

## 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

|                                      |                           |
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| The Rev. Thomas G. Bruner, Jr.       | Pastor                    |
| Laurie Little                        | Young Christians Minister |
| Judy Ferree                          | Organist                  |
| James Watson                         | Holy Communion Assistant  |
| Mike and Carol Hubler                | Altar Guild Preparation   |
| Ty Troutman                          | Senior Choir Director     |
| Mike and Carol Hubler                | Greeters                  |
| Jamie Doyle                          | Lector                    |
| Grayson Foreman and Lillian Rabenold | Acolytes                  |
| Christie Kahler                      | Lead Usher                |
| Joshua Paul                          | Council President         |

For the month of June:

Our support of the **Celebrate Insert** is sponsored by Mike and Carol Hubler in celebration of the birthdays for Esther, Shelley, Carol and June. And, for all things bright and wonderful, the Lord God made them all!

**Tree 4 Hope** is sponsored by Tim & Lori Motter in celebration of the graduate degrees for Nicholas Motter from University of the Arts in Philadelphia and Abby Francisco from Regis College in Boston.

Our support of one pastor for one month in the **Konde Diocese of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania** is presented by Sadie for her mom Tonya's birthday and by Ayden for his dad Bryan's birthday.

The **Altar flowers** are placed in loving memory of Winifred and Merle Romberger.

Welcome to all who are worshipping with us this morning. If you are a visitor, please sign our guest book in the foyer. As we celebrate our Lord's Supper, we welcome to our table all baptized Christians who have received the sacrament in their home congregations. All persons who do not yet commune are invited to come forward to receive a blessing. Please worship with us again and join in other congregational family activities!

## Sunday Morning Liturgy – ELW Setting 10

### God Gathers Us in Prayer and Praise

Announcements

Organ Prelude and Silent Prayer

\*Confession and Forgiveness

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Opening Hymn #413 "Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty"

\*Apostolic Greeting

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\*Kyrie (sung in unison)

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\*Hymn of Praise: "Come, let us join..." (sung in unison)

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Prayer of the Day

### We Hear God's Word

First Reading: Genesis 1:1-2:4a

Psalm: 8

Second Reading: II Corinthians 13:11-13

\*Gospel Acclamation (sung in unison):

**ALLELUIA! LORD AND SAVIOR: OPEN NOW YOUR SAVING WORD. LET IT BURN LIKE FIRE WITHIN US; SPEAK UNTIL OUR HEARTS ARE STIRRED. ALLELUIA! LORD WE SING FOR THE GOOD NEWS THAT YOU BRING. (Pg 205)**

\*Gospel: Matthew 28:16-20

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

Rite of Affirmation of Baptism/Confirmation

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\*Prayers of the Church

Musical Anthem by Senior Choir

\*Offertory Hymn (#182) (sung as gifts are brought forward):

**LET THE VINEYARDS BE FRUITFUL LORD, AND FILL TO THE BRIM OUR CUP OF BLESSING. GATHER A HARVEST FROM THE SEEDS THAT WERE SOWN, THAT WE MAY BE FED WITH THE BREAD OF LIFE. GATHER THE HOPES AND DREAMS OF ALL; UNITE THEM WITH THE PRAYERS WE OFFER NOW. GRACE OUR TABLE WITH YOUR PRESENCE AND GIVE US A FORETASTE OF THE FEAST TO COME.**

\*Offertory Prayer:

P: Let us pray... our Savior and Lord. All: **AMEN.**

### We Share in God's Supper

\*Great Thanksgiving (spoken):

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **AND ALSO WITH YOU.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: **WE LIFT THEM TO THE LORD.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: **IT IS RIGHT TO GIVE OUR THANKS AND PRAISE.**

P: ...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

\*We Respond in Praise (sung in unison):

**HOLY, HOLY, HOLY LORD, GOD OF POWER AND MIGHT, HEAV'N AND EARTH ARE FULL OF YOUR GLORY. HOSANNA IN THE HIGHEST. BLESSED IS HE WHO COMES IN THE NAME OF THE LORD. HOSANNA IN THE HIGHEST, HOSANNA IN THE HIGHEST. (Pg. 207)**

\*Eucharistic Prayer:

P: ...we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

All Sing: **CHRIST HAS DIED. CHRIST IS RISEN. CHRIST WILL COME AGAIN. (Pg. 207)**

P: ...be all honor and glory in your Holy Church, now and forever.

