



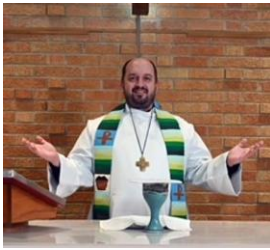
St. John's Lutheran Church

Hatboro, PA

Faith – Service – Community

Monthly News & Updates

November 2025



A Letter from Pastor Bo November 2025 The World to Come Is in Our Midst

This November will straddle that thin veil between heaven and earth. Or will maybe be like that ladder Jacob saw between heaven and earth with angels going up and down it. Our hope for something better will fuel our actions in making earth more like heaven.

November 2nd – The Righteous Will Live By Faith. This All Saints Day, we grapple with sadness and hope. Like Habakkuk, we wonder why bad things happen. But we look with expectation, knowing that no one will be lost, and that one day we will be reunited with or loved ones. Zacchaeus shows us what it looks like to live by faith.

November 9th – Something So Much Better. God promises a new Temple to come that will be more glorious than the former Temple, and it will be filled with treasures of all nations. The Sadducees couldn't imagine an afterlife, because they couldn't figure out how marriage would work. Jesus promises that everything we love about married life will be included in, yet transcended by, God's coming age.

November 16th – New Creation. Isaiah gives us a picture of a new creation over which death does not hold sway. But Jesus calls for endurance while the old creation is crumbling around us.

November 23rd – Christ Will Lead Us There. In a world of extremely bad leadership, we have a leader who gets on the cross alongside of us, and promises us Paradise.



Our Mission:

To be a loving, accepting community centered on growing in Christ.

Our Vision:

To give people a place to belong at any stage of their journey with God.



Important Dates in November

November 2 – All Saints
Sunday

November 15 – Holiday
Bazaar

November 16 – Youth Sunday

November 23 – Hatboro
Holiday Parade

November 29 – Hanging the
Greens

November 30 – Advent Family
Night

A Letter from Pastor Bo – Continued.

November 30th – Bring to Christ, Lead Like Christ. This First Sunday of Advent is also the Feast of St. Andrew. Andrew is known as the person who enthusiastically introduced his brother Simon Peter to Jesus. The other Advent texts enthusiastically usher us into the presence of a holy and good God.

Soli Deo Gloria!

Grace and peace,

Pastor Bo



A Letter from the Community Outreach Ministry Team:

The Community Outreach Ministries would like to thank the Congregation for again supporting our August Backpack and School Supplies collection and our September Fall Harvest for the St. John's Community Cupboard.

We are now gearing up for our Thanksgiving and Christmas projects.

Grace Lutheran is our first November project. We will be collecting both food and gift cards. Look for information in the Weekly Announcements.

Next is the Hatboro Holiday Parade. St. John's plays an important role in this, as we are at the gathering place for many different organizations participating in the Parade. We supply hot dogs, coffee, hot chocolate, water, and snacks, as well as warm place to hang out and the extremely important restrooms. We will have a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board for anyone who would like to help or donate cookies and snacks.

Our final project is the Giving Tree. This will be set up in the Narthex with cards on it with items, gift cards, etc. that will be shared with a Women's Place, The Breathing Room, and Valley Youth House in Warminster.

Thank you again for your continued support and if you are interested in joining our Committee we will be having a meeting sometime in January. We always welcome new members and new ideas!

Community Outreach Ministries

Food Pantry Report

September brought an increase in client visits. We served 414 families during the month and registered 25 new families.

We continue to restock using the MAHN grant in addition to the generous donations received from our partner churches as well as Riverside Church in Horsham who completed a food drive that was split between Willow Grove Baptist and our cupboard. The Women's Ministry of St. John's also conducted a food drive during September that helped stock our shelves with much needed items. The Grocery Outlet food drive is scheduled for October 11 and 12 from 10:00 AM until 2:00 PM. The food pantry team leaders and volunteers will be greeting the shoppers and provide a list of most needed items for the pantry. We will have leaders at the exit door to collect the donations from the shoppers and bring them back to the pantry.

We received several large cash donations from private donors, our partner churches, as well as the Hatboro Rotary. We are truly blessed to receive these unexpected but most welcome donations.

We have been blessed to add a new driver to our list of volunteers. He came in to meet with us on Tuesday and we put him right to work on Wednesday picking up Garden of Health donations with CJ.

We continue to search for a substitute team leader. We are confident that God will provide the right person in His time.

As always we are grateful for our volunteers and all of the organizations that support us in our efforts to food to those most in need.



