

**Announcements for the week of
August 3, 2014
At St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church**

Pastor Mark Away Dates

Pastor Mark will be visiting with family **August 4-6**. For pastoral emergencies during these times, please contact Pastor Nathaniel Christman at 651-328-1072.

Supplies Needed - Lutheran World Relief Quilts

We are in need of some supplies for the quilts that are sent to Lutheran World Relief. Amazing quilt tops can be made from pieces of **colorful, cotton fabric**. We are also in need of **blankets, fleece or quilt batting** to use for the middle part of the quilt. Gently used **bed sheets** can be used for the backing and are just the right size. We also use **embroidery thread** to tie the layers together. Your help is greatly needed and appreciated.

Brown Bag Bible Study

No Bible Study this week since Pastor Mark will be away.

Discovery Day at Old Union Presbyterian Church

Old Union Church of Mars will hold a *special event on the theme "Eternal Life" on Saturday, August 23*. The event is open to adults and youth to learn more about the life that Jesus offers in this world and the next. Those of all faith backgrounds are welcome to participate. *The cost is \$5, with a maximum of \$20 for families*. For more information, or to register visit www.OldUnionChurch.com or call 724-538-8672. The *deadline for registration is Sunday, August 17*.

Attention Married Couples

Reserve your spot now for your fall Lutheran Marriage Encounter Weekend to make your marriage a more romantic, intimate, joy-filled relationship. *The September 12-14 weekend at Spruce Lake Retreat Center* in Canadensis, PA (located in the Poconos) is about to go on a wait list status, so act now if you wish to attend this weekend. *There are still openings for the September 26-28 weekend at Olmsted Retreat Center* in Ludlow, PA, a lovely, hotel-style center perched on a hillside in the Allegheny National Forest, north of DuBois. To sign up for a weekend go to the website: www.GodLovesMarriage.org and pay registration fee with a credit card, or select option to mail a check. For questions, or if you would like a brochure mailed to you, contact PA Directors of Lutheran Marriage Encounter – Fred & Julie Schamber – at fjschamber@comcast.net or 724-325-3166.

Camp Lutherlyn – Fathers and Sons

Registration is open for August 29 & 30, 2014 for fathers and sons to spend time together at Camp Lutherlyn in Prospect, PA. You may register for Friday evening and Saturday or Saturday only. Cost varies depending on days and number attending. Additional information is available on their web site at: www.lutherlyn.com or call 724-865-2161.

Walk to Tanzania

The travelers are still walking and still counting! We have crossed the ocean and landed on another continent. All physical activity counts – walking, running, gardening, bowling and swimming. Any 20 minutes of physical activity counts toward one mile. *Group walking will be on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Sundays at 6:30 pm at the Mars High School football field*. Join us!

Looking for Volunteers to Paint Parsonage

If you are able to help with this project, please contact one of the Trustees and let them know. Dates still to be determined.

This Week at St. John

Sunday – August 3	Worship – Outdoor Service at Adams Twp. Park (Eighth Sunday after Pentecost) Church Picnic after Service	9:00 am
Monday – August 4	Elders Meeting	6:00 pm
Tuesday – August 5	Deacons Meeting Trustees Meeting	7:00 pm 7:00 pm
Thursday – August 6	Luther Club – Dishong’s house	11:30 am
Sunday – August 10	Worship (Ninth Sunday after Pentecost)	9:00 am