

## 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
Dana Klouser	Holy Communion Assistant
Pat Herb	Altar Guild Preparation
Youth Bible Group	Greeters
Marc and Jacob Schaffner	Acolytes
Henry Family	Lector
Courtney Foreman	Lead Usher
Joshua Paul	Council President

For the month of November, Dennis and Mary Ann Smeltz sponsor the **Celebrate Insert** in celebration of all upcoming birthdays and one pastor for one month in the **Konde Diocese of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania** are in memory of loved ones. **Tree 4 Hope** to the Glory of God in Loving Memory of Chris's brother, Steven R. Klouser by Chris and Dana Klouser.

The **Altar Flowers for All Saints Day** are Presented in Memory of Dawn Warner by Marie Parnell and Jane and Karl Schader.

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

\*Confession and Forgiveness

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\*Opening Hymn #728 "Blest Are They"

\*Apostolic Greeting

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\*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

### We Hear God's Word

First Reading: Revelation 7:9-17

Psalms: 34:1-10, 22

Second Reading: I John 3:1-3

\*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: Matthew 5:1-12

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

\*Nicene Creed

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\*Prayers of the Church

Offering of Our Gifts and Choir Anthem

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

**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:

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

### We Share in God's Supper

\*Great Thanksgiving (spoken):

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **AND ALSO WITH YOU.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: **WE LIFT THEM TO THE LORD.**

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

C: **IT IS RIGHT TO GIVE OUR THANKS AND PRAISE.**

P: ...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

\*We Respond in Praise (sung in unison):

**HOLY, HOLY, HOLY LORD, GOD OF POWER AND MIGHT, HEAV'N AND EARTH ARE FULL OF YOUR GLORY. HOSANNA IN THE HIGHEST. BLESSED IS HE WHO COMES IN THE NAME OF THE LORD. HOSANNA IN THE HIGHEST, HOSANNA IN THE HIGHEST. (Pg. 207)**

\*Eucharistic Prayer:

P: ...we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

All Sing: **CHRIST HAS DIED. CHRIST IS RISEN. CHRIST WILL COME AGAIN.  
(Pg. 207)**

P: ...be all honor and glory in your Holy Church, now and forever.

All Sing: **AMEN, AMEN, AMEN. (Pg. 207)**

\*Our Lord's Prayer – traditional version on right Pg. 208

We Partake of Our Lord's Supper (As we share in the sacrament, please join in singing the praise song "O Lamb of God"):

**O LAMB OF GOD, YOU BEAR THE SIN OF ALL THE WORLD AWAY; YOU  
SUFFERED DEATH OUR LIVES TO SAVE: HAVE MERCY NOW, WE PRAY. O  
LAMB OF GOD, YOU BEAR THE SIN OF ALL THE WORLD AWAY; YOU SET US  
FREE FROM GUILT AND GRAVE: HAVE MERCY NOW, WE PRAY. O LAMB OF  
GOD, YOU BEAR THE SIN OF ALL THE WORLD AWAY; ETERNAL PEACE WITH  
GOD YOU MADE: GIVE US YOUR PEACE, WE PRAY. (Pg. 208)**

\*Post Communion Blessing:

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

All: **AMEN**

### **God Sends Us to Share the Good News**

\*Post Communion Hymn (#204) (sung):

**THANKFUL HEARTS AND VOICES RAISE; TELL EVERYONE WHAT GOD HAS  
DONE. LET ALL WHO SEEK THE LORD REJOICE AND BEAR CHRIST'S HOLY  
NAME. SEND US WITH YOUR PROMISES AND LEAD YOUR PEOPLE FORTH IN  
JOY WITH SHOUTS OF THANKSGIVING. ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA!**

\*Post Communion Prayer:

P: Let us pray... Christ our Lord.

All: **AMEN**

\*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 #732 "Borning Cry"

\*Organ Postlude and We Depart to Serve

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\* Please stand, if able to do so.

