



The Cent-I-Gram

Centennial Evangelical Lutheran Church, Kimberton, PA 19442

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Sunday Morning Worship

9:30 AM

Worship services are live-streamed and recorded for those who are not comfortable or able to attend in-person worship.

St. John's Raise the Roof Fundraiser

September 13, 2025 11-2 at

St. John's Lutheran Church (see page 13)

Speed Puzzle night

September 17, 2025

6:30 to 8:30

See page 7 for details

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Sunday Worship 9:30 A.M. 610-933-1528

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September 2025

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Pastoral Parcel

As September begins, we look forward to celebrating much in the Lutheran Church and in the greater secular community.

Holy Cross Day happens to be the 14th. On the 16th we may take time to study the concepts of religious persecution and acceptance embodied in the example of Cyprian of Carthage in our Lutheran saint calendar. Perhaps I may be bold enough to express excitement for another puzzle competition evening on the 17th!

However, I'd wager a guess we all have patience to wait for those days.

One secular element we may have less patience for in September is the start of the school year

Whether yourself or your child, or another you may know, everyone is in a hurry around the start of the school year. Now more than ever school has become a major subject of importance, especially with the fallout of the massive school schedule upheavals in the aftermath of COVID19. One thing I have noticed from all my friend's children is that the idea of "instant gratification" or "instant unapplied learning" has become normalized as commonplace. Thanks to a few years of "normal" habits such as fast package shipping and instant answers and results from cellphone search engines, the idea of far ahead planning or long-term study has slowly become alien, to a small but populous portion of children and adult students.

I'd venture to say it looks like the idea of "I will just look it up" or "I will get AI or Chat GPT to answer or write it" has made it difficult for many people to enjoy and experience what it means to learn and grow in school and beyond. Often, even for me, it is too much of a challenge to sit still to enjoy a slower paced movie, read a complete book in several sittings, effectively study for a test, or effectively learn a craft or trade.

I imagine that despite all the instant knowledge and power one may have at their fingertips, everyone is still in a hurry. Everything seems last minute. Everyone runs to catch every train despite having the entire train schedule available online in their phones 24 hours a day.

Yet this need for instant results, and the stress that comes with it, is yet another thing we can find spiritual support for as we begin another year of learning anew.

In Exodus 32, despite being freed from captivity with a God that is present with them 24/7, the Hebrews still needed the instant gratification of a deity that made sense to them

and answered their longing right away. Thus, a golden calf was built out of melted gold as the object of their worship. The sorrowful, disastrous aftereffects of this calf would lead inevitably to Moses needing to mediate between the people and God. To convince all these scared and confused people that they were beloved children of God, and that God would be with them for this long, difficult journey through the desert.

When we feel overloaded by imbalances between experience and results, I believe prayer, prayerful meditative practice, and reading of scripture can help slow us down in these days of stacked up stress. We can find ways to fight against the temptation of giving our lives and energies over to a golden calf of “instant (albeit temporary) joy” and reforge ourselves for learning.

The next time you need to breath (maybe to stop hurting your neck and eyes as they are glued to a phone), consider reading, studying, and praying these verses that exemplify a God that places value in a life of learning and support in long term journeys.

Phillipians 4:6

Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.

Proverbs 19:2

Desire without knowledge is not good, and one who moves too hurriedly misses the way.

Habakkuk 2:3

For there is still a vision for the appointed time; it speaks of the end, and does not lie. If it seems to tarry, wait for it; it will surely come, it will not delay.

1 Peter 3:5-6

Cast all your anxiety on [God], because he cares for you.

School is hard enough when it comes to catching the bus on time, we might as well keep our hearts and minds well-oiled with the Holy Spirit as we continue to learn and grow in this difficult yet potentially rewarding time.

Amen.



SEPA Synod Fall Learning Day **"Who Is Our Neighbor?"**

Saturday, October 18, 2025

8:30 am to 12:15 pm

St. John Lutheran Church

3101 Tyson Ave., Philadelphia, PA 19149

**This free, informative and interactive day of learning
is **for everyone** in SEPA Synod.**

**This learning day is sponsored by Love Revolution.
If your congregation has been thinking about whether to join
the Love Revolution, come experience this day of learning.
Invite your friends and neighbors.**

Save the Schuylkill

River Cleanup - September 13 at 9am

Registration is open!

