
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
Barry Williard	Holy Communion Assistant
Sheila Barder and Dana Klouser	Altar Guild Preparation
James and Lois Watson	Greeters
Amy Gehring	Lector
Elsie and Emily Rabenold	Acolytes
Courtney Foreman	Lead Usher
Joshua Paul	Council President

For the month of May, the ***Celebrate Inserts*** are in memory of their grandparents Grace and Marlin Henninger, Margaret and Thomas Berg and Andrew Bella by Tonya and Bryan Henninger, the ***Tree 4 Hope*** is presented by Chris and Dana Klouser to the Glory of God in Honor of St. John's Confirmands (May 19): Brayden Bender, Tanner Bixler, Caroline DeSoto, Lillian Rabenold, Landon Troutman, and Axten Zimmerman, and our support of one pastor for one month in the ***Konde Diocese of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania*** is sponsored by Craig and Sharon Peters in the memory of William Peters.

The ***Altar Flowers*** are presented to the Glory of God and in honor of Carol's birthday, Carol and Dale Hassinger's 64th wedding anniversary and Judy and John Ferree's 36th wedding anniversary by the Hassinger's and the 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. 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 Holy Communion Liturgy

God Gathers Us in Prayer and Praise

Announcements

Organ 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 #671 "Shine, Jesus, Shine"

*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: Acts 2:1-21

Psalm: 104: 24-34, 35b

Second Reading: Romans 8:22-27

*Gospel: John 15:26-27, 16:4b-15

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

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

Young Persons Go with Miss Laurie for Celebration Time

Sermon

We Respond to All That God Gives Us

Rite of Affirmation of Baptism/Confirmation

*Prayers of the Church

Offering of Our Gifts and Choir Anthem

We Share in God's Supper

*Words of Institution of Holy Communion

*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.**

We Receive Jesus' Body and Blood in the Bread and Wine

*Post Communion Blessing:

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

All: **AMEN**

*Post Communion Prayer:

P: Let us pray...

C: **POUR OUT UPON US THE SPIRIT OF YOUR LOVE, O LORD, AND UNITE
THE WILLS OF THOSE WHOM YOU HAVE FED WITH ONE HEAVENLY
FOOD; THROUGH JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD. AMEN.**

God Sends Us to Share the Good News

*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 #400 "God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind"

*Organ Postlude and We Depart to Serve

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* Please stand, if able to do so.

Delmar & Ginny Enders

In loving memory of our son, Timothy Neal Enders
In honor of all confirmands as they continue in their journey of faith

Bob & Faye Weaver

In honor of our parents - Winnie & Harry - Sr. Weaver, Ellen & "Pete" Custer
In fond memory of Brother Fred

Fran Eure & Family

In memory of Fran & Joe Kraus
In memory of Doll & Kerm Bohner

Nicholas Motter & Abigail Francisco

In memory of Patricia Herb
For the many blessings of Francisco, Garcia & Motter Family

Shannon, Aaron, Malorie Troutman

In memory of Grandma Pat Herb
In memory of Pap Jim Troutman

Heidi & Jeffrey Lehman

For the many blessings of our excellent neighbors,
Ruthann & Jeff Latsha, who bless us in so many ways!

Today, May 19

- 9am Adult Bible Study (In-Person)
- 9am Youth Group Bible Time (In-Person)
- 9am SONDay Celebration (In-Person)
- 9:50am Congregational Council Members Meet to Prepare for Confirmation
- 10:15am Worship, Including Rite of Confirmation, Sacrament of Holy Communion, and Celebration Time with Miss Laurie for In-Person Young Worshipers (In-Person and On Zoom)
- 4:30pm Creation Care Team Gathering at the Church
- 6pm Congregational Council Meeting at the Church

THIS MORNING, we have the honor of celebrating with **Brayden Bender, Tanner Bixler, Caroline Desoto, Lillian Rabenold, Landon Troutman, and Axten Zimmerman** and their families as they make affirmation of their baptisms and are confirmed!

Monday, May 20

- 8-9:30am Pastor Tom's Office Hours
- 9-11am "Blanket Bunch" Blanket Making for Lutheran World Relief ***— final gathering until fall***
- 6:15pm Third and Final Planning Meeting for June 12 Annual Strawberry Festival (Committee chairpersons are especially needed to attend but all interested persons are welcome to attend.)

