

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
Louise Baumgardner	Organist
Ty Troutman	Senior Choir Director
Jeff Buffington	Greeters
Gail Billow	Lead Usher
Joshua Paul	Council President

For the month of July, the **Celebrate Inserts** are presented by Carl and Louise Baumgardner in honor of Hoyt's graduation and July birthdays: Bob, Lois and Louise, the **Tree 4 Hope** is sponsored by Ty and Kim Troutman in honor of Ty's mother Lucy, who celebrates her 101st birthday in July, and our support of one pastor for one month in the **Konde Diocese of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania** is sponsored by Lynn & Helen Henninger for prayers for world peace, especially in Ukraine and the Middle East.

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!

“Camp Firelight” VBS: A camping adventure with God!

Campers Enter to “Camp Firelight Theme Song”

*Call to worship

Leader: We gather to worship God who is in our midst.

ALL: Trust God go with us!

Leader: We worship the one who doesn't leave us alone.

ALL: Trust God to lead the way!

Leader: We worship the one who helps us through life's storms.

ALL: Trust God to give us peace!

Leader: We worship the one who gave us good news to share.

ALL: Trust God to spark joy!

Scripture Reading – Psalm 56:1-4;12-13

“Camp Firelight” Presentation

- Welcome and VBS Statistics
- Intro with Sunshiny Day
- Song - “Firelight Chant”
- Recap of stories with songs

Leader Recognition

*Prayer

**Camp Callout”

Leader: Whenever I feel alone,

ALL: I will trust God to go with me!

Leader: Whenever I feel lost,

ALL: I will trust God to lead the way!

Leader: When storms arise in my life,

ALL: I will trust God to give me peace!

Leader: Whenever God works in surprising ways,

ALL: I will trust God to spark joy!

Leader: Whenever I'm afraid,

ALL: I put my trust in you!

Camper “Send Off”

Sending Song – “Firelight Chant” Reprise

Campers Exit to “Camp Firelight Theme Song”

Announcements

***Please stand, if able**

The offering received from VBS is being donated to the Lutheran Camping Corporation.

Thanks to EVERYONE who volunteered their time and talents to make “Camp Firelight” possible:

Assembly Time and Story Teller: Miss Laurie

Nursery: Dana Klouser, Stella DeSoto, Mariah Matter

Music & Check-In: Reagan Little

Craft: Fran Eure, Heidi Lehman Dads! Be With You"s My Way"

Science: Olivia Williard, Matt Williard

Recreation: Justin Adams, Bryan Bender, Rob Foreman, Grady DeSoto

Snack: Nicole Radel, Briana Radel, Abby Adams

Timer: Louise Baumgardner, Brooklyn Bender, Brenna Fetterolf

Art & Decorations: Sandy Bixler and gang

Group “Wranglers”: Holly Warfel, Dee Brosius, Miss Laurie

Youth: Pastor Tom

Also, THANKS to all the parents/grandparents who jumped in to help with activities and “crowd control”!!

Special thanks to all who donated snack items and craft items and to those who helped set up the pavilion for today's service.

Thanks also to Amy Gehring who came to share a bit about Lutheran Camping Corporation and to the youth, Williard and Gehring families for making our Friday night campfire so special!

Thanks also to Gail Billow and everyone involved in organizing the “Voices and Vittles” Congregational Picnic.

Strawberry Festival Report

RECEIPTS:

Donations	1,990.00	
Bake Sale	1,050.00	
General Fund	23,433.10	
General Fund - credit cards	3,510.96	
TOTAL RECEIPTS		29,984.06

EXPENSES:

