

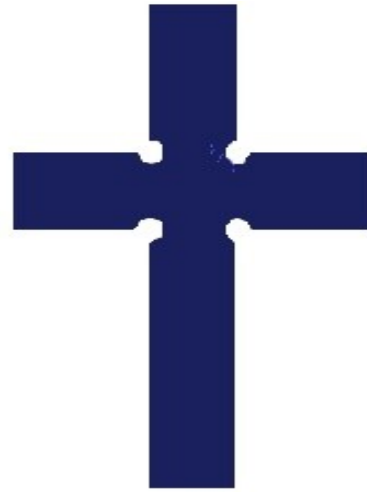
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St Jacobi Lutheran Church
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Shohola, PA 18458
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Sunday Service 11 am
Church School 10 am

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We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.



We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

IMPORTANT DATES:

SEPT 4th- Ladies Aid meeting 5:30
SEPT 5th- COUNCIL MEETING 7PM
SEPT 8TH- Outdoor Service & Picnic & Packing Operation Christmas Child.
SEPT 29th- Retreat All Church Members are invited to attend
OCT 13th- CHURCH SCHOOL STARTS
NOV 17th- Congregational Meeting
NOV 24th-Thanksgiving Service and Dinner on the Sunday before Thanksgiving – at St. Ann's.
DEC 8th- Our Annual Community Christmas Concert 3pm
22nd- German Christmas Service 3 pm
24th- CHRISTMAS EVE 5 PM

WHAT IS HAPPENING:

Please remember our local food pantries. Food donations are always welcomed, also toothpaste & toothbrushes, soaps, etc.



SEPT 24TH AT 7 PM...
ALL VOICES & AGES ARE WELCOMED!!!



OUTDOOR SERVICE & PICNIC -- SEPT 8th.

Bring your favorite picnic food to share.
Hot dogs, Burgers & drinks are provided.

Invite your family, neighbors & friends.

We will be packing shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child. (after the picnic)



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAY

4 - Lotty Hoff
8 - Tina Cassidy
20- Dotty Luca

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARY

18- Anne & Bruce Rajwasser

OCTOBER BIRTHDAY

2- Linda Moret
4- Al Schmidt
6 -Bruce Rajwasser
12- Joy Stebbins
12 Hella Nifonotoff
13- Elizabeth Protsko
23- Matthew Protsko

If you would like your Birthday, Anniversary or special date listed please contact Grace Criscione.
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Memo from the Bridgepoint Clergy Member,

The **Blue & White Service** will be **Sunday, September 29th at 2:00 p.m.** at St.

ST JACOBI COUNCIL MEETING:

Highlights from the July 11, 2019 meeting.

Attendees at the meeting were Nick Luca, Joe Criscione, Dotty Luca, Elfriede Galuschak, Ingrid Vogel, Chris Protsko, Bruce Rajswasser, Anne Rajswasser.

Approved the minutes of the council meeting held May 2, 2019.

Approved the April 2019 Treasurer's Report.

Approved the May 2019 Treasurer's Report.

Newsletter - Newsletter will be issued bi-monthly.

Celebrated the Confirmation of Chris Cassidy on June 3, 2019. Congratulations Chris.

Planned Sunday School Celebration plans -

Confirmation Kelsey Cassidy June 2021.

Bio's for council and members will continue to be published in the Newsletter, as they are prepared. Announcement will be made at Sunday service for anyone in the congregation to submit a Bio for publication in the Newsletter. Looking forward to reading them.

At the end of the meeting under New Business, Nick Luca announced his resignation as President of the Church Council effective end of day July 11, 2019. Resignation was accepted. A formal letter was requested and will be submitted.

Upcoming Events:

2019 - Photo Array of Members project. Committee members are Bettina Zidek Roa, Chris Protsko, Bruce and Anne Rajswasser. Project is ongoing and is scheduled to be completed shortly.

July 21, 2019 - Operation Christmas Child (OCC) Christmas in July kickoff.

September 8, 2019 - Outdoor service and picnic lunch.

December 8, 2019 - Christmas Concert, 3:00 p.m.

December 22, 2019 - German Christmas Service, 3:00 p.m.

December 24, 2019 - Christmas Eve Service, 5:00 p.m.

