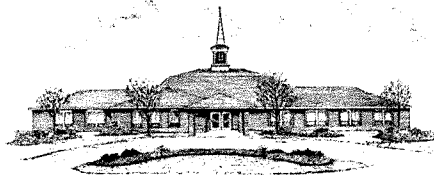


THE ECHO
OF
ST. JOSEPH'S HILL LUTHERAN CHURCH



The Rev. Kim Truebenbach

SEPTEMBER 2021

*“Cast your burdens on the LORD, and he will sustain you”
Psalm 55:22*

Staples created an add that I absolutely love. Set to music of “It’s the most wonderful time of the year” parents are back to school shopping with joy at sending their children off to school. Back to school is often a bitter-sweet moment. It takes a while to get used to the schedule, get used to the quiet, and the freedom of going to the store with less people. There is some joy at getting a break from 24/7 parenting.

But not this year. This year, COVID, has put a sense of worry and burden on the start of the school year. As I write this, school has not yet started. We debated the options; do we send our kids, do we keep them home and cyber or online school them, do we look for a private school option? No decision seemed right. When BASD offered the hybrid option we signed up for virtual. This we thought gave the kids a consistent schedule, and it kept them with teachers and kids they knew. But then the school board was told by the administration that not enough teachers, bus drivers, and janitors were returning for in person school. The administration recommended starting online. The Board voted no.

This increased my anxiety. How was the administration supposed to find the necessary staff in such a short time? How were the teachers going to handle larger classes and teaching virtual students? Our expectations were not high for this year. I’ll be honest. I just want us to stay healthy until this pandemic is under control. I know the kids can make up their education as long as they are healthy.

This is by far, one of the most challenging times of my life. I know I am not alone. Every parent with children in school, every teacher and para-professional, every administrator, everyone is worried about how this is going to go. Psalm 55:22 is my theme verse this year, and this is my hope that God will indeed sustain us through this time. This promise I’m clinging to, because so much of this pandemic is out of my control. I can truly only pray that all of us are kept healthy and safe and that God would indeed take our burdens into God’s own hands and sustain us through this time. May we all cast our worries onto God and be sustained in this time, may we all remain safe and healthy.

Peace, Pastor Kim

The August edition of the **ECHO** is not sponsored
this month.



- September 5 15th Sunday in Pentecost; Last day of summer schedule.
Holy Communion
9:00 AM worship service outside
10:00 AM worship service via zoom
- September 12 16th Sunday in Pentecost-**Pancake breakfast postponed.**
One Service/Teacher installation
10:00 AM Worship Service via zoom
- September 19 17th Sunday in Pentecost; Holy Communion
8:00 AM Outside worship.
10:00 AM Worship Service and zoom
- September 26 18th Sunday in Pentecost-**Blessing of the Animals**
One Service
10:00 AM Outdoor Worship Service and zoom

Council voted on masks being mandated at this time during worship. Statistics, CDC guidelines and safety for our congregation are being analyzed on a weekly basis.

The church office will be closed on September 17th & September 20th. If you need anything, please contact Pastor Kim at 484-300-9876. As many of you know, Pastor Kim welcomes phone calls and pastoral support for you.

A huge thank you to Ed, Ethan and Evan Dierolf who trimmed all the maple trees in the back of the church.



We are looking for volunteers to teach Sunday School starting on September 19, 2021 via Zoom. We could use two more teachers. Please call Lucy Hartman at 610-367-4560 or email her at luc19009@windstream.net if you are interested in teaching.

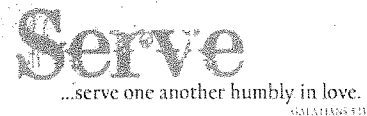
Sunday School staff will be installed in person or via Zoom at the 10 am service on Sunday, September 12. **We will once again be participating in “Gods Work...Our Hands” service project. We will be making cards and filling Blessing Bags for the shut ins in our congregation at 9 AM in the fellowship hall on Sunday September 12. Masks are mandatory.**

The Oley Fair will be held on September 16, 17 and 18. St. Joseph’s volunteers on Saturday night September 18 from 4pm till closing. If you have not already signed up on the signup sheet and would like to help, please call Lucy Hartman at 610-367-4560.



There are plenty of opportunities to volunteer!

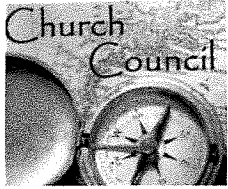
- The personnel committee is asking for a volunteer to job-shadow Jill, church secretary. This volunteer will be responsible to draft a manual of the secretarial duties of the church office. An outline of the secretarial position is prepared. Hours are flexible. Please contact Kathie Gilbert if you are interested.
- Become part of the Council Team. We meet the third Thursday of the month. However, October, we meet on the 23rd at 7 PM. Come and see what’s going on in your church. Be a part of!
- Contact Susy Yerger to volunteer to read during service.
- Contact Lucy Hartman to volunteer at the Oley Fair!



