

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	Keyboardist
Ty Troutman	Senior Choir Director
Darrell & Janet Denlinger	Greeters
Joshua Paul	Council President

For the month of July:

Celebrate Insert is presented by Carl and Louise Baumgardner in honor of our many blessings including Dad's 91st birthday and Mom and Dad's upcoming 70th wedding anniversary.

Tree 4 Hope is sponsored by Ty and Kim Troutman in honor of Ty's mother Lucy who celebrates her 100th birthday this month.

Our support of one pastor for one month in the **Konde Diocese of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania** is sponsored by Delmar and Ginny Enders to the glory of God and in honor of Kyrrah's 2nd birthday.

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!

"Hero Hotline" VBS

We're "answering the call" to serve God!

Announcements

Heroes Enter w/ Prelude

*Call to worship

Leader: Lord, thank you for being the ultimate superhero. Help us to always put you in the lead.

ALL: Heroes are called to follow Jesus!

Leader: Lord, help us to see those in need around us.

ALL: Heroes are called to help others!

Leader: Lord, remind us to ask for help and not try to go it alone.

ALL: Heroes are called to work together!

Leader: Lord, help us to look and listen for your calling.

ALL: Heroes are called to listen to God!

Leader: Lord, in your hands, ordinary people, like us, can become superheroes. Help us to go out and change the world.

ALL: Heroes are called to serve God!

Scripture Reading – Romans 14:10-13; 17-19

"Hero Hotline" Presentation

- Welcome and VBS Statistics
- Intro with Supersonic Sunny
- Song - "Hero Hotline"
- Recap of stories with songs

Leader Recognition

*Prayer

*"Answering the Call"

Leader: Who ya gonna call?

ALL: Hero Hotline!

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ALL: Hero Hotline!

Leader: Why?

ALL: Because Heroes are called to serve God!

Hero "Send Off"

Sending Song – "Hold Up"

Heroes Exit w/ Postlude

*Please stand, if able

The offering received from VBS is being donated to the Lifeline Pregnancy Center.

Thanks to EVERYONE who volunteered their time and talents to make "Hero Hotline" possible:

Assembly Time and Storyteller: Miss Laurie

Nursery: Holly Warfel, Holly Scheib

Music: Reagan Little

Craft: Sandy Bixler

Science: Olivia Williard, Matt Williard

Recreation: Bryan Bender, Adam Brosius, Justin Adams

Snack: Nicole Radel, Roberta Radel, Kim Williard, Barry Williard

Timer: Brady Dresel

Art & Decorations: Sandy Bixler and gang

Pre-K "Wranglers": Tiffany Brosius, Heidi Lehman, 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 to those who helped set up the pavilion for today's service.

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

Strawberry Festival Report 2023 Lynn Henninger, Treasurer.xlsx

RECEIPTS:				
Donations		4,050.00		
Bake Sale		975.30		
General Fund		24,116.79		
TOTAL RECEIPTS:			29,142.09	
EXPENSES:				
Brad Crum - entertainment		400.00		
Tom Whitcomb - entertainment		250.00		
Sandra Lamenza - festival supplies		293.16		
Sysco - festival supplies		2,094.41		
Mike Henninger - hamburger		628.82		
Kenny Stehr - strawberries		5,000.00		
Rachel Henry - cash boxes & credit strips		183.94		
Troutman's Dairy - festival drinks		248.50		
Lewis Weaver - electric reimbursement		50.00		
The Daily Item - festival advertising		42.00		
Citizen Standard - festival advertising		136.00		
The Restaurant Store		974.22		
Bolig's Propane		61.57		
PESI - porta potties		455.00		
Matt Williard - festival supplies		120.10		
Green Horse Farms - petting zoo		500.00		
Valley Waste - dumpster rental		365.60		
Clint Gehring - soda & water		257.50		
Aunt G. IS Pastries - 400 pie crusts		400.00		
Jeff Lehman - festival supplies		410.55		
Hoover's store - festival supplies		600.00		
S D P Creative - yard signs		645.00		
TOTAL EXPENSES:			14,116.37	
TOTAL PROFIT:			15,025.72	
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	
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:	330,899.63

Our Faith Active in Worship – July 16, 2023

Current – Budget Goal	\$2,796
Current – Offerings Received	\$2,638
Benevolence – Offerings Received	\$195
Improvement – Offerings Received	\$30
Children & Youth Ministry – Offerings Received	\$230
Total Attendance	Zoom –7, In Person – 72

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- **Cindy Carr** – At Home, Undergoing Treatment for Autoimmune Disorder and Resulting Organ Damage
- **Judy Cheatham** –Rm. #47B, Complete Care at Annapolis, 900 Van Buren Street, Annapolis, MD 21403
- **Timothy Enders** – Rm. #120, The Gardens at York Terrace, 2401 W. Market St., Pottsville, 17901
- **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)
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Looking Ahead

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- Donations will be accepted Monday, July 31 through Wednesday, August 2. Please place donations in the front part of the pavilion, near the kitchen. **Please do not bring donations to the church before Monday, July 31 and please do not place them anywhere but directly in the pavilion.**
- **Yard Sale Set Up** - The greatest need for help is Monday, Tuesday and/or Wednesday morning 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 3 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
 - Friday, August 4 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
 - Saturday, August 5 8:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
- To help during the yard sale, please come to the pavilion at any time during the hours of the sale, listed above.

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T-shirt Orders

The Youth Group has opened up sales for the "We put the 'Berry' in Berrysburg" t-shirts that you may have seen being worn at the Strawberry Festival. ***Make checks payable to "St. John's Youth Group."**

- The prices are as follows: **Short Sleeve (size S to 3XL) = \$20.00 each, Long Sleeve (size S to 3XL) = \$25.00 each**

You may order directly from and pay Matt Williard (or Amy, Olivia, or Clint) on Sundays. NOTES: *Please drop payment off at the church (c/o Youth Group) or make arrangements with any of the Youth Group advisors.

Amy Gehring continues to collect donations to Bethesda Mobile Mission. Gently used, unstained, clean blankets and casual clothing for MEN & WOMEN are always a need since the homeless do not typically have the ability to launder items. Sleeping bags, tarps, mats, backpacks/large totes or bags are also useful. New underwear, socks, batteries (all sizes), toilet paper, candles, and matches are highly valued. Those served by the Bethesda Mobile Mission also need TRAVEL SIZE toiletries—don't leave those small bottles behind when you are traveling. Pass them along to Amy. Please contact Amy at church with any questions or call her at 1-717-503-7623. Donations can be placed in the designated hampers in the foyer.

Synodical Women's Convention Ingathering

From July 15th until August 13th, the Women of the ELCA of St. John are doing a collection of gift cards and tangible, nonperishable food items and toiletries to donate to the food pantry at the United Lutheran Theological Seminary in Gettysburg. Gift cards from Weis, Giant, Aldi and Walmart are especially welcome, as are the following food items: **hot and cold cereals; canned vegetables; macaroni; granola bars; sugar; flour; peanut butter; spaghetti sauce; and baking mixes. Toiletry Items especially needed are: soap; shampoo/conditioner; and toothpaste.** We will be collecting these items in the Conference Room on the windowsill and the cabinet in front of the window. There will also be a basket in which to place the gift cards. Please speak with Fay Nichols, who is coordinating the collection, with any questions, and thank you for all your help!

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