

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
Judy Ferree	Organist
James & Lois Watson	Greeters
Isaac Schaffner & Makala Crabb	Acolytes
Reyann Cheatham	Lector

For the month of January, our **Celebrate** lectionary bulletin inserts, 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 all sponsored by Roy and Rachel Henry for God's many blessings.

This week's **Altar Flowers** are sponsored by Dennis and Mary Ann Smeltz in celebration of our children and grandchildren's birthdays and the anticipation of baby girl Smeltz due in February.

Welcome to all who are worshipping with us this morning. If you are a visitor, please sign our guest book in the foyer and 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

*Opening Hymn #311 "Hail to the Lord's Anointed"

*Apostolic Greeting

*Kyrie (sung in unison)

*Hymn of Praise: "Glory to God..." (sung in unison)

*Prayer of the Day

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We Hear God's Word

First Reading: Isaiah 9:1-4

Psalm: 27:1, 4-9

Second Reading: I Corinthians 1:10-18

*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 4:12-23

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

Sacrament of Holy Baptism

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Offering of Our Gifts and Musical Anthem by Senior Choir

*Offertory Hymn (#186) (sung):

CREATE IN ME A CLEAN HEART, O GOD, AND RENEW A RIGHT SPIRIT WITHIN ME. CAST ME NOT AWAY FROM YOUR PRESENCE, AND TAKE NOT YOUR HOLY SPIRIT FROM ME. RESTORE TO ME THE JOY OF YOUR SALVATION, AND UPHOLD ME WITH YOUR FREE SPIRIT.

*Prayers of the Church

*Our Lord's Prayer – traditional version on right side of page

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God Sends Us to Share the Good News

*Blessing:

P: May the God of glory dwell in us richly, name us beloved, and shine brightly on our path; and the blessing of almighty God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit be upon us and remain with us always.

C: **AMEN**

*Dismissal:

P: Go in peace. Christ is our light.

C: **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.

Our Faith Active in Worship – January 1, 2023

Current – Budget Goal	\$TBD
Current – Offerings Received	\$1,396
Benevolence – Offerings Received	\$175
Improvement – Offerings Received	\$35
Children & Youth Ministry – Offerings Received	\$217
Total Attendance	Zoom – 26, In Person – 52

Our Faith Active in Worship – January 8, 2023

Current – Budget Goal	\$TBD
Current – Offerings Received	\$2,659
Benevolence – Offerings Received	\$240
Improvement – Offerings Received	\$150
Children & Youth Ministry – Offerings Received	\$410
Total Attendance	Zoom – 19, In Person – 100

Our Faith Active in Worship – January 15, 2023

Current – Budget Goal	\$TBD
Current – Offerings Received	\$2,182
Benevolence – Offerings Received	\$225
Improvement – Offerings Received	\$40
Children & Youth Ministry – Offerings Received	\$270
Total Attendance	Zoom – 22, In Person – 74

“St John’s Restoration 250” Financial Update – As of January 15, 2023

Total Estimated Project Cost	\$ 220,000
Memorials Interest Money Designated for Project	\$ 88,000
(Letting \$100,000 Reserve of Interest)	
Total Financial Gifts Received	\$ 78,785
Total Financial Gifts Pledged, Not Yet Received	\$ 54,680
Total Pledges & Gifts Received in Excess of Goal –	
(Memorials Interest Saved for the Future)	+ \$ 1,465

Today, Sunday, January 22

As we in Dauphin County continue to dwell close to the line between the Low/Green level and Medium/Yellow level of COVID-19 Community Transmission as defined by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, it continues to be the case that the very best things we can do in this transition time are

- *getting fully vaccinated*
- *wearing a mask if you have 1. 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 a good additional protective measure for everyone.

- 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 Worship, Including Sacrament of Holy Baptism and Celebration Time with Miss Laurie (In-Person and On Zoom)

This morning we have the honor of welcoming **Raelynn Ney** and **Kade Miller** into the Kingdom of God and the St. John Congregational Family in the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. We pray that God will grant their parents and sponsors, **Whitni & Mackenzie** and **Courtney & Eric**, their other family members and congregational family members the strength and grace to be faithful to the promises they and we all make here this morning!

Financial Secretary Pat Herb will be in the “Sunday School” Room downstairs after worship both this morning and next Sunday morning for everyone to pick up 2022 statements of giving. Any statements not picked up by the end of next Sunday morning will be mailed.

Monday, January 23

- 8-9:30am Pastor Tom’s Office Hours
- 9am “Blanket Bunch” Blanket Making for Lutheran World Relief
- 7pm Church Dartball League Match – St. John at Faith United Methodist, Fisherville (**Dartball is scored like baseball except that, instead of pitching and hitting a ball, darts are thrown at a baseball field-shaped chart. If you are 10 or older and are interested in a night of very good fellowship, fun, and food, please come and join our team. For the youngest players, league rules require the presence of a parent or guardian. Just speak to one of our coaches, Larry Gehring or Mike Henninger, or to Pastor Tom if you have any questions or would like to be part of the team.**)

Tuesday, January 24

8-9:30am Pastor Tom's Office Hours
6:15pm Property Committee Meeting
7:30pm Senior Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, January 25

Conversion of Paul

8am-12pm Pastor Tom's Office Hours
6:30-8pm Midweek Bible Study (Zoom Only)

Thursday, January 26

8am-12pm Pastor Tom's Office Hours

Friday, January 27

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

Saturday, January 28

Pastor Tom's Weekly Day Off

Next Sunday, January 29

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

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 Worship, Including Celebration Time with Miss Laurie (In-Person and On Zoom)
11:15am Special Congregational Meeting to Review 2022 Annual Report (In-Person and On Zoom) ***Per our congregational constitution, the only business we can take care of at this special meeting is the review of our 2022 ministries.***
11:30am Youth Group Meeting (All youth are asked to bring along a snack to share with a crockpot main dish for lunch.)
1:30pm Youth Group Advisors Meeting

Financial Secretary Pat Herb will be in the "Sunday School" Room downstairs after the conclusion of the Special Congregational Meeting next Sunday morning for everyone to pick up 2022 statements of giving. Any statements not picked up following this time will be mailed.

Looking Ahead

The February gathering of ***Celebration Club with Miss Laurie*** will be held in-person at the church on Wednesday, February 1, from 6:30 to 8:00 P.M.

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Everyone is welcome to join in upcoming (Zoom only for the winter months) Book Group Discussions! Next up – Monday, February 6, at 6:30pm – **Day After Night** by Anita Diamant. Please call or email Ann 717.362.7895 rahbruner@gmail.com if you need a book or have any questions.

For the month of February, sponsors are still needed for our monthly ministry support for Tree 4 Hope (\$50/month – signup sheet temporarily on the table outside of Pastor Tom's office) and for the altar flowers for Sunday, February 26 (signup sheet temporarily posted on the south closet door in the foyer). 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.

2023 offering envelopes are available in the foyer. Please stop by the table and take along those of family members and neighbors!

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. #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)