Use the link below to join us in taking out the trash on September 13. Be sure to invite your friends and family - our youngest member is 3 years old and he made an impact cleaning the river this past weekend proving it's never too young to care for the environment!

Our August Speed Puzzle Competition was a great success!

Please join us on September 17th, 6:30-8:30 for our next

SPEED PUZZLE EVENT



Speed Puzzle Competition!

@ Centennial Lutheran Church



**When: September 17, 2025
6:30pm--Gather
7pm--Countdown Starts!**



Where: 1330 Hares Hill Road, Kimberton, PA

***Refreshments
and music
provided!***



***Win
cash
prizes!!***

**RACE AGAINST THE CLOCK WITH YOUR TEAM TO FINISH A
JIGSAW PUZZLE IN 1.5 HOURS!**

**\$5 Entry for 300 Piece Beginner Division
\$7 Entry for 500 Piece Advanced Division**

**Register your team in advance by emailing
info@centenniallutheran.org**



Rise Against Hunger report

THANK YOU EVERYONE WHO HELPED!

The four churches of our Muhlenberg Parish with the help of friends
and family

Packaged 15,000 meals
For the Rise Against Hunger School Program

In less than 2 hours, about 50 people filled boxes with food that will
feed 70 children for an entire school year!

What a blessing you all are

Together we can make a real difference!







OFFICE HOURS

Monday 12-4

Tuesday 9 – 2

Thursday 9 – 2

SEPTEMBER

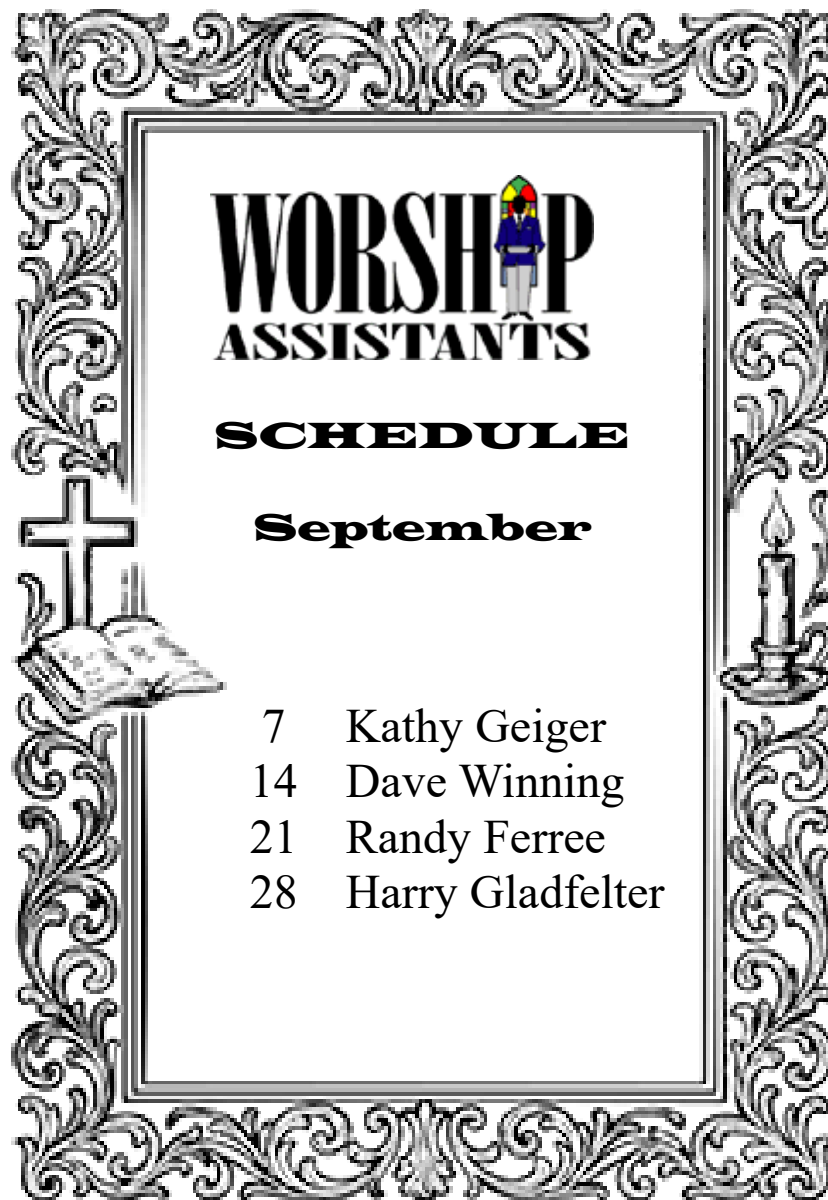
- 5 Maxwell Kiley
- 12 Spencer Shovelton
- 17 Alexis Moore
- 23 Randy Mull
- 28 Devon Paxton
- 29 James Fowler
- 29 Dennis Ray



