never get sick, leave us, nor die. God never sleeps and never breaks his promises.

In times like this, I remember verses like Proverbs 3:5-6: “Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.” Whenever you feel overwhelmed, lost, or scared, all you have to do is come to God every day, tell him about everything on your heart, and trust him to help you work through it. Amen.

God bless,
Pastor Rolf



A Note of Thanks from the Office Administrator

Dear friends,

I just want to take a moment to say thank you for your love and encouragement as I start a new journey away from my desk at St. John's back into the world of teaching. You have all become so dear to me, and I have loved getting to know you as I served as the office administrator over the past year. I know that God is moving and working among you here. I see His joy and His love in your hearts, and He will continue to bless you as you seek His will for your congregation and community.

A verse that comes to mind when I think of St. John's is from Romans 8:28. "And we know that in *all things* God works for the good of those who love Him, who have been called according to His purpose." My prayer is that you stay grounded in the Word, and that you continue to love one another and the community around you. Be a shining light, a "city on a hill", that draws in the lost and lonely to find the hope and promise we have in Jesus. I will be praying for you and cheering you on!

I will miss you all dearly. May God bless you richly in the years to come.

In Christ's love,

Barbi Conner



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

Treasurer's Report

	<u>Aug '25 YTD Actual</u>	<u>Aug '24 YTD Actual</u>	<u>Aug YTD BUDGET 2025</u>
Net Income after change in investment value:	\$19,788	\$56,052	\$27,006

Please refer to the August financials in this newsletter.

Through eight months of 2025, St. John's has a net negative cash flow of \$19,788. This has prompted us to move \$20,000 from investments to general operating cash. Any time we need to move funds away from the investment accounts, it reduces the opportunity for those funds to grow and produce income for the church.

On a good note, total giving is slightly higher than at this time last year! However, actual giving is lower than the budgeted giving for 2025. Summer is a challenging time for church giving with vacations and time away. One way to mitigate the issues of cash flow is to increase the number of Simply Givers in our congregation. Simply Giving is an automatic debit to your bank account deposited directly into the church's bank account. Church gets a report of every Simply Giving deposit and we report these on your giving statement the same way checks or cash would be recorded. Council has decided this is an especially important initiative and is promoting a Simply Giving Push in the month of November. In the month of November, any new Simply Givers will be signed up for a chance to win a \$100 gift card (this does not come out of church funds; it is being donated). If you would like to try Simply Giving and want to be contacted now, put a note in the plate at church on Sunday or call the church office anytime. Our Finance Administrator Jane will contact you and prepare all the necessary forms. Nothing can be put in place without your signature and approval. You can stop Simply Giving at any time. To get things rolling, any signups now until the end of November will be eligible for the gift card drawing. Sign up today!

As we have discussed in past congregational conversations, the church campus requires extensive maintenance and upkeep. Systems of the church require ongoing scheduled maintenance in addition to one-off repairs. Several of our HVAC systems are reaching the end of their useful lives. Repairs are becoming a larger burden on our cash flow. This has prompted Council to consider financing replacement of one or more systems. New systems would reduce repair costs and utility costs. The Property Team will be outlining these needs for the 2026 budget.

