

## 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
Joshua Paul	Holy Communion Assistant
Sheila Barder and Dana Klouser	Altar Guild Preparation
Larry and Karen Gehring	Greeters
Amy Gehring	Lector
Brooklyn Bender and Derrick Henry	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.

The **Altar Flowers** are presented to the Glory of God in Honor and Memory of those that made the ultimate sacrifice for this great country by the St. John's Congregation.

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 Holy Communion Liturgy

#### God Gathers Us in Prayer and Praise

Announcements

Organ Prelude and Silent Prayer

\*Confession and Forgiveness:

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, abounding in steadfast love toward us, healing the sick and raising the dead, showering us with every good gift.

C: **AMEN.**

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

**(brief silence follows)**

P: Just and gracious God,

C: **WE COME TO YOU FOR HEALING AND LIFE. OUR SINS HURT OTHERS AND DIMINISH US; WE CONFESS THEM TO YOU. OUR LIVES BEAR THE SCARS OF SIN; WE BRING THESE ALSO TO YOU. SHOW US YOUR MERCY, O GOD. BIND UP OUR WOUNDS, FORGIVE US OUR SINS, AND FREE US TO LOVE, FOR THE SAKE OF JESUS CHRIST, OUR SAVIOR. AMEN.**

P: The Apostle Paul assures us: "When we were dead in our trespasses, God made us alive together with Christ, nailing the record of our sins to the cross." Jesus says to us, "Your sins are forgiven." Be at peace, and tell everyone how much God has done for us.

C: **AMEN.**

\*Opening Hymn #756 "Eternal Father, Strong to Save"

\*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: Isaiah 6:1-8

Psalm: 29

Second Reading: Romans 8:12-17

\*Gospel: John 3:1-17

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

\*Nicene Creed

Pg. 104

\*Prayers of the Church

Offering of Our Gifts and Choir Anthem

#### 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 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 #413 "Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!"

\*Organ Postlude and We Depart to Serve

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\* Please stand, if able to do so.

**Today, May 26**

8:45am Sunday Morning Bible Study (In-Person)  
9:30am Worship, Including Sacrament of Holy Communion (In-Person and On Zoom)  
9:30am SONDay Celebration with Miss Laurie (In-Person)

**Monday, May 27**

Memorial Day (Observed)  
**Pastor Tom Taking Monthly Extra Day Off – No Office Hours**

**Tuesday, May 28**

8-9:30am Pastor Tom’s Office Hours  
9am Work Session for Pavilion Kitchen (In advance of Tuesday evening, Sandra Lamenza will be present to begin work on the preparation of the pavilion kitchen and would welcome any available helpers!)  
5:30pm Combined First Work Night for Festival and Church Property (To begin getting the pavilion cleaned up and ready for the Annual Strawberry Festival and to do our annual sprucing up of our church outside property, 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.)  
6:30pm Hoyt Schlegel Receives St. John Congregational Scholarship at Pine Grove Area High School Class Night

**Wednesday, May 29**

8am-12pm Pastor Tom’s Office Hours

**Thursday, May 30**

Memorial Day  
8am-12pm Pastor Tom’s Office Hours  
**6pm The St. John Women of the ELCA event!** 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!

**Friday, May 31**

**Visit of Mary to Elizabeth**  
8-9:30am Pastor Tom’s Office Hours  
Evening – Pastor Tom Attending Annual Lower Susquehanna Synod Assembly on Zoom

**Saturday, June 1**

Pastor Tom Attending Annual Lower Susquehanna Synod Assembly at St. Matthew Lutheran, York

**Next Sunday, June 2**

Second Sunday after Pentecost  
8:45am Sunday Morning Bible Study (In-Person)  
9:30am Worship, Including Sacrament of Holy Communion (In-Person and On Zoom)  
9:30am SONDay Celebration with Miss Laurie (In-Person)

**Looking Ahead**

The first session of food preparation for our June 12 Annual Strawberry Festival will get underway on Saturday, June 8, at 8:00 A.M. in the pavilion.

We will worship outdoors in our pavilion for the first time this year on Sunday, June 9, at 9:30am.

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.

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.

**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
- **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 12, 2024**

<b>Current – Approx. Budget Goal</b>	<b>\$3,112</b>
Current – Offerings Received	\$1,586
Benevolence – Offerings Received	\$3
Improvement – Offerings Received	\$1
Children & Youth Ministry – Offerings Received	\$141
Total Attendance	<b>Zoom – 17, In Person – 63</b>

**Our Faith Active in Worship – May 19, 2024**

<b>Current – Approx. Budget Goal</b>	<b>\$3,112</b>
Current – Offerings Received	\$3,326
Benevolence – Offerings Received	\$320
Improvement – Offerings Received	\$50
Children & Youth Ministry – Offerings Received	\$310
Total Attendance:	<b>Zoom – 5, In Person – 127</b>

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