

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
Ty Troutman	Senior Choir Director
Joshua & Sara Paul	Greeters
Carl Baumgardner	Lector
Gail Billow	Lead Usher
Joshua Paul	Council President

For the month of July, the **Celebrate Inserts** are presented by Carl and Louise Baumgardner in honor of Hoyt's graduation and July birthdays: Bob, Lois and Louise, the **Tree 4 Hope** is sponsored by Ty and Kim Troutman in honor of Ty's mother Lucy, who celebrates her 101st birthday in July, and our support of one pastor for one month in the **Konde Diocese of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania** is sponsored by Lynn & Helen Henninger for prayers for world peace, especially in Ukraine and the Middle East.

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!

Outdoor Worship Liturgy

God Gathers Us in Prayer and Praise

Announcements

Keyboard Prelude and Silent Prayer

*Confession and Forgiveness:

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, the creator of wind and rain, field and ocean, the bread of life coming down from above, the power at work within us and this world.

C: **AMEN.**

P: Before God and in the company of our sisters and brothers, let us confess our sin.

(brief silence follows)

P: God and Father of all,

C: **WE CONFESS THAT WE HAVE SINNED AGAINST YOU IN THOUGHT, WORD, AND DEED. WE HAVE THOUGHT BETTER OF OURSELVES THAN OTHERS. WE HAVE TOLD LIES, SAID HURTFUL THINGS, ACTED IN WAYS WE WISH WE COULD TAKE BACK, AND LOOKED THE OTHER WAY WHEN ACTION WAS NEEDED. IN YOUR MERCY, O GOD, FORGIVE US, CLEANSE US, AND HEAL US, FOR THE SAKE OF JESUS, OUR SAVIOR. AMEN.**

P: If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; everything has become new! In Christ, we are a new creation: our sins are taken away and we are made new. Let us be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven us.

C: **AMEN.**

*Opening Hymn **LBW** #546 "When Morning Gilds the Skies"

*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: Amos 7:7-15

Psalm: 85:8-13

Second Reading: Ephesians 1:3-14

*Gospel: Mark 6:14-29

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:

I BELIEVE IN GOD, THE FATHER ALMIGHTY, CREATOR OF HEAVEN AND EARTH. (THIS MEANS THAT) I BELIEVE THAT GOD HAS CREATED ME TOGETHER WITH ALL THAT EXISTS. GOD HAS GIVEN ME AND STILL PRESERVES MY BODY AND SOUL; EYES, EARS, AND ALL LIMBS AND SENSES; REASON AND ALL MENTAL FACULTIES. IN ADDITION, GOD DAILY AND ABUNDANTLY PROVIDES SHOES AND CLOTHING, FOOD AND DRINK, HOUSE AND FARM, SPOUSE AND CHILDREN, FIELDS, LIVESTOCK, AND ALL PROPERTY – ALONG WITH ALL THE NECESSITIES AND NOURISHMENT FOR THIS BODY AND LIFE. GOD PROTECTS ME AGAINST ALL DANGER AND SHIELDS AND PRESERVES ME FROM ALL EVIL. ALL THIS IS DONE OUT OF PURE, FATHERLY, AND DIVINE GOODNESS AND MERCY, WITHOUT ANY MERIT OR WORTHINESS OF MINE AT ALL! FOR ALL OF THIS I OWE IT TO GOD TO THANK AND PRAISE, SERVE AND OBEY HIM. THIS IS MOST CERTAINLY TRUE.

-Martin Luther's *Small Catechism*

*Prayers of the Church

*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.**

God Sends Us to Share the Good News

*Blessing:

P: The Lord bless us and keep us. The Lord's face shine upon 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 **LBW** #500 "Faith of Our Fathers"

*Keyboard Postlude and We Depart to Serve

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* Please stand, if able to do so.

Goodbye Festival ~ Hello Yard Sale

Our Congregational Yard Sale will be here before we know it!

Please note the following regarding the upcoming sale:

- Benefits the Lutheran Disaster Response of our Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
- Non priced items will be priced by yard sale staff at their discretion.
- Donations are accepted Monday, July 29 through Wednesday, July 31.
 - Please place donations in the front part of the pavilion, near the kitchen.
 - Please do not bring donations to the church before Monday, July 29.
 - Please do not place them anywhere but directly in the pavilion.
- Yard Sale Set Up - **The greatest need for help is Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday mornings between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and Noon.** This will be when we unpack, sort, hang and organize donations.
- The sale will take place in the pavilion:
 - **Thursday, August 1:** 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
 - **Friday, August 2:** 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
 - **Saturday, August 1:** 8:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
- Anyone wishing to help during the yard sale should come to the pavilion at any time during the set up and/or sale hours listed above.
- Yard Sale Pack Up and Pavilion Tear Down – As in past years, items not sold during the yard sale will be available to the congregation after the service on Sunday, August 4, or prior to pack up on Monday morning.
 - Items not claimed by 8 AM on Monday, August 5, will be disposed of or donated appropriately.
 - If you are able to help with the pack up and/or tear down, please come to the pavilion Monday, August 5, at 9 AM.

Tips for Success:

- Be sure your donations are in good/clean condition
- Drop off donations at any time between **Monday and Wednesday.**
 - Although we do not turn away donations, we have a better chance of selling them if they are out and ready for the first day of our sale... bright and early Thursday morning.
- Donate your time to help set up, tear down or help out during the sale.
- Pick up any unsold items you do not wish to donate in a timely manner.

We appreciate all available help and thank you for your support.

Sheila Barder and Tam Spicher

Today, July 14

- 8:45am Sunday Morning Bible Study (In-Person)
9:30am SONDay Celebration with Miss Laurie (In-Person)
9:30am **Outdoor Worship** in the Pavilion (In-Person and On Zoom)
10:30am Mutual Ministry Committee Quarterly Meeting in the Pavilion
6pm Congregational Council Midsummer Meeting

Monday, July 15

- 8-9:30am Pastor Tom's Office Hours
9am We'll be doing "set up" for VBS! Come out and help us prepare our space for the camping adventure that kicks off later that evening!!
6:30-8:45pm Vacation Bible School – **Camp Firelight**

Tuesday, July 16

- 8-9:30am Pastor Tom's Office Hours
6:30-8:45pm Vacation Bible School – **Camp Firelight**

Wednesday, July 17

- 8am-12pm Pastor Tom's Office Hours
6:30-8:45pm Vacation Bible School – **Camp Firelight**

Thursday, July 18

- 8am-12pm Pastor Tom's Office Hours
6:30-8:45pm Vacation Bible School – **Camp Firelight**

Friday, July 19

- 8-9:30am Pastor Tom's Office Hours
6:30-8:45pm Vacation Bible School – **Camp Firelight**
Youth Group Campout Begins Following VBS Closing Drive-In Movie

Saturday, July 20

- Youth Group Campout Concludes
Pastor Tom's Weekly Day Off

Next Sunday, July 21

- Ninth Sunday after Pentecost
8:45am Sunday Morning Bible Study (In-Person)
10:00am Outdoor Worship in the Pavilion, **FEATURING ANNUAL VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL CLOSING PROGRAM** (In-Person and On Zoom) *(We will have approximately 100 metal chairs set up in advance, but anyone who would prefer to do so is also welcome to bring along their own comfortable camp chairs to create their own seating. Please keep in mind that this will be an outdoor service on a Hill known for its cool breezes – be sure to dress warmly and bring a sweater or jacket!)*
11:15am "Voices & Vittles" Annual Covered Dish Picnic (will get underway immediately following the ending of worship and a bit of transition time)

Looking Ahead

Tom and Donna Rabenold, who very kindly plant our sweet corn each year for our Annual Strawberry Festival and other congregational meals, are estimating that the corn will be ready for processing around the beginning of next week, the week of July 22 – which means we will again be in need of pickers and shuckers on an exact date yet to be determined. Picking will occur at the Rabenold's farm approximately 6-7am and will take 1-2 hours. Shucking will occur at the church 8-9am, and will also take 1-2 hours, both depending on the number of pickers and shuckers. Processing of the corn starts immediately after shucking. Cutting the corn off the cob takes the most time of all the steps. Anyone can stay and help for as long as they are able, if you can only help for a short time in any of the three steps. Come early, come later. If you can stay for the entire day, we appreciate the help! **Please contact Tam Spicher as soon as possible at 717-856-7130, preferably via text, to let her know of your availability to help. She will compile all phone numbers to send a group text to advise everyone of the particulars for the actual day of work on the corn. Tam will also take calls, and in person notifications, if need be.**

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Please be sure to return any Strawberry Festival yard/road signs you took and posted just as soon as you can so that they can be properly stored for next year. Please place them in the pavilion kitchen and cross your name off the sign-out list to show they have been returned. Thank you for this great help with the publicity of this year's Festival!

Amy Gehring continues to collect donations to Bethesda Mobile Mission. Gently used, unstained, clean blankets and casual clothing for MEN & WOMEN are always a need since the homeless do not typically have the ability to launder items. Sleeping bags, tarps, mats, backpacks/large totes or bags are also useful. New underwear, socks, batteries (all sizes), toilet paper, candles, and matches are highly valued. Those served by the Bethesda Mobile Mission also need TRAVEL SIZE toiletries—don't leave those small bottles behind when you are traveling. Pass them along to Amy. Please contact Amy at church with any questions or call her at 1-717-503-7623. Donations can be placed in the designated hampers in the foyer.

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.)**

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. #54B, Complete Care at Annapolis, 900 Van Buren Street, Annapolis, MD 21403
- **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
- **Robert Schaffer** – Rm. #125, Polk Personal Care Center, 301 North St., Millersburg
- **Steven Schlegel** – Now on an Every-Four-Weeks Outpatient Chemotherapy Plan

Our Faith Active in Worship – July 7, 2024

Current – Approx. Budget Goal	\$3,112
Current – Offerings Received	\$2,729
Benevolence – Offerings Received	\$275
Improvement – Offerings Received	\$10
Children & Youth Ministry – Offerings Received	\$905
Total Attendance	Zoom – 6, In Person – 87