

## 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
Carol Hubler	Organist
Jamie Doyle	Lector
Dale & Carol Hassinger	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 – ELW Setting 10

### God Gathers Us in Prayer and Praise

Announcements

Organ Prelude and Silent Prayer

\*Confession and Forgiveness Pg. 94-96

\*Opening Hymn #779 "Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound"

\*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: Jeremiah 14:7-10, 19-22

Psalm: 84:1-7

Second Reading: II Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

\*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 18:9-14

Response after the reading is announced: **GLORY TO YOU, O LORD.**

Response after the reading is concluded: **PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST.**

Young Persons Go with Miss Laurie for Celebration Time

Sermon

## We Respond to All That God Gives Us

We Proclaim Our Faith:

**I BELIEVE IN THE HOLY SPIRIT, THE HOLY CATHOLIC CHURCH, THE COMMUNION OF SAINTS, THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS, THE RESURRECTION OF THE BODY, AND THE LIFE EVERLASTING. (THIS MEANS THAT) I BELIEVE THAT BY MY OWN UNDERSTANDING OR STRENGTH I CANNOT BELIEVE IN JESUS CHRIST MY LORD OR COME TO HIM, BUT INSTEAD THE HOLY SPIRIT HAS CALLED ME THROUGH THE GOSPEL, ENLIGHTENED ME WITH HIS GIFTS, MADE ME HOLY, AND KEPT ME IN THE TRUE FAITH, JUST AS HE CALLS, GATHERS, ENLIGHTENS, AND MAKES HOLY THE WHOLE CHRISTIAN CHURCH ON EARTH AND KEEPS IT WITH JESUS CHRIST IN THE ONE COMMON, TRUE FAITH. DAILY IN THIS CHRISTIAN CHURCH THE HOLY SPIRIT ABUNDANTLY FORGIVES ALL SINS – MINE AND THOSE OF ALL BELIEVERS. ON THE LAST DAY THE HOLY SPIRIT WILL RAISE ME AND ALL THE DEAD AND WILL GIVE TO ME AND ALL BELIEVERS IN CHRIST ETERNAL LIFE. THIS IS MOST CERTAINLY TRUE.**

-Martin Luther's "Small Catechism"

Offering of Our Gifts and Musical Anthem by Grayson Foreman, Madeline Williard, and Barry Williard

\*Offertory Hymn (#186) (sung):

**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

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## 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.

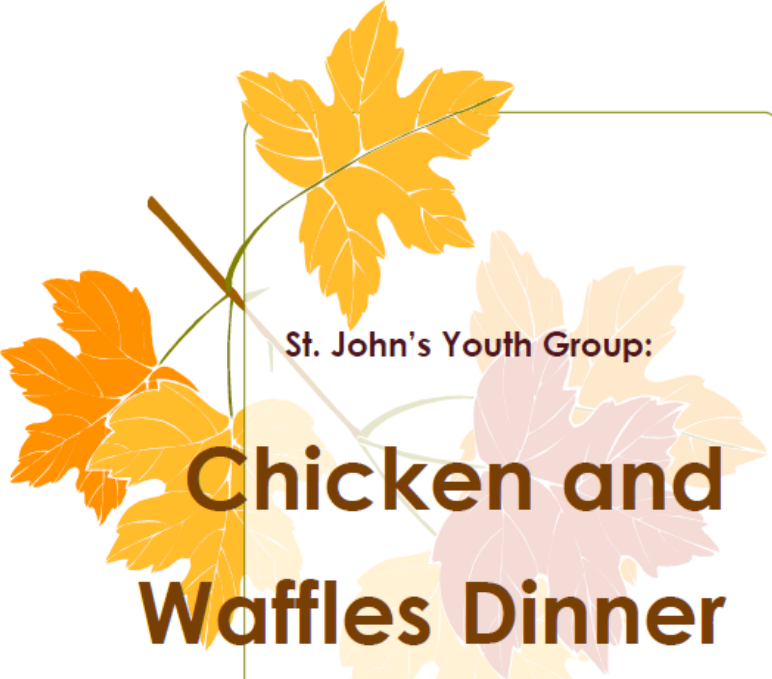
C: **WE WILL! THANKS BE TO GOD!**

\*Closing Hymn #536 "God Be with You Till We Meet Again"

\*Organ Postlude and We Depart to Serve

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\* Please stand, if able to do so.



**St. John's Youth Group:**

# **Chicken and Waffles Dinner**

**Sunday, November 6<sup>th</sup>  
11:30 a.m.**



A sit down dinner will be served immediately following worship. (Take out available.)

A free-will donation is collected at the meal.

## Our Faith Active in Worship – October 16, 2022

<b>Current – Budget Goal</b>	<b>\$2,606</b>
Current – Offerings Received	\$2,898
Benevolence – Offerings Received	\$1,030
Improvement – Offerings Received	\$25
Children & Youth Ministry – Offerings Received	\$390
Total Attendance	<b>Zoom – 18, In Person – 83</b>

## “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	\$72,475
Total Financial Gifts Pledged, Not Yet Received	\$35,770
<b>Total Pledges &amp; Gifts Still Needed to Reach Goal</b>	<b>\$23,755</b>

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
- **Roni Mace** – Geisinger Medical Center
- **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** – Headed to UPMC on 10/26 for Heart Blockage Procedure
- **Jean Weaver** - PPI - Polyclinic Campus, 6 Memorial

## Today, Sunday, October 23

*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 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 is \$10 per quart and orders and payment are due TODAY. Please see Pat Herb to order.*

## Monday, October 24

*Blanket Making for LWR will not be held.*

- 8-9:30am Pastor Tom’s Office Hours
- 10am Viewing/Visitation Time with Family of Mary Yeager
- 11am Funeral Worship for Mary Yeager

## Tuesday, October 25

- 8-9:30am Pastor Tom’s Office Hours
- 6:30-9pm Session #2 of First Holy Communion Instruction with Pastor Tom
- 7:30pm Senior Choir Rehearsal

## Wednesday, October 26

- 8am-12pm Pastor Tom’s Office Hours
- 9am **(Rescheduled)** Third Quarter Audit Meeting at the Church (All treasurers please have your records at the church for this audit. Thank you. – Pat Herb)
- 6:30-8pm Midweek Bible Study

## Thursday, October 27

- 8am-12pm Pastor Tom’s Office Hours

## Friday, October 28

- Simon & Jude, Apostles
- 8-9:30am Pastor Tom’s Office Hours

## Saturday, October 29

- Pastor Tom’s Weekly Day Off

**Next Sunday, October 30**

Reformation Sunday

- 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 First Holy Communion and Celebration Time with Miss Laurie (In-Person and On Zoom)

**Looking Ahead**

The November gathering of **Celebration Club with Miss Laurie** will be held in-person at the church on Wednesday, November 2, from 6:30 to 8:00 P.M.

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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.

- **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](mailto:rahbruner@gmail.com) if you need a book or have any questions. Hope to see you there!

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 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!

**Calling All Jingle Elves!**

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 26<sup>th</sup>! I'll give you more details as they become available!! In preparation for the parade, I'm scheduling "Jingle Elf" practices for the 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> (all Sundays) at 2:00 at the church! Tell your friends – the more elves the better!!  
**-Miss Laurie**

# St. John's Women Group Cold Quart Soup Sale

**Orders and Money Due October 23<sup>rd</sup>  
Pickup @ Pavilion November 5<sup>th</sup> 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**