

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
Barry Williard	Holy Communion Assistant
Joshua Paul	Lector
Roy Henry	Council President

For the month of June, our **Celebrate** lectionary bulletin inserts are sponsored by Mike and 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 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 Settling 10

God Gathers Us in Prayer and Praise

Announcements	
Organ Prelude and Silent Prayer	
Confession and Forgiveness	Pg. 94-96
Opening Hymn #800 "Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart"	
Apostolic Greeting	Pg. 203
Kyrie (spoken in unison)	Pg. 203
Hymn of Praise: "Come, let us join..." (spoken in unison)	Pg. 204
Prayer of the Day	

We Hear God's Word

First Reading: Acts 2:1-21

Psalm: 104:24-35

Second Reading: Romans 8:14-17

Gospel Acclamation (spoken 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: John 14:8-17, 25-27

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

Hymn of the Day #732 "Borning Cry"

Rite of Affirmation of Baptism/Confirmation

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Prayers of the Church

Presentation of Tithes & Offerings and Musical Anthem by Louise Baumgardner

Offertory Prayer:

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

We Share in God's Supper and God Sends Us to Share the Good News

Words of Institution of Holy Communion

Our Lord's Prayer – traditional version on right

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Song of Praise – "Lamb of God" (spoken in unison)

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Blessing:

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

C: **AMEN**

Closing Hymn #400 "God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind"

Dismissal:

P: Alleluia. Go in peace. Share the Good News.

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

Musical Postlude, We Receive Jesus' Body & Blood, and We Depart to Serve

Today, Sunday, June 5

- 8:45am Adult Bible Study (**Now In-Person**)
- 9:30am SONDay Celebration (In-Person) – With the coming of summer, more open windows, and frequent outdoor activities, masking and safe distancing are no longer required for anyone for this in-person gathering with Miss Laurie, but they remain an option for everyone.
- 9:30am Worship, Including Holy Communion and Rite of Confirmation (In-Person and On Zoom) – In keeping with current guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention for Dauphin County, masks are not required for anyone gathering upstairs for worship, but they remain an option for everyone.

THIS MORNING, we have the honor of celebrating with **Allysa Rabenold** and **Sarah Riland** and their families as they make affirmation of their baptisms and are confirmed!

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 8 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.

Monday, June 6

Pastor Tom's Weekly Day Off – Instead of June 4

- 8am Food Preparation for Annual Strawberry Festival
- 6pm Strawberry Cleaning and Preparation

Tuesday, June 7

- 8-9:30am Pastor Tom's Office Hours
- 8am Preparation of Strawberry Pies
- 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 8

- 8am Final Preparation for Annual Strawberry Festival
- 12pm Opening to the Public!!

Thursday, June 9

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

8am-12pm Pastor Tom's Office Hours

Friday, June 10

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

Saturday, June 11

Pastor Tom's Weekly Day Off

Next Sunday, June 12

Festival of The Holy Trinity

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Our Faith Active in Worship – May 29, 2022

Current – Budget Goal

Current – Offerings Received	\$2,606
Benevolence – Offerings Received	\$1,767
Improvement – Offerings Received	\$215
Children & Youth Ministry – Offerings Received	\$95
Total Attendance	\$275

Zoom – 25, In Person – 59

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 Upcoming Cancer Surgery
- **Donna Rabenold** – At Home, Receiving Lower-Level Maintenance Chemotherapy Through Fall with Radiation Therapy Still to Come

Looking Ahead

The work for our **St. John Restoration 250** project is scheduled to get underway on Monday, June 13. The work is expected to take approximately 4 weeks (subject to any supply-chain issues encountered), and so worship on July 10 will more than likely also be held outdoors. All congregational family member households will soon be receiving a USPS mailing concerning how to make a pledge/contribution toward the project. With advance gifts and major pledges already received and with interest from our Memorials Fund approved for use for the project, we will be seeking approximately **\$65,000** in additional gifts/pledges over a two-year period to fully fund the \$220,000 project. This \$65,000 in additional funding will allow us to hold back a \$100,000 reserve in our Memorials Account interest, a portion of which will be used to fund our steeple base roof replacement just as soon as a best plan/contractor/price can be obtained and presented to the congregational family for approval in a future special congregational meeting.

The Annual Strawberry Festival Wrap-Up Meeting will be held at the church on Wednesday, June 15, beginning at 7:00 P.M.

Wednesday, June 15 will be the deadline to submit items for inclusion in the combined July/August **St. John's Epistle**.

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For the month of July, we are seeking a sponsor for our ministry gift to support the salary of one pastor for one month in our companion synod, the **Konde Diocese of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania**. Please sign up on the foyer bulletin board to sponsor this \$50 ministry gift in honor or in memory of loved ones or events.

On Sunday, June 26, we will be welcoming back to our worship the **Lykens Valley Bluegrass Band**, who will handle all music for the morning. In the hope that the greatest number of folks will feel comfortable attending in person, worship will again be held outside in the pavilion that morning.

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!

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.

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.)***

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!