

St. John News

March 2023



William "Bill" Richard Newman

*December, 25,
1927 ~ February,
6, 2023*

*Bill was born
December 25, 1927
in Fairfield, PA to
the late Edward
and Stella Linn*

*Newman. He was born into Eternal Life:
February 6, 2023. He was married to loving
wife Grace Jane McKeever in 1953. They were
married for 65 years till her death in 2018. Bill
graduated from Fairfield HS in 1945. He
served in the US Army Air Force in WW II as
an instructor for jet engine maintenance on
the F-80 fighter. Upon returning home he
joined the family grocery store which evolved
into Newman's Super Thrift with his two
brothers. Bill was a hard-core Dodgers fan
most of his life. He was a very active member
of the Fairfield Lion's Club 60+ years and also
was a life-long member of St John Lutheran
Church, being baptized here, as well as serving
on Council, the Endowment Committee and as
Treasurer. Bill is survived by: Daughter, Jane
McCalla, (husband, Scott); Daughter, Nancy
Miller (husband, Duane) and Granddaughter:
Krista McCalla (husband, Nick) A service
celebrating Bill's life was held at St. John on
February 25, 2023.*



Prayer Chain

Pastor is trying to develop a Prayer Chain. Responsibilities would be to pray each day for everyone on the church prayer list and to receive texts, calls and emails of immediate prayer concerns. Please sign-up in

the Café area if interested. Any questions please speak to Pastor directly.



Lent and Easter Worship

During Lent you are invited to Wednesday Bible study at 10:00am in the Social Hall. Following the study we will have a soup and bread luncheon.

Palm Sunday ~ April 2nd at 9:00 am, In our worship we remember our Lord's triumphal entry into Jerusalem where he will be crucified.

Maundy Thursday ~ April 6th at 7:00 pm, We gather to remember the Last Supper in Word and Sacrament.

Good Friday ~ April 7th at 3:00 pm, We gather at 3:00 to follow our Lord to the Crucifixion with a service of readings and prayer.

Easter Morning ~ April 9th 9:00 am, We celebrate our Lord's triumphant resurrection in Word and Sacrament Breakfast 10:00 am Join us for an Easter breakfast following our worship. An egg hunt will follow breakfast so make sure the children bring their baskets.



Camp Nawakwa – our Lutheran camp in Arendtsville is currently seeking persons to serve on this summer's staff. Counselors should have graduated from High School.

There are other various positions available on ground crew and kitchen. If you are interested please check out their website at:
<https://www.lutherancamping.org/>

Click on "Employment Opportunities." If applying, please speak to Pastor Zimmerer so that he can put in a reference for you.

Welcome Paula!

Paula Sebold has been hired as our new Sexton. Paula is Becky Robinson's mother. Paula will usually be working Mondays and Thursdays. We welcome her to the St. John staff.

First Communion Class

Pastor will be conducting a "First Communion Class" on March 26th during the Sunday School hour. We have numerous young people taking communion that have never had any formal instruction. So, this will be a "catch-up class" for them, as well as a review for anyone interested. We ask that at least one parent stay with the child for the class. Pastor will open with a simple instruction geared toward the very young ones, then Carol will take the youngsters to Sunday School for music and craft. During that time Pastor will go more in depth with instruction. The youngsters will join us at the end for a wrap-up. This will be held in the Social Hall during the Sunday School hour, so the adults are also encouraged to be there. Please speak to Pastor directly with any questions.



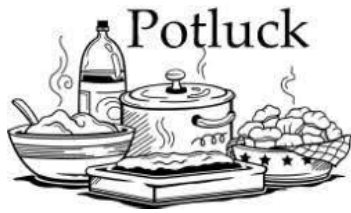
IMPORTANT INFORMATION!

*If you have a Thrivent insurance policy or any of their other investment items you will probably have Thrivent Choice Dollars that can be directed to a number of non-profit organizations. St. John, Fairfield is one of those. It does not cost you anything to direct these funds to St. John, but if you don't direct them, they just disappear. Log on to your Thrivent account and direct them. If you have questions, please speak to Pastor.

*Pastor Zimmerer is trying to get around to all our homebound members with communion before Easter. If you are homebound and would like to receive a visit and communion please contact the church office.

*Daylight Savings... Don't forget to "leap forward" one hour before you go to bed this next Saturday, March 11th

*Synod Assembly: This year's Lower Susquehanna Synod Assembly will be held June 2nd and 3rd at Trinity Lutheran, Camp Hill. June 2nd is virtual and the 3rd is in-person. If you are interested in being St. John's delegate please speak to Tammy Deardorff or Pastor Z.



