

Saint John's Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Our Mission

St. John congregation, responding to the call of the Holy Spirit through the Gospel, unites together to preach and teach the Word, administer the sacraments, and carry out God's mission. With God's guidance and grace, we strive to boldly proclaim by word and action the reconciling Gospel of Jesus: Working together for justice and peace, and caring for those in need in our community and world. We invite everyone to join us wherever you are on your faith journey.

Adopted December 8, 2013

Serving Today

The Rev. Thomas G. Bruner, Jr.	Pastor
Laurie Little	Young Christians Minister
Dana Klouser	Holy Communion Assistant
Delmar and Ginny Enders	Altar Guild Preparation
Judy Ferree	Organist
Ty Troutman	Senior Choir Director
Dana Klouser	Lector
Ron and Bonnie Erb	Greeters
Caroline and Stella DeSoto	Acolytes
Craig Peters	Lead Usset
Joshua Paul	Council President

For the month of April, our support of the **Celebrate Insert** and **Tree 4 Hope** is presented by Ty and Kim Troutman in memory of Ty's father Paul "Silas" Troutman whose birthday was in April. Our support of one pastor for one month in the **Konde Diocese of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania** is sponsored for April by Amber & Aaron Schreffler and Family in loving memory of David & Aleta Schreffler.

This week's **Altar Flowers** are presented by Delmar and Ginny Enders to the Glory of our Risen Lord in honor of our wedding anniversary.

Welcome to all who are worshipping with us this morning. If you are a visitor, please sign our guest book in the foyer. As we celebrate our Lord's Supper, we welcome to our table all baptized Christians who have received the sacrament in their home congregations. All persons who do not yet commune are invited to come forward to receive a blessing. Please worship with us again and join in other congregational family activities!

Sunday Morning Liturgy – ELW Setting 10

God Gathers Us in Prayer and Praise

Organ Prelude and Silent Prayer

Easter Proclamation:

P: Christ is risen!
C: HE IS RISEN INDEED!
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Opening Hymn #365 "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"

Apostolic Greeting:

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
C: AND ALSO WITH YOU.

Prayer of the Day

We Hear God's Word

First Reading: Acts 10:34-43

Psalm: 118:1-2, 14-24

Second Reading: Colossians 3:1-4

*Gospel Acclamation (sung in unison):

ALLELUIA! LORD AND SAVIOR: OPEN NOW YOUR SAVING WORD. LET IT BURN LIKE FIRE WITHIN US; SPEAK UNTIL OUR HEARTS ARE STIRRED. ALLELUIA! LORD WE SING FOR THE GOOD NEWS THAT YOU BRING. (Pg. 205)

*Gospel: John 20:1-18

Response after the reading is announced: **GLORY TO YOU, O LORD.**

Response after the reading is concluded: **PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST.**

Young Persons Go with Miss Laurie for Celebration Time

Sermon

We Respond to All That God Gives Us

Announcements

*Nicene Creed

*Prayers of the Church

Musical Anthem by Senior Choir

*Offertory Hymn (#182) (sung as gifts are brought forward):

LET THE VINEYARDS BE FRUITFUL LORD, AND FILL TO THE BRIM OUR CUP OF BLESSING. GATHER A HARVEST FROM THE SEEDS THAT WERE SOWN, THAT WE MAY BE FED WITH THE BREAD OF LIFE. GATHER THE HOPES AND DREAMS OF ALL; UNITE THEM WITH THE PRAYERS WE OFFER NOW. GRACE OUR TABLE WITH YOUR PRESENCE AND GIVE US A FORETASTE OF THE FEAST TO COME.

*Offertory Prayer:

P: Let us pray... our Savior and Lord. All: **AMEN.**

We Share in God's Supper

*Great Thanksgiving (spoken):

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **AND ALSO WITH YOU.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: **WE LIFT THEM TO THE LORD.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: **IT IS RIGHT TO GIVE OUR THANKS AND PRAISE.**

P: ...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

*We Respond in Praise (sung in unison):

**HOLY, HOLY, HOLY LORD, GOD OF POWER AND MIGHT, HEAV'N AND EARTH
ARE FULL OF YOUR GLORY. HOSANNA IN THE HIGHEST. BLESSED IS HE
WHO COMES IN THE NAME OF THE LORD. HOSANNA IN THE HIGHEST,
HOSANNA IN THE HIGHEST. (Pg. 207)**

*Eucharistic Prayer:

P: ...we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

All Sing: **CHRIST HAS DIED. CHRIST IS RISEN. CHRIST WILL COME AGAIN.
(Pg. 207)**

P: ...be all honor and glory in your Holy Church, now and forever.

All Sing: **AMEN, AMEN, AMEN. (Pg. 207)**

*Our Lord's Prayer – traditional version on right Pg. 208

We Partake of Our Lord's Supper (As we share in the sacrament, please join in singing
the praise song "O Lamb of God" on Pg. 208)

*Post Communion Blessing:

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen us and keep us in his
grace.