Psalm 27:4

⁴ One thing I asked of the LORD; this I seek:
to live in the house of the LORD all the days of my life,
to behold the beauty of the LORD, and to inquire in his temple.





Have you noticed the large envelope on the bulletin board outside of Pastor Ian's office? Take a look! We collect cancelled postage stamps. They will provide aid to Veterans. Simply cut them off of your mail, leaving about 1/8 to 1/4 inch on all sides and drop them in the envelope. See Jerene Gladfelter for details.



Isaiah 41:10



Prayer List

To request prayer, first ***request permission from the individual in need of prayer*** (as requested by our Synod). Then you may send an email to prayers@centenniallutheran.org or call Jerene Gladfelter at 610-933-3542 or the church office at 610-933-1528. Please list the individual's name and a BRIEF description of the situation (i.e. chemo, dementia, auto accident, comfort and peace, etc.) along with the name of the requester and association (brother, co-worker, friend, etc.). Please also advise us when a prayer request is no longer valid. Printed prayer lists are issued at the beginning of each month as a bulletin insert. Please update us by the 25th of each month to ensure that your request is listed.

In addition, there is an email list of individuals desiring to be on the Prayer Chain to receive immediate prayer requests other than those listed monthly. If you wish to be included on this email list, please contact Jerene (610-933-3542) or the church office (610-933-1528) with your email address or telephone number.

Live Stream Worship Services

We have been live streaming the worship service on Centennial's Face Book page. This is available for you if you are not feeling well, or the weather is inclement or if you are traveling. You are still able to worship with us – in real time. Feel free to set aside bread, crackers, wine or grape juice to join with us at the time of Holy Communion. The service can be found on Sunday mornings at 9:30 AM on this link: <https://www.facebook.com/CentennialELCA>

Pastoral Care

If anyone wants to have pastoral conversation with Pastor Ian you can do so by calling the office at 610-933-1528 or by emailing his at pastorianclements@gmail.com.

Conversation may take place in-person, on the phone, or via zoom chat depending on what works best for you.



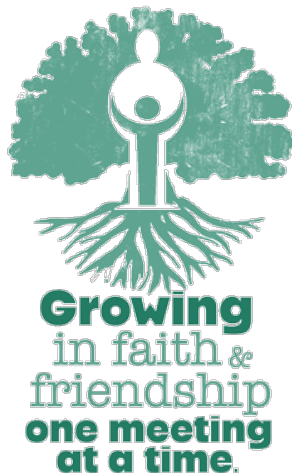
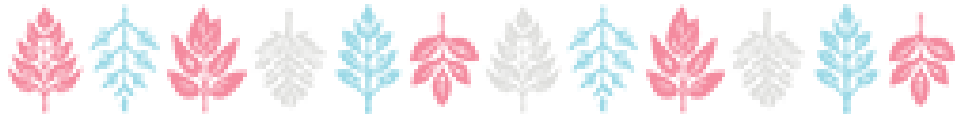
Muhlenberg Parish
The Lutheran Congregations of the
Greater Phoenixville Area

September 13, 2025, 11 AM to 2 PM – St. John's Raising the Roof fundraiser Barbeque, Silent Auction, Bake Sale and games

September 27, 2025 – St. Peter's Chester Springs, Bonfire Vespers at 7 PM

October 13 – Blood Drive at St. John's

November 9, 2025 – Gala & Silent Auction at Penn Oaks, West Chester (a Synod event). Proceeds go to Palestinian & Ukrainian refugees.



Bible Study
Every Tuesday at 1:30 at
Centennial

All are welcome!

Tune into Facebook or email
for possible cancellations.



