

## 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

Barry Williard

Holy Communion Assistant

Judy Ferree

Pianist

Jamie Doyle

Lector

Matt & Olivia 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. 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

### 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 #883 "All People That on Earth Do Dwell"

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: Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4

Psalms: 37:1-9

Second Reading: II Timothy 1:1-14

Gospel: Luke 17:5-10

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

We Proclaim Our Faith – Apostles' Creed

Prayers of the Church

Offering of Our Tithes & Offerings and Musical Anthem by Kim & Ty Troutman

Offertory Prayer:

P: Let us pray... our Savior and Lord. C: **AMEN.**

## We Share in God's Supper and God Sends Us to Share the Good News

Words of Institution of Holy Communion

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.**

We Receive Jesus' Body and Blood in the Bread and Wine

Post Communion Prayer:

P: Let us pray...

C: **POUR OUT UPON US THE SPIRIT OF YOUR LOVE, O LORD, AND UNITE THE WILLS OF THOSE WHOM YOU HAVE FED WITH ONE HEAVENLY FOOD; THROUGH JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD. AMEN.**

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**

Closing Hymn #551 "The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve"

Dismissal:

P: Go in peace. Proclaim the good news

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

Organ Postlude and Silent Prayer

### Hospitalized/Residing in Senior Living/Dealing with Acute Illness

- **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 Surgery
- **Donna Rabenold** – At Home, Continuing Lower-Level Maintenance Chemotherapy Through Fall
- **Dianne Schell** – Headed to UPMC Harrisburg on 10/4 for Heart Catheterization
- **Mary Yeager** – Rm. #233, Polk Personal Care Center – On Hospice Care

### Our Faith Active in Worship: September 25, 2022

<b>Current – Budget Goal</b>	<b>\$2,606</b>
Current – Offerings Received	\$2,730
Benevolence – Offerings Received	\$145
Improvement – Offerings Received	\$140
Children & Youth Ministry – Offerings Received	\$430
Total Attendance	<b>Zoom – 12, In Person – 60</b>

### “St. John’s Restoration 250” Financial Update – As of September 25, 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	\$ 72,395
Total Financial Gifts Pledged, Not Yet Received	\$ 35,850
<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.

### Today, Sunday, October 2

*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 Holy Communion and Celebration Time with Miss Laurie (In-Person and On Zoom)
6pm	Congregational Council Meeting

### Monday, October 3

8-9:30am	Pastor Tom’s Office Hours
9am	“Blanket Bunch” Blanket Making for Lutheran World Relief
6:30pm	Book Group Gathering (We will meet at the church, and all are welcome to bring a snack to share: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>October 3 &amp; November 7</b> -- <b>Martin Luther: The Man Who Rediscovered God and Changed the World</b> by Eric Metaxas</li><li>• <b>December 5</b> -- <b>The Parables of Peanuts</b> by Robert L Short</li></ul> Call or email Ann 717.362.7895 <a href="mailto:rahbruner@gmail.com">rahbruner@gmail.com</a> if you need a book or have any questions. Hope to see you there!)

### Tuesday, October 4

8-9:30am	Pastor Tom’s Office Hours
9:30am	Pastor Tom at Conference Pastors Meeting
<b>6:30-8pm</b>	<b>Session #1 of First Holy Communion Instruction with Pastor Tom</b>
7:30pm	Senior Choir Rehearsal

### Wednesday, October 5

8am-12pm	Pastor Tom’s Office Hours
6:30-8pm	October Gathering of <b>Celebration Club with Miss Laurie</b>

### Thursday, October 6

8am-12pm	Pastor Tom’s Office Hours
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### Friday, October 7

8-9:30am	Pastor Tom’s Office Hours
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**Saturday, October 8**

Pastor Tom’s Weekly Day Off

**Next Sunday, October 9**

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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

- 9:00am Adult Bible Study (In-Person)
- 9:00am Youth Group Bible Time (In-Person)
- 9:00am Confirmation Class (In-Person)
- 9:00am SONDay Celebration (In-Person)
- 10:15am Worship, Including Celebration Time with Miss Laurie and Ending with Blessing of New Cemetery Prayer Space (In-Person and On Zoom)
- 11:30am Quarterly Meeting of Mutual Ministry Committee (immediately following worship)
- 2pm Monthly Gathering of the Women of the ELCA of St. John

**Looking Ahead**

Property Committee will hold a combined September/October meeting on Tuesday, October 11, at the church, beginning at 6:15 P.M.

Our autumn session of Midweek Bible Study will get underway on **Wednesday, October 12** and run for six weeks, meeting each week from 6:30 to 8:00pm and wrapping up in time for Thanksgiving Eve, Advent, and Christmas. Pending COVID developments, we will plan to meet in-person at the church, with the option for participants who would prefer to do so to “Zoom in”. Our topic this fall will be ***Signs and Wonders: A Beginner’s Guide to the Miracles of Jesus*** by Dr. Amy-Jill Levine, in which she explores selected miracles of Jesus (such as the Raising of Lazarus) in their historical and theological context, looking at how past witnesses would have understood the events as well as how we today can draw meaning from Jesus’s words and actions. Celebrated New Testament professor and scholar Dr Amy-Jill “AJ” Levine was the first Jewish person to teach New Testament at the Pontifical Biblical Institute in Rome and describes herself as “an unorthodox member of an Orthodox synagogue and a Yankee Jewish feminist who until 2021 taught New Testament in a Christian divinity school (Vanderbilt) in the buckle of the Bible Belt”. As always with these studies, no previous Bible study experience is required – only an interest and enthusiasm to study, reflect on, and (if and when you are comfortable doing so) discuss God’s Word together! So that the correct number of study books can be ordered for our study, please register in advance (by speaking with Pastor Tom) **by the end of the morning TODAY, October 2.**

Collin Klouser and Taylor Leitzel have announced their intention to wed on Saturday, October 15 (at an off-site venue with Pastor Tom presiding), and ask our prayers.

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For the month of November, we are seeking a sponsor for our ministry gift to ***Tree 4 Hope***. Please contact Pastor Tom to sponsor this \$50 ministry gift in honor or in memory of loved ones or events.

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.)

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 for recycling are delivered to Dauphin County Recycling in Harrisburg.

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!