

**Announcements for the week of
September 29th, 2013
At St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church**

Blessing of Animals

Today we will have our blessing of animals service *at Noon*. We will gather outside (weather permitting, otherwise we will be in the basement). We will have a brief service, bless the animals that we care about in our lives and share some food (both for us and for the dogs, cats, etc. that attend). We invite you to this service that celebrates Francis of Assisi, who loves all of God's creatures.

Fall Hayride – Calling All Ages!

On October 6th, St. John's is planning a hayride at the Beacon Hotel in Renfrew, PA from 1:00 to 3:00 pm. **Cost per person is \$7.** A pizza lunch and drinks will be provided after late service. There will be a 15 passenger van available for anyone who does not want to drive. We plan to leave the church parking lot at approximately 12:30 pm. Please use the sign-up sheet or let Pastor Mark know if you plan to attend. Hope you can join us!

Ladies Book Study

Join us for our book study on *“Bad Girls of the Bible”* by Liz Curtis Higgs. Ten of the Bible's best-known femme fatales parade across the pages with situations that sound so familiar. *Publisher's Weekly* review states: “Popular storyteller Higgs takes a look at the vamps and tramps of the Bible, searching for the lessons these wicked women have to teach. The stories are retold with humor and deep insight as she teaches about the nature of sin and goodness.”

We would like to begin sometime in October and plan to meet every other week to review and discuss a chapter. If you are interested, please use the sign-up sheet in the greeting area and note a day and time that would work best for you. This book can be purchased from Amazon, Barnes & Noble or Family Christian book stores. If you prefer, Denise can purchase all the books at one time with coupons to get a better price and you can reimburse her when purchased. Please consider joining us, we will have a great time!

Cookie Request for Applefest

As a way to reach out to the community, we will be having a bake sale table at Applefest. Each of us has a favorite dessert that we make are excellent at preparing. Can I exploit your talents and ask that if you are excellent at making Cinnamon Rolls, Apple Pie, Pumpkin Rolls, Cookies, Brownies or whatever your specialty is, to please find it in your heart to use the sign-up sheet and donate dessert. We will have a Cookie baking day on September 29th in the afternoon to prepare for Applefest. ***We are also looking for volunteers to help at the table/booth for Applefest on October 5th.***

Harvest Dinner

Don't forget to mark your calendars for our *Harvest Dinner* on **Saturday, October 12th from 4:00 to 7:00 pm**. We hope you will join us for fun and fellowship! Dinner Set-up is Friday evening at 6:00 pm, please let us know if you are able to help. Following is a list of items still needed for the dinner. If you are able to donate any of these items please put your name next to the item on the sign-up board at the side entrance. We thank those who have already signed up to donate. ***Monetary donations for paper products and an assortment of desserts are welcome.***

- 3 3lb. packages of kielbasa
- 4 Quarts of Half n Half
- 2 Gallons of Milk
- 2 1 pound containers of sour cream
- 1 Can of Lemonade Mix
- 1 Can of Crystal Light Iced Tea
- 10 Bags of sauerkraut
- 4 Jars of applesauce
- 5 Bags of wide egg noodles

Calling All Singers!

It would be helpful to have a group who would be willing to serve by leading and teaching the congregation in new liturgies, psalms, and music, as well as having a small ensemble or choir for festivals and special services during the church year. This would be a short-term commitment and rehearsals would be minimal and would be held between the 8:30 and 10:30 am services on Sunday morning, only when necessary. Our first rehearsal for Reformation (October 27)

would be Sunday, October 6 and continuing through the month. If you are interested or would like more information, please stop by the console and speak with John Thickey after services or call 724-752-2618 ASAP.

Brown Bag Bible Study on Tuesdays

Our brown bag bible study – which is a no experience bible study – meets on Tuesday, September 17. We meet for lunch from 12:00 to 12:30 pm and then study the bible from 12:30 to 1:30 pm. We will be starting this year off with Galatians – one of the books of the Bible that helped inspire Martin Luther and the Reformation

This Week at St. John

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| • Sunday – September 29th | Worship (Michael and All Angels)
Sunday School | 8:00 am
9:15 am |
| • Tuesday, October 1st | Worship (Michael and All Angels)
Cluster Meeting @ Zelenople
Pastor Mark Office Hours | 10:30 am
8:30 – 10:00
10:30 – 12:00 noon
12:00 - 1:30 pm |
| • Wednesday, October 2nd | Brown Bag Bible Study
Pastor Mark Office Hours
Deacons and Trustees Meeting @ St. John | 1:00-3:00 pm |
| • Sunday – October 6th | Worship (Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost)
Sunday School
Worship (Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost) | 8:00 a.m.
9:15 a.m.
10:30 a.m. |