

## 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
Judy Ferree	Organist
Ty Troutman	Senior Choir Director
Tim & Lori Motter	Greeters
Joshua Paul	Lector/Council President
Christie Kahler	Lead Usher

For the month of June, the **Celebrate Inserts** are presented by Mike and Carol Hubler in celebration of the birthdays of Esther, Shelley, Carol and June and for all things great and wonderful, the Lord God made them all, the **Tree 4 Hope** is sponsored by Tim and Lori Motter in honor of the marriage of Nicholas Motter and Abigail Francisco on June 8, 2024, and our support of one pastor for one month in the **Konde Diocese of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania** is sponsored by Kim & Barry Williard Jr. in memory of her father, Paul "Topper" Welker.

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!

## 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, the creator of wind and rain, field and ocean, the bread of life coming down from above, the power at work within us and this world.

C: **AMEN.**

P: Before God and in the company of our sisters and brothers, let us confess our sin.

*(brief silence follows)*

P: God and Father of all,

C: **WE CONFESS THAT WE HAVE SINNED AGAINST YOU IN THOUGHT, WORD, AND DEED. WE HAVE THOUGHT BETTER OF OURSELVES THAN OTHERS. WE HAVE TOLD LIES, SAID HURTFUL THINGS, ACTED IN WAYS WE WISH WE COULD TAKE BACK, AND LOOKED THE OTHER WAY WHEN ACTION WAS NEEDED. IN YOUR MERCY, O GOD, FORGIVE US, CLEANSE US, AND HEAL US, FOR THE SAKE OF JESUS, OUR SAVIOR. AMEN.**

P: If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; everything has become new! In Christ, we are a new creation: our sins are taken away and we are made new. Let us be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven us.

C: **AMEN.**

\*Opening Hymn **LBW** #148 "Now the Green Blade Rises"

\*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: Ezekiel 17:22-24

Psalms: 92:1-4, 12-15

Second Reading: II Corinthians 5:6-17

\*Gospel: Mark 4:26-34

Response after the reading is announced: **GLORY TO YOU, O LORD.**

Response after the reading is concluded: **PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST.**

Sunny Sermon with Miss Laurie

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**

\*Dismissal:

P: Go in peace. Proclaim the good news

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

\*Closing Hymn **LBW** #261 "On What Has Now Been Sown"

\*Keyboard Postlude and We Depart to Serve

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\* Please stand, if able to do so.

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### **Today, June 16**

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)

### **Monday, June 17**

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

### **Tuesday, June 18**

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

### **Wednesday, June 19**

8am-12pm Pastor Tom's Office Hours

### **Thursday, June 20**

8am-12pm Pastor Tom's Office Hours

### **Friday, June 21**

Pastor Tom Taking Weekly Day Off from June 1

***From early Friday morning 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/Killingier 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.***

### **Saturday, June 22**

Pastor Tom's Weekly Day Off

### **Next Sunday, June 23**

Fifth 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

The wrap-up meeting for our Annual Strawberry Festival will be held on Tuesday, June 25, at 6:15 P.M. at the church – all interested folks are invited to attend!

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Please be sure to return any yard/road signs you took and posted just as soon as you can so that they can be properly stored for next year. Please place them in the pavilion kitchen and cross your name off the sign-out list to show they have been returned. Thank you for this great help with the publicity of this year's Festival!

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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 **Larry Gessner**. Thank you!

### 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. #47B, 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** – On Hospice Care at: 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** – Home, Receiving Outpatient Chemotherapy Treatments
- **Faye Weaver** – Discharged from UPMC Harrisburg on 6/8

### Our Faith Active in Worship – June 9, 2024

<b>Current – Approx. Budget Goal</b>	<b>\$3,112</b>
Current – Offerings Received	\$2,807
Benevolence – Offerings Received	\$140
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Total Attendance	<b>Zoom – 7, In Person – 70</b>

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