ST JACOBI COUNCIL MEMBERS:

President: Bruce Rajswasser: email: brajswasse@msm.com—Church School teacher & Seafarer's Missions

V Pres.— Joe Criscione- 845 856 8912 email: stewburn@hvc.rr.com— Property Mgmt. & Maintenance

Treasurer-Dotty Luca-570-559-7489 email: dottyluca@yahoo.com

Secretary— Anne Rajswasser: email: dragonfly389@msm.com—church school teacher & Seafarer's Missions

Fritzie Galuschak-570-559-7406 —

Petra Kluge— email: pxkluge@yahoo.com — Financial Secretary, Ecumenism Ministry, & OCC

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Ingrid Vogel - 570-559-7206 email: vogelink@aol.com — Worship & Music /Quilters

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Council Update:

After almost two decades of service to St Jacobi as President, Nick Luca has resigned from office. During the interim, Bruce Rajswasser will be president and Joe Criscione will be vice president.

The council will be reorganizing and be looking for people to join the council. At present we are looking for officers to serve a 1 year term starting January 2020, with the ballot being presented at the annual meeting.

Positions needed this year are as follows:

President
Vice president
Secretary - Council & Recording
Assistant Treasurer - to Treasurer in 2021
6 at large Council member

Anyone with interest please see Bruce for details.

During this time of reorganization we need all the help we can get. We will be starting a marketing and activity program so if you want to help, just talk to any council member.

Worship Committee

The Council would like to thank all of you, who have been willing to be readers for our Sunday services. We really appreciate it. Now we are asking for people willing to help with the ushering. We will train you!!!! There are several tasks that need to be done before, during, and after the service that are now totally performed by council members. We would really like to get the congregation more involved. So please, if you are willing to help, talk to any council member.
Thank you and God bless.

News from the President:

Thank you for your support! At times this seems like a runaway roller-coaster and I can't find the brake. But I have slowed it down and am starting to get control. During the next few months you will see a lot of changes. I am looking for help in many ways, as Joe mentioned Sunday. Things will be changing and we need the whole membership to help.

There are some upcoming events that we will need help for. In the next few weeks we will be taking pictures of members for a project so please be ready for a picture each Sunday.

The next big event is September 8th the annual pot luck picnic which will be also include an Operation Christmas Child event so come and enjoy a little food, fellowship and community service.

On September 29th after service, we will have a church retreat lead by Pastor Niels Nielson and members for the synod to help St Jacobi reorganize and move forward.

Sunday school will start on October 13 at 10:00. As you all know, we use the one school house method, so we will welcome students from age 5 and up. We currently have one continuing Confirmation student. All students are welcome.

It seems like a lot is happening and it is but the council is ready to help the church thrive though this challenging time.

Upcoming Dates

Thursday, September 5th - Church Council meeting all welcome to attend, 7pm

Sunday, September 8th - Annual picnic and service event, 11am

Sunday, September 29th - After service Council Retreat ,

OPEN TO ALL MEMBERS, 12:30 to 4 pm



SAYING THANK YOU TO:

Nick Luca has been instrumental in the smooth running of St. Jacobi for a long time. It is to his leadership, we as congregants owe so much thanks and appreciations for his time and his talent and I will miss his calm and jovial demeanor in the monthly council meetings. Petra Kluge

As President of the council for almost two decades Nick Luca was always there to help and make sure that St. Jacobi ran smoothly.

Apart from his many duties including organizing council meetings and the general upkeep of the church, he always gave equal time and consideration to anyone who wanted it. He will be sorely missed. Fritzie Galuschak

Nick Luca. Dotty Luca. One cannot mention one of them, without mentioning the other. What makes St. Jacobi so unique, is that our little church is truly a family affair!! As many couples in our church, what one of us gets into, our significant other has our back, in one way or another. So it is with the Lucases. Nick and Dotty both, were gracious enough, when they joined our church, to get involved immediately. Nick took on the responsibility of the Presidency of the St. Jacobi Council, and Dotty the Treasurer's position. At the time, I think that was the best thing to happen to St. Jacobi, having a fresh set of eyes and ears, that weren't born into or a part of the church for the majority of their adult lives. Not that that is a bad thing, only in the fact that new ideas are healthy and are needed for growth. Nick and Dotty both brought that with them.

