

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

Jim Watson	Leader
Laurie Little	Young Christians Minister
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. 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** #567 "God of Our Fathers"

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

Special Music by Hoyt Schlegel

We Hear God's Word

First Reading: Isaiah 66:10-14

Psalm: 66:1-9

Second Reading: Galatians 6:1-16

Gospel: Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

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.

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** #383 "Rise Up, O Saints of God!"

Dismissal:

P: Go in peace. Proclaim the good news

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

Keyboard Postlude and Silent Prayer

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 3

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 Adult Bible Study (In-Person)

9:30am SONDay Celebration (In-Person)

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

A BIG THANK YOU to **Jim Watson** for serving as our guest worship leader in Pastor Tom's absence! *Please remember that, until Pastor Tom's return to the office on Friday morning, Pastor Godfred Effisah (pronounced eh-FEE-suh), who serves the Rife/Killinger Parish, will be on call for any emergency needs for pastoral care. Should you need to get in touch with him, 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 Godfred. Or, Pastor Godfred can be reached directly by calling 571-572-0119.*

Friday, July 8

8am-12pm Pastor Tom's Office Hours

Saturday, July 9

Pastor Tom's Weekly Day Off

Next Sunday, July 10

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

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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) ***(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!)***

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. Clearly, this estimate figure gives us considerably more leeway than did the other bids received for any hidden/unexpected repair work which might end up being needed. 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

Looking Ahead

Vacation Bible School – **Food Truck Party: Get on a Roll with God** – gets underway on Monday, July 11, at 6:30pm.

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 during **Sunday Morning Adult Bible Study at 8:45am on Sundays, July 17 and July 31.**

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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.)***

Please see the bright blue container at the computer desk in the Sunday School Room to recycle your AA, AAA, C, D, 9-Volt and Button Cell batteries in Alkaline, NiMH, NiCAD, Zinc Air and Non-Lithium types, 9 volts and below. All batteries must be dry cell only, and they cannot be leaking or have broken cases. Through the efforts of Larry Gessner, batteries that are in especially good condition are being recharged and donated to Bethesda Mission, while all others for recycling are delivered to Dauphin County Recycling in Harrisburg.

The Youth Group continues to collect aluminum – aluminum only, please – in the lower level of the barn, facing toward Elizabethville. ***Please be sure to place your aluminum inside the sliding door and not outside in the pull-in space, where the animals have been creating a mess with donations.*** Thank you for your help with this major fundraiser for our youth and help for our environment!

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.