

**Announcements for the week of
October 20th, 2013
At St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church**

Congratulations to Marcia and Bill Shepard

They were married yesterday afternoon. Marcia, Victoria and Makenna are members of our congregation. We are glad that Bill became a part of their family.

Book of Remembrance

There is a book on the pedestal in the greeting area next to the visitor book. You are invited to write any names in this book. On Sunday, November 3rd, all of the names in the book will be read out as part of the All Saints Day Service. If there are any saints that have gone before you, that you wish us to give thanks for their life, please write their name in this book.

New Member Class NEXT WEEK – 2:00 – 3:30 pm

New members will be joining on November 17th. If you are looking for a church home, please come to the class from 2:00 – 3:30 pm. We will be talking briefly about faith, sharing a bit about St. John and having a good time. And what better day to talk about joining a church than Reformation Sunday?

Skating Party

Hold the date! *November 3, from 12:30-2:00 pm at Skate Castle in Butler.* Rates are \$4.50 per person; \$1.25 Skate Rental; \$2.50 Blade Rental. Lunch will be provided after late service. Directions provided upon request. Please use the sign-up sheet in the greeting area or let Pastor Mark know you will attend.

Applefest and Harvest Dinner

Thank you to all who donated goods, your time and your talents to make both Applefest and our Harvest Dinner a great success!

Food Bank Food Collection

This will be held *on Sunday, November 17 after late service.* Please contribute what you can for the food bank.

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!

Worship Helpers Sign-Up

There is a Worship Helpers sign-up sheet in the Greeting Area. Please consider signing up to help.

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. If

you are interested or would like more information, please speak with John Thickey after services or call 724-752-2618 ASAP.

Curb Repair

The borough will be fixing the curb at the lower part of the lot and will be restoring the curb to extend to the grate. This means that the lower entrance to the lot will no longer be usable. The borough is doing this to bring the lot to code.