

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
Ty Troutman	Senior Choir Director
Carl and Louise Baumgardner	Greeters
Courtney Foreman	Lector
Landon and Bennett Troutman	Acolytes
Courtney Foreman	Lead Usher
Joshua Paul	Council President

For the month of May, the **Celebrate Inserts** are in memory of their grandparents Grace and Marlin Henninger, Margaret and Thomas Berg and Andrew Bella by Tonya and Bryan Henninger, the **Tree 4 Hope** is presented by Chris and Dana Klouser to the Glory of God in Honor of St. John's Confirmands (May 19): Brayden Bender, Tanner Bixler, Caroline DeSoto, Lillian Rabenold, Landon Troutman, and Axten Zimmerman, and our support of one pastor for one month in the **Konde Diocese of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania** is sponsored by Craig and Sharon Peters in the memory of William Peters.

This week's **Altar Flowers** are presented by Lynn and Roni Mace in honor of our family and remembrance of those no longer with us.

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 #654 "The Church's One Foundation"

*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: Acts 1:15-17, 21-26

Psalmody: Psalm 1

Second Reading: I John 5:9-13

*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 17:6-19

Response after the reading is announced: **GLORY TO YOU, O LORD.**

Response after the reading is concluded: **PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST.**

Sunny Sermon with Miss Laurie

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 Choir Anthem

*Offertory Hymn (#182) (sung as gifts are brought forward):

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 God of all grace, who has called us to eternal glory in Christ, restore, support, strengthen, and bless us by the power of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C: **AMEN**

*Dismissal:

P: Go in peace. Share the Easter Good News.

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

*Closing Hymn #781 "Children of the Heavenly Father"

*Organ Postlude and We Depart to Serve

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* Please stand, if able to do so.

Today, May 12

- 9am Adult Bible Study (In-Person)
- 9am Youth Group Bible Time (In-Person)
- 9am Pastor Tom Meets with May 19 Confirmands (In-Person)
- 9am SONDay Celebration (In-Person)
- 10:15am Worship, Including Mother's Day Sunny Sermon and Celebration Time with Miss Laurie for In-Person Young Worshipers (In-Person and On Zoom)

Monday, May 13

- 8-9:30am Pastor Tom's Office Hours
- 9-11am "Blanket Bunch" Blanket Making for Lutheran World Relief
- 6:30pm May Book Group Gathering (We'll be discussing **The Secret Chord by Geraldine Brooks** either in the pavilion or fellowship hall, depending on weather. Please bring a snack to share! Everyone is welcome! If you need a copy of the book, please talk with staff at the Elizabethtown Library. All local copies are in use, but they will order the book for you from a neighboring library. If you have questions, please contact Ann (rahbruner@gmail.com).

Tuesday, May 14

Matthias, Apostle

- 8-9:30am Pastor Tom's Office Hours
- 9:30am Pastor Tom at Conference Pastors Meeting
- 7:30pm Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, May 15

Deadline to Submit Items for Inclusion in June "St. John's Epistle"

- 8am-12pm Pastor Tom's Office Hours

Thursday, May 16

- 8am-12pm Pastor Tom's Office Hours
- 2pm Pastor Tom Leads Worship at Polk Assisted Living, Millersburg

Friday, May 17

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

Saturday, May 18

- Pastor Tom's Weekly Day Off

Next Sunday, May 19

Day of Pentecost

- 9am Adult Bible Study (In-Person)
- 9am Youth Group Bible Time (In-Person)
- 9am SONDay Celebration (In-Person)
- 9:50am Congregational Council Members Meet to Prepare for Confirmation
- 10:15am Worship, Including Rite of Confirmation, Sacrament of Holy Communion, and Celebration Time with Miss Laurie for In-Person Young Worshipers (In-Person and On Zoom)
- 4:30pm Creation Care Team Gathering at the Church
- 6pm Congregational Council Meeting at the Church

Looking Ahead

The Third and Final Planning Meeting for our June 12 Annual Strawberry Festival will be held at the church on **Monday, May 20, beginning at 6:15 P.M.** Committee chairpersons are especially needed to attend but all interested persons are welcome to attend.

Worship & Music Committee will meet at the church on Tuesday, May 21, at 6:15 P.M.

