

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
Carl & Louis Baumgardner	Greeters
Amy Gehring	Lector
Landon & Bennett Troutman	Acolytes
Joshua Paul	Council President

For the month of May, our support of the **Celebrate Insert** is sponsored by Lynn and Helen Henninger to celebrate and thank all the young people who serve as acolytes. **Tree 4 Hope** and our support of one pastor for one month in the **Konde Diocese of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania** is sponsored by Dale and Carol Hassinger for the Glory of God and the Founding Fathers that provided stability to enable us to continue our works of the church.

The **Altar Flowers** are presented to the Glory of God and in honor of Carol and Dale Hassinger's 63rd wedding anniversary and Judy and John Ferree's 35th wedding anniversary by the Hassinger's and Ferree's.

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!

Sunday Morning Liturgy – ELW Setting 10

God Gathers Us in Prayer and Praise

Announcements	
Organ Prelude and Silent Prayer	
*Confession and Forgiveness	Pg. 94-96
*Opening Hymn #595 "Jesus Loves Me!"	
*Apostolic Greeting	Pg. 203
*Kyrie (sung in unison)	Pg. 203
*Hymn of Praise: "Glory to God..." (sung in unison)	Pg. 204
*Prayer of the Day	

We Hear God's Word

First Reading: Acts 17:22-31

Psalm: 66:8-20

Second Reading: I Peter 3:13-22

*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: John 14:15-21

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

Young Persons Go with Miss Laurie for Celebration Time

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"

Musical Anthem by Senior Choir

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

CREATE IN ME A CLEAN HEART, O GOD, AND RENEW A RIGHT SPIRIT WITHIN ME. CAST ME NOT AWAY FROM YOUR PRESENCE, AND TAKE NOT YOUR HOLY SPIRIT FROM ME. RESTORE TO ME THE JOY OF YOUR SALVATION, AND UPHOLD ME WITH YOUR FREE SPIRIT.

*Prayers of the Church

*Our Lord's Prayer – traditional version on right side of page

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God Sends Us to Share the Good News

*Blessing:

P: The God of all grace, who has called us to eternal glory in Christ, restore, support, strengthen, and bless us by the power of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C: **AMEN**

*Dismissal:

P: Go in peace. Share the Good News.

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

*Closing Hymn #644 "Although I Speak with Angel's Tongue"

*Organ Postlude and We Depart to Serve

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* Please stand, if able to do so.

**St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church
Berrysburg, Pa.**

**Red Geranium Order Form for Pentecost
Sunday May 28, 2023**

How many Plants:	Price per plant:	Total Amount of order:
_____	\$4.25 (4 1/2" pot)	_____

Please print desired memorial as you want it printed in the bulletin.

Presented by:

In honor of:

In memory of:

For the many blessings of:

Please return this order form with payment to a Flower Committee Member: Sheila Barder, Dana Klouser, Gail Billow or Fay Nichols.

Absolute last day to order May 14, 2023

Thank you for your support!!!!

Today, Sunday, May 14

- 9am Adult Bible Study (In-Person)
- 9am Youth Group Bible Time (In-Person)
- 9am Confirmation Class (In-Person)
- 9am SONday Celebration (In-Person)
- 10:15am Worship, Including Sunny Sermon and Celebration Time with Miss Laurie for Young Persons In-Person (In-Person and On Zoom)

Monday, May 15

Deadline to Submit Items for June "St. John's Epistle"

- 8-9:30am Pastor Tom's Office Hours
- 9am "Blanket Bunch" Blanket Making for Lutheran World Relief

Tuesday, May 16

- 8-9:30am Pastor Tom's Office Hours
- 6:15pm Worship & Music Committee Meeting
- 7:30pm Senior Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, May 17

- 8am-12pm Pastor Tom's Office Hours

Thursday, May 18

Ascension of Our Lord

- 8am-12pm Pastor Tom's Office Hours
- 2pm Pastor Tom Leads Worship at Polk Assisted Living, Millersburg
- 7pm Community Worship at Salem United Church of Christ, Elizabethtown (We will be joining with our neighbors of the Northern Cluster of United Church of Christ congregations, with Pastor Tom and the other pastors sharing the worship leadership. Pastor Jeff Wagner, recently retired from the Lykens Valley Charge, will be this year's preacher and light refreshments will then follow the worship for all. In future years, we at St. John will take our turn with hosting and Pastor Tom will take his turn as preacher.)