On Feb. 5 a Valentine Pot Luck Supper was held at the church. More than 50 people attended. The kitchen crew provided baked ham, pineapple dressing and cherry pie for dessert. Members brought a vast array of yummy and tasty dishes. After supper the adults took part in a trivia Valentine game while the kids made a Valentine. The evening ended with a cake walk for the adults and a cupcake walks for the kids. Thank you to those who made the delicious cakes and cupcakes. A good time was had by all!



St John Women of the Church meet every 1st Tuesday of the month at 9:30. All women are invited. Any questions contact Sue @ 717-398-4297



Ruth's Harvest-Fairfield (RH-F) has had a good year so far. We are currently packing week-end bags of food for 46 students. The number of students for whom we're providing food has been fairly consistent this year. Our numbers have changed some, but not as much as in previous years. I'm not sure if that's a good thing, but we're blessed to be able to help as many students as we have.

As you've seen in your own homes, food prices for the items we put in each bag have risen this year, and donations to RH-F have been down from previous years. We continue to purchase as many of the food items as possible from the Pennsylvania Food Bank because the cost is much less than we can purchase the items elsewhere, but the availability of items is never a sure thing when we need them.

I'm not sure just how the supply chain for food works, but we've experienced unusual shortages in some areas this year. For a while carrots in the individual cups were nearly impossible to find as was peanut butter-to-go

cups or packets and saltine crackers. I don't know if it was a shortage of the food products themselves or a shortage of the packaging. We've heard both from retailers. Fortunately, those food items are now easier to find.

We've had great participation from volunteer packers and those who deliver the bags to the schools each week as well as those who have helped move food from the Food Bank to the pantry for storage, those who pick-up and deliver food from the food drop-off sites to the pantry and those who clean the pantry and keep it organized and those who give of their time to participate on the Board of Directors for RH-F. Thank you.

Thank you to all those who donate food and/or money to RH-F. Although we don't know the identity of the students who receive the weekly bags, time and time again we hear through the school counselors how grateful the families are for the food. Knowing you've helped a child even in a small way is one of the best feelings in the world.

I ask for your prayers that RH-F may continue to help the food insecure students of the Fairfield Area School District.

Respectfully submitted,

Linn Wichowski



MUSIC NEWS

With One Voice (Adults & teens) Wednesdays 6:45 - 7:30pm

Hand bells (adult & teens)

Wednesdays 7:30 -8:15pm

Vocal and instrumental solos, duets are welcome too!

Children's Choir-practices during Sunday School and/or during Kids club.

New members are always welcome in any of your music ministry groups. For more information, please contact Carol Garman 717-476-0923

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Classes for preschoolers through adults meet Sunday mornings 10:15-11:15. It's never too late for students to begin coming even if they can't be there every Sunday, we are glad to have them when they do come. Activities for preschoolers through 6th grade include Bible story, games craft, music and more.



KIDS CLUB

Children K-4 th grade are welcome to join Kids club on Thursdays, 3:45-5PM Transportation from Fairfield Elementary is available .Activities include Bible story/devotions, games, crafts, snack, singing, playing instruments and so much fun! For more information, contact Carol Garman. 717-476-0923.

Thank you to everyone who has been bringing in their aluminum cans. We received \$98.00 for the cans that were collected over the last calendar year. Proceeds go towards buying supplies & snacks for Kids Club. Clean cans (soda, beer, etc) can be dropped off in the marked box in fellowship hall or on table in Chapel.

THANK YOU!

~To everyone who participated in Adopt a Child for Christmas! We were able to provide gifts for 14 children as well as donate funds and gift cards for other families in need.

~ To everyone who donated items for the college goody bags.

~ To everyone who shared their musical talents during worship the last few months, especially Christmas Eve services.

~To all of the young people who participated in the Christmas program in December. You did a great job!



Those for Whom We Pray-Carolyn Kane, Amanda (Ley) Jarosh, Gordy Ley, Essie Gilmore, Jess Lee, Audrey Moritz, Jim Thomas, Jim & Mary Lou Hammett, Ken Fluke, Charles (Sam) Scott, Savannah Bollinger, Garnetta Shope, Faye Baker, Benny & Ruth Akers.

Help us keep the prayer list updated. Please let the office know of any names that can be removed. Names will stay on list for 30 days.



"For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them."

Matthew 18:20

