

Saint John's Evangelical Lutheran Church

911 Emergency/GPS Location: 215 St. John Road, Elizabethville, 17023
For US Mail Deliveries: PO Box 270, Berrysburg, 17005-0270
717-362-9519 | pt@stjohnhillchurch.org | www.stjohnhillchurch.org

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

James Watson	Guest Worship Leader
Laurie Little	Young Christians Minister
Carol Hubler	Organist
Ty Troutman	Senior Choir Director and Lead Usher
Courtney and Grayson Foreman	Greeters
Brayden and Brooklyn Bender	Acolytes
Jamie Doyle	Lector
Joshua Paul	Council President

For the month of October, the **Celebrate Insert, Tree 4** Hope 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 Barry & Kim Williard (45 years), Matt & Olivia Williard (20 years) and Rob & Courtney Foreman (10 years).

This week's **Altar Flowers** are presented by Barry and Kim Williard in honor of their grandchildren Madeline and Grayson.

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 – ELW Setting 10

God Gathers Us in Prayer and Praise

Announcements
Organ Prelude and Silent Prayer
*Confession and Forgiveness Pg. 94-96
*Opening Hymn #825 "You Servants of God"
*Apostolic Greeting Pg. 203
*Kyrie (sung in unison) Pg. 203
*Hymn of Praise: "Glory to God..." (sung in unison) Pg. 204
*Prayer of the Day

We Hear God's Word

First Reading: Isaiah 45:1-7

Psalm: 96:1-13

Second Reading: I Thessalonians 1:1-10

*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 22:15-22

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

A New Creed:

WE ARE NOT ALONE,

WE LIVE IN GOD'S WORLD.

WE BELIEVE IN GOD:

WHO HAS CREATED AND IS CREATING,

WHO HAS COME IN JESUS,

THE WORD MADE FLESH,

TO RECONCILE AND MAKE NEW,

WHO WORKS IN US AND OTHERS

BY THE SPIRIT.

WE TRUST IN GOD.

WE ARE CALLED TO BE THE CHURCH:

TO CELEBRATE GOD'S PRESENCE,

TO LIVE WITH RESPECT IN CREATION,

TO LOVE AND SERVE OTHERS,

TO SEEK JUSTICE AND RESIST EVIL,

TO PROCLAIM JESUS, CRUCIFIED AND RISEN,

OUR JUDGE AND OUR HOPE.

IN LIFE, IN DEATH, IN LIFE BEYOND DEATH,

GOD IS WITH US.

WE ARE NOT ALONE.

THANKS BE TO GOD.

-The United Church of Canada, 1968

Choir Anthem

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

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

Pg. 208

God Sends Us to Share the Good News

*Blessing:

P: The Lord bless us and keep us. The Lord's face shine upon 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

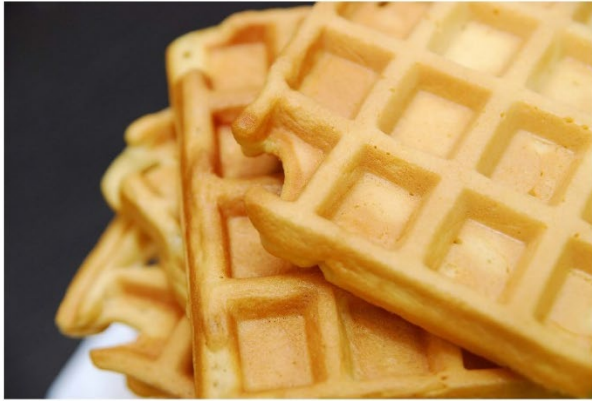
C: **WE WILL. THANKS BE TO GOD!**

*Closing Hymn #887 "This Is My Song"

*Organ Postlude and We Depart to Serve

* * * * *

* Please stand, if able to do so.



St. John's Youth Group Chicken and Waffles Dinner

Sunday, November 5, 2023

**THE MEAL WILL BE SERVED IMMEDIATELY
FOLLOWING WORSHIP SERVICE.**

~ Free Will Donation Collected ~

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)
- **Dianne Schell** – Recovering at Home from 10/2 Outpatient Foot Surgery at Geisinger, Danville
- **Steven Schlegel** – Penn State Hershey Medical Center
- **James Weaver Jr.** – Penn State Hershey Medical Center
- **Jean Weaver** – Rm. #114, Premier at Perry Village, 213 E. Main St., New Bloomfield, 17068

Today, Sunday, October 22

- 9am Adult Bible Study (In-Person)
- 9am Youth Group Faith Formation with Matt & Olivia (In-Person)
- 9am SONDay Celebration (In-Person)
- 10:15am Worship, Including Sunny Sermon and Celebration Time with Miss Laurie for In-Person Young Worshipers (In-Person and On Zoom) – Guest Worship Leader Matthew Williard

Please remember that, until Pastor Tom's return to the office on Thursday morning, Pastor Patrick Wirick, who serves the Klingerstown Parish, is on call for any emergency needs for pastoral care, particularly in the event of a death or a critical illness. Should you need to get in touch with Pastor Pat, 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 Pat. Because the pastors in our conference are now "stretched thin" with Pastor Godfred's recent departure and the inability so far of the Rife/Killinger Parish to locate an interim pastor, if an emergency is other than a death or critical illness, please clarify when you contact Fay whether you would like Pastor Pat to be notified or if you are calling "only" to place your need on the telephone prayer chain. Or, Pastor Pat can be reached directly by calling 717-439-9037.