Hatboro Community Cupboard Most Needed Items

Canned Meat (tuna, chicken, etc)

Knorr Side Dishes

Stove Top Stuffing Mix

Cranberry Sauce

Turkey Gravy

Instant Mashed Potatoes

Canned Onion Rings

Hamburger Helper

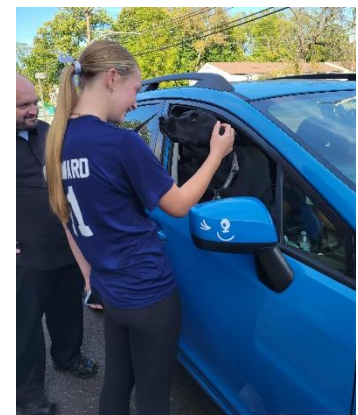
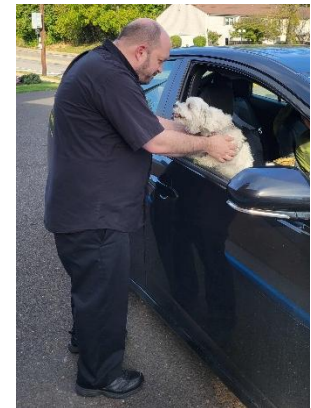
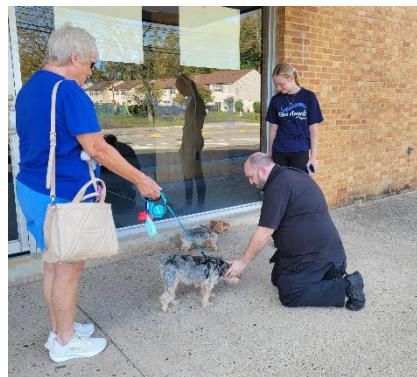
Rice a Roni

In addition to food and toiletry donations, the Community Cupboard is looking for donations of metal cabinets to hold our inventory.

LAST MONTH

Pet Blessing

We loved seeing all of your pets, and praying over them that they continue to be a blessing in all our lives!



Youth News & Events



Join us for Sunday School! Bring your child to Sunday School on Sunday mornings at 10 am. All kids ages 3 (and potty trained) through 6th grade are welcome to join us! Youth in grades 7 and up are invited to help teach the younger kids!

Lesson Schedule:

November 2 – The Red Sea

November 9 – The Plagues

November 16 – *No Sunday School*

November 23 – The Fiery Furnace

November 30 – *No Sunday School*



Youth Group is held on the third Saturday of every month at 6:30 pm, from September – May.

This month's event will be a Friendsgiving dinner in Fellowship Hall on Saturday, November 15th. Bring a side or dessert to share!

Youth Sunday

Our Sunday School children and Confirmands will be leading worship on Sunday, November 16th. There will be no Sunday School that day. Instead, children should come to the Sanctuary and sit in the front pew.

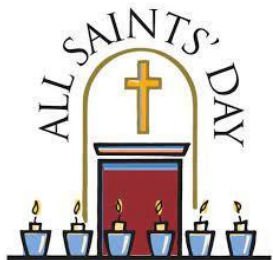
Please let Sunday School teachers know as soon as possible whether your child(ren) will be able to attend, so we can assign parts accordingly.



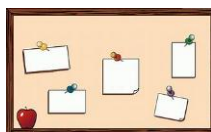
We are inviting all students entering 7th or 8th grade this fall, or those in high school who would like to be confirmed, to join our confirmation class this fall!

This month's classes will be on Sunday, **November 16th** in Fellowship Hall, from 6:30 – 8pm.

CHURCH NEWS



All Saints Sunday is on **November 2nd** this year, and we are collecting photos of loved ones for the windows in the Narthex. There will be tape in the Narthex through the month of October for you to put up your photos. The office kept photos from the past year, and will put them up at the beginning of October.



Next Newsletter Deadline

The deadline for the December Newsletter is **November 15th**. Please send any events, notes, or volunteer opportunities to Ashdon at office@silch.org.



Holiday Candle Sale

Fellowship Connections is working with the Langhorne Candle Company to support an exciting fund-raiser event! There will be a table set up in the Narthex with over forty candle samples. Two types of candle sizes are available to purchase. 8-ounce is \$11.00, and 16-ounce is \$18.00.

It runs through November 2, 2025.

Please return your order form along with cash on November 1 or November 2, 2025. A member from Fellowship Connections will be collecting the order forms and cash for your candle order.

Friendly reminder, please use caution while managing the candles. The candles are on loan from the Langhorne Candle Company.



Join us on **Saturday, November 15th** from **10 am – 2 pm** for our holiday bazaar!

There will be crafters, vendors, and a raffle, as well as food trucks! Share our posts on social media, and spread the word to friends and family to help make this event a success!



Faith Explorers

The next Faith Explorers meeting will be **November 20th at 6 pm** at the Break Time Diner on York Road.



Hatboro Holiday Parade

Come walk with us in the Hatboro Holiday parade on Sunday, **November 23rd**! Reach out to the office for more details!