Brad Crum - entertainment	400.00	
Kenny Shadel - entertainment	150.00	
Sandra Lamenza - festival supplies	186.23	
Sysco - festival supplies	2,116.52	
Kenny Stehr - strawberries	4,544.00	
Rachel Henry - banners	117.50	
Bubba Distribution - festival drinks	247.50	
Lewis Weaver - electric reimbursement	50.00	
The Daily Item - festival advertising	42.00	
Citizen Standard - festival advertising	142.00	
The Restaurant Store	1,453.63	
Bolig's Propane	59.12	
PESI - porta potties	355.00	
Matt Williard - supplies & parking signs	754.89	
Green Horse Farms - petting zoo	500.00	
Hoover's store - festival supplies	1,033.73	
S D P Creative - yard signs	510.00	
TOTAL EXPENSES:		12,662.12

TOTAL PROFIT: 17,321.94

Festival Breakdown Per Year

1976 - 1869.82	1987 - 3880.97	1998 - 4685.52	2009 - 10856.57	2019 - 15637.00
1977 - 1009.32	1988 - 3940.73	1999 - 6171.36	2010 - 10405.79	2020 - none
1978 - 1733.87	1989 - 3580.22	2000 - 5177.16	2011 - 10945.46	2021 - 7937.96
1979 - 2336.27	1990 - 4675.62	2001 - 5786.40	2012 - 11896.26	2022 - 14758.01
1980 - 3268.74	1991 - 4886.23	2002 - 6217.68	2013 - 11275.47	2023 - 15025.72
1981 - 2755.56	1992 - 4993.74	2003 - 5415.12	2014 - 10443.75	2024 - 17321.94
1982 - 3087.87	1993 - 4952.56	2004 - 8207.14	2015 - 14482.62	
1983 - 4131.47	1994 - 4241.78	2005 - 8527.42	2016 - 13126.92	
1984 - 3290.68	1995 - 4531.52	2006 - 8328.50	2017 - 12967.09	
1985 - 3796.68	1996 - 4353.33	2007 - 8660.40	2018 - 14062.69	
1986 - 3992.79	1997 - 4588.43	2008 - 10003.42	TOTAL PROFITS:	348,221.57

Today, July 21

10am **Outdoor Worship** in the Pavilion, Featuring our Vacation Bible School Closing Program (In-Person and On Zoom)

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

THIS COMING WEEK

Tom and Donna Rabenold, who very kindly plant our sweet corn each year for our Annual Strawberry Festival and other congregational meals, are estimating that the corn will be ready for processing around the end of this week – which means we will again be in need of pickers and shuckers on an exact date yet to be determined. Picking will occur at the Rabenold's farm approximately 6-7am and will take 1-2 hours. Shucking will occur at the church 8-9am, and will also take 1-2 hours, both depending on the number of pickers and shuckers. Processing of the corn starts immediately after shucking. Cutting the corn off the cob takes the most time of all the steps. Anyone can stay and help for as long as they are able, if you can only help for a short time in any of the three steps. Come early, come later. If you can stay for the entire day, we appreciate the help! ***Please contact Tam Spicher as soon as possible at 717-856-7130, preferably via text, to let her know of your availability to help. She will compile all phone numbers to send a group text to advise everyone of the particulars for the actual day of work on the corn. Tam will also take calls, and in person notifications, if need be.***

Monday, July 22

Mary Magdalene, Apostle

Pastor Tom at Morning Medical Appointment – No Scheduled Office Hours

Tuesday, July 23

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

Wednesday, July 24

8am-12pm Pastor Tom's Office Hours

Thursday, July 25

James, Apostle

8am-12pm Pastor Tom's Office Hours

5pm Free Community Dinner (***Drive Up Only***) at Salem United Church of Christ, Elizabethtown (This meal in a series of Free Community Dinners is intended to especially benefit persons who are in need of food and/or fellowship support, but there are no income guidelines or restrictions of any kind. This ministry is being supported by a number of area christian congregations, including St. John, as well as local businesses and other organizations.)

From Thursday afternoon until late Saturday evening, Pastor Tom and Ann are planning to be away. In Pastor Tom's absence, Pastor Patrick Wirick, who serves the Klingerstown Parish, will be on call for any emergency needs for pastoral care, particularly in the event of a death or a critical illness. Should you need to get in touch with Pastor Pat, 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 Pat. Because the pastors in our conference are still "stretched thin" with the continued inability of the Rife/Killinger Parish to locate an interim pastor, if an emergency is other than a death or critical illness, please clarify when you contact Fay whether you would like Pastor Pat to be notified or if you are calling "only" to place your need on the telephone prayer chain. Or, Pastor Pat can be reached directly by calling 717.439.9037.

