

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.

Laurie Little

Judy Ferree

Carl Baumgardner

Roy Henry

Pastor

Young Christians Minister

Pianist

Lector

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. If you are a visitor, please worship with us again and join in other congregational family activities!

Outdoor Worship Liturgy

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** #410 "We Give Thee But Thine Own"

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: Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14, 2:18-23

Psalms: 49:1-12

Second Reading: Colossians 3:1-11

Gospel: Luke 12:13-21

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

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.**

God Sends Us to Share the Good News

Blessing:

P: The Lord bless us and keep us. The Lord's face shine upon us with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon us with favor and give us peace.

C: AMEN

Closing Hymn **LBW** #409 "Praise and Thanksgiving"

Dismissal:

P: Go in peace. Proclaim the good news

C: WE WILL. THANKS BE TO GOD!

Keyboard Postlude and Silent Prayer

Today, Sunday, July 31

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.

8:45am Pastor Tom Leading Adult Bible Study (In-Person) (This will be Part 2 of the study of our Evangelical Lutheran Church in America's social statement dealing with **Abortion**, which began on July 17.)

9:30am SONDay Celebration (In-Person)

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

Monday, August 1

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

9:00am **YARD SALE DONATIONS CAN BE LEFT IN THE PAVILION** (Try to have all sale items to the pavilion before 6 p.m. on Wednesday, so they can be unpacked prior to the start of the sale on Thursday. Please do not place sale items anywhere but directly in the pavilion. **Also, newspaper is needed to wrap delicate purchases and can also be dropped off at the pavilion with yard sale donations.** Please contact Camie Leitzel or Sheila Barder with any questions.)

9:00am **YARD SALE SET UP BEGINS** (Anyone who would like to help unbox donated treasures and/or hang clothing for the yard sale is asked to come to the pavilion anytime between 9 a.m. and 12 Noon on Monday, Tuesday and/or Wednesday. Each morning we will set out items brought the day before so help is needed each day. Much thanks to all who can help!)

Tuesday, August 2

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

9am-12pm Yard Sale Set Up

9:30am Pastor Tom at Monthly Conference Pastors Gathering

Wednesday, August 3

8am-12pm Pastor Tom's Office Hours

9am-12pm Yard Sale Set Up

Youth Group Evening Gathering

Thursday, August 4

8am-12pm Pastor Tom's Office Hours

8am-5pm Annual Congregational Yard Sale (**REGARDING YARD SALE STAFFING** – Rather than asking folks to commit to specific times, we would like to invite anyone wishing to donate their time to stop by whenever it fits into their schedules. Even after our opening day, new items usually do continue to come in so help is needed with unboxing, hanging, organizing, finding missing parts/pieces, etc. We appreciate even the smallest amount of your time that you're able to donate throughout these very busy yard sale days.)

Friday, August 5

8-9:30am Pastor Tom’s Office Hours
8am-5pm Annual Congregational Yard Sale

Saturday, August 6

Pastor Tom’s Weekly Day Off
8-11am Annual Congregational Yard Sale

Next Sunday, August 7

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

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8:45am Adult Bible Study (In-Person)
9:30am SONDay Celebration (In-Person)
9:30am **Outdoor Worship** in the Pavilion, including Holy Communion (In-Person and On Zoom) *(We will have approximately 80 well-spaced metal chairs set up in advance, but anyone who would prefer to do so is also welcome to bring along their own camp chairs to create their own well-spaced 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!)*

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Looking Ahead

Please join us as a new year of Book Group gatherings gets under way on Monday, August 8, at 6:30 P.M. in person at the church – in the pavilion or in the Fellowship Hall! On tap for August 8 is: **The Route 66 Trilogy** by Richard Paul Evans -- **The Broken Road, The Forgotten Road & The Road Home**. And looking ahead to other upcoming books:

- September 12 **The Island of Sea Women** by Lisa See
- October & November **Martin Luther** by Eric Metaxas
 The Parables of Peanuts by Robert L Short

Call or email Ann 717.362.7895 rahbruner@gmail.com if you need a book or have any questions. Hope to see you there!

Be watching for details from Miss Laurie about her annual **Water Fun Night**, back by popular demand, on Friday, August 12, at the church!

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At a Special Congregational Meeting held at the end of worship on Sunday, July 10, unanimous approval was given via voice vote to 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** was far and away the best one we received, but, as with all of the bids we received, it 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, if needed, would be covered by “time and material”. The funding for the repair/replacement will 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. Clearly, this estimate figure gives us considerable leeway for any hidden/unexpected repair work which might end up being needed.

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, Continuing to Recover from Surgery
- **Donna Rabenold** – At Home, Finished with Radiation Therapy and Continuing Lower-Level Maintenance Chemotherapy Through Fall

Our Faith Active in Worship: July 24, 2022

Current – Budget Goal	\$2,606
Current – Offerings Received	\$4,381
Benevolence – Offerings Received	\$275
Improvement – Offerings Received	\$90
Children & Youth Ministry – Offerings Received	\$510
Total Attendance	Zoom – 6, In Person – 60

“St. John’s Restoration 250” Financial Update – As of July 24, 2022

Total Estimated Project Cost	\$ 220,000
Memorials Interest Money Designated for Project (Letting \$100,000 Reserve of Interest)	\$ 88,000
Total Financial Gifts Received	\$ 60,170
Total Financial Gifts Pledged, Not Yet Received	\$ 38,600
Total Pledges & Gifts Still Needed to Reach Goal	<u>\$ 33,230</u>