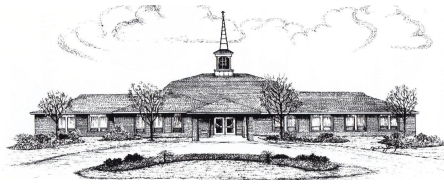


# THE ECHO

OF  
ST. JOSEPH'S HILL LUTHERAN CHURCH



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The Rev. Kim Truebenbach

SEPTEMBER 2022

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*He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?*

*Micah 6:8*

This is one of my favorite verses of scripture. I love its simplicity. It concisely summarizes what God expects of us. Do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with your God. In this passage it is important to understand that the root word for 'love kindness' in Hebrew is 'chessed'. It is hard to translate, it sometimes is translated as 'goodness and mercy' from Psalm 23 "surely chessed will follow me all the days of my life."

One contemporary Jewish translation of chessed is "giving oneself fully with love and compassion." Chew on that thought for a bit. We are to do justice and give of ourselves fully with love and compassion. What would the world look like if more people gave of themselves fully with love and compassion?

Jesus models for us servant leadership. That the greatest serve others. It's the Jewish concept of chessed he is modeling and calling us to embody. In his world the "greatest" dominated and conquered others. Creating systems that kept a few people well off and the rest of world toiling and being treated as less than human. Jesus does not admire the dominators in society. He does not elevate or praise those who demean or dominate others by sheer force or willpower. Instead, he praises the underdog or little guy, the females, the children, the have nots, as worthy of admiration and God's blessing. He throws himself fully into loving compassion towards the least able, the least thought about, the least admired, and demands justice for them. He embodies chessed.

What if Micah 6 and it's meaning was something we embodied in our life together as church? What difference would it make to give ourselves over to loving and being compassionate in our church, in our marriages, in our family lives, in our work lives, and in our community? Would some people find our presence healing if they experienced compassion and kindness from us? Would some people come to know God better in their lives if compassion is shown to them?

Would we Experience more fully God's presence if we commit to acting kindly and with compassion in every aspect of our lives?

God's Peace,  
Pastor Kim

The SEPTEMBER **ECHO** is not sponsored  
this month.



- September 4      13<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Pentecost; Last day of summer schedule.  
Holy Communion  
8:55 AM Hymn Sing  
9:00 AM worship service outside
- September 11     14<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Pentecost- Rally Day  
8:00 AM Worship Service  
9:00 AM Sunday Church School  
10:00 AM Worship Service & zoom.
- September 18     15<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Pentecost; Holy Communion  
8:00 AM Worship Service  
9:00 AM Sunday Church School  
10:00 AM Worship Service & zoom.
- September 25     16<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Pentecost-**Blessing of the Animals**  
8:00 AM Worship Service  
9:00 AM Sunday Church School  
10:00 AM Outside Worship Service with your animals.



Rally Day will be held on Sunday, September 11 with the start of our new in person Sunday School as well as presenting Bibles to our First Grade youth at the 10 AM Worship Service. Sunday School is available for anyone from kindergarten through adult. We will start classes at 9am and end at 9:45am. Children from kindergarten through grade 6 will be in one classroom using “One Room Sunday School” materials. There will also be a Jr and Sr. High class and an adult class. If there is an interest in preschoolers attending Sunday School we may also add a preschool class. There will be no service project this year. If there is anyone interested in teaching Sunday School for any age group, please contact Lucy Hartman.

The Oley Fair will be held on September 15, 16 and 17. St. Joseph’s usually volunteers on Saturday night September 17 from 4pm till closing alongside St. John’s UCC. Look for more information in the church bulletins, e-blasts and this Echo.

**Hoagie Making Sign Up Sheet** On Saturday, October 15, we will hold a hoagie sale to benefit our discretionary fund. It is important to mark this date on your calendars because we will need volunteers to make hoagies and fill orders. 15-20 people would be wonderful. Hoagie making will begin at 8:00am. There is a volunteer sheet on the bulletin board. Please sign up to help. Additionally, enclosed in the bulletin is an order form. Feel free to drop your order’s off (money due at the time of ordering) at the church office. Please share this order form with family and friends to place an order as well. **THANK YOU!**



**There are plenty of opportunities to volunteer!**

- Become part of the Council Team. We meet the third Thursday of the month. Come and be a part of your church.
- Contact Susy Yerger to volunteer to read during service.
- Contact Lucy Hartman to volunteer at the Oley Fair!

**Boyertown Alumni Marching Unit** presents a concert “No Day Shall Erase You”: A Time to Remember 9/11. The concert takes place at 2 PM on September 11th at Boyertown Middle School West located at 380 S. Madison Street. There is a freewill offering at the door however, the concert is free admission.

<b><u>Church Receipts:</u></b>	July 2022 Income	\$11,452
	July 2022 Expense	\$17,345
	July 2022 Transfer	\$6,000
	July 2022 YTD Transfer	\$21,000



**Daycare News:** “Back to School”... “Here we come”! Our children are putting away their flip flops and swim suits and replacing them with new school clothes. The center is bustling with new families that are starting for the 2022-2023 school year. We have limited openings and God has blessed the center with full classrooms. The “word of mouth referrals” from our parents and the church community is our best advertise this year and every year!