RAISING THE ROOF FUNDRAISER

Saturday, September 13, 11 am - 2 pm

St. John's Lutheran Church

Delicious Chicken BBQ

Silent Auction

Homemade Bake Sale

Yard Games for All

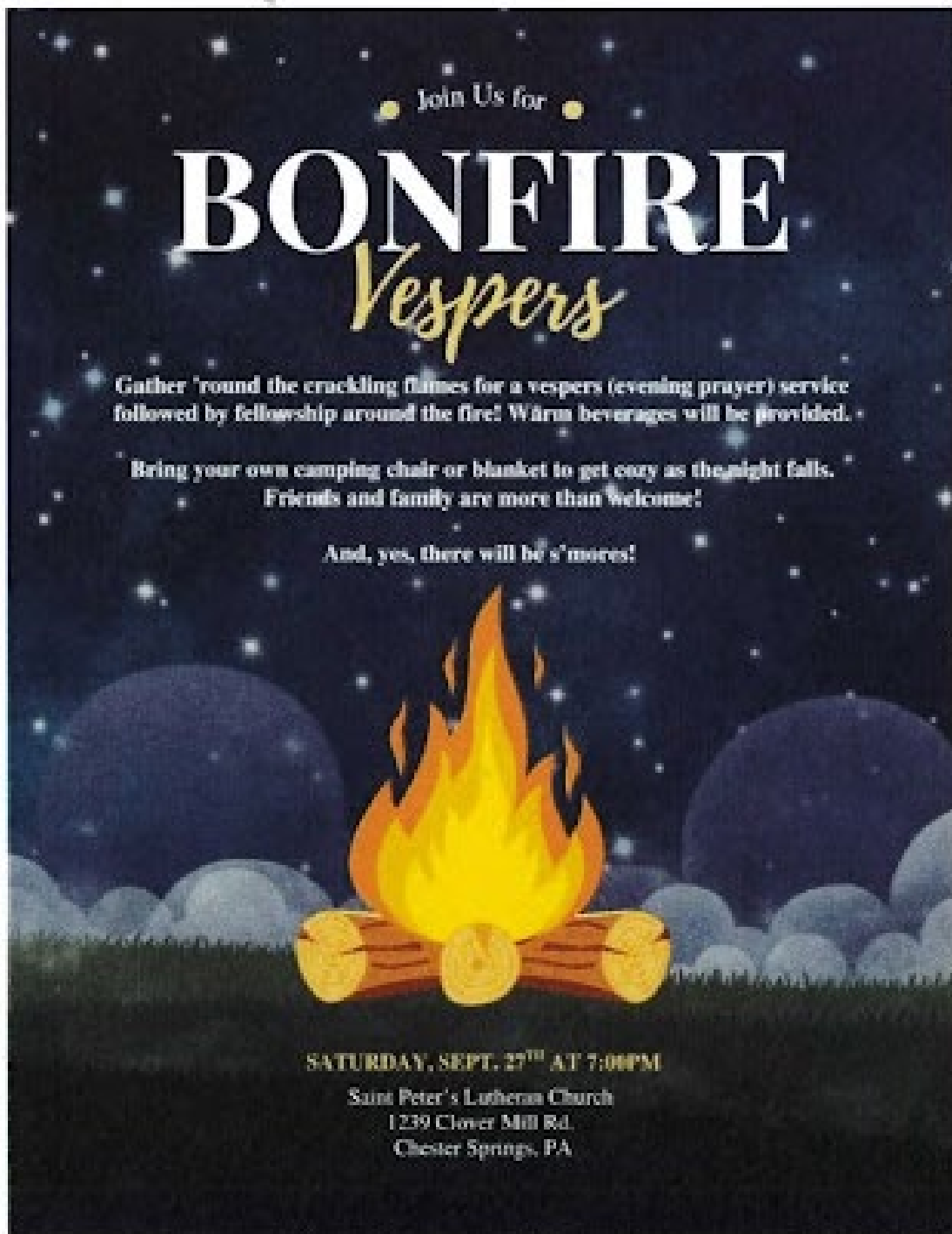
Warm Fellowship & Good Company

Friends & family – let's raise the roof together!

Scan the QR code
to sign up!



Questions? Contact: Marc Staudenmaier



Soup Kitchen Helpers

Wednesday July 9th the Soup Kitchen volunteers were treated to a lovely appreciation luncheon. We had a delicious meal than talked about the future of the program.

