

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
Joshua Paul
Roy Henry

Pastor
Young Christians Minister
Organist
Lector
Council President

For the month of June, our **Celebrate** lectionary bulletin inserts are sponsored by Mike & Carol Hubler In celebration of the birthdays of Esther, Shelley, Carol and June and for all good things, creatures great and small, the Lord God made them all. Our support of **Tree 4 Hope** and the support of one pastor for one month in the **Konde Diocese of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania** is sponsored by Tim & Lori Motter in honor of our church family members and for our many blessings.

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 #328 (verses 1, 5-7 only)** "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!"

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

Honoring Our High School Graduate – **Kelsey Henninger** from Upper Dauphin Area High School

We Hear God's Word

First Reading: Isaiah 65:1-9

Psalm: 22:19-28

Second Reading: Galatians 3:23-29

Gospel: Luke 8:26-39

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

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

Sunny Sermon

Sermon

We Respond to All That God Gives Us

We Proclaim Our Faith:

I BELIEVE IN THE HOLY SPIRIT, THE HOLY CATHOLIC CHURCH, THE COMMUNION OF SAINTS, THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS, THE RESURRECTION OF THE BODY, AND THE LIFE EVERLASTING. (THIS MEANS THAT) I BELIEVE THAT BY MY OWN UNDERSTANDING OR STRENGTH I CANNOT BELIEVE IN JESUS CHRIST MY LORD OR COME TO HIM, BUT INSTEAD THE HOLY SPIRIT HAS CALLED ME THROUGH THE GOSPEL, ENLIGHTENED ME WITH HIS GIFTS, MADE ME HOLY, AND KEPT ME IN THE TRUE FAITH, JUST AS HE CALLS, GATHERS, ENLIGHTENS, AND MAKES HOLY THE WHOLE CHRISTIAN CHURCH ON EARTH AND KEEPS IT WITH JESUS CHRIST IN THE ONE COMMON, TRUE FAITH. DAILY IN THIS CHRISTIAN CHURCH THE HOLY SPIRIT ABUNDANTLY FORGIVES ALL SINS – MINE AND THOSE OF ALL BELIEVERS. ON THE LAST DAY THE HOLY SPIRIT WILL RAISE ME AND ALL THE DEAD AND WILL GIVE TO ME AND ALL BELIEVERS IN CHRIST ETERNAL LIFE. THIS IS MOST CERTAINLY TRUE.

-Martin Luther's "Small Catechism"

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 #315** "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

Dismissal:

P: Go in peace. Proclaim the good news

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

Keyboard Postlude and Silent Prayer

Today, Sunday, June 19

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)

Monday, June 20

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

From Monday evening until the morning of Friday, July 8, Pastor Tom is planning to take time away. In his absence, 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. For all non-emergency matters, Pastor Tom will return to the office on the morning of July 8.

Next Sunday, June 26

Third Sunday after Pentecost

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THANK YOU TO MATT WILLIARD WHO WILL BE OUR GUEST WORSHIP LEADER IN PASTOR TOM'S ABSENCE, AS WE WELCOME THE MUSIC OF THE LYKENS VALLEY BLUEGRASS BAND!

On Sunday morning, July 10, from 8:30 to 9:30am (***starting 15 minutes earlier than our normal Adult Sunday Morning Bible Study and running approximately 15 minutes longer***) Gary Daniels and Rob & Courtney Foreman will lead a 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.

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**. Please watch for more information!

Containers are located in the foyer for food donations for the food pantry at the Upper Dauphin Human Services Center in Lykens. Please drop off non-perishable food items at any time and, as the contributions add up, deliveries will be made to the pantry by **Larry Gessner**. Thank you!

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.)***

If you are an Amazon.com shopper, our congregation is registered with the "Amazon Smiles" program, whereby Amazon donates one half of one percent of your purchase amount to a charitable organization that you select. Please note that, to qualify, your purchase has to be made through the "smile" side of things, to which you will find a very easily identifiable link from the main part of the Amazon.com website. (Once there, it can be a bit tricky to pick out our congregational name from all of the "St. John's" – look for **St John Evangelical Lutheran Church, Berrysburg, PA**. Once you have selected us the first time, we will automatically be designated each time you shop and you won't need to re-do the search.) All monies received in this way will be automatically deposited for use in the Current Fund.

We are seeking 2 additional Zoom hosts/households to help in creating a more permanent rotation of hosting. The only requirement is a basic knowledge of computers and the internet – all other training will be provided. Questions? Please speak with Roy or Rachel Henry. To volunteer, please speak with the Henrys or with Pastor Tom.

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

Our Faith Active in Worship – June 12, 2022

Current – Budget Goal	\$2,606
Current – Offerings Received	\$1,751
Benevolence – Offerings Received	\$100
Improvement – Offerings Received	\$20
Children & Youth Ministry – Offerings Received	\$150
Total Attendance	Zoom – 28, In Person – 64

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 Daily Radiation Therapy Through Mid-July and Lower-Level Maintenance Chemotherapy Through Fall