Now Dotty, I have to separate you two for a brief moment, as I was asked to write about Nick!! Nick is a wonderful business person, who always handled issues with so much professionalism. I felt that when there were any sensitive issues, Nick always stayed professional and kept the Council on an even emotional keel. I always looked forward to working for Nick. I know that he wasn't my "boss", but I always felt safe in our discussions. I truly believe that it is because he's an extremely good leader. He is a very involved person in our community. Nick, you left us with hard shoes to follow, and we will do our best to keep up with that. No doubt we learned from one of the most professional people I will ever meet.

Thank you for a really good run!! We all appreciate the blood, sweat, and tears that you put into our beautiful little church in Shohola. We hope that we continue to see you and Dotty at St. Jacobi for many years to come. Now Dotty, you're not off the hook yet, (Thank Goodness) so I will be seeing you at council meetings for awhile.

With much sincerity, Thank you! Chris Protsko

Having work with Nick for a very, very, very long time on the newsletter, I will miss Nick's guidance and always being on time. Enjoy your retirement & see you on Sundays as a civilian. God Bless! Grace

*****Nick**, our fearless leader! You will be greatly missed! Thank you for all of your untiring efforts to keep everyone cool, calm, and collected when needed the most! You have always tried to infuse humor, kindness, and most of all, patience in every situation that you have been a part of, and it has been greatly appreciated! You have kept our council meetings fun and full of good nature! ☐☐☐ You never pressured us and always had an innate understanding of human relations to help everyone work together for the benefit of the church. Thank you, thank you, thank you! Your shoes will certainly be hard to fill! I hope you can relax a little and "let your hair down" without all the pressures of running the council, lol! We couldn't have asked for a better President all these years and are very sad to see you go. Best of everything in your second retirement! Lots of love and appreciation, Bettina ***





Nick Luca...

Nick Luca has been our President of Council for, I can't remember. Probably 15 to 18 years. I'm sure someone has the exact dates. I remember asking him to be our President a long time ago. It was right after Arlen Trapp resigned because of the congregations vote to stay with ELCA. Arlen being Missouri Synod would not stay on as President. Nick took the job, Nick was not even a member of St. Jacobi at the time. He was coming to church with his wife Dotty Luca and everyone was impressed with his presence. He seemed like the perfect person for the job, and he was. Nick took the job, for which I was grateful. He had no idea what was involved but took over being our President anyway.

Nick has the ability to make everything run smooth. His experience with leading people and meetings is unmatched. He could smooth over the worst problems and make everyone realize how trivial their dilemma could be. We never had a argument or disagreement while he was our President. I actually looked forward to council meetings with Nick in charge.

Nick went far above just being President, he was always there to help me with repairs or organizing a project. He took care of maintenance with the church and parsonage when I was not available and never complained. Over the years we have had some major projects and he was always there to help with his hands and his mind. He got involved with almost all facets of the operation of the church.

Nick treated everyone with respect and never had a bad word for anyone, even when it was just 'us'. He accepted all of us for what we were. He realized we were all volunteers and doing our best for the church, just like himself.

I am proud to call Nick my friend and hope he stays around a long time.

JOB WELL DONE, NICK, THANK YOU FROM THE COUNCIL AND THE
CONGREGATION OF ST.JACOBI Joe Criscione V.P.



Saying prayers for:

Ashley Cobb
Brian Becker
Alfred Loeser
Sandra Faro
Tom Vogel & family
Keith Blaut
Bob & Valerie Cocchi
Hank Prigge
Bud Ray
Erin McCotter
Krischan Vogel
Shirley Kelly
George Nieke
Robert Breuer
Paula Schlichter
Ari Deutsch
Ingrid Vogel
Trish Mead

Chris Protsko
Katherine O'Toole
Fran Nelson
Mark Pellettiere
Lottie Hof
Janice Iaccovino
Bob Mead
Rene Farrar
Lisa & TQ Smith
Nick Pellettiere
Cheryl Jurgens
Mark Scaramastro
Tessie Stover
Anna Marie Peterson
Kyle Petersen
Jackie Mundy
Anne Widelock
Pat McAuliffe-Hunkele

Pat Friedrich
Rev Paul Spohn
Barbara Scocossi
Lynn Salvati
Joe Carver
Peter
Alma L Brown Keller
Marion Finch
Bianca Aran
Donald Colburn
E.B. Herling
Roseann Prigge
Marc DaVita
Louise Kuhn
Mike Hoey
Hope Traver
Lieselotte Hannemann
Witt Davis

PLEASE HELP KEEP THIS LIST CURRENT- Please contact, Grace Criscione, if you wish to add and/or remove a name on the prayer list. I can be reached at 845 856 8912, or email: purplegrace@hvc.rr.com or stjacobicouncil@yahoo.com.
Thank you in advance for your co-operation with keeping this list current.