Team Spirit Fundraiser

Fellowship Connections invites you to support the air conditioning fundraiser while showing off your team spirit! Pay \$5.00 and wear your favorite team jersey the Saturday and Sunday of a home game for the Philadelphia Eagles! We will have mini paper footballs for you to sign your name and show off your support for the fundraiser, along with showing off your sports attire! A member of the Fellowship Connections Committee will be collecting \$5.00 before and after **Saturday and Sunday services** during the weekends of Eagles home games: **In November, that's November 15-16** If you decide to wear Dallas Cowboys attire, there will be a double charge for you!! Just joking! Everyone is welcome to wear their favorite team jersey! No worries at all if you do not own a jersey or sports attire. You can still donate towards the air conditioning unit!



Book Club

Come join us at book club! We meet monthly and discuss the book of the month. Each member chooses a book and we rotate through each member. Our next book for book club is "Michael without Apology" by Cathryn Ryan Hyde. We'll meet on **Sunday, December 7th at 1 pm** in the church library.



Join us on **Sunday, November 30th at 5 pm** for our annual Advent Family Night potluck dinner. Join us for fun Minute-to-Win-It games, and dress like your teammates for more fun! Sign up on the bulletin board to attend.



Poinsettia Dedications

Dedication forms for Christmas poinsettias will be attached to bulletins as well as loose on the Hospitality Table. Poinsettias are \$25 each this year. Please turn your dedications into the office **no later than December 1st**.



Advent Wreath Readers

We need families or groups of friends to sign up to read short readings and light the candles of the Advent wreath during each service in Advent. There will be a sign-up sheet on the Hospitality Table.



Congregational Budget Meeting

We will be holding a meeting to approve the 2025 budget on **Sunday, December 7th**, after the 10:00 worship service. Please attend so we can approve the budget before the New Year! This meeting is in addition to our Annual Meeting in January.



Air Conditioning Fundraiser

We are anticipating that we will need to replace the sanctuary's air conditioner next year, and it's time to get a head start on fundraising! We are aiming to raise \$100,000, and as of the end of August we have raised over \$11,000! Please mark your donations for the air conditioner, and watch our progress on the thermometer in the Narthex!



Dinner and a Show

We will once again be putting on Bob Evans' original musical *Joseph & Mary* this Advent! On **December 20th**, join us for dinner and a show. Stay tuned for more details.

Thank You!

Thank you very much for the flowers and many cards following my recent surgery. It has been a busy health time for me, but I am doing well because of all your prayers, good thoughts and get well wishes. God is Good!! Thank you.

Allison Hudson

Finance Corner:

End of September 2025 Deficit Update

Year-to-Date Financial Status through 9/30/25	
Income	\$272,139.15
Expenses	\$297,122.58
Deficit	\$24,983.43

VOLUNTEER



Committee Members Needed

We need members for the following committees:

Altar Guild - We are looking for volunteers to join Altar Guild. Can you set up for a communion service and put away everything after the service? You will be working alongside someone that is an experienced team member. Set up and take down for communion takes approximately 40 minutes each time. Altar Guild is looking for members to help us out every four to five weeks. Contact the church office or Chris Brinkworth at 267-474-1395.

Coffee Hour - Coffee Hour is offered every Sunday following the 10:00 service in Fellowship Hall. Volunteers are needed for coffee hour. The teams make coffee and put out snacks, and clean up and put away after. Currently once every 3 weeks until we are able to add an additional team. Contact Marcie Diver. Thank you.

Property Committee - The Property Committee is inviting members of St. John's to consider joining the committee. This committee is responsible for the church building, the church grounds, as well as the building and grounds at 457 Crescent Rd (parsonage). Committee needs are currently most often handled by email contact. Check the tab for committees on the church website to see the postings of what has been done each month. If you are interested in joining, please contact the office.

Women's Ministry - Our Women's Ministry program is going to be "Re-imagined." We are looking for volunteers to join our committee to help plan future Women's Ministry activities and events. Please consider volunteering and being part of the future of Women's Ministry at St. John's. If you are interested, please see Carolyn Kircher or Pastor Bo, or email Carolyn Kircher at kirchercj615@verizon.net.



Help Wanted

Are you...

- a Confirmand who needs to meet your Worship Participation requirements?
- a student looking for Community Service Opportunities?
- someone interested in learning a new skill and helping out behind the scenes?

We would love your help running the cameras, lights, and sound equipment that take our weekend and online services to the next level! Please reach out to the church office if you're interested in joining the Media Team!



Check Out Our Website!

Please find us at www.stjohnslutheranhatboro.org to stay up to date on what's happening at St. John's! Find Pastor Bo's sermons, upcoming events, and information about the church and the food pantry, and more!

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