

Dear Members of St. Joseph's Hill Lutheran Church,

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In an effort to stay in touch with all of our members we need to update our records. To do this, we have prepared a census for our congregation. We would ask that **everyone** complete and return the form during December. The forms may be returned when you come to worship in December, or you may mail them directly to the church office.

We thank you for your help in this project.

Sincerely,
The Church Council

*In the rush of the season,
we forget to look up.
Stars sparkle in the sky;
we do not pause to see,
Weighed down by life's troubles,
we lose the wonder of this season.
How do we reclaim wonder and awe
as we wait for Christ's coming?*

Advent and Christmas worship opportunities are as follows:

Dec. 1, Dec 8, and Dec. 15 - Services are at 7:45 and 10:00. Holy Communion will be offered at each service.

Dec. 22 – Regular service at 7:45. The Sunday School Christmas program will be part of the 10:00 service. Holy Communion will be offered at both services.

Dec. 24 – Candle light Christmas Eve services at 4:00 and 7:30

Dec. 29 – 7:45 and 10:00 services will include the singing of many carols.

Each family member 18 and older should complete an individual form. Additional forms can be found on our website or can be picked up at church.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email Address: _____

Phone numbers:

- Land line if applicable: _____ - _____ - _____ Cell number: _____ - _____ - _____

How should we contact you? Mark all that apply. If you have a land line and a cell phone, please circle the phone choice that should be printed in the 2020 directory.

- Land Line Text US mail
- Cell phone E-mail

Children in your family under the age of 18. (Only one parent needs to complete this information)

Names and ages

1. Do you have access to a computer or a smart phone? Yes _____ No _____

2. Do you read our monthly newsletter, "The Echo"? Yes _____ No _____

If yes, do you prefer reading it as a hard copy that you receive in the mail, or do you prefer reading it on line?

Circle your preference: Hard copy Email Both

3. Do you view church information on Facebook and/or our website? Yes _____ No _____

4. Would you be willing to be part of a group that receives text messages concerning changes in schedules, cancellation due to inclement weather, upcoming events, etc? Yes _____ No _____

Please indicate any hobbies, skills, and talents that could be useful to the mission of our congregation.

- Visiting people Working with children Financial skills
- Youth activities Sewing Wood working
- Writing Baking Mechanically inclined
- Good phone skills AV/Tech Savvy Gardening

___ Other: _____

Feedback

Is there anything that we as a congregation could do to make worship more meaningful?

Is there any way that our church family could assist you in your daily life?

Do you have a new idea for a small group, an activity, or a social ministry team that you would join?

If mailing the census, please send it to:

St. Joseph's Hill Lutheran Church, 244 Koch Road, Boyertown, Pa. 19512

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If you are not in the area, you may find parts of the census not applicable. Please complete the parts that apply to you and mail the census to the church office. The address is on the bottom of the last page of the census.

If you will be home for Christmas, we hope that you will worship with your church family. We always look forward to seeing you.

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