Tuesday, May 21

- 8-8:30am** Pastor Tom's Office Hours
- 8:30am Pastor Tom Leaves Office for Synod Meeting and Day of Visiting
- 6:15pm Worship & Music Committee Gathering
- 7:30pm Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, May 22

- 8am-12pm Pastor Tom's Office Hours
- 7pm Council President Joshua Paul and Pastor Tom Present St. John Scholarships at UDAHS Class Night

Thursday, May 23

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

Friday, May 24

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

Saturday, May 25

Pastor Tom's Weekly Day Off

Next Sunday, May 26

- The Holy Trinity
- 8:45am** Adult Bible Study (In-Person)
 - 9:30am** Worship, Including Sacrament of Holy Communion (In-Person and On Zoom)
 - 9:30am** SONDay Celebration (In-Person)

Looking Ahead

On Tuesday, May 28, 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.

****PLEASE NOTE THE NEW DATE****

The St. John Women of the ELCA will be having an event on Thursday, May 30th at 6pm! Please join us to make care kits for Lifeline Pregnancy Center in Millersburg. We will be assembling adult kits and **also looking to install some new leaders for our group.** Please consider becoming a leader of this great mission! This is an easy way to do a lot of good works for our church and to get involved with minimal time out of your schedule. We would love to see some new women of the congregation take part! If you have any questions about our program please see Rachel Henry, Barb Bullock or Ginny Enders.

Again this year, yard/road signs advertising our Annual Strawberry Festival are available for the taking in the foyer. These are high quality signs made to be reused for years to come, designed so that the date can be changed each year, and therefore also fairly pricey, so you are requested to please "sign out" the road sign(s) you take and then sign them back in when you return them very soon after June 12. We have added 25 more signs to those we had last year since we ran out fairly quickly and had folks still requesting them. ***Very important – if you place a sign anywhere other than on your own property near a roadway, please be sure to ask the property owner's permission. Please DO NOT simply place them – as political signs tend to be placed – in "anonymous" places along the highway, because this tends to result in their being treated accordingly and becoming damaged or lost.*** Again, please be sure to sign out any sign(s) you take and to sign them back in promptly after June 12. Thank you!

Publicity posters for the Strawberry Festival are available for picking up on the table outside Pastor Tom's office.

For the month of June, a sponsor is needed for our providing of one month of a ***Konde Diocese (in Tanzania, Africa) Pastors Salary*** (\$50/month). To sponsor this ministry in honor or in memory of loved ones or events, please either sign up in person in the foyer or, if easier, please feel free to call or email Pastor Tom, who will take care of it for you.

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
- **Cole Roadcap** – Recovering from 5/15 Outpatient Knee Surgery
- **Robert Schaffer** – Rm. #125, Polk Personal Care Center, 301 North St., Millersburg
- **Steven Schlegel** – Home, Receiving Outpatient Chemotherapy Treatments

Pentecost Geraniums Presented By:

Dale & Carol Hassinger

In Memory of our parents: Jacob & Dorothy Hassinger and Woodrow & Merle Mattern

Judy & John Ferree

In loving memory of our grandparents and for our many blessings

Carl & Louise Baumgardner

In Honor of Hoyt's graduation

For the Many Blessings of family and friends! God is good

LuAnn Ressler

In Memory of husband, Jeffery Ressler

In Memory of parents, "Juney" & Mary Yeager

In Memory of nephew, Mason Miller and uncle, Terrence Witmer

The DeSoto Family

In Honor of Caroline and the St. John's Confirmands and the promised gift of the Holy Spirit.

Chris & Dana Klouser

In Honor of Caroline DeSoto's Confirmation.

In Memory of our parents: George & Mary Yeager and Richard Klouser & Jean Klouser Kessler

In Memory of brother, Steve Klouser and nephew, Mason Miller

Michael & Pam Henninger

In Memory of Henry & Lorraine Henninger

In Memory of Brianne Kosier

Craig & Sharon Peters

In Honor of our children and grandchildren

Fay Nichols

In Memory of Husband & Parents:

Andrew Nichols

Raymond Lahr

Harold & Essie Graybill

Wilburn & Estella Nichols

Gail Billow

In loving memory of Betty and Warren Hassinger and Duane Billow
For the many blessings of my grandchildren - Granger and Bristol Scheib