

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

Barry Williard

Holy Communion Assistant

Pat Herb

Alter Guild Preparation

Laurie Little

Young Christians Minister

Judy Ferree

Organist

Lilly Rabenold and Cole Roadcap

Acolytes

Jamie Doyle

Lector

Clint & Amy Gehring

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 – ELW Setting 10

God Gathers Us in Prayer and Praise

Announcements

Organ Prelude and Silent Prayer

*Confession and Forgiveness

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*Opening Hymn #504 "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

*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

Recognition of First Communicants

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.**

Young Persons Go with Miss Laurie for Celebration Time

Sermon

We Respond to All That God Gives Us

*Nicene Creed

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*Prayers of the Church

Offering of Our Gifts and Musical Anthem

*Offertory Hymn (#182) (sung):

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

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We Partake of Our Lord's Supper (As we share in the sacrament, please join in singing the praise song "O Lamb of God" on 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 #671 "Shine, Jesus, Shine"

*Organ Postlude and We Depart to Serve

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* Please stand, if able to do so.

Our Faith Active in Worship – October 23, 2022

Current – Budget Goal	\$2,606
Current – Offerings Received	\$1,138
Benevolence – Offerings Received	\$135
Improvement – Offerings Received	\$100
Children & Youth Ministry – Offerings Received	\$750
Total Attendance	Zoom – 15, In Person – 56

“St. John’s Restoration 250” Financial Update – As of October 23, 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
Total Pledges & Gifts Still Needed to Reach Goal	\$23,655

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
- **Darrell Denlinger** – UPMC Community Osteopathic, Rm. #521
- **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** – Discharged from Geisinger Medical Center on 10/20
- **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** – UPMC Harrisburg
- **Jean Weaver** - PPI - Polyclinic Campus, 6 Memorial

Today, Sunday, October 30

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

*This morning, we honor **Brooklyn Bender, Derrick Henry, Kyan Peters, and Bennett Troutman** and celebrate with their families as they receive their First Holy Communion, after completing instruction with Pastor Tom. (Brooklyn has received Holy Communion previously but has newly completed the instruction.) Congratulations!*

Monday, October 31

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

Tuesday, November 1

All Saints Day	
8-9:30am	Pastor Tom’s Office Hours
9:30am	Pastor Tom at Conference Pastors Gathering
6pm	Faith Formation Team Gathering
7:30pm	Senior Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, November 2

8am-12pm	Pastor Tom’s Office Hours
6:30-8pm	Midweek Bible Study
6:30-8pm	November Gathering of Celebration Club with Miss Laurie

Thursday, November 3

8am-12pm	Pastor Tom’s Office Hours
7pm	Church Dartball League Meeting at the Church

Friday, November 4

8-9:30am	Pastor Tom’s Office Hours
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Saturday, November 5

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 6

All Saints Sunday

9am Adult Bible Study (In-Person)

9am Confirmation Class (In-Person)

9am SONDay Celebration (In-Person)

9am Youth Group Members Prepare for Dinner

10:15am Worship, Including the Sacrament of Holy (In-Person and On Zoom)

11:15am Chicken and Waffles Dinner (Eat In or Take Out) A free-will donation is collected at the meal.

2pm Jingle Elves Practice with Miss Laurie

Looking Ahead

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 if you need a book or have any questions Hope to see you there!

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

A new season of dartball will begin on **Monday, November 14, at 7:00pm at the church.** Dartball is scored like baseball except that, instead of pitching and hitting a ball, darts are thrown at a baseball field-shaped chart. St. John is part of a church dartball league, involving four other congregations in our area. Games start at 7:00 P.M. each Monday, either at our church or at one of the other churches in the league, and the season runs into February, with breaks at the holidays. 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. Just speak to one of our coaches, Larry Gehring or Mike Henninger, or to Pastor Tom if you have any questions or would like to be part of the team.

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!

St. John's Youth Group:

Chicken and Waffles Dinner

Sunday, November 6th
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.