Monday, October 23

- 9-11am "Blanket Bunch" Blanket Making for Lutheran World Relief
- 6:30pm The 3rd quarter audit. Treasurers are reminded to have their books at the church.

Tuesday, October 24

- 7:30pm Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, October 26

- 8am-12pm Pastor Tom's Office Hours
- 5:30pm Free Community Dinner at Salem United Church of Christ, Elizabethville (This meal in a series of Free Community Dinners is intended to especially benefit persons who are in need of food and/or fellowship support, but there are no income guidelines or restrictions of any kind. This ministry is being supported by a number of area christian congregations, including St. John, as well as local businesses and other organizations.)

Friday, October 27

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

Saturday, October 28

Simon and Jude, Apostles
Pastor Tom's Weekly Day Off
Miss Laurie's Celebration Halloween Party

Next Sunday, October 29

- Reformation Sunday
- 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 and Celebration Time with Miss Laurie for In-Person Young Worshipers (In-Person and On Zoom)

Looking Ahead

Finance Committee will meet on Monday, October 30, at 7:00 P.M. to prepare our 2024 budgets.

Property Committee will gather at the church on Tues., October 31, at 6:15pm, one week later than typically.

The November *Autumn Blessings* gathering of *Celebration Club with Miss Laurie* will be held in-person at the church on Wednesday, November 1, from 6:30-8pm.

November Book Group:

Book Group will move online for November and 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.)

We'll gather on Zoom at **6:30 pm, Monday November 6** to discuss **Rise and Shine by Anna Quindlen**. Copies are available in the church library, and both physical copy and ebook can be requested at your local public library. If you have questions or need to locate a book, contact Ann (rahbruner@gmail.com), and she'll quickly find a book for you.

Please join us anytime! The fellowship is wonderful, snacks are yummy, and all are welcome!

Amy Gehring continues to collect donations to Bethesda Mobile Mission. Gently used, unstained, clean blankets and casual clothing for MEN & WOMEN are always a need since the homeless do not typically have the ability to launder items. Sleeping bags, tarps, mats, backpacks/large totes or bags are also useful. New underwear, socks, batteries (all sizes), toilet paper, candles, and matches are highly valued. Those served by the Bethesda Mobile Mission also need TRAVEL SIZE toiletries—don't leave those small bottles behind when you are traveling. Pass them along to Amy. Please contact Amy at church with any questions or call her at 1-717-503-7623. Donations can be placed in the designated hampers in the foyer.

Pastor Tom will soon be putting together a new schedule of Holy Communion Assistants for 2024. If you haven't served in this ministry before but would like to, please speak with him as soon as possible to find out more!

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!

WE WANT YOU!!! St. John's Dart Ball Team is looking for anyone interested in sharing a few hours of fun Christian fellowship each Monday evening (October 30 – March 4th w/playoffs to follow) playing dart ball. **A full-time commitment is NOT necessary!** Absolutely no prior experience is necessary, learn and develop your skills/style as you go - AND THERE'S SNACKS!! Just come on out and give it a try! Persons ten and older are welcome to play. Players younger than twelve (12) must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. A sign-up has been placed in the foyer of the church. For more information, reach out to Larry Gehring or Michael Henninger. Current players be sure to confirm with Larry and Michael that they can count on you for this season.

St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church
Berrysburg, Pa.

All Saints Day Centerpieces

November 5, 2023

Arrangements by: Elizabeth's Flowers

Centerpieces are being offered
"In Loving Memory of"
loved ones who have passed

Note: Centerpieces are purchased by the Flower Fund in memory of members who have passed since last All Saints Day, Nov. 6, 2022.

Arrangements will be in beautiful fall colors and cost \$25 each.

Number of Centerpieces: _____ Total Cost \$ _____

Please **print** desired memorial as you want it printed in the bulletin:

In Loving Memory of _____

A sample centerpiece will be placed on the baptismal font on October 22th

Orders, with payment, should be given to any Flower Fund Committee Member: Sheila Barder, Gail Billow, Dana Klouser or Fay Nichols

Absolute last day to order - October 29, 2023