

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
Josh Paul	Holy Communion Assistant
Pat Herb	Alter Guild Preparation
Laurie Little	Young Christians Minister
Judy Ferree	Organist
Briana Radel and Abby Adams	Acolytes
Roy Henry, Jr.	Lector
Youth Bible Group	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

*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: Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18

Psalm: 149

Second Reading: Ephesians 1:11-23

*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: Luke 6:20-31

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 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:

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" on 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.

Our Faith Active in Worship – October 30, 2022

Current – Budget Goal	\$2,606
Current – Offerings Received	\$3,155
Benevolence – Offerings Received	\$215
Improvement – Offerings Received	\$104
Children & Youth Ministry – Offerings Received	\$477
Total Attendance	Zoom – 18, In Person – 93

“St. John’s Restoration 250” Financial Update – As of October 30, 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	\$74,915
Total Financial Gifts Pledged, Not Yet Received	\$55,430
Total Pledges & Gifts Still Needed to Reach Goal	<u>\$1,655</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
- **Darrell Denlinger** – Discharged from UPMC Community Osteopathic on 11/3.
- **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
- **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** – Discharged from UPMC Harrisburg on 10/27
- **Jean Weaver** - PPI - Polyclinic Campus, 6 Memorial

Today, Sunday, November 6

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	SONDay Celebration (In-Person)
9am	Youth Group Members Prepare for Dinner
10:15am	Worship, Including Sacrament of Holy Communion (In-Person and On Zoom)

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>	<u>Date of Funeral/ Worship</u>
Lorraine Henninger	November 18, 2021	November 24, 2021
Richard Henninger	February 2, 2022	February 11, 2022
Doris Schaffer	March 18, 2022	March 25, 2022
Warren Hassinger	May 6, 2022	May 12, 2022
Marzette Hoffman	May 22, 2022	May 27, 2022
Mary Yeager	October 14, 2022	October 24, 2022

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.

11:15am	Annual Chicken & Waffles Dinner, Served by Youth Group – Free Will Offering to be Received
11:15am	Decorating Committee Meeting <u>Upstairs</u>
2pm	Jingle Elves Practice with Miss Laurie (Back by popular demand, we’re reassembling the “Jingle Elves” for the first time since COVID! Our first gig is the Gratz Holiday Parade on Saturday, November 26th! I’ll give you more details as they become available!! In preparation for the parade, I’m scheduling “Jingle Elf” practices for the 6th, 13th and 20th at 2:00 at the church! Tell your friends – the more elves the better!! -Miss Laurie)

Monday, November 7

8-9:30am	Pastor Tom’s Office Hours
9am	“Blanket Bunch” Blanket Making for Lutheran World Relief
6:30pm	Please join us for upcoming Book Group Gatherings at the church! All are welcome to bring a snack to share. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• November 7 -- Martin Luther: The Man Who Rediscovered God and Changed the World by Eric Metaxas• 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!

Tuesday, November 8

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

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

7:30pm Senior Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, November 9

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

8-12pm Pastor Tom's Office Hours

6:30-8pm Midweek Bible Study

Thursday, November 10

8-12pm Pastor Tom's Office Hours

Friday, November 11

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

Saturday, November 12

Pastor Tom's Weekly Day Off

Next Sunday, November 13

Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost

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)

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

Looking Ahead

A new season of dartball will begin on **Monday, November 14, at 7:00pm at the church.**

Dartball is scored like baseball except that, instead of pitching and hitting a ball, darts are thrown at a baseball field-shaped chart. St. John is part of a church dartball league, involving four other congregations in our area. Games start at 7:00 P.M. each Monday, either at our church or at one of the other churches in the league, and the season runs into February, with breaks at the holidays. 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.

Worship & Music Committee will meet at the church on Tuesday, November 15, beginning at 6:15 P.M.

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

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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.)

Please be sure that, if you are a communing member of St. John, you turn in **at least one communion record card** this year. Also, if you are a contributing member of the congregation, please be sure that **you use your offering envelopes at least once** this year, so that you are on record as having made a contribution. Please help to make sure that our parish records are as accurate as possible!

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.)***

Please see the bright blue container at the computer desk in the Sunday School Room to recycle your AA, AAA, C, D, 9-Volt and Button Cell batteries in Alkaline, NiMH, NiCAD, Zinc Air and Non-Lithium types, 9 volts and below. All batteries must be dry cell only, and they cannot be leaking or have broken cases. Through the efforts of Larry Gessner, batteries that are in especially good condition are being recharged and donated to Bethesda Mission, while all others are recycled.

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!