

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.

Laurie Little

Judy Ferree

Kim Williard

Roy Henry

Pastor

Young Christians Minister

Pianist

Lector

Council President

For the month of July:

Our **Celebrate** lectionary bulletin, our support of **Tree 4 Hope**, and our support of one pastor for one month in the **Konde Diocese of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania** are sponsored by Matt and Olivia Williard in honor of Madeline's 15th Birthday.

Welcome to all who are worshipping with us this morning. If you are a visitor, please worship with us again and join in other congregational family activities!

Outdoor Worship Liturgy

God Gathers Us in Prayer and Praise

Announcements

Keyboard Prelude and Silent Prayer

Confession and Forgiveness:

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, abounding in steadfast love toward us, healing the sick and raising the dead, showering us with every good gift.

C: **AMEN.**

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

(brief silence follows)

P: Just and gracious God,

C: **WE COME TO YOU FOR HEALING AND LIFE. OUR SINS HURT OTHERS AND DIMINISH US; WE CONFESS THEM TO YOU. OUR LIVES BEAR THE SCARS OF SIN; WE BRING THESE ALSO TO YOU. SHOW US YOUR MERCY, O GOD. BIND UP OUR WOUNDS, FORGIVE US OUR SINS, AND FREE US TO LOVE, FOR THE SAKE OF JESUS CHRIST, OUR SAVIOR. AMEN.**

P: The Apostle Paul assures us: "When we were dead in our trespasses, God made us alive together with Christ, nailing the record of our sins to the cross." Jesus says to us, "Your sins are forgiven." Be at peace, and tell everyone how much God has done for us.

C: **AMEN.**

Opening Hymn **LBW** #500 "Faith of Our Fathers"

Greeting:

P: From God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, grace and peace be with you all.

C: **AND ALSO WITH YOU.**

Prayer of the Day

We Hear God's Word

First Reading: Jeremiah 23:23-29

Psalm: 82

Second Reading: Hebrews 11:29-12:2

Gospel: Luke 12:49-56

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

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

Sermon

We Respond to All That God Gives Us

We Proclaim Our Faith:

I BELIEVE IN GOD, THE FATHER ALMIGHTY, CREATOR OF HEAVEN AND EARTH. (THIS MEANS THAT) I BELIEVE THAT GOD HAS CREATED ME TOGETHER WITH ALL THAT EXISTS. GOD HAS GIVEN ME AND STILL PRESERVES MY BODY AND SOUL; EYES, EARS, AND ALL LIMBS AND SENSES; REASON AND ALL MENTAL FACULTIES. IN ADDITION, GOD DAILY AND ABUNDANTLY PROVIDES SHOES AND CLOTHING, FOOD AND DRINK, HOUSE AND FARM, SPOUSE AND CHILDREN, FIELDS, LIVESTOCK, AND ALL PROPERTY – ALONG WITH ALL THE NECESSITIES AND NOURISHMENT FOR THIS BODY AND LIFE. GOD PROTECTS ME AGAINST ALL DANGER AND SHIELDS AND PRESERVES ME FROM ALL EVIL. ALL THIS IS DONE OUT OF PURE, FATHERLY, AND DIVINE GOODNESS AND MERCY, WITHOUT ANY MERIT OR WORTHINESS OF MINE AT ALL! FOR ALL OF THIS I OWE IT TO GOD TO THANK AND PRAISE, SERVE AND OBEY HIM. THIS IS MOST CERTAINLY TRUE.

-Martin Luther's *Small Catechism*

Prayers of the Church

God Sends Us to Share the Good News

Blessing:

P: The Lord bless us and keep us. The Lord's face shine upon us with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon us with favor and give us peace.

C: **AMEN**

Closing Hymn **LBW** #495 "Lead On, O King Eternal!"

Dismissal:

P: Go in peace. Proclaim the good news

C: **WE WILL. THANKS BE TO GOD!**

Keyboard Postlude and Silent Prayer

Hospitalized/Residing in Senior Living/Dealing with Acute Illness

- **Judy Cheatham** –Rm. #47B, Cadia Healthcare, 900 Van Buren Street, Annapolis, MD 21403
- **Timothy Enders** – Rm. #122, The Gardens at York Terrace, 2401 W. Market St., Pottsville, 17901
- **Jane Grosser** – Rm. #705, Northern Dauphin Nursing and Rehab. Center, Millersburg, 17061
- **Dana Klouser** – Undergoing Outpatient Carpal Tunnel Surgery on 8/15
- **Cora Mace** – Rm. #3647, Roosevelt 3, Masonic Health Care Center, 600 Freemason Drive, Elizabethtown, 17022
- **Lynn Mace**
- **Joyce Matter** – Rm. #128, Commonwealth Senior Living at Harrisburg, 150 Kempton Avenue, Harrisburg, 17111 (717.909.0417)
- **Ken Nace** – At Home, Continuing to Recover from Surgery
- **Donna Rabenold** – At Home, Continuing Lower-Level Maintenance Chemotherapy Through Fall

Our Faith Active in Worship: August 7, 2022

Current – Budget Goal	\$2,606
Current – Offerings Received	\$2,430
Benevolence – Offerings Received	\$241
Improvement – Offerings Received	\$102
Children & Youth Ministry – Offerings Received	\$107
Total Attendance	Zoom – 12, In Person – 56

“St. John’s Restoration 250” Financial Update – As of August 7, 2022

Total Estimated Project Cost	\$ 220,000
Memorials Interest Money Designated for Project (Letting \$100,000 Reserve of Interest)	\$ 88,000
Total Financial Gifts Received	\$ 62,895
Total Financial Gifts Pledged, Not Yet Received	\$ 39,700
Total Pledges & Gifts Still Needed to Reach Goal	<u>\$ 29,405</u>

Today, Sunday, August 14

Dauphin County has now climbed to a COVID-19 Community Level of “Medium”, with guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention continuing to call for getting fully vaccinated and for wearing a mask 1. if you have COVID symptoms or 2. a positive test for COVID or 3. exposure to someone with COVID. (Better yet, our congregational family policy has been to ask that folks in any of these three categories please simply avoid in-person activities entirely and join in worship via Zoom.) In addition, those at high risk for severe illness are strongly encouraged to mask when indoors and masks are lifted up as a good additional protective measure for everyone at this time.

