

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
Elsie and Emily Rabenold	Acolytes
Roy Henry	Lector
Josh & Sara Paul	Greeters
Roy Henry	Council President

For the month of November:

Tree 4 Hope is sponsored by Paul and Rita Glace to the Glory of God and all His blessings and in honor of our son and daughter who celebrate November birthdays.

Celebrate lectionary bulletin is sponsored by Bob & Faye Weaver for the many blessings bestowed on our family.

Support of one pastor for one month in the **Konde Diocese of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania** is sponsored by Dennis and Mary Ann Smeltz in Celebration of Dennis' birthday and our love of Africa.

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!

God Gathers Us in Prayer and Praise

Announcements

Organ Prelude and Silent Prayer

*Confession and Forgiveness

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*Opening Hymn #597 "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"

*Apostolic Greeting

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*Kyrie (sung in unison)

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*Hymn of Praise: "Glory to God..." (sung in unison)

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*Prayer of the Day

We Hear God’s Word

First Reading: Malachi 4:1-2a

Psalm: 98

Second Reading: II Thessalonians 3:6-13

*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: Luke 21:5-19

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

Sacrament of Holy Baptism

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Offering of Our Gifts and Musical Anthem by Senior Choir

*Offertory Hymn (#186) (sung):

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 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**

*Dismissal:

P: Go in peace. Proclaim the Good News.

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

*Closing Hymn #890 "Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory"

*Organ Postlude and We Depart to Serve

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* Please stand, if able to do so.

Our Faith Active in Worship – November 6, 2022

Current – Budget Goal	\$2,606
Current – Offerings Received	\$2,667
Benevolence – Offerings Received	\$439
Improvement – Offerings Received	\$100
Children & Youth Ministry – Offerings Received	\$315
Total Attendance	Zoom – 11, In Person – 118

“St. John’s Restoration 250” Financial Update – As of November 6, 2022

Total Estimated Project Cost	\$220,000
Memorials Interest Money Designated for Project (Letting \$100,000 Reserve of Interest)	\$88,000
Total Financial Gifts Received	\$75,585
Total Financial Gifts Pledged, Not Yet Received	\$55,430
Total Pledges & Gifts Still Needed to Reach Goal	<u>\$985</u>

Pledge/Gift Forms Are Available in Hard Copy by the Guestbook 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, 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
- **Roni Mace** – Geisinger Medical Center, Hospital for Advanced Medicine, Rm. #669
- **Joyce Matter** – Rm. #128, Commonwealth Senior Living at Harrisburg, 150 Kempton Avenue, Harrisburg, 17111 (717.909.0417)
- **Ken Nace** – At Home, Continuing to Recover from Cancer Treatment and Surgery
- **Donna Rabenold** – At Home, Continuing Lower-Level Maintenance Chemotherapy Through Fall
- **Dianne Schell** – Continuing to Recover at Home from Heart Procedure
- **Jean Weaver** - PPI - Polyclinic Campus, 6 Memorial

Today, Sunday, November 13

As we in Dauphin County continue to dwell close to the line between the Low/Green level and Medium/Yellow level of COVID-19 Community Transmission as defined by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, it continues to be the case that the very best things we can do in this transition time are

- *getting fully vaccinated*
- *wearing a mask if you have 1. COVID symptoms or 2. a positive test for COVID or 3. exposure to someone with COVID. (Better yet, our congregational family policy has been to ask that folks in any of these three categories please simply avoid in-person activities entirely and join in worship via Zoom.)*

In addition, those at high risk for severe illness are strongly encouraged to mask when indoors and masks are a good additional protective measure for everyone.

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 the Sacrament of Holy Baptism and Celebration Time with Miss Laurie (In-Person and On Zoom)
	This morning we have the honor of welcoming Benjamin Paul into the Kingdom of God and the St. John Congregational Family in the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. We pray that God will grant his parents, Sara & Joshua , his sponsors, his other family members and congregational family members the strength and grace to be faithful to the promises they and we all make here this morning!
2pm	Jingle Elves Practice with Miss Laurie
2pm	Monthly Meeting of the Women of the ELCA of St. John
6pm	Monthly Meeting of Congregational Council

Monday, November 14

8-9:30am	Pastor Tom’s Office Hours
9am	“Blanket Bunch” Blanket Making for Lutheran World Relief
7pm	Church Dartball League Match – Faith United Methodist at St. John (Dartball is scored like baseball except that, instead of pitching and hitting a ball, darts are thrown at a baseball field-shaped chart. If you are 10 or older and are interested in a night of very good fellowship, fun, and food, please come and join our team. For the youngest players, league rules require the presence of a parent or guardian. Just speak to one of our coaches, Larry Gehring or Mike Henninger, or to Pastor Tom if you have any questions or would like to be part of the team.)

Tuesday, November 15

Deadline to Submit Items for Inclusion in December/January “St. John’s Epistle”

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

Wednesday, November 16

8am-12pm Pastor Tom’s Office Hours

6:30-8pm Midweek Bible Study

Thursday, November 17

8am-12pm Pastor Tom’s Office Hours

Friday, November 18

8-9:30am Pastor Tom’s Office Hours

Saturday, November 19

Pastor Tom’s Weekly Day Off

Next Sunday, November 20

Festival of Christ the King

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 Thankoffering Worship, Led by the Women of the ELCA of St. John and Including a Sunny Sermon and Celebration Time with Miss Laurie (In-Person and On Zoom)

2pm Jingle Elves Practice with Miss Laurie

Looking Ahead

Upper Dauphin Conference Cabinet will meet on Monday, November 21, at 7:00 P.M. at Zion Lutheran in Rife.

Property Committee will hold their November meeting on Tuesday, November 22, beginning at 6:15 P.M. at the church.

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Attention Musicians!! Pastor Tom would like to again schedule special extended musical preludes prior to our 4:00 and 8:00 P.M. Christmas Eve worship, featuring the musical gifts of our whole congregational family. Persons of any age or level of experience, who might be interested in playing any kind of instrument or singing, alone or in a group, are asked to please speak with Pastor Tom as soon as possible.

Starting in 2023, Pastor Tom is planning to prepare a schedule of folks who are willing to serve as Holy Communion Assistants. If you would be interested in learning more about what this entails or in serving, please contact him. (Those serving in this way would continue to be able to sit with their families and be dressed normally, coming forward to the altar at the time of serving.)

As another heating season gets underway, please help your congregational family be a good steward of heating oil and heating dollars. First, please be sure to keep doors closed between different heating zones – especially 1. all doors on the second floor going into the nave or up to the balcony and 2. all doors on the first floor going into the Sunday School room. Second, if you turn up a thermostat for any reason, please be sure to turn it back down again when you leave. All areas of the church other than our nave – which is automatically kept at 55 degrees – are normally kept at 60 degrees. 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.