

## 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
Sandra Lamenza	Holy Communion Assistant
Carol & Mike Hubler	Altar Guild Preparation
Carol Hubler	Organist
Gary Daniels	Greeter
Tanner and Abby Bixler	Acolytes
Barry Williard	Lector
Joshua Paul	Council President

For the month of February, our **Celebrate** lectionary bulletin inserts are sponsored by Delmar and Virginia Enders to the Glory of God for our many blessings. Our support of **Tree 4 Hope** is sponsored with love and thankfulness to God for our grandchildren, Chanse and Ayden, by Ty and Kim Troutman. Our support of one pastor for one month in the **Konde Diocese of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania** is sponsored by Lynn and Helen Henninger in celebration of our grandchildren, Ayden and Sadie's February birthdays.

This week's **Altar Flowers** are sponsored by Ira and Marilyn Antes.

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

Announcements

Organ Prelude and Silent Prayer

\*Confession and Forgiveness

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\*Opening Hymn #838 "Beautiful Savior"

\*Apostolic Greeting

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\*Kyrie (sung in unison)

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\*Hymn of Praise: "Come, let us join..." (sung in unison)

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\*Prayer of the Day

### We Hear God's Word

First Reading: Exodus 24:12-18

Psalm: 2

Second Reading: II Peter 1:16-21

\*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: Matthew 17:1-9

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

\*Nicene Creed

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\*Prayers of the Church

Offering of Our Gifts and Musical Anthem

\*Offertory Hymn (#182) (sung):

**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 #671 "Shine, Jesus, Shine"

\*Organ Postlude and We Depart to Serve

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\* Please stand, if able to do so.

**Today, Sunday, February 19**

- 9am Youth Group Bible Time (In-Person)
- 9am Confirmation Class (In-Person)
- 9am SONDay Celebration (In-Person)
- 10:15am Worship, Including Sacrament of Holy Communion and Celebration Time with Miss Laurie (In-Person and On Zoom)
- 4pm Monthly Congregational Council Meeting

**Monday, February 20**

***Pastor Tom Taking Monthly Extra Day Off – No Office Hours  
No “Blanket Bunch” Blanket Making for Lutheran World Relief***

**Shrove Tuesday, February 21**

- 8-9:30am Pastor Tom’s Office Hours
- 7:30pm Senior Choir Rehearsal

**Ash Wednesday, February 22**

- 8am-12pm Pastor Tom’s Office Hours
- 7pm Worship, Including Sacrament of Holy Communion and Optional Imposition of Ashes (In-Person and On Zoom; Those attending worship in-person who wish to receive the mark of a cross, traced in ashes on their forehead, will come forward at the appropriate time in the worship, much as we come forward to receive Holy Communion.)

**Thursday, February 23**

- 8am-12pm Pastor Tom’s Office Hours

**Friday, February 24**

- 8-9:30am Pastor Tom’s Office Hours

**Saturday, February 25**

Pastor Tom’s Weekly Day Off

**Next Sunday, February 26**

First Sunday in Lent

- 9am Youth Group Bible Time (In-Person)
- 9am Confirmation Class (In-Person)
- 9am SONDay Celebration (In-Person)
- 10:15am Worship, Including the Observing of Scout Sunday with Guests from our Cub Scout Pack #46 and Celebration Time with Miss Laurie (In-Person and On Zoom)
- 11:30am Youth Group Meeting
- 1:15 - 4:30pm Girl Scout Troop Activity in “Sunday School” Room

## Looking Ahead

Property Committee will meet at the church on Tuesday, February 28, beginning at 6:15 P.M.

St. John will host the first Community Lenten Supper and Worship on Wednesday, March 1. The meal will begin at 6:15 P.M., with worship at 7:00. If you would be able to help with the serving of the meal, please be at the church by 5:30 P.M.

***Our Annual Congregational Spaghetti Luncheon, served by Youth Group, is back this year as a sit-down meal with entertainment, coming up immediately following worship on Sunday, March 5!*** A free-will offering will be received for the Youth Group.

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Thank you for your support of the mission work of our Youth Group with our "Souper Bowl Sunday" collection last Sunday following worship. With \$162 collected "***for the Chiefs***" vs. \$157 "***for the Eagles***", we did succeed in predicting the game's nail-biter conclusion later that day. In addition, in good Lutheran Christian fashion, "***I'm only excited for the Food***" came in a solid third, with \$62, while "***I'm only watching for/voting for the Halftime Show***" finished with \$44. Most importantly of course, the total **\$425** raised will be a great help to the work of the Northern Dauphin Human Services Center. Thank you again!

As things have settled down in our foyer with the completion of our **Restoration 250** project, we have a new location for food donations for the food pantry at the Upper Dauphin Human Services Center in Lykens. Please place those non-perishable food items on any shelf inside the north (right, coming in the front doors) closet, where the door is labelled accordingly. As the contributions add up, deliveries will be made to the pantry by **Larry Gessner**. Thank you!

Please be sure that, if you are a communing member of St. John, you turn in **one communion record card** this year – only one is needed. Also, if you are a contributing member of the congregation, please be sure that you **use your offering envelopes at least once** this year, so that you are on record as having made a contribution. Please help to make sure that our parish records are as accurate as possible!

Copies of the 2022 Annual Congregational Report (along with remaining 2023 offering envelopes) are available in the foyer, for those who either aren't able to access the pdf copy online or who would prefer to have a hard copy as well.

For the month of March, sponsors are still needed (signup sheet temporarily on the table outside of Pastor Tom's office) for our monthly ministry support for our **Celebrate** bulletin inserts (\$22/month) and for providing one month of a **Konde Diocese (in Tanzania, Africa) Pastors Salary** (\$50/month). To sponsor either of these ministries 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.

**FEBRUARY is St. John's Pack & Play/Pack & Pray for Lifeline Pregnancy Care Center Month:**

Please Pack the crib in the foyer with new and gently used baby and children's items for the Lifeline Pregnancy Care Center in Millersburg. All items are appreciated; however, of greatest need right now are: baby food, new sippy cups, Similac Advance formula, children's toothbrushes and toothpaste, baby gates, baby monitors, diapers Newborn and Size 1, childproofing/safety kits, pjs 12M – 5T, Winter Clothing 12-24M, New girls underwear 3T – 6, and new socks for children and babies. Please speak with contact person Dana Klouser for further information.

For those women who are interested in making prayer shawls, there is an abundant supply of various colors of knitting yarn at the church at this time. If anyone is interested, please talk to Pat Herb.

## Our Faith Active in Worship – February 12, 2023

<b>Current – Budget Goal</b>	<b>\$2,796</b>
Current – Offerings Received	\$1,980
Benevolence – Offerings Received	\$670
Improvement – Offerings Received	\$65
Children & Youth Ministry – Offerings Received	\$355
Total Attendance	<b>Zoom – 33, In Person – 128</b>

## "St John's Restoration 250" Financial Update – As of February 12, 2023

Final Total Project Cost (under \$220,000 Budgeted)	\$216,795
Memorials Interest Money Expended for Project	\$83,330
	(under \$88,000 Budgeted)
Total Financial Gifts Received	\$120,285
Total Financial Gifts Pledged, Not Yet Received	\$13,180

## 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
- **Helen Henninger** – Entering UPMC Harrisburg Monday for Shoulder Replacement Surgery
- **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)