

**Announcements for the week of
August 25th, 2013
At St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church**

Walk To Jerusalem Closing – TODAY at 10:00 a.m.

On Sunday, August 25th we will close the walk to Jerusalem with an outdoor service at St. John Lutheran Church. We will be worshipping out on the lawn (and seeking to avoid the acorns which made last year's lawn service so memorable). We will also be wrapping up with a closing for our Walk to Jerusalem following the service. We hope that you can join us. Roni Salsa, who grew up in the Holy Land, will be joining us to talk about what it means to be a Christian in the Holy Land. He will also be bringing carved olive wood from Holy Land Olive Wood for interested people to purchase.

Pastor Mark Away – August 28th through September 6th

Pastor Mark is going to be backpacking from the 28th through the 6th. During this time, for pastoral emergencies please call Pastor Dave Saylor at (724) 799 3743. Pastor Storm will be leading worship on September 1st at 9:00 a.m.

Church Office Closed Wednesday August 28th through September 2nd

We will have a new secretary starting on Tuesday September 3rd, for the five dates listed above the church office will be closed.

Next Week – Blessing of Backpacks next Sunday

Children of the congregation are invited to bring their backpack in next Sunday to have it blessed as part of the service.

Rally Day – September 8th

Our Sunday School year will start on September 8th. Because it is rally day and everyone likes ice cream we will start with ice cream Sundays – because God is good and we will be celebrating some of the sweet gifts that God gives us. Children will be beginning Sunday School and adults will be starting “The Bible” miniseries in Pastor's office.

Regular Worship Schedule starting September 8th: 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

On September 8th we go to our regular worship schedule of two services. The liturgy will be identical at each service.

Worship Planners – September 8th – after late church

Worship Planners group – a group of folks that meet to plan out hymns and service themes will be meeting on Sunday September 8th. Anyone is welcome to join us – we invite you to make that a part of your day.

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.

Doors for the Church

Between your gifts and the Mission Endowment Fund – all the money for the doors has been given. Thank you!

Canning at Valencia Presbyterian Church

Do you often find yourself near summers end with a lot of vegetables but not idea how to preserve them? Bumper crop of tomatoes but you can't eat them fast enough? If you have always wanted to learn about canning or could use a refresher course, join Betty and T. Lyle Ferderber of Frankford Farms in their session on canning on Monday, August 26th at Valencia Presbyterian Church. Start time is 7:00 p.m. Please call [724-898-3571](tel:724-898-3571) to register by Friday, August 16th. (Cindy Knauff of SJLC serves on the Middlesex Twp. Parks & Rec Board which is sponsoring this event

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

This Week at St. John

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| • Sunday, August 25 th | Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost | 9:00 am |
| | Roni Salsa – Olive Wood From the Holy Land | after church |
| | Closing Walk to Jerusalem Lunch | 11:00 am |

- **Tuesday August 27th**
- **Wednesday – Friday**
- **Sunday – August 31st**

Volunteers in Church office for bulletin
CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED
Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
(Pastor Storm here)

9:00 a.m.