All: **AMEN**

God Sends Us to Share the Good News

*Post Communion Hymn (#204) (sung):

**THANKFUL HEARTS AND VOICES RAISE; TELL EVERYONE WHAT GOD HAS
DONE. LET ALL WHO SEEK THE LORD REJOICE AND BEAR CHRIST'S HOLY
NAME. SEND US WITH YOUR PROMISES AND LEAD YOUR PEOPLE FORTH
IN JOY WITH SHOUTS OF THANKSGIVING. ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA!**

*Post Communion Prayer:

P: Let us pray... Christ our Lord.

All: **AMEN**

*Blessing and Dismissal:

P: Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless us now and forever.

All: **AMEN**

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

All: **WE WILL! THANKS BE TO GOD!**

*Closing Hymn #376 "Thine Is the Glory"

*Organ Postlude and We Depart to Serve

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* Please stand, if able to do so.

Easter Flowers 2023

Presented By:

Shannon & Aaron Troutman

In honor of our greatest blessing Malorie Lily
In memory of Grandma & Pap Motter, Pappy Ron Spangler, Pap
Jim Troutman

Carol & Dale Hassinger

In honor of the Risen Lord

Randy & Sandy Paul & Family

To the Glory of God in honor of our Risen Savior!
In loving memory of our parents, Dorothy & Jacob Hassinger and
Bob Paul, by Randy & Sandy Paul

Mary Ann & Dennis Smeltz

In memory of our parents

Marilyn & Ira Antes

For the many blessings of Easter & the celebration of our Lord's
resurrection

Kim & Barry Williard Jr.

In honor of Madeline, Olivia & Matt Williard
In honor of Courtney, Rob & Grayson Foreman
In honor of Barb & Barry Williard
In memory of Lovel & Paul Welker

Michael Henninger & Pam Kosier

In loving memory of Henry & Lorraine Henninger and Brianne Kosier

LuAnn Ressler

In memory of her husband, Jeff Ressler, and her parents Juney and
Mary Yeager

Chris and Dana Klouser

In memory of their beloved parents: Richard Klouser, Jean Kessler,
and Juney & Mary Yeager

Sheila & Brian Barder & Family

In honor of the Risen Lord and for our many blessings

Today, Sunday, April 9

Day of Prayer for Peace with Justice, Beginning in the Middle East

6:30am Brief Outdoor Sunrise Worship
9am Adult Bible Study (In-Person)
9am Youth Group Bible Time (In-Person)
9am SONday Celebration (In-Person)
10:15am Worship, Including Holy Communion and Celebration Time with Miss Laurie
for Young Persons In-Person (In-Person and On Zoom)

From early this afternoon until late Tuesday evening, Pastor Tom is planning to take some time away. In his absence, Pastor Godfred Effisah (pronounced eh-FEE-suh), who serves the Rife/Killinger Parish, will be on call for any emergency needs for pastoral care. Should you need to get in touch with him, please call Fay Nichols, our Telephone Prayer Chain Coordinator, at 717-329-7447, who will both place the concern on the prayer chain and contact Pastor Godfred. Or, Pastor Godfred can be reached directly by calling 571-572-0119. For all non-emergency matters, Pastor Tom will plan to be back in the office as usual on Wednesday morning.

Monday, April 10

Pastor Tom Taking Monthly Extra Day Off

9am "Blanket Bunch" Blanket Making for Lutheran World Relief

Join the Youth Group for a FREE showing of the PG rated movie...

FAMILY CAMP

Monday, April 10th

at the Colonnade in Millersburg

Doors Open at 6:15 p.m. ~ Movie Starts at 6:30 p.m.

"When their pastor encourages the congregation to sign-up for a week away at family camp, Grace believes she's found the perfect cure for her imperfect clan - even if they'd all rather be anywhere but at rustic Camp Katokwah. FAMILY CAMP is a laugh-out-loud comedy that will touch the hearts and tickle the funny bones of every family member from eight to eighty."

**** Concession stand will be open!!! ****

**** Bring your friends and family! ****

***** NO NEED TO SIGN-UP! *****

Tuesday, April 11

Pastor Tom Taking Vacation Day

7:30pm Senior Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, April 12

8am-12pm Pastor Tom's Office Hours

Thursday, April 13

8am-12pm Pastor Tom's Office Hours

Friday, April 14

8-9:30am Pastor Tom's Office Hours

Saturday, April 15

Deadline to Submit Items for May "St. John's Epistle"

Pastor Tom's Weekly Day Off

Next Sunday, April 16

Second Sunday of Easter

- 9am Adult Bible Study (In-Person)
- 9am Youth Group Bible Time (In-Person)
- 9am Confirmation Class (In-Person)
- 9am SONDay Celebration (In-Person)
- 10:15am Easter Celebration Worship, with Sunny Sermon with Miss Laurie (In-Person and On Zoom)
- 11:15am Mutual Ministry Committee Meeting
- 2pm Gathering of the Women of the ELCA of St. John

Attention

All Women of St. John's Congregational Family!