From Beth Wise





August 12, 2025

Dear Beth Wise & Centennial Lutheran Church congregation,

On behalf of all of us at Kate's Casa, thank you so much for your generous collection donation drive. Your continued support means the world to us and has a direct, lasting impact on the families we serve.

Your donations specifically impact our Conversations at the Casa program every Wednesday night—a special time where families come for personalized help, pick up much-needed community donations, and connect with others in a warm and welcoming space. Your generous collection of goods will be an added bonus over the next few weeks, helping families stretch their grocery budgets and worry less about putting food on the table.

Thank you for choosing to walk alongside immigrant families with compassion and care. Your partnership empowers us to continue providing essential support to those facing hardship and uncertainty.

We are so grateful to have you as part of the Kate's Casa family. Thank you for believing in our mission and standing with us as we continue to build a stronger, more supportive community together.

With heartfelt thanks,

Kate Camarda

Founder, Kate's Casa

www.katescasa.org, 610-864-6866

Centennial Evangelical Lutheran Church
Church Council Meeting
August 26, 2025 REV 0

Attendees: Christine Holmes, Rick Henricks, Harry Gladfelter, Sam Kuhl, John Miller, Makinzie Ackroyd, Fred Stoudt (zoom), Karen Winning, Pastor Clements

Excused: Randy Ferree, Dennis Ray

Harry called the meeting to order at 6:57 PM.

Sam made a motion to approve last month's minutes. Pastor Ian seconded. The minutes for the council meeting of July 22, 2025 Rev 0 were approved.

Devotion: Pastor: Pastor opened with a devotion. Matthew 6: 31-34

Pastor's Report: This is a list of activities in the Pastor's report, to get our message, name, and recognition out into the community at large:

- Met with couple to be married - Jennifer Mahan (spelling?).
- Reached out to Pastor G to express thanks
- Made 5 home visits to Spring Mill. Spring Mill may make Centennial the Protestant Service Center for their members on Wednesday. We can also remind Spring Mill we are a place to come for active residents.
- Puzzle Night on 9/17/25 was advertised heavily. It seemed very good with a solid turnout. One new family saw the Puzzle Night advertised in Whole Foods and came.
- We may think about having a Bingo night.
- National Endowment for the Arts lost federal funding. Centennial can offer space at a reduced rate. We can also offer bigger events.
- Received large donation from Dorothy Sue Wambold. Plan to invest in a CD recorder.
- September brings the choir back. There are opportunities for more outdoor events before Advent.
- Pastor Ian will speak to Phil regarding inviting AA members to a spaghetti dinner. We currently do not have a valid food handlers license.
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CURRENT BUSINESS:

Elevator: Status on getting an updated certificate. Only thing we are waiting on was a mother board for the telephone or a circuit board for emergency lighting.

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Church Facilities Use Committee: Pat put together a punch list for cleaning up the classrooms:

1. Replace blinds vs curtains.
2. Repair three broken windows.
3. Replace first classroom door on the left. It is delaminating on the bottom.
4. Take down the chalkboards in the room beside the kitchen.
5. Remove the air conditioners, in the classroom used for church council.

Committee to meet after service.

Mutual Ministry: Has the Mutual Ministry Committee been formed, and met? This needs to be addressed in September due to summer vacations.

Phone upgrade: Do we need a phone upgrade to include a private line for the Pastor's office? Harry asked Kathy to help me with an overview and a plan going forward. Line 1 is Kathy. Line 2 is Pastor. Harry will test again. The outgoing message is still in Rebecca's voice.

Vanco QR Code: Is the Vanco QR code in place and working? How does it work? Should we have a session after church to explain it to our members so they can use it? The Vanco QR code is in place and working. Anyone can scan the code and enter a credit card number to donate routinely or one time. Of \$100 Centennial gets \$98.50. Vanco gets a stipend of \$26/month. Thrivent underwrote Vanco. We can have a dedicated QR code or one that expires after 30-60 days. Pastor found a free permanent code. We can put the QR code in the bulletin and Cent-i-Gram. We did use the QR code for the puzzle night. The user had to enter a comment to post the \$ to that event. We can have a second QR code for special events. Pastor will talk to Kathy. We may want to invest in a Church iPad. Pastor will make a mini video for Facebook and include it in the service.

