

## 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

Carol Hubler

Pianist

Carl Baumgardner

Lector

Roy Henry

Council President

### For the month of July:

Our **Celebrate** lectionary bulletin inserts are sponsored by Fred and Jean Weaver for our many blessings and God's grace.

Our support of **Tree 4 Hope** is sponsored by LuAnn Ressler to the Glory of God, in loving memory of her husband, Jeff Ressler.

Our support of one pastor for one month in the **Konde Diocese of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania** in celebration of Independence Day we pray for our country, our democracy and what is written on the Supreme Court building "equal justice under the law". Lynn & Helen

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 with Holy Communion

### 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** #558 "Earth and All Stars!"

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: Deuteronomy 30:9-14

Psalms: 25:1-10

Second Reading: Colossians 1:1-14

Gospel: Luke 10:25-37

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

A New Creed:

**WE ARE NOT ALONE,**

**WE LIVE IN GOD'S WORLD.**

**WE BELIEVE IN GOD:**

**WHO HAS CREATED AND IS CREATING,**

**WHO HAS COME IN JESUS,**

**THE WORD MADE FLESH,**

**TO RECONCILE AND MAKE NEW,**

**WHO WORKS IN US AND OTHERS**

**BY THE SPIRIT.**

**WE TRUST IN GOD.**

**WE ARE CALLED TO BE THE CHURCH:  
TO CELEBRATE GOD'S PRESENCE,  
TO LIVE WITH RESPECT IN CREATION,  
TO LOVE AND SERVE OTHERS,  
TO SEEK JUSTICE AND RESIST EVIL,  
TO PROCLAIM JESUS, CRUCIFIED AND RISEN,  
OUR JUDGE AND OUR HOPE.  
IN LIFE, IN DEATH, IN LIFE BEYOND DEATH,  
GOD IS WITH US.  
WE ARE NOT ALONE.  
THANKS BE TO GOD.**

-The United Church of Canada, 1968

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.**

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**

Pause for Special Congregational Meeting

Dismissal:

P: Go in peace. Proclaim the good news

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

Keyboard Postlude, We Receive Jesus' Body & Blood, and We Depart to Serve

## 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, Awaiting Word on Planned Cancer Surgery
- **Donna Rabenold** – At Home, Receiving Lower-Level Maintenance Chemotherapy Through Fall with Radiation Therapy Still to Come

## Today, Sunday, July 10

*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.*

8:30-9:30am Special Faith Formation Time, AED Familiarization (In-Person) (Gary Daniels and Rob & Courtney Foreman will lead this session to familiarize all interested persons with our Automatic External Defibrillator (AED) unit. Please note that the unit is designed to be used in an emergency even by someone who knows nothing about it, and we are already blessed to have many medically-trained persons in our congregational family who are familiar with AED's, but it seems like yet another good way to care for each other in Jesus' Name to have as many of us as possible who currently know nothing about AED's (like Pastor Tom for instance) become a bit more familiar. The program is designed for all ages from older children on up and no sign-up is needed.)

9:30am SONday Celebration (In-Person)

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

10:15am **Special Congregational Meeting** (The purpose of the meeting will be to consider and take action on a recommendation from Congregational Council that we accept a proposal from **Houck** for the repair/replacement of the roofing at the base of our steeple, which as we all know must be taken care of prior to winter weather. Their estimate of **\$33,846** is far and away the best one we have received, approximately half the cost of one proposal received and \$10,000 or so less than another. This cost estimate, as with the other two received, cannot and does not cover any additional work which may be needed to repair/replace damage which can't be seen and assessed, such as to the wood supporting the roof, which may also have suffered with the intrusion of rain and weather over time. This additional work would be covered by "time and material". The funding for the project would come from the \$100,000 "reserve" which we have already set aside in our accumulated Memorials Interest as part of the **St. John Restoration 250** project. Everyone is welcome to sit in on the meeting, but especially needed are all voting members, those confirmed members of the St. John Congregational Family who have communed and contributed this year or in 2021.)

10:30am Mutual Ministry Committee Meeting

6pm Congregational Council "Mid-Summer" Meeting

## Monday, July 11

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

6:30-8:45pm Vacation Bible School – **Food Truck Party: Get on a Roll with God**

## Tuesday, July 12

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## Wednesday, July 13

8am-12pm Pastor Tom's Office Hours

6:30-8:45pm Vacation Bible School – **Food Truck Party: Get on a Roll with God**

## Thursday, June 14

8am-12pm Pastor Tom's Office Hours

6:30-8:45pm Vacation Bible School – **Food Truck Party: Get on a Roll with God**

## Friday, June 15

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

6:30-8:45pm Vacation Bible School – **Food Truck Party: Get on a Roll with God** (With Visit by an Actual Food Truck and a Drive-In Movie)

## Saturday, July 16

Pastor Tom's Weekly Day Off

## Next Sunday, July 17

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

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8:45am Pastor Tom Leading Adult Bible Study (In-Person) (Especially with all of the current discussion and debate surrounding the legality of abortion in our country, it would be easy to come to the conclusion that there is only one way for a Christian to faithfully view and understand this complex issue. Many Lutheran Christians are not aware that we of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America have had a social statement dealing with abortion for many years now, a statement which can be a great help as we all seek to be a meaningful part of this national discussion. To shed some light on this social statement, and to discuss the entire issue in some depth, Pastor Tom will be leading a two-part study both this morning and also at 8:45am on Sunday, July 31.)

**10am OUTDOOR WORSHIP, FEATURING ANNUAL VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL CLOSING PROGRAM** (In-Person and On Zoom – ***Everyone is encouraged to dress warmly and bring along a jacket for our outdoor gathering on this breezy hill!***)

11:15am "Voices & Vittles" Annual Covered Dish Picnic (will get underway immediately following the ending of worship and a bit of transition time)

***Did Someone Say Yard Sale?*** Our annual congregational yard sale will be held August 4, 5 and 6. Please donate your gently used items and/or your time to support ***the Lutheran Disaster Response*** of our Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. The sale will take place in the pavilion on Thursday, August 4, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; Friday, August 5, also from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; and Saturday, August 6, from 8:00 to 11:00 a.m. Donations for the yard sale may be delivered directly to the pavilion beginning on Monday, August 1, and placed on the tables in the pavilion. ***Please do not bring donations to the church before Monday, August 1 and please do not place them anywhere but directly in the pavilion.*** Stay tuned for more information about helping to set up for and/or staff the yard sale, and please contact Camie Leitzel or Sheila Barder with any questions.

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.

The 2nd quarter audit will be held here at the church on Monday, July 18th at 9:00 a.m. All treasurers are asked to have their books there for this audit. Thank you. Pat Herb

## **St. Johns Women of the ELCA**

We are planning a Mission Event this year. The ladies are packing 500 Personal Care Kits to send to Lutheran World Relief. We have not done this project in years, but in talking with Janel Johnson-Momanyi at LWR we have learned these kits are so badly needed and we can make a difference. These will be sent to New Windsor, Maryland in the fall and then onto where they are really needed. ***One of the things we will need your help with is collecting bars of soap that are 4-5 ounces. It doesn't matter what the brand name is just the weight.*** We will have a container for the soap setting in the front of the church for your donation. We will need 1000 bars of soap. Up front I will say for myself and the ladies Thank You for your help. St. Johns W-ELCA President Fay Nichols.