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OF
ST. JOSEPH'S HILL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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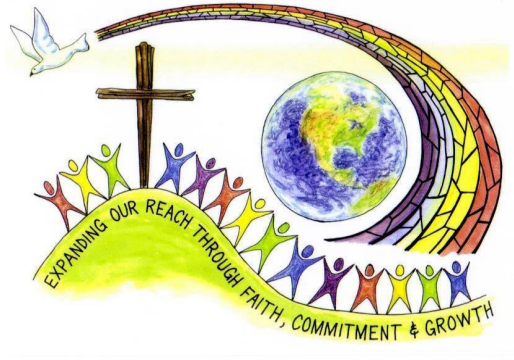
From the Pastor...

I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. —John 13:34

October is national bullying awareness month. Rates of bullying in US schools are around 20%. Some studies of tweens (ages 9-12) have higher rates of bullying at nearly 50%. (Patchin & Hinduja, 2020). Bullying has many forms: physical, verbal, social exclusion and cyber (online). Many of us are aware that bullying can have harmful effects on children and teens, but are we aware of how to help children stand up to bullies and respond to bullies? If your child or grandchild is being bullied here are ideas you can say to help them: Look at the bully and calmly tell them to STOP! Or laugh at their behavior. Tell your children to walk away and tell an adult what is happening. To prevent future instances of bullying encourage your kids to hang around adults and kids who do not bully. Listen to your kids and encourage them to talk about their feelings. Help them understand that the person bullying is in the wrong and your child is not to blame.

Preventing bullying begins with treating everyone with respect. Treating people with respect is the basis of Jesus' commandment that we love one another. Churches should be places where all people can feel safe and where kindness is lived out. This also means that adults need to model kind behavior and step in if you see bullying and tell the bully to stop. We have been through some trying times lately. Our nation seems fractured; many people are forgetting to be kind. What if we take more of an active role in promoting kindness in our community? What difference might we make if we, a group of St. Joseph's community, participated in Boyertown's Unity Walk? Or became more active in promoting Boyertown's slogan of "No Place for Hate?" What other ideas do you have for living out Jesus' commandment to love one another? I'd love to hear them!

God's Blessings!
Pastor Kim



OCTOBER WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

- October 2 17th Sunday in Pentecost – Worldwide Communion
8:00 AM Worship service
9:00 AM Sunday Church School
10:00 AM Worship Service & Zoom
- October 9 18th Sunday in Pentecost
8:00 AM Outside Worship service
9:00 AM Sunday Church School
10:00 AM Worship Service & Zoom
- October 16 19th Sunday in Pentecost
8:00 AM Outside Worship Service & Holy Communion
9:00 AM Sunday Church School
10:00 AM Worship Service & Zoom
- October 23 20th Sunday in Pentecost
8:00 AM Outside Worship Service
9:00 AM Sunday Church School
10:00 AM Worship Service & Zoom.
- October 31 **Reformation Sunday** & Holy Communion
8:00 AM Worship Service
9:00 AM Sunday Church School
10:00 AM Indoor Worship Service & Zoom.

Sunday School is available for anyone from kindergarten through adult. We 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/Sr High class and an adult class. If there is an interest in preschoolers attending Sunday School we may also add a preschool class. If there is anyone interested in teaching Sunday School for any age group, please contact Lucy Hartman.

Thrivent Choice Dollars It’s that time of year again. Please take a look at your choice dollars and allocate the funds to an organization of your choice. And please consider allocating the funds to church. If you have any questions, please contact your Thrivent Representative.



A huge thank you to Linda Kowalski, Crystal Schwenk, Ben Reichert, Mark Robertson, Christ Kline, Robin Schmale, Dennis Weller and Vicki Bentz for your dedication time and talents to your church. There are openings for congregational members to join the team. Nominations will be held at the congregational meeting in November.

Upcoming Meetings:

10/2: Hoagie Order’s Due. There is also a sing up sheet on the bulletin board if you wish to order. OR call Jill at 610-369-0990 to place your order.

10/4: Spiritual Life at 7 PM.

10/8: Fellowship Hall reserved for a Birthday Party from 12 PM to 4 PM.

10/11: Christian Education meets at 7 PM.

10/15: Hoagie Making in the fellowship hall at 8 AM.

10/16: ECHO Articles are due.