Friday, May 19

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

Saturday, May 20

Pastor Tom's Weekly Day Off

Next Sunday, May 21

- Seventh Sunday of Easter
- 9am Adult Bible Study (In-Person)
- 9am Youth Group Bible Time (In-Person)
- 9am Confirmation Class (In-Person)
- 9am SONday Celebration (In-Person)
- 10:15am Worship, Including Celebration Time with Miss Laurie for Young Persons In-Person (In-Person and On Zoom)
- 11:15am-1:30pm Youth Group Gathering with Lunch

Looking Ahead

The Third and Final Planning Meeting for our June 7 Annual Strawberry Festival will be held at the church on **Monday, May 22, beginning at 7:00 P.M.** Since this is a very open-ended committee, all interested folks are especially welcome and encouraged to attend.

On Tuesday, May 23, beginning at 5:30 P.M., we will have a combined first work night to begin getting the pavilion cleaned up and ready for the Annual Strawberry Festival and church outside property work night. As we have done successfully now for several years, we are again putting what had in past years been two annual work nights together into one slightly longer evening, but lots of help will be needed! Please come and help, and please bring along your favorite cleaning supplies and yard tools.

A Free Community Dinner will be held at Salem United Church of Christ, Elizabethville, on Thursday, May 25. This meal in a series of Free Community Dinners is intended to especially benefit persons who are in need of food and/or fellowship support, but there are no income guidelines or restrictions of any kind. This ministry is being supported by a number of area christian congregations, including St. John, as well as local businesses and other organizations. Please call the church office by May 19 to sign up.

On Sunday, May 28, we will once again switch to our **summer schedule** of 1. **Adult Sunday Bible Study at 8:45 A.M.**, ending by about 9:15 and 2. **Worship at 9:30 A.M.**, ending promptly by 10:30 so that everyone can get on to those reunions and other summer Sunday plans. We will also hold our weekly **SONDay Celebration with Miss Laurie** while worship is going on, **at 9:30.**

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For the month of June, sponsors are still needed (signup sheet temporarily on the table outside of Pastor Tom's office) for our monthly ministry support for providing one month of a **Konde Diocese (in Tanzania, Africa) Pastors Salary** (\$50/month) and for our monthly ministry support of **Tree 4 Hope** (\$50/month). To sponsor either of these ministries 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.

Jammin' with the Ladies!

This year as we prepare for the Strawberry Festival, the Women's group again are having an area for "Jammin' with the Ladies". We will have jams and jellies as well as home-made breads. If anyone wants to help with items needed: Sugar, Sure Jell, Jars and lids, or financial help please contact Fay Nichols.

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.)**

Amy Gehring continues to collect donations to Bethesda Mobile Mission. Gently used, unstained, clean blankets and casual clothing for MEN & WOMEN are always a need since the homeless do not typically have the ability to launder items. Sleeping bags, tarps, mats, backpacks/large totes or bags are also useful. New underwear, socks, batteries (all sizes), toilet paper, candles, and matches are highly valued. Those served by the Bethesda Mobile Mission also need TRAVEL SIZE toiletries—don't leave those small bottles behind when you are traveling. Pass them along to Amy. Please contact Amy at church with any questions or call her at 1-717-503-7623. Donations can be placed in the designated hampers in the foyer.

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** – UPMC Harrisburg, Rm. #1021
- **Marie Parnell** – Receiving Physical Therapy for a Broken Hip at Monticello House in Media, PA (**Home Address Best for Cards: 737 Third Ave., Prospect Park, PA 19076**)
- **Steven Schlegel** – Scheduled for 6/9 Surgery at Penn State Hershey Medical Center
- **Jean & Fred Weaver** – In Need of Prayer