- 8:45am Pastor Tom Leading Adult Bible Study (In-Person) (This will be a final additional Part 3 of the study of our Evangelical Lutheran Church in America’s social statement dealing with **Abortion**, which began on July 17.)
- 9:30am SONDay Celebration (In-Person)
- 9:30am **Outdoor Worship** in the Pavilion (In-Person and On Zoom)

Monday, August 15

Deadline to Submit Items for Inclusion in the September “St. John’s Epistle”

8-9:30am Pastor Tom’s Office Hours

Tuesday, August 16

Due to a Medical Appointment, Pastor Tom’s Office Hours Will Start at Approximately 11:00am

Wednesday, August 17

8am-12pm Pastor Tom’s Office Hours

Thursday, August 18

8am-12pm Pastor Tom’s Office Hours

1pm Women of the ELCA of St. John meet in the pavilion to pack Health Kits for Lutheran World Relief

Friday, August 19

8-9:30am Pastor Tom’s Office Hours

Saturday, August 20

Pastor Tom’s Weekly Day Off

Next Sunday, August 21

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

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 9:30am SONDay Celebration (In-Person)
 9:30am **Outdoor Worship**, with a Sunny Sermon by Miss Laurie, in the Pavilion (In-Person and On Zoom) **(We will have approximately 80 well-spaced metal chairs set up in advance, but anyone who would prefer to do so is also welcome to bring along their own camp chairs to create their own well-spaced seating. Please keep in mind that this will be an outdoor service on a Hill known for its cool breezes – be sure to dress warmly and bring a sweater or jacket!)**

Looking Ahead

The Annual **Farewell to Summer Drive-In Movie Night with Miss Laurie** is coming up on Friday, August 26. Look for more information from Miss Laurie’s emails!

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For the month of September, we are seeking a sponsor for our ministry gift to **Tree 4 Hope**. Please contact Pastor Tom to sponsor this \$50 ministry gift in honor or in memory of loved ones or events.

With September just around the corner, please note that our Sunday following Labor Day (September 11) will again be a kind of transition time from summer to fall: Pastor Tom will lead a combined Adult Bible Study on our summer schedule, from 8:45 A.M. to 9:15 A.M. Our worship (outdoors in the beauty of our grove pavilion) at 9:30 A.M. will be a “SONDay Celebration” worship as we prepare to transition back to our fall schedule, including a Sunny Sermon by Miss Laurie, a **Food Truck Party: We’ve “On a Roll” with God** VBS slideshow, and our **Annual Blessing of the Backpacks & Devices** led by Pastor Tom (for which all students – Preschool through Grade 12 – are asked to bring along their school backpacks (or devices) for a time of recognition, blessing, and prayer, as a new school year gets underway). When our worship ends at 10:30 A.M., it will be time to head out for our congregational outing to Knoebel’s, where everyone attending will gather with their covered dish and container of drink for sharing to join in lunch together, followed by plenty of time for riding. Our younger members will have some ride tickets provided.

Yard Sale Wrap-Up

We would like to express our deepest appreciation and gratitude to all who donated items and/or their time to help make this year’s Yard Sale a success. The financial results are as follows:

Thursday Receipts:	\$608.50
Friday Receipts:	\$281.00
Saturday Receipts:	\$125.00
Sunday Donations:	\$40.00
(less supplies purchased for future Yard Sales):	(\$80.32)
Total to ELCA Domestic Disaster Relief	\$974.18

We greatly appreciate your generosity and support. Thank you, **Camella & Sheila**

In order to help those who faithfully carry out the important ministry of offering counting and record keeping do so efficiently, please help with the following:

1. Counter-signed checks are no longer accepted by **Mid Penn Bank**, and so all checks must be made payable to “St. John Church”, no endorsing a check over to the church.
2. **Please** feel free to write a single check even if it’s for multiple envelopes or purposes.
3. **Please** no staples or tape on your checks or envelopes.
4. **Please** write clearly on your envelopes. (If no designations are made, enclosed offering will go to Current Fund.)
5. For **Restoration 250** contributions, if no Memorial is designated, the amount will appear on your year-end Giving Statement.
 If a Memorial is included, the amount will not appear on your year-end Giving Statement and your “Thank You” note will instead serve as your receipt for tax purposes.

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.)**

If you are an Amazon.com shopper, our congregation is registered with the “Amazon Smiles” program, whereby Amazon donates one half of one percent of your purchase amount to a charitable organization that you select. Please note that, to qualify, your purchase has to be made through the “smile” side of things, to which you will find a very easily identifiable link from the main part of the Amazon.com website. (Once there, it can be a bit tricky to pick out our congregational name from all of the “St. John’s” – look for **St John Evangelical Lutheran Church, Berrysburg, PA**. Once you have selected us the first time, we will automatically be designated each time you shop and you won’t need to re-do the search.) All monies received in this way will be automatically deposited for use in the Current Fund.