All Sing: **AMEN, AMEN, AMEN. (Pg. 207)**

\*Our Lord's Prayer – traditional version on right Pg. 208

We Partake of Our Lord's Supper (As we share in the sacrament, please join in singing the praise song "O Lamb of God" on Pg. 208)

\*Post Communion Blessing:

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen us and keep us in his grace.

All: **AMEN**

### **God Sends Us to Share the Good News**

\*Post Communion Hymn (#204) (sung):

**THANKFUL HEARTS AND VOICES RAISE; TELL EVERYONE WHAT GOD HAS DONE. LET ALL WHO SEEK THE LORD REJOICE AND BEAR CHRIST'S HOLY NAME. SEND US WITH YOUR PROMISES AND LEAD YOUR PEOPLE FORTH IN JOY WITH SHOUTS OF THANKSGIVING. ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA!**

\*Post Communion Prayer:

P: Let us pray... Christ our Lord.

All: **AMEN**

\*Blessing and Dismissal:

P: Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless us now and forever.

All: **AMEN**

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

All: **WE WILL! THANKS BE TO GOD!**

\*Closing Hymn #756 "Eternal Father, Strong to Save"

\*Choral Dismissal Song "Jesus Stand Among Us"

\*Organ Postlude and We Depart to Serve

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\* Please stand, if able to do so.

## Our Faith Active in Worship – May 28, 2023

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| <b>Current – Budget Goal</b>                   | <b>\$2,796</b>                  |
| Current – Offerings Received                   | \$1,516                         |
| Benevolence – Offerings Received               | \$221                           |
| Improvement – Offerings Received               | \$81                            |
| Children & Youth Ministry – Offerings Received | \$346                           |
| Total Attendance                               | <b>Zoom –18, In Person – 60</b> |

## “St John’s Restoration 250” Financial Update – As of May 28, 2023

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|---|---------------------------|
| Final Total Project Cost (under \$220,000 Budgeted) | \$216,795                 |
| Memorials Interest Money Expended for Project       | \$82,880                  |
|   | (under \$88,000 Budgeted) |
| Total Financial Gifts Received                      | \$122,605                 |
| Total Financial Gifts Pledged, Not Yet Received     | \$11,310                  |

## 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
- **Timothy Enders** – Rm. #120, 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, Viva Senior Living at Harrisburg, 150 Kempton Avenue, Harrisburg, 17111 (717.909.0417)
- **Steven Schlegel** – Entering Penn State Hershey Medical Center on 6/9 for Surgery
- **Jean & Fred Weaver** – In Need of Prayer

## Today, Sunday, June 4

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| 8:45am | Adult Bible Study (In-Person)   |
| 9:15am | Congregational Council Gathers to Prepare for Worship   |
| 9:30am | SONDay Celebration (In-Person)  |
| 9:30am | Worship, Including Sacrament of Holy Communion and Rite of Confirmation (In-Person and On Zoom)   |
|        | <b>THIS MORNING</b> , we have the honor of celebrating with <b>Cole Roadcap</b> and his family as he makes affirmation of his baptism and is confirmed! |

## Monday, June 5

### **Pastor Tom’s Weekly Day Off – Instead of June 3**

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| 8am    | Food Preparation for Annual Strawberry Festival  |
| 5:30pm | Strawberry Preparation for Tuesday Pie Making (Please speak with Pat Herb if you can help for this planned brief work time.) |

## Tuesday, June 6

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| 8-9:30am | Pastor Tom’s Office Hours                |
| 8am      | Preparation of Strawberry Pies           |
| 9:30am   | Pastor Tom at Conference Pastors Meeting |
| 6pm      | Strawberry Preparation for Festival Day  |
| 6pm      | Preparation and Set-Up of Pavilion       |

**For All Congregational Family Members Planning on Purchasing Whole Strawberry Pies:** If at all possible, please plan to pick up and pay for your pie(s) on Tuesday evening at the pavilion kitchen. The cost will again be \$10.50 per pie and exact change would be very helpful. (The hope is that this will help to make sure that everyone from the congregational family gets the pies they want and also help to avoid the confusion that has resulted in the past with “congregational” pies being reserved and put aside in the cooler during the chaos of Festival Day – please help!)

