

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

Jamie Doyle

Lector

Barry & Kim 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 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

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*Opening Hymn #613 "Thy Holy Wings"

*Apostolic Greeting

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*Kyrie (sung in unison)

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*Hymn of Praise: "Glory to God..." (sung in unison)

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*Prayer of the Day

We Hear God's Word

First Reading: II Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c

Psalm: 111

Second Reading: II Timothy 2:8-15

*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 17:11-19

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

*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 #606 "Our Father, We Have Wandered"

*Organ Postlude and We Depart to Serve

Today, Sunday, October 9

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 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)

2:00pm Monthly Gathering of the Women of the ELCA of St. John

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

Monday, October 10

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

9am "Blanket Bunch" Blanket Making for Lutheran World Relief

Tuesday, October 11

Pastor Tom's Weekly Day Off (instead of 10/15)

8am-12pm Work session to wipe down surfaces and put worship furnishings back in place on the Balcony Level. A team of about six persons would be able to get the job done, and even the presence of a worker for part of the time would be a great help. Please contact Sandra Lamenza (717.307.8396) for further information or, if possible, to let her know of your availability to help.)

6:15pm Property Committee Meeting

7:30pm Senior Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, October 12

8am-12pm Pastor Tom's Office Hours

6:30—8pm Midweek Bible Study

Thursday, October 13

8am-12pm Pastor Tom's Office Hours

Friday, October 14

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

5pm Rehearsal for Klouser/Leitzel Wedding (offsite)

Saturday, October 15

Deadline to Submit Items for November "St. John's Epistle"

3pm Marriage of Collin Klouser and Taylor Leitzel (offsite)

Next Sunday, October 16

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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 Sunny Sermon and Celebration Time with Miss Laurie and Baptism of Bristol Scheib (In-Person and On Zoom)

Looking Ahead

The Finance Committee meeting to prepare the 2023 Current Fund and other budgets will be held both in-person at the church and on Zoom on Tuesday, October 18, 6:15pm.

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Women of ELCA Soup Sale

We will be selling Chicken Corn Noodle Soup, Ham and Bean Soup, and Vegetable Beef Barley Soup. The price will be \$10.00 a quart. Please see Fay Nichols to order. Orders and money due by October 23, 2022.

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.)***

If you are an Amazon.com shopper, our congregation is registered with the "Amazon Smiles" program, whereby Amazon donates one half of one percent of your purchase amount to a charitable organization that you select. Please note that, to qualify, your purchase has to be made through the "smile" side of things, to which you will find a very easily identifiable link from the main part of the Amazon.com website. (Once there, it can be a bit tricky to pick out our congregational name from all of the "St. John's" – look for **St John Evangelical Lutheran Church, Berrysburg, PA**. Once you have selected us the first time, we will automatically be designated each time you shop and you won't need to re-do the search.) All monies received in this way will be automatically deposited for use in the Current Fund.

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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
- **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** – At Home, Healing from 10/4 Heart Catheterization
- **Jean Weaver** - PPI - Polyclinic Campus, 6 Memorial
- **Mary Yeager** – Rm. #233, Polk Personal Care Center – On Hospice Care