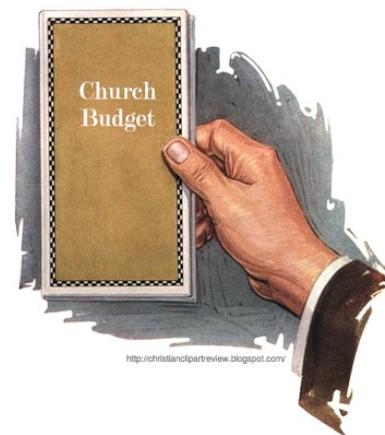
Submitted by,
Gail Hauseman, Treasurer



INCOME AND EXPENSES

Month: AUGUST 2025

	Year to date August 2025	Year to date August 2024	Year to date 2025 bud- get
INCOME			
General Fund Giving	\$120,344	\$118,165	\$139,561
Targeted Giving	\$15,559	\$16,173	\$22,276
Fundraising	\$14,239	\$14,502	\$16,110
Other Income	\$12,976	\$10,053	\$8,920
Subtotal	\$163,118	\$158,893	\$186,867
Genesis Income	\$84,282	\$89,002	\$84,610
Bequests	\$20,000	\$0	\$0
TOTAL INCOME	\$267,400	\$247,895	\$271,477
EXPENSES			
Care Team	\$0	\$56	\$205
Learn Team	\$1,666	\$1,270	\$1,820
Serve Team	\$7,904	\$6,732	\$7,732
Worship Team	\$3,550	\$3,480	\$4,863
Property Team	\$63,433	\$64,228	\$48,229
Hospitality	\$381	\$18	\$165
Office/Support Team	\$23,009	\$27,477	\$20,268
Subtotal	\$99,943	\$103,262	\$83,282
Staff	\$119,940	\$151,040	\$133,601
Genesis Expense	\$80,425	\$73,627	\$81,600
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$300,308	\$327,929	\$298,483
UnBudgeted Expense	\$14,564	\$2,279	\$0
Net Income	-\$47,473	-\$82,313	-\$27,006
Change in Investment Value	\$27,685	\$26,261	\$0
Net income after change in investment value	-\$19,788	-\$56,052	-\$27,006
Unbudgeted Expense			
Easter Egg Funds used	\$0	\$0	
Maintenance & Repair	\$0	\$0	
Pastor Discretionary Fund	\$40	\$0	
Speidel Bequest	\$0	\$0	
Hetrich Bequest - new security system	\$4,997	\$0	
Maint & Repair Fund - new refrigerator	\$5,127	\$0	
Memorial Funds - renew Polish brass altar items	\$1,190	\$0	
Tucker Bequest - Removal 3 trees	\$2,063	\$0	
VBS	\$645	\$1,559	
Youth	\$502	\$720	
Total	\$14,564	\$2,279	



<http://christianpaintreview.blogspot.com>

Mark your Calendars

October 7	All Teams Meeting
October 9	Men's Breakfast at Red Plate Diner at 9am
October 12	Harvest Home Service
October 12	Kauffman's Chicken and Bake Sale
October 12	Reading Berks Crop Hunger Walk
October 13	Sanctuary "Spruce-Up" from 5-7pm
October 15	Church Council Meeting
October 16	Food Pantry Setup at 12:30pm
October 17	Food Pantry Distribution at 2:30pm
October 18	Trunk-or-Treat from 5-7pm
October 19	Youth Meeting at Atonement Lutheran Church
October 21	Circle of Friends Lunch at Ganly's
October 25	Opportunity House 6:30pm
October 25	Candlelight Concert Event



November 4	All Teams Meeting
November 13	Men's Breakfast at Red Plate Diner at 9am
November 15	Genesis Preschool Craft Show
November 18	Circle of Friends Lunch at 1:00pm
November 19	Church Council Meeting at 6:30pm
November 20	Food Pantry Setup at 12:30pm
November 21	Food Pantry Distribution at 2:30pm
November 21	Candlelight Concert Event
November 20	St. John's Property Refresh Day from 9am-12pm
November 22	Opportunity House 6:30pm
November 30	Help Decorate the Church for Christmas

Children's Faith Formation

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 Faith Formation. If you are interested in learning more about this rewarding opportunity, please see Pastor Rolf.

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 in 2025! 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 still collecting

for animals in need: blankets, towels, throw rugs, etc.

Thank you for
Your donations!



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!



Food | Fellowship | Faith
2nd Thursday at 9 AM



Please RSVP
to Jerry Stump
By the prior Tuesday
stumpgh@comcast.net
484-706-2846



Circle of Friends



Please join us for lunch on
October 21 and November 18 at 1:00PM.

