

**Announcements for the week of
May 12, 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.

Quilter's Group – tomorrow, May 13th @ 7:00pm

We welcome anyone interested to please come tomorrow night. No skills are needed! Enjoy some fun and fellowship. If you have any questions feel free to contact Cindy Knauff 724-473-1198, or email her at valenciaknauff@yahoo.com

Pastor Mark away – Thursday, May 16th

In case of an emergency please contact Rev. Saylor at 724-779-3743.

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 Zach 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.

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)
- **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.

This Week at St. John

- **Sunday, May 12th**
(Mother's Day)
(Food Bank Sunday)
 - **Monday, May 13th**
 - **Tuesday, May 14th**
 - **Sunday, May 19th**
(Mission Sunday)
Confirmation Sunday
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| | Seventh Sunday of Easter | |
| | Worship | 8:00 am & 10:30 am |
| | Sunday School | 9:00 am |
| | Quilter's Group | 7:00 pm |
| | NEWSLETTER DEADLINE | |
| | Brown Bag Lunch | 12:00 pm |
| | Brown Bag Bible Study | 12:30 pm |
| | Girls Scouts | 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm |
| | Church Council Meeting | 7:00 pm |
| | Day of Pentecost | |
| | Worship | 8:00 am & 10:30 am |
| | Last Day of Sunday School | 9:00 am |
| | Zach Claus being confirmed | |