**CALLING ALL ALUMNI!** The MJ Memorial Playground is finally in the last stages. The family has requested to use the church for a service to commemorate the years that MJ Prulello served our Center. Additional information will be announced as soon as arrangements are made with the family. Students, alumni, current and former staff as well as our church family are invited.

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU... to Aiden Nunan and his Eagle Scout Project, for arranging the final surface cover and the spreading of mulch to create a safe and fun environment for the students at St. Joes. We also want to appreciate Carl Bieber and Mark Robertson for all the “handyman projects” they complete throughout the year! The staff and children are extremely grateful!

### **Corbi’s Pizza Sale:**

Order forms Due Wednesday September 14<sup>th</sup>

Delivery Wednesday, October 12<sup>th</sup>

The daycare will be participating in the “Salvation Army High Needs” drive of the church.

WE WANT TO SHARE IN THE HAPPENINGS OF THE CHURCH AND OUR CHURCH FAMILY IS ALWAYS WELCOME TO PARTICIPATE IN THE DAY CARE CENTER’S ACTIVITIES. WE APPRECIATE YOUR GIFTS, SKILLS AND TALENTS THAT YOU SHARE WITH THIS MINISTRY.

**Celebrating Youth:** We are starting something new this year. The idea is for young people or their family members to drop off highlights of the school year. Perhaps you have a sports schedule and want to highlight when your child or grandchild is playing and we can know about it and come and cheer them on. Or perhaps someone has done well in an exam, or won an award, or started in a new group or sport. Maybe your child is a gamer and wants to celebrate a new personal best or has earned something they really wanted by completing extra chores. Or someone has obtained their permit or license. Or finally grown enough to sit in the front seat. Milestones, personal bests, accomplishments our kids are proud of, anything like this they are welcome to write down and put in the box. We will begin on 9/11 by putting the box in the Narthex for families to put in their celebrations and then read them at the beginning of 10 AM worship.

### **Community Service News**

In July our congregation provided a meal of hoagies for the volunteers involved in Mission Trip Birdsboro. We received this thank you note from the mission trip team.

*Dear Folks at St. Joseph's,*

*We'd like to thank you for the wonderful dinner provided for the **Mission Trip Birdsboro and Beyond 2022** volunteers. The meal was so very welcome at the end of a long hot day and all of your efforts were greatly appreciated.*

*Thank you for all you have done to help make MTBB2022 possible!*

*Sincerely,*

*Lisa Miller on behalf of Mission Trip Birdsboro*

We would like to thank all of you who made donations of any kind in support of this project. A special thanks goes out to those of you who helped to build the hoagies.

Don Hendricks, Mark Robertson, Donald Gehris, Yogi Yerger, Michele Beekman, Anita and Greg Hoffman, Pastor Kim, Carol Barton, Darlene Weidner, Joanne Bieber, Wes and Keely Bieber, Jacob and Mackenzie Miller, and Ken and Marcia Kurtz.



There were 23 successful donors. Thanks to Pat Shaner-Christy, Kathie Gilbert, and Gretel Witkowski who took care of registrations, The next drive is Saturday, November 5th from 9 AM to 2 PM in the fellowship hall.

**Labor Day** The church office is closed on September 5th, returning Tuesday, September 6th at 10 AM. May you have a wonderful holiday.

**For emergency Pastoral Care, please contact Pastor Gene Zaiser.** Pastor Gene is covering for Pastor Kim while she is on vacation from August 29th through September 6th.

### **Council Highlights**

- Council is talking about ideas for the extra land usage next door. Council is looking for suggestions from the congregation. Please submit to your ideas to Jill via email, voice message, leave a note on church secretary's desk or contact a council team member.
- Council is monitoring the giving shortfall and expenses.
- Congregational meeting dates have been approved. November 20<sup>th</sup>: One service at 10 AM, congregational meeting immediately following service for installation of new council members and approval of the 2023 Budget.
- The congregational meeting is scheduled for February 5, 2023, one service at 10 AM, meeting immediately following discussing the Bulletin of Reports,

## SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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

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

## SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

<b>Connor &amp; Danielle Longacre</b>	<b>2 years</b>	<b>Michele &amp; Calvin Beekman</b>	<b>43 years</b>
<b>Lucille &amp; Dale Hartman</b>	<b>42 years</b>	<b>Anita &amp; Greg Hoffman</b>	<b>42 years</b>
<b>Edwin &amp; Tracy Dierolf</b>	<b>21 years</b>	<b>Karen &amp; Matthew Neumaier</b>	<b>27 years</b>

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Mrs. Jill Savory, Parish Secretary  
Mrs. Susy Yerger, Volunteer Coordinator  
Mr. Blair , Sexton  
Ms. Jen Wood, Grounds Keeper  
Mrs. Carol Barton, Organist  
Mrs. Marcia Kurtz, Music Director  
Mrs. Robin Schmale, Daycare Director: 610-367-1980

Church Office Hours: Monday - Friday.....10:00 AM–2:00 PM  
Daycare hours Monday – Friday.....6:30 AM – 6:00 PM

Time Value: 8/30/2022