October: Ganly's Irish Pub
November: TBA

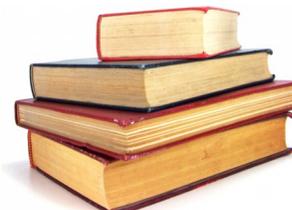
Call Jeanette Minnich at 610-678-1740
with any questions.

The Manor Care Bingo Team is in need of single packs of cookies, LARGE print word search books, stuffed animals, and PLAIN Hershey Bars-NO NUTS!



The library is open!

Take a look and borrow
(or KEEP) a book.
No returns on
Books,
CDs or DVDs
are required.



Together We Grow

WILSON AREA FOOD PANTRY NEWS

Thanks to the hard work of our volunteers, ***we served 91 families (341 individuals) at our August pantry distribution and 117 families (424 individuals) at our September pantry distribution***. Having new volunteers working with our committed regular volunteers to assist our neighbors receiving food is a wonderful vision of God's service in action. We were especially blessed with donations from the churches that support us to supplement the food we received from Helping Harvest.

Please consider volunteering some of your time if you can on October 16th and/or 17th, and again on November 20th and/or 21st. On Thursdays we set up the tables and bag the church's donations at 12:30pm, with the Helping Harvest truck coming at 1:30pm. On Fridays we distribute the food starting at 2:30pm and going until 5:00pm. Distribution always falls on the third Friday of every month.

We primarily serve the Wilson School District and Wyomissing. Seven churches work together to serve the community. Those churches are St. John's Reformed, St. Alban's Episcopal, St. Peters UCC, Glad Tidings, West Lawn United Methodist, Advent Lutheran and St John's Lutheran.

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. Our dependence on the donations from our supporting churches is more important than ever as the need grows and Helping Harvest funding is being reduced. We ran out of several items at the September distribution.

The pantry needs donations of nonperishable food items, and we are especially in need 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



Everyone that volunteers must complete the civil rights training once per year. The renewal period begins in July. If you need to do this, 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. We greatly appreciate any and all who volunteer!

Let us put our priorities right and serve our neighbors in need. May God Bless you all with the heart of a true volunteer for God's service to others!



Thank you,
Judy Romberger

OUR MISSION IS TO SERVE OTHERS IN GOD'S NAME

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 stjohnsec@saintjohnss.com with your email address and we will make that change.

The July 2025 monthly mission was to benefit God's Precious Children, and together we raised \$237.00.

The August 2025 mission was to benefit The Literacy Council of Reading/Berks, and together we raised \$305.00.

The September monthly mission was Church World Services.

The October monthly mission is the Salvation Army, which is an evangelical part of the universal Christian Church. Its message is based on the Bible. Its ministry is motivated by the love of God. Its mission is to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ and to meet human needs in His name without discrimination. Devoted to evangelism and providing social services, especially to people in poverty.



The November monthly mission is the Wilson Food Pantry (WAFP), whose mission is to distribute food to needy residents in the Wilson School District and Zip Code 19608.



Wilson Area Food Pantry

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.



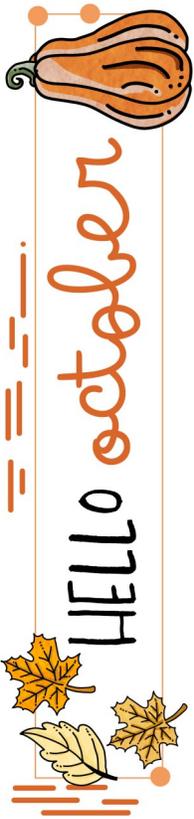
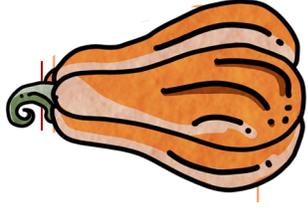

Redner's
WAREHOUSE MARKETS
SAVE-A-TAPE PROGRAM

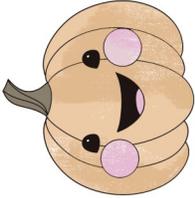
Redner's Save-a-Tape Program is Simple

Please put your receipts in your giving envelopes OR in the blue bin on the table by the church office. St. John's will receive a donation of 1% of each bill.