Friday, July 26

Pastor Tom Taking Vacation Day

Saturday, July 27

Pastor Tom’s Weekly Day Off

Next Sunday, July 28

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

- 8:45am Sunday Morning Bible Study (In-Person)
- 9:30am SONday Celebration with Miss Laurie (In-Person)
- 9:30am Outdoor Worship in the Pavilion (In-Person and On Zoom) (We will have approximately 100 metal chairs set up in advance, but anyone who would prefer to do so is also welcome to bring along their own comfortable camp chairs to create their own 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

Our Congregational Yard Sale will be here before we know it! Please note the following regarding the upcoming sale:

- Benefits the Lutheran Disaster Response of our Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
- Non priced items will be priced by yard sale staff at their discretion.
- Donations are accepted Monday, July 29 through Wednesday, July 31.
 - Please place donations in the front part of the pavilion, near the kitchen.
 - Please do not bring donations to the church before Monday, July 29.
 - Please do not place them anywhere but directly in the pavilion.
- Yard Sale Set Up - **The greatest need for help is Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday mornings between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and Noon.** This will be when we unpack, sort, hang and organize donations.
- The sale will take place in the pavilion:
 - **Thursday, August 1:** 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
 - **Friday, August 2:** 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
 - **Saturday, August 1:** 8:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
- Anyone wishing to help during the yard sale should come to the pavilion at any time during the set up and/or sale hours listed above.
- Yard Sale Pack Up and Pavilion Tear Down – As in past years, items not sold during the yard sale will be available to the congregation after the service on Sunday, August 4, or prior to pack up on Monday morning.
 - Items not claimed by 8 AM on Monday, August 5, will be disposed of or donated appropriately.
 - If you are able to help with the pack up and/or tear down, please come to the pavilion Monday, August 5, at 9 AM.

Tips for Success:

- Be sure your donations are in good/clean condition
- Drop off donations at any time between **Monday and Wednesday.**
 - Although we do not turn away donations, we have a better chance of selling them if they are out and ready for the first day of our sale... bright and early Thursday morning.
- Donate your time to help set up, tear down or help out during the sale.
- Pick up any unsold items you do not wish to donate in a timely manner.

**We appreciate all available help and thank you for your support.
Sheila Barder and Tam Spicher.**

On Sunday, August 4, we will worship together indoors and upstairs as we share in the Sacrament of Holy Communion, even though in all likelihood our elevator will not be repaired by then. In “normal” times, this of course would be our plan, as decided in a congregational meeting. This time, it is necessary – regardless of elevator status – due to the presence of our yard sale in the pavilion that morning.

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Please place your non-perishable food donations for the food pantry at the Upper Dauphin Human Services Center in Lykens on any shelf inside the north (right side, coming in the front doors) closet in the foyer, where the door is labelled accordingly. As the contributions add up, deliveries will be made to the pantry by **Jenna, Jason, Landon, & Bennett Troutman**, who are now continuing this important ministry faithfully done for so many years by **Larry Gessner**. Thank you!

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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. #54B, Complete Care at Annapolis, 900 Van Buren Street, Annapolis, MD 21403
- **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
- **Robert Schaffer** – Rm. #125, Polk Personal Care Center, 301 North St., Millersburg
- **Steven Schlegel** – Now on an Every-Four-Weeks Outpatient Chemotherapy Plan

Our Faith Active in Worship – July 14, 2024

Current – Approx. Budget Goal	\$3,112
Current – Offerings Received	\$1,981
Benevolence – Offerings Received	\$35
Improvement – Offerings Received	\$55
Children & Youth Ministry – Offerings Received	\$125
Total Attendance	Zoom – 21, In Person – 71