A very important meeting is scheduled for April 16th at 2:00 p.m.
 The future of our ministry together as the Women of St. John will need to be discussed and addressed and new ideas are most welcome.
 Please make every effort to attend this meeting.
Thank you.

Looking Ahead

Book Discussion Group for April:

Walking the Bible movie, based on the book by Bruce Feiler - **April 17 6:30 pm at church.** Everyone is welcome to bring food or drink to share.

Please call or email Ann 717.362.7895 rahbruner@gmail.com with any questions.

Upper Dauphin Conference Cabinet will meet at St. Michael, Klingerstown, on Monday, April 17, at 7:00 P.M.

The first quarter audit will be held here at the church on **Wednesday, April 19th at 9:30 A.M.** Please have all records there. Thank you – Pat Herb

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Sponsors are still needed for the altar flowers for Sunday, May 28 (festival Day of Pentecost and so inside worship with Holy Communion even though Memorial Day weekend). The cost to sponsor the altar flowers is \$35/week, with the signup sheet temporarily posted on the south closet door in the foyer. To sponsor this date in honor or in memory of loved ones or events, please either sign up in person or, if easier, please feel free to call or email Pastor Tom, who can take care of signing you up.

Pastor Tom is still seeking a male voting member (confirmed congregational family member who has communed and contributed in this or the prior year) to join him and Sandra Lamenza (our female voting member) in attending this year's Annual Lower Susquehanna Synod Assembly, with the theme **Created for Community**. The business of the assembly will be held in two parts – on the evening of Friday, June 2, on Zoom (and so in the comfort of your own home) and on Saturday, June 3, in-person at Trinity Lutheran, Camp Hill. All costs for voting members are borne by our congregational family budget, so all that anyone willing to serve needs to be able to contribute is their time.

To make sure that our blessed prayer shawls get to as many folks in need of God's healing touch as possible, it is now possible for anyone from the St. John congregational family to deliver a prayer shawl to a person who is known to them to be hurting in body, mind, and/or spirit, and who would be blessed by receiving one of our shawls. To obtain a shawl, please first contact Pastor Tom, who will help you with the process. **(Please bear in mind that it is the intention of the prayer shawl ministry that each person receive just one shawl "for life", to be used in whatever time(s) of brokenness they may face.)**

Amy Gehring continues to collect donations to Bethesda Mobile Mission. Gently used, unstained, clean blankets and casual clothing for MEN & WOMEN are always a need since the homeless do not typically have the ability to launder items. Sleeping bags, tarps, mats, backpacks/large totes or bags are also useful. New underwear, socks, batteries (all sizes), toilet paper, candles, and matches are highly valued. Those served by the Bethesda Mobile Mission also need TRAVEL SIZE toiletries—don't leave those small bottles behind when you are traveling. Pass them along to Amy. Please contact Amy at church with any questions or call her at 1-717-503-7623. Donations can be placed in the designated hampers in the foyer.

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Our Faith Active in Worship – April 2, 2023

Current – Budget Goal	\$2,796
Current – Offerings Received	\$3,565
Benevolence – Offerings Received	\$212
Improvement – Offerings Received	\$70
Children & Youth Ministry – Offerings Received	\$343
Total Attendance	Zoom – 22, In Person – 90

"St John's Restoration 250" Financial Update – As of April 2, 2023

Final Total Project Cost (under \$220,000 Budgeted)	\$216,795
Memorials Interest Money Expended for Project	\$82,980
	(under \$88,000 Budgeted)
Total Financial Gifts Received	\$122,005
Total Financial Gifts Pledged, Not Yet Received	\$11,810

Hospitalized/Residing in Senior Living/Dealing with Acute Illness

- **Cindy Carr** – At Home, Undergoing Treatment for Autoimmune Disorder and Resulting Organ Damage
- **Judy Cheatham** –Rm. #47B, Cadia Healthcare, 900 Van Buren Street, Annapolis, MD 21403
- **Timothy Enders** – Rm. #120, The Gardens at York Terrace, 2401 W. Market St., Pottsville, 17901
- **Jane Grosser** – Rm. #705, Northern Dauphin Nursing and Rehab. Center, Millersburg, 17061
- **Cora Mace** – Rm. #3647, Roosevelt 3, Masonic Health Care Center, 600 Freemason Drive, Elizabethtown, 17022
- **Joyce Matter** – Rm. #128, Viva Senior Living at Harrisburg, 150 Kempton Avenue, Harrisburg, 17111 (717.909.0417)