On Sunday, May 26, we will once again switch to our **summer schedule** of 1. **Adult Sunday Bible Study at 8:45 A.M.**, ending by about 9:15 and 2. **Worship at 9:30 A.M.**, ending promptly by 10:30 so that everyone can get on to those reunions and other summer Sunday plans. We will also hold our weekly **SONDay Celebration with Miss Laurie** while worship is going on, **at 9:30**. (Looking a bit further ahead, our first morning of outdoor worship in the pavilion will be coming up on Sunday, June 9 – due to being indoors on May 26 and June 2 for sharing in the Sacrament of Holy Communion.)

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On Tuesday, May 28, beginning at 5:30 P.M., we will have a combined first work night to begin getting the pavilion cleaned up and ready for the Annual Strawberry Festival and church outside property work night. As we have done successfully now for several years, we are again putting what had in past years been two annual work nights together into one slightly longer evening, but lots of help will be needed! Please come and help, and please bring along your favorite cleaning supplies and yard tools.

****PLEASE NOTE THE NEW DATE****

The St. John Women of the ELCA will be having an event on Thursday, May 30th at 6pm! Please join us to make care kits for Lifeline Pregnancy Center in Millersburg. We will be assembling adult kits and **also looking to install some new leaders for our group.** Please consider becoming a leader of this great mission! This is an easy way to do a lot of good works for our church and to get involved with minimal time out of your schedule. We would love to see some new women of the congregation take part! If you have any questions about our program please see Rachel Henry, Barb Bullock or Ginny Enders.

Again this year, yard/road signs advertising our Annual Strawberry Festival are available for the taking in the foyer. These are high quality signs made to be reused for years to come, designed so that the date can be changed each year, and therefore also fairly pricey, so you are requested to please "sign out" the road sign(s) you take and then sign them back in when you return them very soon after June 12. We have added 25 more signs to those we had last year since we ran out fairly quickly and had folks still requesting them. **Very important – if you place a sign anywhere other than on your own property near a roadway, please be sure to ask the property owner's permission. Please DO NOT simply place them – as political signs tend to be placed – in "anonymous" places along the highway, because this tends to result in their being treated accordingly and becoming damaged or lost.** Again, please be sure to sign out any sign(s) you take and to sign them back in promptly after June 12. Thank you!

Publicity posters for the Strawberry Festival are available for picking up on the table outside Pastor Tom's office.

For the month of June, a sponsor is needed for our providing of 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.

St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church Berrysburg, Pa.

Stauffer's Greenhouse
4.5" Red Geranium for Pentecost
Sunday, MAY 19, 2024

Number: _____ @ \$4.40 each = \$ _____ Order Total

Make checks payable to: **St. John Lutheran Church**

Please print desired memorial as you want it printed in the bulletin.

Presented by: _____

In honor of: _____

In Memory of: _____

For the Many Blessings of: _____

Please return order form with payment to a Flower Fund Committee Member
Dana Klouser, Sheila Barder, Fay Nichols or Gail Billow

Absolute last day to order May 12, 2024

Thank you for your support!!!!

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.

It's Jam Making Time

Hey folks we will be starting to make the jams and jellies for the Strawberry Festival very soon. Most of the time we get the jars back, but this didn't happen this year. For those who can help it would be greatly appreciated. We are asking for the items needed below. This has always been a very good project and sell out each year! For more information contact Fay Nichols at 717-329-7447. **Items Needed:** Jars (8 oz. jelly jars), Sugar, Sure Jell, Fruits, Lids for jars left from last year, and Monetary donations.

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. #47B, 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** – On Hospice Care at: Rm. #128, Viva Senior Living at Harrisburg, 150 Kempton Avenue, Harrisburg, 17111
- **Cole Roadcap** – Undergoing Outpatient Knee Surgery on 5/15
- **Robert Schaffer** – Rm. #125, Polk Personal Care Center, 301 North St, Millersburg
- **Steven Schlegel** – Home, Receiving Outpatient Chemotherapy Treatments

Our Faith Active in Worship – May 5, 2024

Current – Approx. Budget Goal	\$3,112
Current – Offerings Received	\$1,646
Benevolence – Offerings Received	\$260
Improvement – Offerings Received	\$1,155
Children & Youth Ministry – Offerings Received	\$135
Total Attendance:	Zoom – 31, In Person – 69