CONTINUING BUSINESS:

The most important thing that the council needs to do for the remainder of the year is support Pastor's plans on community outreach, advertising, and evangelism. Certain initiatives are currently in progress. As stated last month, it is important that we as council be a part of this effort and not let it all fall on Pastor, and we should engage the congregation. We should be thinking about ways to get people out to visit.

Randy's List of those who used to come but now they do not. Is the list currently available - Name and phone number? Has the number of entries changed, and have the names been reviewed? Who besides Pastor should be active doing so? Volunteers? Council will talk about this first at the next council meeting. The best way may be to visit them.

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Any new opportunities to make our presence known in the surrounding community? What about a Fall brainstorming session on the subject? We need ideas to get people here. We could have Spring Mill Sunday. They can ask who wants to come to Centennial and who needs a ride. We can have the Craft Show. Christine will ask Purls of Wisdom in Kimberton if they have interest in participating in a Craft Fair.

TEAM REPORTS:

Finance: Rick reported we received \$10,000 in receipts. There was \$11,000 in expenses. We have interest and Vanguard investments doing well. We are waiting for the donation form Nadine Stevenson's estate. On 8/4/25 we renewed 4% CD for 14 months. We have \$90,000 in the checking account. We need 5 people on the Endowment Committee, and we have Rick. Pastor is one, we need one not on Council. Since it is my time to step down from council I will volunteer, we need two more from council. We need 1 non-council member to serve on the committee per the Vanguard signature lines by the Congregational Meeting.

We need to have three church members that can perform transactions on our investments with Vanguard. We should encourage enduring gifts. This could be from family member that does not attend services. If necessary, we can take \$ from Vanguard.

Property: (Fred Stoudt) Placement of the two signs around the community - that includes permission from the township, buying the poles and putting them up. Found 2 church signs. The township and PennDot have not gotten back to Pastor Ian. No one is sponsoring the highway from Clover Mill Road to Coldstream Road. We may want to consider this. Fall cleanup will include leaf raking in mid to late October. Kitchen outlets on either side of kitchen opening are not working.

Music and Worship: (John Miller) Pastor Ian, Karen, and John planned 4 services in September and picked out hymns. The choir is starting on 9/7/25 including Jess and Ava.

Muhlenberg Parish Report: This Sunday's combined service and Hoagies and Ice Cream. When and where is the next Parrish meeting? There will be a combined service at St. Peter's on 11/30/25. There was no agenda or minutes from the last meeting. There will be a clergy meeting on 8/27/25. We would like to see more representation from St. John's. They will be included regardless of action and participation to make sure they feel included. A logo is being created. Pastor Russ has been involved and helpful. Zion did not know about the Puzzle Night because it was not in their bulletin. We need to work on reciprocation of events from each church to place in bulletins and bulletin boards. We may include St. Basil's in the future.

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Boy Scouts: (Fred Stoudt) There is 1 boy scout in the Scout Troop. The troop will be suspended if they do not have 6 scouts necessary per the Scout Charter. The Cub Scout troop may have 5 more scouts next year to move to the Scout Troop.

Congregational Life/Hospitality: (Christine)

After church on 8/24/25 I visited Zion. I caught Pastor Taylor, Shawn Rogers, and Elaine Weinstein. They plan to write a check for their \$1035 donation. Elaine and I will use the \$250 Thrivent Action Team funds to buy snacks and cases of bottled water at Costco on 9/6/25. I will use the rest of the funds for Bella Napoli pizzas. St. John's plans to write a check for their \$1035 donation. I then visited St. Peter's and caught Pastor Paisley and Doug Beck. Pastor Paisley gave me their Rise Against Hunger signup sheet. I registered a few people. Their total donations are \$939. They hope to raise the \$1035. Centennial's donations are \$2898,93. **When we commit, we fully commit!** The total is \$5907.93. We plan to have \$6150 to pack 15,000 meals. Sam made a motion to buy gold God's Work Our Hands t-shirts. Christine seconded. Motion carried.

Adjournment: Rick made a motion to adjourn the meeting. It was seconded by Harry. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:32PM with the Lord's Prayer.

The next regular Church Council meeting will be **Tuesday, September 23, 2025 at 7:00 PM.**

Respectfully submitted, Christine Holmes



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