

## 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

Gary Daniels

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 15<sup>th</sup> 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** #546 "When Morning Gilds the Skies"

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: Isaiah 58:9b-14

Psalm: 103:1-8

Second Reading: Hebrews 12:18-29

Gospel: Luke 13:10-17

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

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

Sunny Sermon with Miss Laurie

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

Our Lord's Prayer:

**OUR FATHER, WHO ART IN HEAVEN, HALLOWED BE THY NAME, THY KINGDOM COME, THY WILL BE DONE, ON EARTH AS IT IS IN HEAVEN. GIVE US THIS DAY OUR DAILY BREAD; AND FORGIVE US OUR TRESPASSES, AS WE FORGIVE THOSE WHO TRESPASS AGAINST US; AND LEAD US NOT INTO TEMPTATION, BUT DELIVER US FROM EVIL. FOR THINE IS THE KINGDOM, AND THE POWER, AND THE GLORY, FOREVER AND EVER. AMEN.**

### 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** #262 Savior, Again to Your Dear Name"

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** – Recovering at Home from 8/15 Outpatient Carpal Tunnel Surgery
- **Cora Mace** – Rm. #3647, Roosevelt 3, Masonic Health Care Center, 600 Freemason Drive, Elizabethtown, 17022
- **Lynn Mace** – Discharged from Geisinger, Danville, on 8/13
- **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
- **Mary Yeager** – Rm. #435, UPMC West Shore, 1995 Technology Pkwy., Mechanicsburg, 17050

### Our Faith Active in Worship: August 14, 2022

<b>Current – Budget Goal</b>	<b>\$2,606</b>
Current – Offerings Received	\$2,624
Benevolence – Offerings Received	\$300
Improvement – Offerings Received	\$130
Children & Youth Ministry – Offerings Received	\$140
Total Attendance	<b>Zoom – 6, In Person – 68</b>

### “St. John’s Restoration 250” Financial Update – As of August 14, 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	\$ 62,545
Total Financial Gifts Pledged, Not Yet Received	\$ 36,400
<b>Total Pledges &amp; Gifts Still Needed to Reach Goal</b>	<b><u>\$ 26,055</u></b>

Pledge/Gift Forms Are Available Digitally in the July/August *St. John’s Epistle* and in Hard Copy at the Bulletin Stand at Worship on Sundays and on the Table Outside Pastor Tom’s Office Any Time.

### Today, Sunday, August 21

*As Dauphin County has returned to a “Low”/Green COVID level, in keeping with current guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, masks are not required for anyone without symptoms or COVID exposure gathering indoors in person on Sunday morning, but they remain an option for everyone. Of course, please do not attend any kind of in-person activity if you aren’t feeling well for any reason or have reason to think that you may have been directly exposed to the virus.*

- 8:45am Adult Bible Study (In-Person)
- 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)

### Monday, August 22

8-9:30am Pastor Tom’s Office Hours

### Tuesday, August 23

8-9:30am Pastor Tom’s Office Hours

### Wednesday, August 24

8am-12pm Pastor Tom’s Office Hours

### Thursday, August 25

8am-12pm Pastor Tom’s Office Hours

### Friday, August 26

8-9:30am Pastor Tom’s Office Hours  
8pm (approx.) Annual **Farewell to Summer Drive-In Movie Night with Miss Laurie** (Look for more information from Miss Laurie’s emails!)

### Saturday, August 27

Pastor Tom’s Weekly Day Off

### Next Sunday, August 28

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

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- 9:30am SONDay Celebration (In-Person)
- 9:30am **Outdoor Worship** 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

***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.

## You are Invited to Book Discussion and Fellowship!

Monthly times of reading and sharing continue in the beauty of our pavilion. Next up:

### **Monday, September 12, 6:30 P.M – The Island of Sea Women by Lisa See**

Everyone is welcome, so if you would like to participate and haven't joined in before, you can borrow a physical or e-copy of the current book at your local library or pick up a copy at church. Questions? Call or email Ann at 717-362-7895 or [rahbruner@gmail.com](mailto:rahbruner@gmail.com)

## Greeter and Usher Ministries

As part of our planned "return to normal" in October, we are looking to re-start our Sunday morning Greeter and Usher ministries.

- **Greeters** are the folks who, as the name suggests, say a first warm "hello" to those arriving for worship. In addition, they are there to point the way (to the restroom, upstairs for worship, etc.) for those who may be entering those doors for the first time. Greeters are posted in the foyer, just inside the main doors, ideally by no later than 10:00am. Greeter(s) on a given Sunday morning may be an individual, a couple or other team of two, or an entire family of three or more. Louise Baumgardner and Lois Watson will be preparing a Greeter schedule for distribution to everyone who is willing to serve, but it is absolutely no problem if an assigned Sunday morning won't work for those assigned. Simply contact another nearby Sunday's Greeter(s) and arrange a swap, and then please let Pastor Tom and Rachel (if in time to update the bulletin) know about the change.
- **Ushers** typically work in teams of four for the Sundays in a given month, under the guidance of that month's Head Usher, who is a member of Congregational Council. Before worship, ideally no later than 10:00, one usher is stationed at the elevator door to welcome those arriving that way and help with any elevator questions, while the others are posted upstairs to distribute bulletins and help with any other needs. In "normal" times, the usher team receives the morning offering and works together on Holy Communion Sundays to guide everyone forward to the altar and back. Persons who would be new to this ministry would receive orientation from the Head Usher prior to their service. Here again, if an Usher cannot serve on an assigned Sunday, they simply notify the Head Usher and a swap/coverage is arranged.

If you would be interested in serving in either or both of these important ministries of hospitality, whether or not you ever have before, please contact Pastor Tom, who will be happy to answer any questions and who will then pass your name along for scheduling.

## 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)
<b>Total to ELCA Domestic Disaster Relief</b>	<b>\$974.18</b>

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.