# Memorial

In loving memory of husband, father and grandfather,  
Andrew Nichols, by the Nichols Family

In loving memory of Parents: Clarence, Margaret, Neal, Marie & Jim.  
Siblings: Bernita, James, Cindy & Troy by Delmar & Ginny Enders

In loving memory of Paul & Lovel Welker by Kim & Barry Williard

In loving memory of a special life-long friend and good neighbor, Lily  
Shade by Dale & Carol Hassinger and Family

In loving memory of her parents, Marlin and Grace Henninger, given by  
their daughter and her husband, Lois and Donald Miller

In loving memory of parents/grandparents,  
Jim & Marie Casner by the Barder Family

In loving memory of our parents: Richard Klouser, Jean Klouser  
Kessler and Juney & Mary Yeager by Chris & Dana Klouser

In loving memory of my husband, Jeff Ressler, and my parents,  
Juney & Mary Yeager by LuAnn Ressler

In loving memory of our nephew, Mason Miller  
by LuAnn Ressler and Chris & Dana Klouser

In loving memory of our siblings Cindy, Troy,  
Glenn & Steve by Sheila & Brian Barder

In loving memory of Duane Billow, Warren and Betty Hassinger  
by Gail Billow, Holly, Corey, Granger and Bristol Scheib

In loving memory of John's parents, Daniel and Elsie Ferree and in  
loving memory of Judy and John's grandparents by Judy & John Ferree

In loving memory of Joseph and Annarose Hepner

In loving memory of Henry & Lorraine Henninger, Janet Henninger  
Erdman, Melvin & Anna Henninger, James & Anna Schaffer and  
Brianna Kosier by Michael, Ryan & Kelsey Henninger & Pam Kosier

## Today, Sunday, November 5

- 9am Adult Bible Study (In-Person)  
9am Youth Group Faith Formation with Matt & Olivia (In-Person)  
9am Confirmation Class (In-Person)  
9am SONday Celebration (In-Person)  
10:15am Worship, Including Sacrament of Holy Communion – Celebration Time with Miss Laurie will not be held this Morning (In-Person and On Zoom)  
11:15am There will be a very brief Decorating Committee meeting immediately following worship at the front of the church. We welcome anyone who would like to join the fun!!!!!!  
11:30am Chicken & Waffles Congregational Dinner (Again this year, the Youth Group will be hosting this meal as a fundraiser, with a free-will offering. Those attending only need to bring themselves and the offering they might wish to share – everything else will be provided by Youth Group!)

On this All Saints Sunday, we remember the following members of St. John Church who have died since the last festival of All Saints, and thereby joined all the saints in the Church Triumphant:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date of Death</u>
Cynthia Phillips	January 26, 2023
Benjamin Crabb	March 16, 2023
Martha (Jane) Grosser	June 4, 2023
Dawn Warner	August 26, 2023

As we remember them in our prayers this morning, there will also be silent time during which your loved ones who have died at any time can be named, aloud or in silence.

## Monday, November 6

- 8-9:30am Pastor Tom's Office Hours  
9-11am "Blanket Bunch" Blanket Making for Lutheran World Relief  
6:30pm Book Group will move online for November and the winter months to alleviate the need to cancel because of nasty weather and travel after dark. This also allows our cross country and world travelers to join from wherever they are! Never fear ... there will still be snacks to pick up in the kitchen on Sunday and share while online Monday evening! (Sign up to provide the snack by notifying Ann.) This month, we'll gather to discuss **Rise and Shine** by **Anna Quindlen**. Contact Ann ([rahbruner@gmail.com](mailto:rahbruner@gmail.com)) for Zoom information or with any questions and please join in anytime! The fellowship is wonderful, snacks are yummy, and all are welcome!  
7pm Church Dartball League Match – Lykens United Methodist at St. John

## Tuesday, November 7

***Be sure to fulfill your responsibility as a Christian and as a citizen by voting!***

- 8-9:30am Pastor Tom's Office Hours  
9:30am Pastor Tom at Upper Dauphin Conference Pastors Meeting  
7:30pm Choir Rehearsal