10/20: Council meeting at 7 PM.

10/30: Reformation Sunday.

Congregational Meeting Dates:

November 20th: One service at 10 AM, congregational meeting immediately following service. 1: Installation of new council members, 2: 2023 Budget.

February 5th: One service at 10 AM, congregational meeting immediately following discussing the Bulletin of Reports

Please keep the family members in prayer as we acknowledge the members who passed away in September 2022, Robert F. "Bubba" Szilli, Jr -Sept 7 and Carlie Conrad - Sept 26

WELCA is looking for women of the church who are willing to learn what WELCA is, what they do and why the group is important. If you are interested in learning more, please contact Anna Moyer at 484-524-8042 or the church office. Thank you.

Be in the know.....

- Printed copies of the readings and prayers can be found on the church desk every Sunday.
- A master copy of the bulletin is located in the copier room each Sunday.
- We are in need of volunteers. Please reach out to Susy Yerger to get involved.
- Council is looking for ideas on what to do in the future on the church property next door.
- Council members will be nominated at the congregational meeting in November. We have a great group on the team, please consider joining. No experience needed.
- One random act of kindness can change someone's day for the better.



In September, the children were amazed at the heavy machinery and digger equipment that have been working beside the church. The church and daycare has expanded space next to the new playground by removing the weeds and dead trees. Thank you to excavator Tom Updegrove and his workmen for the wonderful job of grading the church property. Mr. Updegrove also plows our snow in the winter. This opens up all kinds of opportunities to use the land that God has provided to St. Joe's.

In October, the children will be getting excited about dressing up in their favorite characters. On Monday, October 31st, the daycare will have their classroom party and a Halloween parade. The children march around the circle with eager parents and picture taking on-lookers. The daycare also decorates pumpkins and displays their classroom creations. The autumn events will include a PreK field trip with hayride and corn maze.

The Corbi fundraiser is being delivered on October 12th at noon- 6:00 PM. Church members that cannot pick up during the day, please let the office know and we can refrigerate or freeze your items for you.

Sunday, November 6th will be the dedication of the MJ Memorial Playground at the 10:00 worship. Immediately after the service, there will be a "Celebration of Life" service for MJ. Margaret Jean (MJ) Prulello was a preschool teacher and assistant director that worked for St. Josephs Day Care for over 25 years. The daycare grieved during the pandemic as she lost her battle to pancreatic cancer in 2020. We never had a chance to honor this remarkable woman who touched so many lives. In her memory we look to carry on her legacy of love and caring

with the playground she always desired for our kids. The family welcomes members of the church and the daycare community to the “Dedication of Life” service.



October Anniversaries

Doreen & Keith Hahn	40 years	Bonnie & Calvin Snyder	52 years
Jennifer & Joby Williamson	30 years	Barbara & Ernest Hilbert	63 years
Phyllis & John Cotellese	39 years	Michelle & Richard Gill, Jr.	30 years



October Birthdays

Paula Sharp	Derrick Carl
Tiffany Hahn	Matthew Neumaier
Piper Schwenk	Grant Moyer
Hunter Benfield	Delores Weiss
Dale Hartman	Mary Gehris
Brenda Mull	Michele Greer
Meghan Wensel	Kevin Hoffman
Diane Rose	Benjamin Reichert
Thomas Szilli	Marianne van der Veld
Amie Schwenk	Michael Billera-Smith
Makenzie Kuser	Lauren Wensel
Johann Foisel, Jr.	Marguerite Hobert
Joleen Szilli	Joseph Oppelt
	Calvin Beekman
Ron Seasholtz	Patricia Shaner-Christy
John Graef	Todd Lorah
Pat Bullard	Debbie Fox
Claudia Sova	Diane Brown
Michele Beekman	Kayde Clouser
Ryan Krall	Bonnie Eisenhart
Rachael Moyer	
Alixandra Kleinschmidt	
Kathleen Youse	

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Mr. Blaise Miller, Sexton
Ms. Jen Wood, Grounds Keeper
Mrs. Carol Barton, Organist
Mrs. Marcia Kurtz, Music Director
Mrs. Robin Schmale, Daycare Director

Church Office Hours: Monday - Friday.....10:00 AM–2:00 PM

Daycare hours Monday – Friday.....6:30 AM – 6:00 PM

Time Value: 9/27/2022

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