## Wednesday, June 7 – Annual Strawberry Festival

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| 8am      | Final Preparation for Annual Strawberry Festival     |
| 12-7pm   | Open to the Public!!                                 |
| 1:30-3pm | Entertainment by <b>Brad Crum Appearing as Elvis</b> |
| 4-5:30pm | Entertainment by <b>Shannon</b>                      |

## Thursday, June 8

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| 8am-12pm | Pastor Tom’s Office Hours |
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## Friday, June 9

### **Day of Prayer for Peace with Justice, Beginning in the Middle East**

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| 8-9:30am | Pastor Tom’s Office Hours |
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## Saturday, June 10

Pastor Tom’s Weekly Day Off

## Next Sunday, June 11

Second Sunday after Pentecost/Barnabas, Apostle

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| 8:45am | Adult Bible Study (In-Person)  |
| 9:30am | SONDay Celebration (In-Person)   |
| 9:30am | <b>Outdoor Worship</b> in the Pavilion (In-Person and On Zoom) ( <b>We will be back to approximately 100 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 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!</b> ) |

For Strawberry Festival donations again this year, we are simply requesting monetary donations for all items. This is because the different committees who are responsible for the preparation of various food items for June 7 can make much more cost-effective purchases by buying supplies in bulk, often at wholesale outlets, allowing us all to be the best possible stewards of everyone's time and hard-earned money. Therefore, please see the sign-up sheet posted on the foyer bulletin board, where the approximate prices of different items are listed, and consider taking the amount of money that you might have used in the past to go shopping for Festival items, placing it in a plain envelope showing your name and offering envelope number – checks payable to “St. John Bicentennial Fund” please – and dropping it in the offering plate or passing it along to Lynn Henninger or Jeff Lehman or Pastor Tom.

If you've ever thought you'd like to give a tug on the bell rope just to see what happens, here is your chance! Congregational Council and Pastor Tom are looking for three or four persons who would be willing to serve as a part of a bell ringing team. Our Lead Ushers, who have been designated as the persons to ring the bell each Sunday 15 minutes before the start of worship, have been finding that it is tough to both be upstairs doing their work and then also remember to get back downstairs at the appointed time. So, folks who would be willing to serve as part of a monthly rotation of bell ringers, to be coordinated by **Jeff Lehman**, are needed. “Training” will be provided and your help will be much appreciated! Please speak with Jeff or with Pastor Tom if interested.

A sponsor is needed for the July 2 altar flowers (\$35; signup sheet posted on south closet door in the foyer; the first time in many years that we have needed altar flowers for the holiday weekend since we will be inside for worship this year). To sponsor this ministry in honor or in memory of loved ones or events, please either sign up in person or, if easier, please feel free to call or email Pastor Tom, who can take care of signing you up.

### **Book Group - Summer 2023**

Join us for some light summer reading! We'll read the first 3 titles in each of these 2 series, and then we'll discuss them at an [Evening Picnic on Monday, August 21, 6:30 pm in the Pavilion](#):

- **The Mitford Years Series** by Jan Karon (**At Home in Mitford; A Light in the Window; These High, Green Hills**)
- **The No. 1 Ladies' Detective Agency Series** by Alexander McCall Smith (**The No. 1 Ladies Detective Agency; Tears of the Giraffe; Morality for Beautiful Girls**)

Choose to read one of the series ... or all 6 books. A few copies are available for sharing in the church library -- and more at your local public library, both physical copy and ebook. If you have questions or need to locate a book, please contact Ann ([rahbruner@gmail.com](mailto:rahbruner@gmail.com)). Everyone is welcome!

We have a new location for food donations for the food pantry at the Upper Dauphin Human Services Center in Lykens. Please place those non-perishable food items on any shelf inside the north (right side, coming in the front doors) closet, where the door is labelled accordingly. 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.)***

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 are recycled.

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 tend to create a mess with donations.*** Thank you for your help with this major fundraiser for our youth and help for our environment!