

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

Barry Williard

Holy Communion Assistant

Judy Ferree

Pianist

Gary Daniels

Lector

Roy Henry

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. 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. 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** #469 "Lord of All Hopefulness"

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: Genesis 15:1-6

Psalms: 33:12-22

Second Reading: Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

Gospel: Luke 12:32-40

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

We Share in God's Supper and God Sends Us to Share the Good News

Words of Institution of Holy Communion

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.

We Receive Jesus' Body and Blood in the Bread and Wine

Post Communion Prayer:

P: Let us pray...

C: **POUR OUT UPON US THE SPIRIT OF YOUR LOVE, O LORD, AND UNITE THE WILLS OF THOSE WHOM YOU HAVE FED WITH ONE HEAVENLY FOOD; THROUGH JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD. AMEN.**

Blessing:

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

C: **AMEN**

Closing Hymn **LBW** #476 "Have No Fear, Little Flock"

Dismissal:

P: Go in peace. Proclaim the good news

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

Keyboard Postlude and Silent Prayer

Today, Sunday, August 7

In keeping with current guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention for Dauphin County, masks are not required for anyone gathering indoors in person on Sunday morning, but they remain an option for everyone. And, with the coming of summer, more open windows, and frequent outdoor activities, masking and safe distancing are no longer required for those gathering in-person with Miss Laurie for SONDay Celebration, but here too 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.

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

9:30am SONDay Celebration (In-Person)

9:30am **Outdoor Worship** in the Pavilion (In-Person and On Zoom)

Monday, August 8

Our Evangelical Lutheran Church in America's Churchwide Assembly gets underway at the Greater Columbus Convention Center in Columbus, Ohio. Meeting under the theme "Embody the Word," the Assembly will participate in plenary discussions to make decisions about the work of this church. They will also spend time in worship and Bible study.

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

6:30pm Book Discussion Group In Person at the Church (On tap is: **The Route 66 Trilogy** by Richard Paul Evans -- **The Broken Road, The Forgotten Road & The Road Home**. And looking ahead to other upcoming books: September 12 -- **The Island of Sea Women** by Lisa See October & November -- **Martin Luther** by Eric Metaxas, **The Parables of Peanuts** by Robert L Short
Call or email Ann 717.362.7895 rahbruner@gmail.com if you need a book or have any questions. Hope to see you there!)

Tuesday, August 9

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

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

Wednesday, August 10

8am-12pm Pastor Tom's Office Hours

Thursday, August 11

8am-12pm Pastor Tom's Office Hours

From Thursday afternoon until late Saturday evening, Pastor Tom is planning to take his monthly extra and weekly days off for 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 here as usual on Sunday morning.

Friday, August 12

Water Fun Night with Miss Laurie

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America Churchwide Assembly Concludes

Next Sunday, August 14

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

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8:45am Pastor Tom Leading Adult Bible Study (In-Person) (This will be an added Part 3 of the study of our Evangelical Lutheran Church in America's social statement dealing with **Abortion**, which began on July 17. Please speak with Pastor Tom if you did not previously receive the pdf copy of the statement he had emailed prior to July 17 and please join in even if you weren't able to make the first two parts of the study.)

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!)**

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Looking Ahead

Monday, August 15, will be the deadline to submit items for inclusion in the September **St. John's Epistle**.

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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.

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.)**

Please see the bright blue container at the computer desk in the Sunday School Room to recycle your AA, AAA, C, D, 9-Volt and Button Cell batteries in Alkaline, NiMH, NiCAD, Zinc Air and Non-Lithium types, 9 volts and below. All batteries must be dry cell only, and they cannot be leaking or have broken cases. Through the efforts of Larry Gessner, batteries that are in especially good condition are being recharged and donated to Bethesda Mission, while all others for recycling are delivered to Dauphin County Recycling in Harrisburg.

The Youth Group continues to collect aluminum – aluminum only, please – in the lower level of the barn, facing toward Elizabethville. **Please be sure to place your aluminum inside the sliding door and not outside in the pull-in space, where the animals tend to create a mess with donations.** Thank you for your help with this major fundraiser for our youth and help for our environment!

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
- **Cora Mace** – Rm. #3647, Roosevelt 3, Masonic Health Care Center, 600 Freemason Drive, Elizabethtown, 17022
- **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: July 31, 2022

Current – Budget Goal	\$2,606
Current – Offerings Received	\$2,046
Benevolence – Offerings Received	\$425
Improvement – Offerings Received	\$75
Children & Youth Ministry – Offerings Received	\$850
Total Attendance	Zoom – 5, In Person – 82

“St. John's Restoration 250” Financial Update – As of July 31, 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	\$ 62,695
Total Financial Gifts Pledged, Not Yet Received	\$ 39,700
Total Pledges & Gifts Still Needed to Reach Goal	<u>\$ 29,605</u>