## Wednesday, November 8

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

## Thursday, November 9

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

- 8am-12pm Pastor Tom's Office Hours  
2pm Pastor Tom Leads Worship at Polk Assisted Living, Millersburg

**Friday, November 10**

8-9:30am Pastor Tom’s Office Hours

**Saturday, November 11**

Pastor Tom’s Weekly Day Off

**Next Sunday, November 12**

Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost

- 9am Adult Bible Study (In-Person)
- 9am Youth Group Faith Formation with Matt & Olivia (In-Person)
- 9am Confirmation Class (In-Person)
- 9am SONDay Celebration (In-Person)
- 10:15am Worship, Including Celebration Time with Miss Laurie for In-Person Young Worshipers (In-Person and On Zoom)
- 6pm Congregational Council Monthly Meeting

**Looking Ahead**

Upper Dauphin Conference Cabinet will meet on Wednesday, November 15, at 12:00 P.M. in the private room at Max’s Grille & Sports Bar in Millersburg.

Wednesday, November 15, will be the deadline to submit items for inclusion in the (combined December and January) **St. John’s Epistle**.

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**Green Team / Creation Care Meeting November 19**

Would you like to join with others to share ideas and work on projects to care for God’s world together? We want to revive the Green Team which was active for several years, and we’ll learn about our Evangelical Lutheran Church in America’s Creation Care resources. Everyone, of all ages, is invited to an initial meeting to share ideas and resources, and to consider a few initial projects. Two first projects will be to revive our recycling efforts at church and decide on a name for our team. Please join us **Sunday, November 19, 6:30 pm** in the fellowship hall. If you have questions - or can’t make it but have ideas to share -- please talk with Ann Bruner.

Pastor Tom is seeking Lectors to serve in the Month of April and the Month of August, beginning in 2024. Individuals or whole households can sign up to serve and share the Sundays in their month as they might wish. Please speak with Pastor Tom as soon as possible with questions or to serve!

As another heating season soon 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 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!

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.)***

**Change in Used Battery Collection:** Please note that Larry Gessner can now accept **only AA, AAA, and 9-Volt** batteries for repurposing. All batteries must be dry cell only, and they cannot be leaking or have broken cases. Through Larry’s efforts, these batteries are being recharged and donated to Bethesda Mission. Please see him with any questions and, please place your batteries by the desk outside Pastor Tom’s office door, and, again, please do not drop off C’s or D’s.

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 tend to create a mess with donations.*** Thank you for your help with this major fundraiser for our youth and help for our environment!

**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
- **Cora Mace** – Rm. #3647, Roosevelt 3, Masonic Health Care Center, 600 Freemason Drive, Elizabethtown, 17022
- **Joyce Matter** – Rm. #128, Viva Senior Living at Harrisburg, 150 Kempton Avenue, Harrisburg, 17111 (717.909.0417)
- **Steven Schlegel** – Returning to Doctors This Week in Follow-up to His 10/18 Surgery
- **Fred Weaver** – UPMC Harrisburg, E/R Observation Area
- **Jean Weaver** – Discharged from Premier at Perry Village on 10/20

**Our Faith Active in Worship – October 29, 2023**

<b>Current – Approx. Budget Goal</b>	<b>\$2,796</b>
Current – Offerings Received	\$2,917
Benevolence – Offerings Received	\$465
Improvement – Offerings Received	\$25
Children & Youth Ministry – Offerings Received	\$865
Total Attendance	<b>Zoom – 18, In Person – 83</b>

**“St John’s Restoration 250” Financial Update – As of October 29, 2023**

Final Total Project Cost (under \$220,000 Budgeted)	\$216,795
Memorials Interest Money Expended for Project	\$82,380
	(under \$88,000 Budgeted)
Total Financial Gifts Received	\$123,505
Total Financial Gifts Pledged, Not Yet Received	\$10,910