

**Announcements for the week of  
May 19, 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.

**Today is the last day of Sunday School**

Today will be our last day for Sunday School for the summer. Please come join in the fun as we will be brightening the outside of our church with lots of flowers in the beds and planters. Join in as we say *"Thank you" to Christine Dishong* for her years of service as our Sunday School Superintendent. Desserts will be served.

**Confirmation**

Zachary Claus is being confirmed today, affirming the promises that were made to him in his baptism. His favorite passage of the bible is John 15 because it talks about how we are all made clean by God and how we should all love one another. Certainly great words

**Lessons this Sunday**

This Sunday the lessons are a little bit different. We do not have a reading from one of the four gospels, instead focusing on the birthday of the church (and comparing it to both the tower of Babel and the promise in Paul's letter to the Romans). You will also be hearing different languages read during two of the lessons - during the Genesis lesson noting the split in humanity, during the Acts reading to reflect the Holy Spirit suddenly stirring in people. At the end of Acts, joined into one by the Spirit, we will all speak together.

**Butler Bluesox – Saturday, June 22<sup>nd</sup> @ 6:30 p.m.**

Folks from St. John are going to be going to the Butler Bluesox on June 22<sup>nd</sup>. There is an envelope hanging on the bulletin board labeled Bluesox with a sign up sheet attached to it. Please put a check in the envelope (cost is \$8 per person) and sign your name on the sign up sheet. Jamie Weaver will be getting tickets before the game – please call him at (412) 629 0298 to pick up your tickets once you arrive.

**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 Kickoff – Sunday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>**

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 sign up 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 26<sup>th</sup> through Sunday, September 1<sup>st</sup>**.

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

**'Save these Dates'**

- **Tuesday, May 21<sup>st</sup>** – Hopson's hosting Brown Bag Bible study group at their home
- **Sunday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>** – Walk to Jerusalem kick off (after church)
- **Saturday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>** – Butler Bluesox game
- **July 8<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup>, 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.
- **Sunday, July 14<sup>th</sup>, 2013** - Special outdoor service & a fun picnic at Adams Twp. Park

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**This Week at St. John**

- **Sunday, May 19th**  
**(Mission Sunday)**  
**Confirmation Sunday**  
**Day of Pentecost**  
Worship 8:00 am & 10:30 am  
Last Day of Sunday School 9:00 am  
Zach Claus being confirmed
- **Sunday, May 26th**  
**The Holy Trinity**  
Worship (ONE service – start of summer schedule) 9:00 AM