

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
Jamie Doyle	Lector
Barry & Kim Williard	Greeters
Roy Henry	Council President

For the month of October:

Tree 4 Hope, our **Celebrate** lectionary bulletin and the support of one pastor for one month in the **Konde Diocese of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania** are in honor of the October wedding anniversaries of Kim & Barry Williard, Jr., Courtney & Rob Foreman, and Matt & Olivia Williard.

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!

Sunday Morning 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 #632 "O God, Our Help in Ages Past"

*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: Genesis 32:22-31

Psalm: 121

Second Reading: II Timothy 3:14-4:5

*Gospel: Luke 18:1-8

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

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 Anthem by Senior Choir

*Prayers of the Church

*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.

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 #765 "Lord of All Hopefulness"

*Organ Postlude and We Depart to Serve

Our Faith Active in Worship – October 2, 2022

Current – Budget Goal	\$2,606
Current – Offerings Received	\$2,989
Benevolence – Offerings Received	\$375
Improvement – Offerings Received	\$100
Children & Youth Ministry – Offerings Received	\$160
Total Attendance	Zoom – 15, In Person – 78

Our Faith Active in Worship – October 9, 2022

Current – Budget Goal	\$2,606
Current – Offerings Received	\$1,760.79
Benevolence – Offerings Received	\$135
Improvement – Offerings Received	\$30
Children & Youth Ministry – Offerings Received	\$390
Total Attendance	Zoom – 18, In Person – 56

“St. John’s Restoration 250” Financial Update – As of October 9, 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	\$72,435
Total Financial Gifts Pledged, Not Yet Received	\$35,810
Total Pledges & Gifts Still Needed to Reach Goal	\$23,755

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 Stage 5 Kidney Disease
- **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
- **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** – At Home, Preparing for 10/26 Heart Procedure
- **Jean Weaver** - PPI - Polyclinic Campus, 6 Memorial

Today, Sunday, October 16

As we in Dauphin County continue to dwell right on the line between the Medium/Yellow and Low/Green levels 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

- *get fully vaccinated*
- *wear 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 Sunny Sermon & Celebration Time with Miss Laurie and Sacrament of Holy Baptism (In-Person and On Zoom)

This morning we have the honor of welcoming **Bristol Scheib** into the Kingdom of God and the St. John Congregational Family in the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. We pray that God will grant her parents, **Holly & Corey**, her sponsors, her 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!

Monday, October 17

8-9:30am	Pastor Tom’s Office Hours
9am	“Blanket Bunch” Blanket Making for Lutheran World Relief

Tuesday, October 18

Luke, Evangelist	
8-9:30am	Pastor Tom’s Office Hours
6:15pm	Finance Committee Meeting to Prepare 2023 Budgets
7:30pm	Senior Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, October 19

8am-12pm	Pastor Tom’s Office Hours
6:30-8pm	Midweek Bible Study

Thursday, October 20

8am-12pm Pastor Tom’s Office Hours
From early Thursday afternoon until late Saturday evening, Pastor Tom is planning to take time away. In his absence, Pastor Godfred Effisah (pronounced eh-FEE-suh), who serves the Rife/Killinger Parish, will be on call for any emergency needs for pastoral care. Should you need to get in touch with him, please call Fay Nichols, our Telephone Prayer Chain Coordinator, at 717-329-7447, who will both place the concern on the prayer chain and contact Pastor Godfred. Or, Pastor Godfred can be reached directly by calling 571-572-0119. For all non-emergency matters, Pastor Tom will plan to be back in the office as usual on Sunday morning.

Friday, October 21

Pastor Tom Taking Monthly Extra Day Off

Saturday, October 22

Pastor Tom's Weekly Day Off

Next Sunday, October 23

Twentieth 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 Celebration Time with Miss Laurie (In-Person and On Zoom)

1-6pm Youth Group Attending Fall Festival at Nawakwa

The Women of the ELCA of St. John are selling chicken corn soup, ham and bean soup, and vegetable barley soup. The price will be \$10 per quart and orders and payment are due by next Sunday, October 23. Please see Pat Herb to order.

LOOKING AHEAD

The Third Quarter Audit will be held Monday, October 24th at 9:00 a.m. at the church. All treasurers please have your records at the church for this audit. Thank you. – Pat Herb

Session #2 of First Holy Communion Instruction will be led by Pastor Tom at the church on Tuesday, October 25, beginning at 6:30 P.M.

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To help keep our elevator functioning properly, please don't hold the doors open with your hand or by putting something else in the way of their closing. Please be sure to instead use the "door open" button on the control panel, but do so as sparingly as possible. (The technicians who maintain our elevator report that 90%+ of the service calls they receive – whether with a high traffic elevator as at a hospital or with a limited-use elevator like ours – have to do with door alignment issues, caused by people forcing and/or holding them open.)

St. John's Women Group Cold Quart Soup Sale

Orders and Money Due October 23rd

Pickup @ Pavilion November 5th from 8am-12pm

All Quart Soups \$10.00 each.

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Quantity			Total # of Soups	Total \$
Ham & Bean	Chicken Corn Noodle	Veg. Beef Barley		

Please return orders and money to Pat Herb