We received a total of \$923.54 for receipts so far in 2025!

You *must use your Redner's card when you check out* in order for the church to receive the donation. Thank you!

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October Birthdays & Anniversaries

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Al and Janet Muchoney's anniversary	2	3 Ray Himes's birthday Robert and Judith Smith's anniversary	4 James Trexler's birthday Richard Barnett's birthday Zachary Hauseman's birthday
5	6 Christopher Witlox's birthday	7	8	9	10 Robert Velekei's birthday	11
12 Georgianne Jones's birthday Patricia Hite's birthday	13 Margaret Lillis's birthday Elaine Schwenk's birthday	14	15 Gerald Stump's birthday Marlene Winkleman's birthday	16 Jennifer Froelich's birthday Kevin Riegel's birthday	17	18
19 Kirsten Biehl's birthday	20	21 Lorene Triviets's birthday	22 Allen Fritz's birthday Paul and Kathleen Miller's anniversary	23	24 Kimberly Hudzik's birthday Scott Rosenmerkel's birthday	25 Donna Stewart's birthday Jeffrey and Barbara Bressler's anniversary Julie Jones's birthday
26	27	28 Travis Hale's birthday	29	30	31	

November Birthdays & Anniversaries

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Charlene Wessner's birthday
2	3 Andrew Romberger's birthday Ashton Heltzinger's birthday Grace Schwambach's birthday Jeffrey and Gloria Fioravanti's anniversary	4 Timothy and Deanna Riegel's anniversary	5	6	7 Antonette Rosenmerkel's birthday Beth Schmidt's birthday Nancy Pawling's birthday	8 Roger Moyer's birthday
9	10 Jeffrey Fioravanti's birthday Nancy Gajewski's birthday	11 Michael Hudzik's birthday	12	13	14 Stephanie Allen's birthday Susan Nagle's birthday	15 Jace Drobeck's birthday
16 Chris Bruno's birthday Landon Rubida's birthday	17 Jeanette Minnich's birthday	18 Lydia Moll's birthday	19 Sharon Schlessman's birthday	20 Debbie Peers's birthday	21 Christine Woronko's birthday Liam Sassam's birthday Nathan Lis's birthday	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29 Edwin Schwenk's birthday Peggy Klinger's birthday
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Upcoming Events!

ANNUAL KAUFFMAN'S CHICKEN BBQ FUNDRAISER

Sunday, October 12th
10:00am - 1:00pm

Get Your Tickets Now!
\$12

You get ½ chicken,
baked potato and applesauce
*baked goods will be available for
purchase at pickup*

Benefits –
St. John's Lutheran Church

Call Deb Scheidt with questions
or to volunteer: 610-468-5923



Sanctuary Spruce-up October 13th 5-7 PM

Would you like to help deep clean the Church sanctuary on Monday October 13th? Join us from 5-7PM as we polish the pews, vacuum the cushions and make sure the pens, pencils and envelopes are refilled. Please bring a few clean rags or a hand-held vacuum that would be good for cushion cleaning. We have a few vacuum cleaners to use for this purpose, but a few more can't hurt. If you choose to bring an electric vacuum cleaner, please bring your own extension cord(s).

TRUNK-OR-TREAT
Saturday, October 18th
5:00pm



We need your help!
Donate candy or scan the QR code to volunteer!



CALLING ALL YOUNG ADULTS (AGES 18-35)

YOU'RE INVITED TO

GATHER BERKS

Interest & Brainstorming Meeting

OCTOBER 11, 2025 @ 6PM

MEETING AT CHILI'S BAR & GRILL

2703 N Meridian Blvd.
Wyomissing, PA 19610

JOIN OTHER YOUNG ADULTS IN DISCUSSING THE FORMATION OF A YOUNG ADULT GROUP IN BERKS COUNTY. APPETIZERS WILL BE PROVIDED COMPLIMENTS OF THE WBMD.