Send Cards to our friends:

Lottie Hof, is recuperating in Milford Convalescent Home.

Milford Sr Care, 264 Rte. 6 & 209, Milford, PA 18337 - She loves visitors.

Ms. Wilma Brown- PO Box 152, Eldred, N.Y. 12732-0152

Rev & Mrs. Paul Spohn, Rm 130, Luther Crest, 800 Hausman Rd, Allentown, PA 18104

Mrs. Lieselotte Hannemann, 107 Hannemann Lane, Shohola PA 18458

Shine a little light into their lives by reaching out to them. If you know of others that would like to be included please contact: Dotty Luca 570-559-7489

You'rx nxxdxd!

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(X- E Your're Needed!)



Helping our neighbors:

Good Cheer Food Pantry

Located in St. Luke's Center (the lower level of St. Luke Pre-School) is open the First Sunday of each month from 10:30-11:30 AM. Thanks to all who donate their time, food and money...? It is truly appreciated. This is such a great service to our community! **PLEASE NOTE:** For further information please call 570- 226-3966. If your call is answered by an answering machine, please leave your name and a valid telephone number and a volunteer will call back.

Mission Support This year we are sponsoring Krystle Moraska-Madrussen who serves in Argentina/Uruguay. Krystle is the Young Adults in Global Mission Country Coordinator for young adult volunteers serving in Argentina & Uruguay. She works with the companion church, the IELU, to support the relationships they have with United States & Canada based groups. Her contact info: Camacua 282, 1406 DOF BuneonAires, Argentina or email: Krystle.moraska@elca.org

Operation Christmas Child Remember when shopping to pick up items for the shoe boxes. Thanks to Petra for chairing this great outreach.

Quilters: Remember that the Wednesday quilters (GOODWILL PIECE MAKERS) will meet Wednesdays at 9:00 a.m. @ St Jacobi's social hall; they do quilts for the different charities, shelters and homeless in Pike County and surrounding areas. Anyone interested in joining them in this endeavor would be so welcome. You don't have to be a quilter to help this group with their sewing. For information call Linda Moret: 570-559-7257 or Ingrid Vogel: 570-559-7206

Ladies Aid News: meeting Sept 4, 5:30 pm. New members are always welcomed. Come & join in the fun....



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD- SHOE BOX PACKING

In order for us to have a successful OCC shipment this year, I am asking that we move up a few things. I will be collecting cash donations through October 13th and donations of boxes and box items by October 31st. We will still pack the last of the boxes on November 11th but also pack boxes on our picnic, Sunday September 8th. The details of that Sunday are still being ironed out and I will inform you of the plan prior to the picnic.

Shopping List:

Small toys for girls and boys
Notebooks (not full sized)
Pencils
Pens
Calculators (with batteries, solar is better)
Toothbrushes
2 cup screw top containers
Combs
Hair care for girls
Cars
Flip flops (if you can find them)
Small Stuffed animals

Thank you,
Petra

September 2019



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 11 am service	2 	3 Quilters 9am	4 Quilters 9am- Ladies Aid 5:30 pm	5	6	7
8 11 am service  OCC packing boxes after picnic	9 Lions club 7:30 pm 	10 Quilters 9am	11 Quilters 9am 	12	13	14
15 11 am service	16	17 Quilters 9am	18 Quilters 9am	19	20	21
22 11 am service	23 	24 Quilters 9am Choir 7 pm	25 Quilters 9am	26	27	28
29 11 am service	30					

October 2019



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Quilters 9am Choir 7 pm	2 Quilters 9am	3	4	5
6 11 am service	7	8 Quilters 9am Choir 7 pm	9 Quilters 9am	10	11	12
13 10 am Church School 11 am service	14 Lions club 7:30 pm  Columbus Day 	15 Quilters 9am Choir 7 pm	16 Quilters 9am	17	18	19
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