

**Announcements for the week of
May 5, 2013
At St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church**

Pew Pads

In an effort to get more visitors to use pew pads and for us to be more welcoming, and to make use of them for our annual reports, etc. the ushers will be distributing pew pads in the coming weeks, during the announcements. Please sign the pads and pass them to your neighbors.

Men's Night Out – Tuesday, May 7th, 6:30pm - ?

The men of the church will be heading to the Beacon Hotel for shrimp and/or crawdads on Tuesday, May 7th. The Beacon is located at 231 Beacon Road, Renfrew, PA 16053. If you have any questions – beyond the fact we're going to have delicious seafood and a goodtime, please speak to Jamie Weaver.

Parent's Night Out – free babysitting – Friday, May 10th

Please note that more helpers are always needed, so please contact or see Denise Hager *as soon as possible* if you could be of help in any way. The babysitting is available from 6:00 pm – 8:30 pm on the 2nd Friday evening of each month. There are fun activities, crafts, music, snacks,,, and Mr. Olescyski bring his guitar !! This service is available to the community so please invite your family members and friends to take advantage of this opportunity to go out and enjoy themselves while the children enjoy themselves here ☺. It would be helpful if parents call the church office to register in advance if possible – 724-625-1830.

Pentecost & Confirmation – Sunday, May 19th

We invite you to join us for worship on Sunday, May 19th as we gather and celebrate the church's birth day. This day is also when Zac Claus will make his affirmation of baptism and be confirmed as an adult member of the church.

Last day of Sunday School – Sunday, May 19th

Sunday, May 19th will be our last day for Sunday School for the summer. Please come join in the fun. Bring along gardening gloves, hand tools and any sun-loving annuals as we will be brightening the outside of our church with lots of flowers in the beds and planters.

Indulge in some dessert as we say *“Thank you” to Christine Dishong* for her years of service as our Sunday School Superintendent.

Doors for the Church

First off a thank you to everyone that has helped us to raise nearly \$7,000 for the church doors, we have done tremendously in working to renovate the church. Thank you! Secondly, the council voted to replace all three sets of doors this year due to your generous donations. (initially the thought was that we might replace one or two). The new doors will cost a total of \$12,667 and *we are soliciting donations to help us get closer to our goal*. Any donations for the doors should be indicated as such in the memo line or on the envelope itself.

New Members

Are you looking for a church home? If you are, please speak with Pastor Mark after the service! He will be organizing a new member class to meet later on this spring.

Walk to Jerusalem

The challenge before us.... Can and will this congregation accumulate enough miles to reach Jerusalem in 12 weeks. Join us as we take an exhilarating Walk to Jerusalem. This is a 12 week walking program. It is designed to increase the physical, spiritual and emotional health of participants. Participants are exercising the physical body, exercising the spiritual body by praying and exercising the mind by learning about different locations through-out the Countries.. You can walk alone, or join us for weekly walks around the Mars Athletic Field.

Are you up to the challenge?? Please see the signup sheet in the Greeting area to join in on the fun.

ONE worship service time the summer

We will be going to **ONE** service at **9:00am beginning Sunday, May 26th through Sunday, September 1st**.

Our summer worship is a great opportunity for our congregation to gather as one community together in Christ.

'Save these Dates'

- **Tuesday, May 21st** – Hopson's hosting Brown Bag Bible study group at their home
 - **Sunday, June 2nd** – Walk to Jerusalem kick off (after church)
 - **Saturday, June 22nd** – Blue Sox Baseball Game Night (Butler, PA)
 - **July 8th through 12th, Vacation Bible School** -. This year we will be doing vacation Bible School with the Mars United Presbyterian Church again. This is a spirit filled time for kids and for volunteers.
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This Week at St. John

• Sunday, May 5th	Sixth Sunday of Easter	
	Worship	8:00am & 10:30 am
	Sunday School	9:00 am
	First Breakfast	9:00 am
• Monday, May 6th	Elders' Meeting	7:00 pm
• Tuesday, May 7th	Brown Bag Lunch	12:00 pm
	Brown Bag Bible Study	12:30 pm
• Thursday, May 9th	Ascension Service & lunch @ English Lutheran, Zelienople	1:30am – 1:30 pm
• Friday, May 10th	Parent's Night Out – free babysitting	6:00 pm – 8:30 pm
• Saturday, May 11th	Scrapbooking	10:00 am – 4:00 pm
• Sunday, May 12th (Mother's Day)	Seventh Sunday of Easter	
(Food Bank Sunday)	Worship	8:00 am & 10:30 am
	Sunday School	9:00 am