

**Announcements for the week of
June 30, 2013
At St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church**

Welcome to John Thickey our new organist

After meeting with a number of qualified candidates, the organist search committee is pleased to announce that John Thickey has accepted the position of music director for St. John Lutheran Church. John played for us for the birthday of the church, Pentecost, and did a wonderful job celebrating the gift of the Holy Spirit for the church. John brings with him almost 40 years as a director of music and a great familiarity with the Lutheran liturgy, which will be tremendous gifts to our ministry at St. John!

Pastor's office hours

Office hours for the summer are Tuesdays 10:30am to noon, and Wednesdays 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm.

Flower Beds

Please help out from time to time to manage the weeds in our lovely flower beds in our memorial garden. Without ongoing maintenance they cannot remain lovely.

Men's Night Out

All men are welcome this Tuesday, July 2nd at 6:30p.m. at the Beacon Hotel located at 231 Beacon Rd., Renfrew, PA.

Butler Fair – now through July 6th

Stop by and say "Hello" to our own Jim Hopson at the Butler Fair. Jim serves on the Board of Directors of the fair.

Decorating float for the 4th of July parade

The deacons and trustees, for their meeting, will be decorating the float. All are welcome are help.

Barb away on vacation

Barb will be out of the office and away on a family vacation from Friday, July 5th through July 14th.

First Breakfast – July 7th – after church the first Sunday of every month.

Movie Afternoon – July 7th

We will be watching *To Kill a Mockingbird* and talking about how God has moved in unexpected ways.

Outdoor service and Picnic reservations due next Sunday, July 7th

We will be having an outdoor service on **July 14, 2013 at 9:00 AM** at Adams Park. Church service will be followed by a picnic. There will be games for people of all ages. *We will be providing all food and drinks for the picnic.* We are charging **\$5.00 per adult** to help defray the cost. Please **fill out the bottom portion of the yellow registration form and place it along with payment in Denise Hager's mailbox located outside of the office.** Last day for reservations is next Sunday, July 7th. Any questions, please call Denise @ 724-333-0274.

Vacation Bible School - July 8th – 12th – 6:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

We are going to be doing Vacation Bible School with Mars United Presbyterian Church. It's been a good partnership for years and we are glad to continue it. VBS is always one of the great weeks of the summer for the children of our congregation – so please try to share the joy of Jesus with the young people in our lives. This year the theme is **KINGDOM ROCK**. You can find a link to registration on our website. **We will be looking for helpers** (guides, craft room, helping with the theater, etc.) Please speak with Denise Hager, Keith Cardinal, Kim Richards or Pastor Mark if you can help.

Ladies Night Out – July 19th

It's been a while since the women of St. John have gotten together for a Ladies Night Out. Please mark your calendars for July 19th for an evening at the Knauff's house (469 Brown's Hill Rd., Valencia) from 6:30pm - ?? Plan to bring a side dish or a dessert to share. Check with Cindy by Monday, July 15th at ValenciaKnauff@yahoo.com or 724-504-7871 to confirm your attendance and to check on what others are bringing.

Doors for the Church

Thank you to everyone that has helped us raise over \$9,000 for the church's three sets of doors. The new doors will cost a total of \$12,667. 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* of your check and on the envelope itself.

Volunteering for Churchwide Assembly

<http://www.micahscall.org/elca2013/>

The 2013 Churchwide Assembly planning committee would very much appreciate your help in volunteering to assist with technology support during Churchwide Assembly. Please see the flyer on SJLC's bulletin board in the greeting area for more detailed information regarding the help needed. Other volunteers are needed as well.... Go to the website listed above, then create an account, note when you can volunteer and then on another page note your skills. Please figure out a way that you can help. *Also cookies are needed for the assembly. Please see our St. John July/August 2013 newsletter for details if you would be able to bake and donate any cookies.

