

ST JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH



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Saint John's Evangelical Lutheran Church

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WELCOME TO WORSHIP TODAY!

It is a joy to worship our Savior, Jesus, with you! In the pews there are blue cards for guests and members. Please fill one out and the ushers will collect them after the offering. And if you are looking for a church home, you've just found it!



To Our Visitors



What is Communion/the Lord's Supper?

As Lutheran (LCMS) Christians, we believe that the bread and wine in Communion are Christ's real, heavenly body and blood. Christ said, "Take, eat, this is my body"; "Take, and drink... this is my blood" (Matthew 26:26 ff). Communion is received for the forgiveness of sins, for the unity with Christ, and for the unity with this congregation, the whole body of Christ.

Should I receive the Lord's Supper?

- 1) have I been baptized in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit?
- 2) Do I believe Communion is the true body and blood of Christ?
- 3) Do I know that God's forgiveness will be delivered to me through this means of grace?
- 4) Am I sorry for my sins, willing to amend my life with God's help, and willing to forgive those who have sinned against me?
- 5) Am I united in the Christian faith of this congregation?

If you can answer, 'yes', to each of these questions, then you are well prepared to receive Communion. If you are uncertain, the pastor or an elder will be happy to talk with you.

First Sunday in Lent

Processional Hymn

779 Come, My Soul, with Every Care

Confession and Absolution – *LSB p.184*

Stand

Service of the Word

Introit - Psalm 91:1–2, 9–10, 13; antiphon: vv. 15a, c, 16

- P** When he calls to me, I will answer him;
C **I will rescue him and honor him.**
P With long life I will satisfy him
C **And show him my salvation.**
P He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High
C **Will abide in the shadow of the Almighty.**
P I will say to the LORD, “My refuge and my fortress,
C **My God, in whom I trust.”**
P Because you have made the LORD your dwelling place—
C **The Most High, who is my refuge—**
P No evil shall be allowed to befall you,
C **No plague come near your tent.**
P You will tread on the lion and the adder;
C **The young lion and the serpent you will trample underfoot.**
C **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;**
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.
P When he calls to me, I will answer him;
C **I will rescue him and honor him.**
P With long life I will satisfy him
C **And show him my salvation.**

Kyrie - *LSB p.186*

(The Gloria in Excelsis is omitted in Lent)

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you. **C** **And with thy spirit.**

P Let us pray.

O Lord God, You led Your ancient people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide the people of Your Church that following our Savior we may walk through the wilderness of this world toward the glory of the world to come; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Sit

Old Testament Reading – Genesis 3:1–21

P This is the Word of the Lord. **C** **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual - Psalm 91:11–12

P He will command his angels concerning you

C **To guard you in all your ways.**

P On their hands they will bear you up,

C **Lest you strike your foot against a stone.**

Epistle Reading – Hebrews 4:14–16

P This is the Word of the Lord. **C** **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

Lenten Tract

P He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High

C **Will abide in the shadow of the Almighty.**

P He will cover you with his pinions,

C **And under his wings you will find refuge.**

P When he calls to me, I will answer him;

C **I will be with him in trouble.**

P With long life I will satisfy him

C **And show him my salvation.**

Holy Gospel - Matthew 4:1–11

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fourth chapter.

C **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

The gospel is read from the nave

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

Apostles' Creed - LSB p.192

Sit

Hymn of the Day

418 O Lord, throughout These Forty Days

Sermon: "Free to Disobey is a False Sense of Freedom"

Stand

Offertory - LSB p.192

Sit

Offering

Stand

Prayer of the Church

Service of the Sacrament

Preface - LSB p.194

Sanctus

Lord's Prayer

The Words of Our Lord & Pax Domini

Agnus Dei

Sit

Distribution

(Hymns 424 O Christ, You Walked the Road & 547 The Lamb)

Stand

Nunc Dimittis - LSB p.199

Thanksgiving & Post-Communion Collect

Salutation, Benedicamus & Benediction

Recessional Hymn

845 Where Charity and Love Prevail

Prayers for Members

We encourage you this week to pray for:

John Belko, Robert Drummond, Barry Gangwer, Frank Gilham, Robert Gould, Pauline Onder, Edward Trovitch, Tom, Sylvia, and Sherry Wargo, Patti Zschunke, Bob Onder, Paul Kowalczyk, Irene Beishline, Lorraine and Jack Ross, and Mason Moppin, and Rachel Griffith.

May the Lord continue to unite and bless us in the faith.

Our Stewardship at a Glance

Sunday Morning Worship: 38 Faithful Servants

Ash Wednesday: 38 Faithful Servants

Caring and Sharing: Faithful Servants

Altar Workers: Jolene Evancho and Chuck Zschunke

Communion Assistant: Daniel Starry

Counters: Tom Wargo and Chuck Zschunke

Flowers:

Tithes and Offerings: \$1655.00

Parish House: \$50.00

Memorials:

Mission/Vision Statement

“We are faith-Growing Followers of Christ,
Reaching out in Response to God’s Love”

2023 Church Envelopes

If you haven't taken your envelope box yet, they are at the entrance at the top of the stairs. Please take them home.

This Week at St. John's

Women's Caring/Sharing Monday, Feb 27 at 10am.

Wednesday Lenten Service at 7pm

Sunday Morning Service with Communion at 9 am.

Bible Study and Sunday School after the service.

Meetings

Elders Meeting: March 7th at 7pm at the Drummonds

SELC LWML Meeting in Macungie, March 11th, 10am - 2pm
(Leaving from church at 8.30am)

Council Meeting: March 12th, after the study hour

Prayer Chain Request?

Contact: Lucille Adamoyurka - (570) 956-1678

Altar Guild

We are looking for volunteers to be on the Altar Guild. It would require you to set up and put away the Altar. Depending on how many volunteers we get, it would be one-month every three to four months. Teams of two will be assigned. If you would like to volunteer, please see Nancy Trovitch. This is a great opportunity for our teens and Youth Group.

Wish List for Earmarked Donations

1. Ongoing Newspaper Advertisements
2. A Safe for Communion and Altar Ware
3. Glazing for Church Windows
4. New church signs for street directions and new events (Including Bilingual)
5. Lutheran Service Builder Subscription for Bulletins (\$175 for the year)
6. A New Organ

Community Luncheons

There will be a meeting TODAY at 11.15am for anyone who is interested in helping with the Community Luncheons. We are aiming for the fourth Saturday of May as our first luncheons. If you are interested in helping but are not able to attend the meeting please let Nancy Trovitch know.

Need anything from the Pastor?

Pastor Naumann's Cell Phone: +1 (917) 900 7502

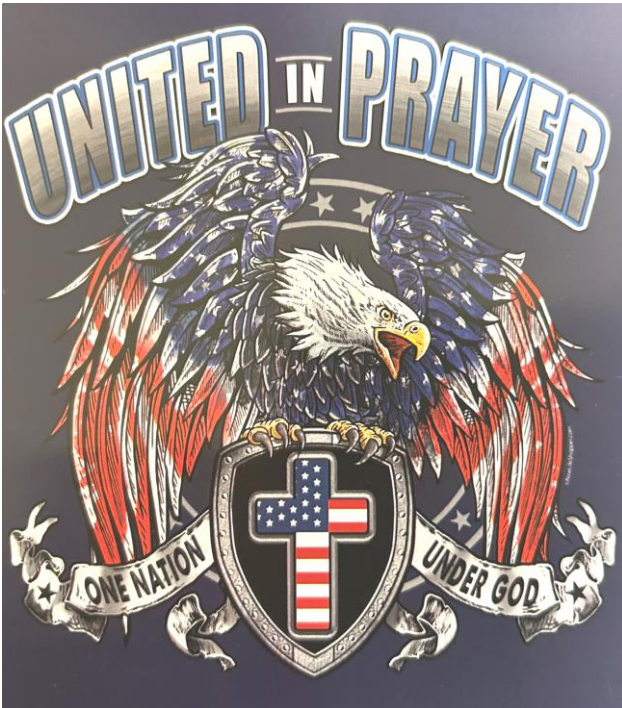
Pastor is available for emergencies, private confession, or just a cup of coffee. Maybe you'd like to host a mid-week Bible Study? Just give him a text. Maybe you're looking to volunteer. Do you need pre-marital counseling? Is your child of confirmation age? Looking to start a new group and need a venue? Now's the time to get involved. God bless you.

St. John's Youth

Youth Club is every 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month at 5pm

St. John's Youth will be getting new T-shirts with the Church's name on them. If you would like one, please let Jolene know by Sunday, March 12th. Let her know if you would like SM, MD, LG, XL, 2X, 3X, 4X, or 5X - **\$10 per shirt** –

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Who said we don't live in a Christian Country?



SELC LWML
March 11, 2023
Concordia Lutheran Church, Macungie, PA

Please mark your calendars for a SELC LWML meeting to be held on **March 11, 2023** at Concordia Lutheran Church in Macungie, PA. The meeting will be held from 10 AM - 2 PM. You are encouraged to attend and help to plan future plans for the LWML in the SELC.

Meeting Schedule

10 AM Welcome, Introductions, and Opening Devotion

10:30 AM The LWML in the SELC – Where we have been, where we are, and where can we go?

- Our role
- New ideas/projects
- Future meetings
- Action plan for 2023 and beyond

12:00 PM Lunch and presentation from Emmaus food bank - we will be collecting items for the food bank.

1:00 Bible Study

2:00 Meeting ends

Pastor Naumann will be driving anyone interested in going to the LWML Meeting. Please be at the church **at 8.30am**, so we can leave on time.

Thank you.

Did I mention... It's FREE?!

40 DAYS OF LENT

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HE IS RISEN!

ASH WEDNESDAY 1
 no being carried today (F) 34
 no TV today (P) 18
 draw a picture for someone (S) 17
 choose 3 books to give to charity (S) 2

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT 4
 no singing today (F) 3
 compliment your teacher (S) 5
 wake up an hour early today (F) 7

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT 11
 find 5 items for food bank (S) 11
 try a new food today (F) 10
 send someone flowers (S) 8
 1 Corinthians 10:13 (P) 9

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT 16
 no sweets today (F) 16
 write someone a thank you note (S) 14
 drink only water today (F) 13
 no juice today (P) 21
 take Gus for a walk (S) 23
 clean room (S) 25

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT 22
 call someone & tell them you love them (S) 20
 no coloring today (F) 37
 do something for a stranger (S) 26
 sit in silence for 15 minutes (F) 27
 Isaiah 43:5 (P) 26

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT 28
 say something nice about everyone in family (S) 29
 no ketchup today (F) 31
 smile at everyone (S) 32
 Phillipians 4:13 (P) 33
 no being carried today (F) 34
 Palm Sunday (F) 35
 choose 5 toys to give away (S) 36
 Luke 6:31 (P) 36
 Holy Thursday (F) 37
 no coloring today (F) 37
 Holy Saturday (F) 40
 John 11:35 (S) 39
 Good Friday (S) 39
 Holy Saturday (F) 40
 Easter Sunday (F) 28
 sit in silence for 15 minutes (F) 27
 Isaiah 43:5 (P) 26
 do something for a stranger (S) 26
 clean room (S) 25
 take Gus for a walk (S) 23
 Psalm 46:10 (P) 24
 Fourth Sunday of Lent (F) 22
 no juice today (P) 21
 Matthew 28:19-20 (P) 21
 call someone & tell them you love them (S) 20
 no TV today (F) 19
 Psalm 145:9 (P) 18
 draw a picture for someone (S) 17
 Third Sunday of Lent (F) 16
 no sweets today (F) 16
 write someone a thank you note (S) 14
 drink only water today (F) 13
 Phillipians 4:13 (P) 12
 find 5 items for food bank (S) 11
 Second Sunday of Lent (F) 10
 try a new food today (F) 10
 send someone flowers (S) 8
 1 Corinthians 10:13 (P) 9
 wake up an hour early today (F) 7
 Joshua 1:9 (P) 6
 Holy Saturday (F) 40
 John 11:35 (S) 39
 Good Friday (S) 39
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