

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.

LAETARE SUNDAY

Processional Hymn: 845 Where Charity and Love Prevail

Confession and Absolution - LSB p.151

Stand

Service of the Word

Introit - Psalm 122:1–2, 6, 8; antiphon: Isaiah 66:10a, 11a

- P** Rejoice with Jerusalem, and be glad for her, all you who love her;
C **That you may nurse and be satisfied from her consoling breast.**
- P** I was glad when they said to me,
C **“Let us go to the house of the LORD!”**
- P** Our feet have been standing
C **Within your gates, O Jerusalem!**
- P** Pray for the peace of Jerusalem!
C **May they be secure who love you!**
- P** For my brothers and companions’ sake
C **I will say, “Peace be within you!”**
- 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** Rejoice with Jerusalem, and be glad for her, all you who love her;
C **That you may nurse and be satisfied from her consoling breast.**

Kyrie - *LSB p.152*

(There is no hymn of praise during Lent)

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you. **C** **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, Your mercies are new every morning; and though we deserve only punishment, You receive us as Your children and provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant that we may heartily acknowledge Your merciful goodness, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; 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 - Exodus 16:2–21

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

Gradual - Psalm 122:1, 7

P I was glad when they said to me,

C **“Let us go to the house of the LORD!”**

P Peace be within your walls

C **And security within your towers!**

Epistle Reading - Acts 2:41–47

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

Stand

Lenten Tract - Psalm 125:1–2, 5b

P Those who trust in the LORD are like Mount Zion,

C **Which cannot be moved, but abides forever.**

P As the mountains surround Jerusalem, the LORD surrounds Israel

C **From this time forth and forevermore. His peace be upon us!**

Holy Gospel - John 6:1–15

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

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

The gospel is read from the nave

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Sit

Hymn of the Day: 625 Lord Jesus Christ, Life-Giving Bread

Sermon: “We are Graciously Fed, so Why be Fed Up?”

Stand

Nicene Creed - LSB p.158

Prayer of the Church

Sit

Offering

Stand

Offertory - LSB p.159

Service of the Sacrament

Preface - LSB p.160

Sanctus

Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Words and Declaration of Our Lord

Lord’s Prayer

Pax Domini

Agnus Dei

Sit

Distribution (641 You Satisfy the Hungry Heart and 547 The Lamb)

Stand

Nunc Dimittis - LSB p.165

Post-Communion Collect

Benediction

Closing Hymn: 918 Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer

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, Sylvia and Sherry Wargo, Patti Zschunke, Bob Onder, Irene Beishline, Bill Ray, Lorraine and Jack Ross, 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: 36 Faithful Servants

Mid-Week Worship: 25 Faithful Servants

Caring and Sharing: 6 Faithful Servants

Altar Workers: Dave and Nancy Trovitch

Communion Assistant: Dan Starry

Counters: Lucille Adamoyurka and Lorraine Ray

Flowers:

Tithes and Offerings: \$1837.00

Parish House: \$30.00

Memorials:

Organ Donation: (there was a typo last week. The donation was only \$20.00.

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

Tuesday: Catechism Class at 5.30pm

Wednesday: Lenten Service at 7pm

Thursday: Men’s Night at The Tap at Humboldt at 7pm

Sunday: Divine Service with Communion at 9 am.
Bible Study and Sunday School after the service.
Youth Group at 5pm.

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

Join us every fourth Saturday of the month from May as we open our church for community luncheons. If you are interested in helping in any way, 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.

Prayer Chain Request?

Contact: Lucille Adamoyurka - (570) 956-1678

This Month's Charity



On the table at the entrance to the church are bottles which can be used to collect money for the 'Shine Program'. Please take one as we raise money for this worthy charity which helps promote both the sanctity of life, and offers help for those who are currently struggling.