PLEASE RSVP BY OCT. 10
BY TEXTING KATIE AT (610) 739-3823

UPCOMING EVENTS

SEPT 14	GODS WORK OUR HANDS SYNOD OFFICE 12PM-2PM
SEPT 20	MONTY PYTHON SCREENING STRAND THEATRE, KUTZTOWN 7PM
OCT 25	PIZZA & PAINTING LOCATION TBA 11AM-2PM
NOV TBA	2ND ANNUAL GRATITUDE POTLUCK LOCATION & DATE TBA
DEC 13	LIGHTS AT THE ZOO LEHIGH VALLEY ZOO TIME TBA

ATTENTION ALL CRAFTERS!

Please consider supporting St. John's with your time and talents by donating homemade items to sell at the preschool craft show.

PLEASE BRING CRAFTS TO THE CHURCH
between November 2nd and November 9th!

ALL proceeds will benefit St. John's
and Genesis Preschool.

Contact Cleann Pauley at 717-283-7956 or
cpauley@ptd.net to participate.



**OUR ANNUAL
FRIENDS HELPING FRIENDS EVENT
RAISES OVER \$3 MILLION
FOR LOCAL NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS!**

TUESDAY, OCT. 22, 2024 - 8AM - 11 PM



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Christmas Cantata

The leaves are just beginning to turn and fall, there is a little nip in the air in the morning, and the apples are filling up baskets in the local orchards, all signs that the seasons are changing and fall has arrived. It seems like only a short time ago we were welcoming in summer.

Life runs at almost a sprint these days; our calendars are full, and planning ahead is a must in these busy times. On that note, I would like to remind everyone to add this year's Christmas Cantata to your calendars. On **Sunday, December 14th at 2:00 PM**, the choir and friends will present a collected works of newly published Christmas music featuring the works of Dan Forrest, Lloyd Larson, Molly Ijames and others. The songs include beautiful new arrangements of classic Christmas carols as well as newly penned Christmas tunes and lyrics that convey the true meaning of the season of Christmas - the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. There are so many secular things that can consume our time during the holiday season. Please plan on joining us for an event that will remind us all of the joy we can find in celebrating Christ's birth.



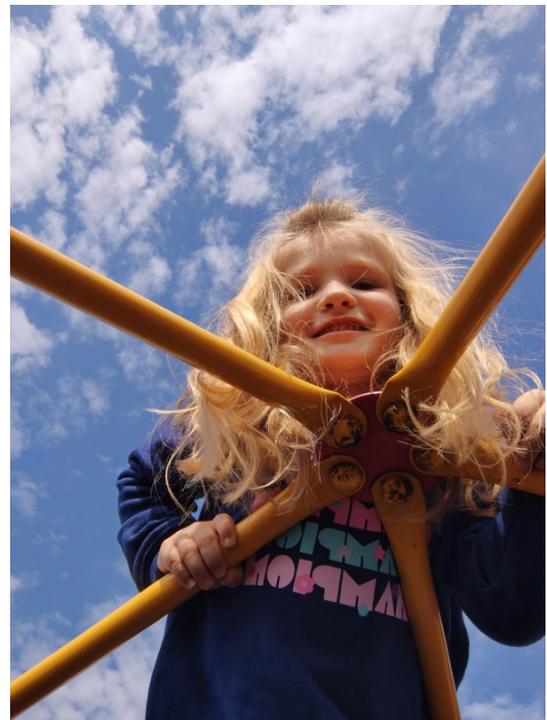
If you are interested in participating in the cantata, please let Arlene Moll know (610-413-9585).
Everyone is welcome!

We are planning to make Christmas candy again this year.
More details will be coming soon!

Reach out to Deb Scheidt if you are interested in helping.
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Genesis Preschool News

We are off to a wonderful start at Genesis Preschool for the 2025-2026 school year. Thank you so much for blessing us with your prayers and support!



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