Daycare News: Proverbs 3:5-6 “Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding, in all thy ways acknowledge Him and He will direct your steps.” Thank you Lord for your promises! This is the same scripture I quoted last year in September, and I claim it again! The children are happy and playing without care of what the world is experiencing. In that we rejoice! Our Pre-Kindergarten program (9-11:30 am) will start September 8th. We have an exciting school year planned!

September Corbi’s Pizza Sale – delivery October 13th

Thank you to Ed Dierolf for trimming and weeding our playground. Thank you to Carl Beiber for fixing scooters. Thanks for donations of classroom supplies from many of our alumni. St. Joe’s appreciates our church family.



Council met on Thursday. The minutes will be available on the bulletin board next week. Here are a few highlights:

- The Eagle Scout project was approved. Aiden Nunan will assist installing the MJ memorial playground.
- Council is moving forward with the call committee.
- The church front doors replacement costs are being analyzed by council. Installation date to be determined.
- Council minutes will be posted on the bulletin board at the end of each month and copies will be placed in between the church doors for pick up.
- The Fred & Alice Schwager Fund has been established based on the bequest from them to the church. The purpose is to use part of the benevolence money to tithe for church missions by providing matching funds. Any church member can submit a request to Council to match the funds raised by their fundraising efforts. A general limit of \$5K maximum for a fundraiser has been set. Church council has the discretion to approve or deny the release of the funds.

*Happy
Birthdays*

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Darlene Weidner
Phyllis Luft
Caleb Rose
Ethan Dierolf
Brad Reinboth
Carolyn Gilbert
Karissa Bernhard
Timothy Albrecht
Karen Neumaier
Julie Renninger
Keith Christy
Dean Hobert
Arlene McCaffrey
Cole Schwenk
Braxton Billera-Smith
Richard Szilli
Ava Christy Greener
Faye Gehris
Charles Blair
Jessica Neumaier
Gretchen Kimmel

Kenneth Kurtz
Steven Gehris
Danielle Longacre
Edward Hantwerker
Jennifer Bollard
Collin McKown
Douglas Magners
Leah Marie Moyer
Rosemarie Hantwerker
Garry Botts
Madison Robb
Esther Hendricks
Ann Odgren
Joshua Eck
James Miller
Barbara Hilbert
Clark Williamson
Madelyn Souder
Richard Gill, Jr.
Kim Reinboth
Brittany Billera-Smith

Youth Group is Back!

All youth entering grades 5-12 are invited to join us every 2nd and 4th Monday at 7:00pm. We'll kick off the school year September 13th at 7:00 pm for an ice cream social.

Whatever Wednesday's

Who: Youth in Grades 3rd -8th

What: A time to be social, get help with homework, work on art, play games or just WHATEVER!

Where: Fellowship Hall

When: Every 1st and 3rd Wednesday from 3:30pm- 5:00pm



Sponsored by St. Joseph's Youth Group & St. Joseph's Child Care Center

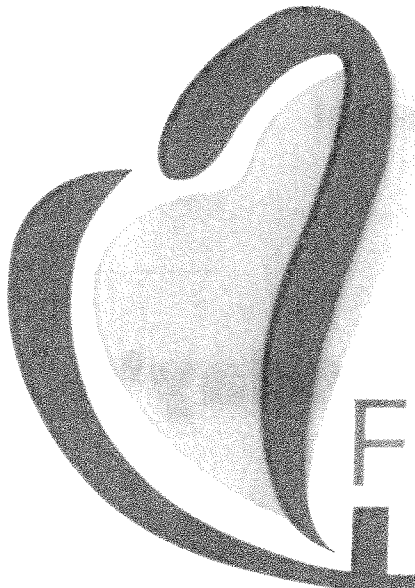
Join us September 24th at 6:00 pm for Lazer Tag and arcade games at Arnolds Family Fun Center in Oaks. The cost will be \$9 per person for Lazer tag and youth will be able to bring money for arcade games if they choose. Please feel free to bring friends and let

Kate know you will be attending by September 15th.

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Happy Anniversary

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Connor & Danielle Longacre	1 year	Michele & Calvin Beekman	42 years
Lucille & Dale Hartman	41 years	Anita & Greg Hoffman	41 years
Edwin & Tracy Dierolf	20 years	Karen & Matthew Neumaier	26 years

***St. Joseph's Hill family congratulates
Edward & Rosemarie Hantwerker on their 50th Wedding Anniversary!***

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Mrs. Carol Barton, Organist 610-367-0865

Mrs. Marcia Kurtz, Music Director 610-367-5627

Mrs. Robin Schmale, Daycare Director 610-367-1980

Monday – Friday 6:30 AM – 6:00 PM

Time Value: 8/24/2021

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SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER