

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
Matthew Riland	Holy Communion Assistant
Ginny & Delmar Enders	Altar Guild Preparation
Carol Hubler	Organist
Ty Troutman	Senior Choir Director
Matt and Olivia Williard	Greeters
Carl Baumgardner	Lector/Council President
Gail Billow	Lead Usher

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.

Welcome to all who are worshipping with us this morning. 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!

Outdoor Worship Holy Communion 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 #380** "O Christ, Our Light, Our Radiance True"

*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

Recognition of Our High School Graduates

We Hear God's Word

First Reading: Ezekiel 2:1-5

Psalm: 123

Second Reading: II Corinthians 12:2-10

*Gospel: Mark 6:1-13

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

*Apostles' Creed

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*Prayers of the Church

We Share in God's Supper

*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 Blessing:

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen us and keep us in his grace.

All: **AMEN**

*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.**

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 "Now We Sing to Praise Love's Blessing"

See Insert

*Keyboard Postlude and We Depart to Serve

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* Please stand, if able to do so.

Today, July 7

8:45am Sunday Morning Bible Study (In-Person)
9:30am SONDay Celebration with Miss Laurie (In-Person)
9:30am **Outdoor Worship** in the Pavilion with Sacrament of Holy Communion and Recognition of Our Recent High School Graduates (In-Person and On Zoom)

Monday, July 8

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

Tuesday, July 9

Pastor Tom Planning to be on the Road for a Pastoral Visit – No Office Hours

Wednesday, July 10

8am-12pm Pastor Tom's Office Hours

Thursday, July 11

8am-12pm Pastor Tom's Office Hours
9am Audit Committee Meeting Covering 1st and 2nd Quarters, January – June. All Treasurers are asked to please have their records at the church prior to this meeting.

Friday, July 12

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

Saturday, July 13

Pastor Tom's Weekly Day Off

Next Sunday, July 14

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

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) *(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!)*
10:30am Mutual Ministry Committee Quarterly Meeting in the Pavilion
6pm Congregational Council Midsummer Meeting

Looking Ahead

Vacation Bible School – **Camp Firelight** – gets underway on Monday, July 15, at 6:30 P.M. Here are a few "help wanted" announcements from Miss Laurie and her crew:

- **Nicole Radel** has created the online snack sign-up site, which you can access directly at the following link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0B45AFAC23ABFDC34-49748422-camp> Please contact Nicole if you would have any questions about the link (nicolebrianaradel@gmail.com or 717.903.3212).
- The VBS Craft Station is in need of **EMPTY TOILET PAPER ROLLS** and **CLEAR, QUART SIZE PLASTIC CONTAINERS W/ LIDS** (with no labels or writing on the containers) - the kind used for soup! The containers don't have to be new, but in good condition! Please contact **Miss Laurie** with any questions.

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Please be sure to return any 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! With the May 31 ending of the "official" two years for contributions to be made to our **Restoration 250** project, the final financial numbers are now available. The final total project cost was **\$216,795**, considerably less than the total project budget of \$220,000. A total of **\$139,440** was received in designated giving, which left **\$77,355** to be covered by interest monies from our Memorials Fund, considerably less than the \$88,000 which it was originally estimated we would need. The total project came in under budget and we received more giving toward the project than we anticipated such that we were able to save **\$10,645** in interest monies! Thank you to all who contributed in any way in planning and/or in financial giving and to overall project coordinator **Sandra Lamenza!**

For the month of July, sponsors are still needed for our providing one month of a **Konde Diocese (in Tanzania, Africa) Pastors Salary** (\$50/month). To sponsor this ministry in honor or in memory of loved ones or events, please either sign up in person in the foyer or, if easier, please feel free to call or email Pastor Tom, who will take care of it for you.

Please place your non-perishable food donations for the food pantry at the Upper Dauphin Human Services Center in Lykens on any shelf inside the north (right side, coming in the front doors) closet in the foyer, where the door is labelled accordingly. As the contributions add up, deliveries will be made to the pantry by **Jenna, Jason, Landon, & Bennett Troutman**, who are now continuing this important ministry faithfully done for so many years by **Larry Gessner**. Thank you!

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.)**

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!

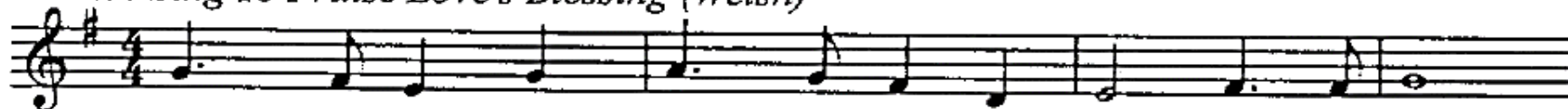
Hospitalized/Residing in Senior Living/Dealing with Acute Illness:

- **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** – Home, Awaiting Test Results and New Treatment Plans

Our Faith Active in Worship – June 30, 2024

Current – Approx. Budget Goal	\$3,112
Current – Offerings Received	\$2,305
Benevolence – Offerings Received	\$101
Improvement – Offerings Received	\$31
Children & Youth Ministry – Offerings Received	\$211
Total Attendance	Zoom – 15, In Person – 101

Now We Sing To Praise Love's Blessing (Welsh)



1. Now we sing to praise love's blessing, all through our lives.
2. How our wounds ache for love's healing all through our days.
3. Love's the grace that makes us caring all through our lives,
4. Love's the clown that mocks at winning all through the world.



laugh - ter, joy, sur - prise con - fess - ing all through our lives.
How our world needs love's re - veal - ing, in all its ways.
urg - es us to warmth and shar - ing all through our lives,
mid - wife of each new be - gin - ning all through the world.



Love that dreamed a new cre - a - tion, love that dared an in - car - na - tion,
Fear - ful hearts sus - pect the stran - ger, hard - ened na - tions arm for dan - ger,
speaks in us, op - press - ion nam - ing, strives in us, in - jus - tice sham - ing,
In the strug - gles that con - found us, in the cha - os all a - round us



love that of - fers trans - for - ma - tion all through our lives.
love lives on, the pow'r - ful chan - ger, all through our days,
lives in us, true peace pro - claim - ing all through our lives.
love's wide arms with hope sur - round us all through the world.