

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
Rev. Carla Christopher	Special Guest
Laurie Little	Young Christians Minister
Pat Herb	Altar Guild Preparation
Judy Ferree	Organist
Makayla Crabb and Isaac Schaffner	Acolytes
Women of the ELCA	Lector
Darrell and Janet Denlinger	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. 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

*Thanksgiving for Baptism

P: Trusting in the word of life given in baptism, we are gathered in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

L: When we were joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we were clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Together let us remember our baptism.

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

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

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: We give you thanks, ... now and forever.

C: Amen.

*Gathering Song Hymn #634 "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"

*Greeting

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

*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

P: Let us pray.

L: Good and gracious God, we thank and praise you for creating us in your image. May we reflect in our own lives your love and mercy and be ever renewed in the spirit of your grace

C: Amen.

Special Music by Caroline DeSoto

We Hear God's Word

First Reading: Daniel 7:13-14

Psalm: 100

Second Reading: Ephesians 1:15-23

*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 11: 7-19

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

Sermon

We Respond to All That God Gives Us

*Nicene Creed

*Prayers of Intercession

L: With the whole people of Christ Jesus, let us call upon God for the sake of the church, the world, and all who are in need of prayer. (brief silence)

For all those who call upon God in faith and devotion in any language and by any Name, that all peoples of the World may live freely to express their faith, we pray:

C: We have freely received; may we likewise freely give.

L: For the ministry of the whole church, that our offerings may be used to strengthen those working to relive suffering and injustice around the world, remembering we are all made equal in the image of God, we pray:

C: We have freely received; may we likewise freely give.

L: Creator God, we thank you for your gifts of good soil, clean air and crops gathered throughout our land. We pray for those who this day do not have clean water to drink, clean air to breathe or food to nourish their bodies. So that our gifts may be used to reconcile the care and use of your creation, we pray:

C: We have freely received; may we likewise freely give.

L: Comforting God, we pray for healing and wholeness for women and children living in violence, exploitation or abuse who have neither the support nor treatment to care for their body, mind, and spirit. We pray:

C: We have freely received; may we likewise freely give.

L: Restoring God, make your presence known for all peoples striving for reconciliation in their homes, neighborhoods, and cities. So that your Spirit may empower and equip their labors to rebuild and renew, we pray:

C: We have freely received; may we likewise freely give.

L: For the ministries of Women of the ELCA, both in this congregation and throughout the church, that we may continue to serve you and others, we pray:

C: We have freely received; may we likewise freely give.

L: Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

Offering of Our Gifts and Musical Anthem

*Offertory Hymn (#182) (sung):

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:

L: Let us pray

C: Generous God, our offerings are returned to you in recognition that we have been freely blessed with unmerited gifts; receive them now so that we may serve our neighbors, telling of your grace, hope, and justice. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

We Share in God's Supper

Words of Institution of Holy Communion

*Our Lord's Prayer – traditional version on right

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We Receive Jesus' Body and Blood in the Bread and Wine (As we share in the sacrament, please join in singing Hymn #638 "Blessed Assurance", Hymn #689 "Praise & Thanksgiving")

God Sends Us to Share the Good News

*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.

*Blessing and Dismissal:

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

P: Go in peace. Proclaim the good news.

C: WE WILL! THANKS BE TO GOD!

*Closing Hymn #742 "What a Friend we have in Jesus"

*Organ Postlude and We Depart to Serve

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* Please stand, if able to do so.

Our Faith Active in Worship – November 13, 2022

Current – Budget Goal	\$2,606
Current – Offerings Received	\$2,117
Benevolence – Offerings Received	\$240
Improvement – Offerings Received	\$70
Children & Youth Ministry – Offerings Received	\$448
Total Attendance	Zoom – 12, In Person – 99

“St. John’s Restoration 250” Financial Update – As of November 13, 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	\$76,775
Total Financial Gifts Pledged, Not Yet Received	\$55,390

Total Pledges & Gifts Received in Excess of Goal – (Memorials Interest Saved for the Future) + \$165

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** – Discharged from Geisinger Medical Center on 11/14
- **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
- **Jean Weaver** - PPI - Polyclinic Campus, 6 Memorial
- **Stewart Witmer** – UPMC Harrisburg, Rm. #1059

Today, Sunday, November 20

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	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

Monday, November 21

8-8:30am	Pastor Tom’s Office Hours
9am	“Blanket Bunch” Blanket Making for Lutheran World Relief (Last Meeting Until January 9)
7pm	Church Dartball League Match – St. John at Lykens United Methodist (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.)
7pm	Upper Dauphin Conference Cabinet Meeting at Zion Lutheran, Rife

Tuesday, November 22

8-9:30am	Pastor Tom’s Office Hours
2pm	Pastor Tom Leads (Thanksgiving) Worship at Polk Assisted Living in Mbg.
6:15pm	Property Committee Meeting
7:30pm	Senior Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, November 23

8am-12pm	Pastor Tom’s Office Hours
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Thursday, November 24

Thanksgiving Day
Pastor Tom Taking Monthly Extra Day Off – No Office Hours

Friday, November 25

8-9:30am	Pastor Tom’s Office Hours
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Saturday, November 26

Pastor Tom’s Weekly Day Off
Jingle Elves Sing at Gratz Holiday Parade

Next Sunday, November 27

First Sunday of Advent

- 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 (In-Person and On Zoom)
- Evening – Jingle Elves Sing at Berrysburg

Today's Guest Speaker

Rev. Carla Christopher is a former caseworker, community activist, and diversity - equity - inclusion trainer who currently serves as Assistant to the Bishop in Charge of Justice Ministries for Lower Susquehanna Synod, ELCA. Inspired by the powerful stories of her diverse community and personal background as only the 4th LGBTQIA+ Black Woman rostered in the ELCA, Pastor Carla's curricula are used in synods across the country.

Our steeple stars will be lighted for the season, beginning next Sunday evening.

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Looking Ahead

Please join us for upcoming Book Group gatherings! We will meet at the church at 6:30 pm. All are welcome to bring a snack to share.

- **December 5 -- The Parables of Peanuts** by Robert L Short

Call or email Ann 717.362.7895 rahbruner@gmail.com if you need a book or have any questions. Hope to see you there!

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!

Please see insert about sponsoring poinsettias for our Christmas Poinsettia Tree. Order form and money can be given to our new co-chairs of the Flower fund – Sheila Barder or Dana Klouser. Orders should be placed by Sunday December 11, 2022. Poinsettias will be displayed Sunday, December 18th, Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. They can be picked up and enjoyed on Christmas Day. Thank you for your support from the Decorating Committee.

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Berrysburg, PA.

Poinsettia Order Form for 2022

Poinsettias will be on display for worship Sunday, December 18th, Christmas Eve Services and Christmas Day. Thank you for your support!!!

Color: 15 Red & 15 White Price per plant: \$8.25

Total Quantity Wanted: _____

Color **PERFERRED**: _____

Total Amount of Order: _____

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 the Co-Chairs of the Flower Fund Committee: Sheila Barder & Dana Klouser

Please order by December 11, 2022