

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 and Lead Usher
Barry Williard	Holy Communion Assistant
Sheila Barder and Dana Klouser	Altar Guild Preparation
Gary Daniels	Greeters
Caroline and Stella DeSoto	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 Gail Billow.

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!

God Gathers Us in Prayer and Praise

Announcements

Organ Prelude and Silent Prayer

*Confession and Forgiveness

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*Opening Hymn #812 "Faith of Our Fathers"

*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: Jeremiah 31:31-34

Psalm: 46

Second Reading: Romans 3:19-28

*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: John 8:31-36

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

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 #504 "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

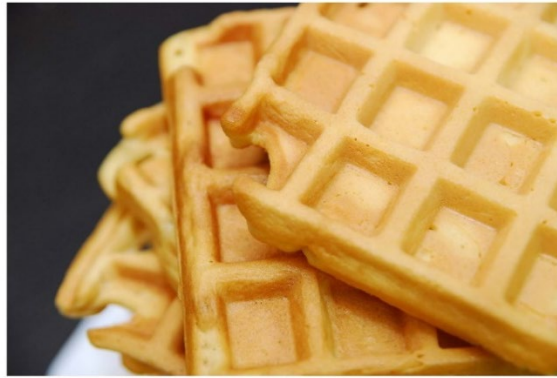
*Organ Postlude and We Depart to Serve

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* Please stand, if able to do so.

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** – Discharged from Penn State Hershey Medical Center on 10/23
- **Jean Weaver** – Rm. #114, Premier at Perry Village, 213 E. Main St., New Bloomfield, 17068



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 ~

Our Faith Active in Worship – October 8, 2023

Current – Approx. Budget Goal

Current – Offerings Received	\$2,796
Benevolence – Offerings Received	\$1,921
Improvement – Offerings Received	\$290
Children & Youth Ministry – Offerings Received	\$20
Total Attendance	\$40

Zoom – 26, In Person – 62

Our Faith Active in Worship – October 15, 2023

Current – Approx. Budget Goal

Current – Offerings Received	\$2,796
Benevolence – Offerings Received	\$2,379
Improvement – Offerings Received	\$275
Children & Youth Ministry – Offerings Received	\$20
Total Attendance:	\$430

Zoom – 33, In Person – 63

Our Faith Active in Worship – October 22, 2023

Current – Approx. Budget Goal

Current – Offerings Received	\$2,796
Benevolence – Offerings Received	\$1,325
Improvement – Offerings Received	\$300
Children & Youth Ministry – Offerings Received	\$50
Total Attendance	\$180

Zoom – 11, In Person – 51

Today, Sunday, October 29

- 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)
- Afternoon Girl Scout Troop Activity in “Sunday School” Room and Pavilion

Monday, October 30

- 8-9:30am Pastor Tom's Office Hours
- 9-11am “Blanket Bunch” Blanket Making for Lutheran World Relief
- 7pm Finance Committee Meeting to Prepare 2024 Budgets
- 7pm Church Dartball League Match – St. John at Faith United Methodist, Fisherville (*Dartball is scored like baseball except that, instead of pitching and hitting a ball, darts are thrown at a baseball field-shaped chart. 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. Please sign up on the foyer bulletin board and/or speak to one of our coaches, Larry Gehring or Mike Henninger, or to League Secretary Dana Klouser if you have any questions or would like to be part of the team.*)

Tuesday, October 31

Reformation Day

- 8-9:30am Pastor Tom's Office Hours
- 6:15pm Property Committee Meeting
- 7:30pm Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, November 1

All Saints Day

- 8am-12pm Pastor Tom's Office Hours
- 6:30-8pm November Gathering of *Celebration Club with Miss Laurie*

Thursday, November 2

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

Friday, November 3

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

Saturday, November 4

- Pastor Tom's Weekly Day Off

Before going to bed next Saturday night, please be sure to set your clocks back one hour, as we return to Standard Time early Sunday morning.

Next Sunday, November 5

All Saints Sunday

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- 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)
- 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!)***

Looking Ahead

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!

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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 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!

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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