SELC LWML Meeting Rescheduled

LWML Meeting May 6, 2023

Concordia Lutheran Church
2623 Brookside Road Macungie, PA 18062

Please mark your calendars for the **rescheduled SELC LWML meeting** to be held on **May 6, 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 the future of the LWML in the SELC. There is a **\$5.00 registration fee**. **Pastor Naumann** is again offering to give anyone a ride so please RSVP before April 27, so that he can inform Milly of our numbers. **We'll meet at St. John's at 8.30am.**

Meeting Schedule

10:00 AM Welcome, Introductions, and Opening Devotion

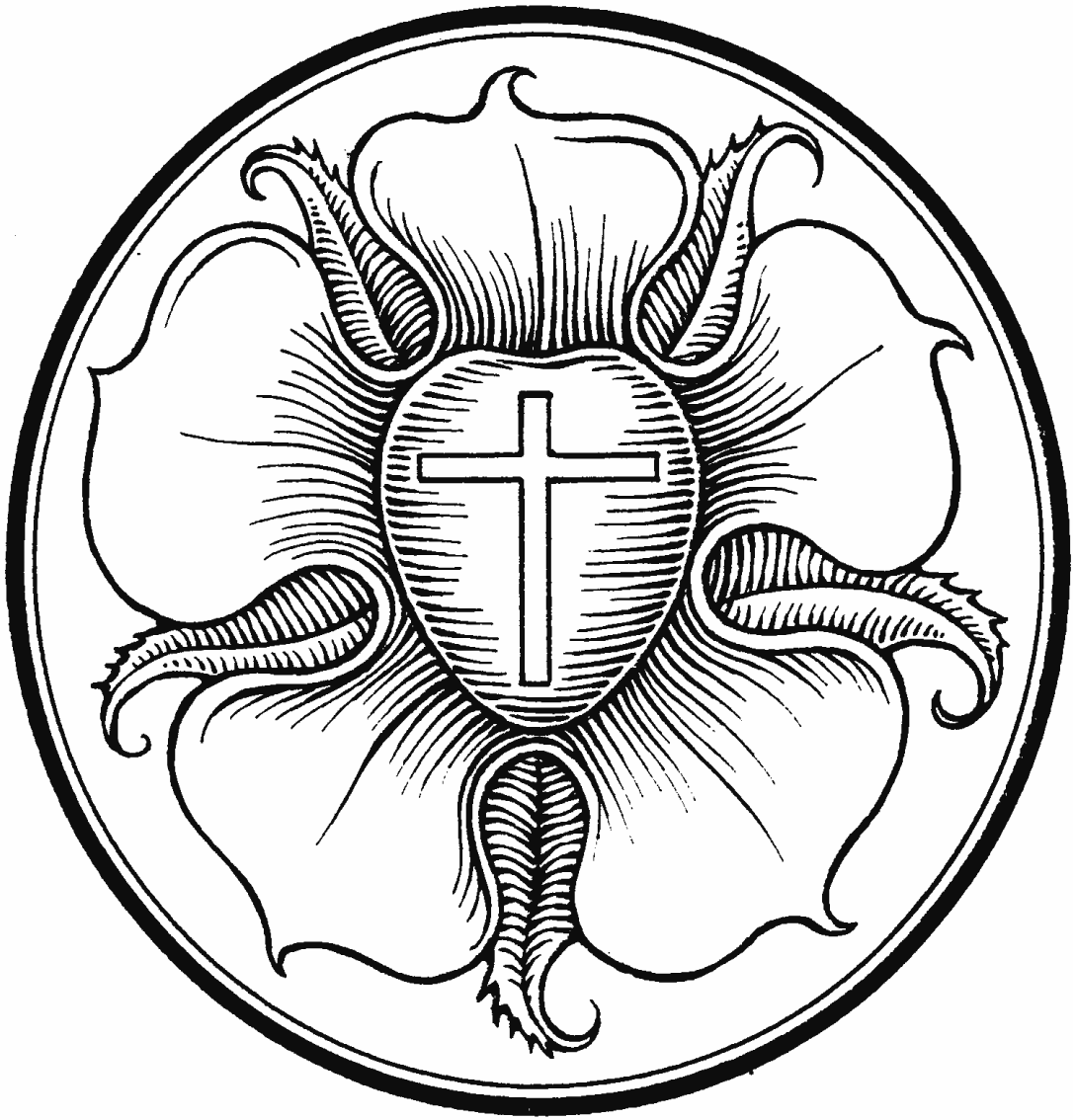
10:30 AM The LWML in the SELC – Where we have been, where we are, and where can we go?

- 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. A list of what they need will be sent when you register

1:00 Bible Study

2:00 Meeting concludes



St. Peter's Lutheran Church

1000 S Main St. Hanover Township, PA 18706

Invites all children 3-10 for
Their Easter Egg Hunt



April 1st

at

1pm