**Please note on the yellow Prayer Cards anyone to be “added” or ‘removed from’ the prayer lists.

Prayer List - Members of St. John

Kathy Rinehart, Jim Marshall; Raymond Hackworth, George Senka, Wanda Jean Weidner, Helen Dewald, Margaret Meyerl, Francis & Grace Kratz, Kathryn Davidson, Ed Bielo, Fred & Jane Smith, David & Ellen Hrach.

Prayer List - Relatives and Friends of Members

Added week of 6-23-2013: Shirley Scott, friend of Denise Hager

Ongoing list: (listed alphabetically by the *first letter of first name*)

Alex Bell (friend of Gretchen Baysek); Andrea Niklewicz (Todd's mother); Angel Venier (friend of Larry & Amy Werner); Bea Mohr (Todd Niklewicz's grandmother); Bob Hackworth (son of Raymond & Geneva Hackworth); Bonnie Tirk (Sherry Davidson's niece's mother-in-law); Cardinal Family; Carl Rossi (Gretchen Baysek's co-worker's son); Chelsea Czajkowski (daughter of Sherry Davidson's friend); Christina Ward (Jim & Martha Ward's daughter-in-law); Daniel Stefko (Winnie Stefko's brother-in-law); David Demko (friend of Gary & Nan McCormick); Delores Nelson (friend of Denise Hager); Diana Haimerl (Davena Hopson's sister); Ellianna Cicconi (Jim and Denise Hager's close friend's infant); Evelyn Huber (Cindy & Dave Knauff's sister-in-law's mother); Gary Delp (son of Doty Delp); Helen Dishong (Bob's mother); Jacob Tyler Berkopec (Beth McElhinny's grandson); John DeRiggi (Keith Cardinal's grandfather); Ken Igersheim (brother of Kim Richards); Lee Shrock (friend of Denise Hager); Linda Lees (friend of Nan McCormick); Louise Nudi (Kami Waldrop's mother); Mark Barkley (friend of Gary & Nan McCormick); Marty Harold (friend of Gretchen Baysek); Matthew Meyerl (grandson of the Meyerls); Michael Sunseri (friend of Katie McCormick); Paul Henderson; Paxton Winkler (Jean Claus's great-grandson); Ryan Johnson (nephew of Valerie & Keith Cardinal); Sean Riddle (brother of Laurie Passione); Sue Nelson (Valerie Cardinal's friend); Toni Saski (Angie Passione's friend); Virg (Emilee Waldrop's great aunt);

Service Men and Women: (listed alphabetically by the *first letter of first name*)

Donald Jones (Christine & Bob Dishong's son-in-law); Jonathon Kimmel (nephew of David & Ellen Hrach- serving in the Marines); Justin Wills (grandson of Leona Wills & nephew of Cindy Wills-serving in the Marines); Logan Hartzog (grandson of Howard & Sarah Schwan); Matthew Holmes (nephew of Susan Fritz); Ruth Gardner (Navy – sister of Mark Bringman).

Families of St. John

The office staff over the past few years has followed the practice of praying for families of the congregation.

This list will change each week, we invite you to lift up these individuals and families in prayer:

**John & Karen Kramer; Dan & Sherry Kramer;
John, Amber & Kelsey Kramer; Missy Kramer.**

This Week at St. John

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| • Sunday, June 30th | Sixth Sunday after Pentecost | |
| | Worship | 9:00 am |
| | Walking– Walk to Jerusalem | 6:00 pm |
| • Monday, July 1st | Elders' Meeting | 7:00 pm |
| • Tuesday, July 2nd | Brown Bag Bible Study Lunch | 12:00 pm |
| | Brown Bag Bible Study | 12:30 pm |
| | Walking – Walk to Jerusalem | 6:00 pm |
| • Wednesday, July 3rd | Decorating 4 th of July float (Deacon & Trustee mtg) | 7:00 pm |
| • Thursday, July 4th | Office closed (Holiday) | |
| • Friday, July 5th | Office closed (Barb on vacation) | |
| • Sunday, July 7th | Seventh Sunday after Pentecost | |
| | Worship | 9:00 am |
| | First Breakfast | after worship service |
| | Movie | |
| | Walking– Walk to Jerusalem | 6:00 pm |