

**Announcements for the week of
July 27, 2014
At St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church**

Church Picnic Reservations and Outdoor Service -- August 3 – 9:00 am

We are having a picnic at *Adams Park on August 3* and invite you to join us for this event! **Kids attend free, adult fee is \$5 each.** We will provide food and drink, so we ask for the fee to help defray the cost. We will have worship under the pavilion, games, food and an all around great time. Please fill out and return the attached reservation form to Denise Hager or place in her mailbox in the greeting area. Any questions, please call Denise at 724-333-0274.

Pastor Mark Away Dates

July 30 – August 2 and August 4-6. Pastor Mark will be doing a backpacking trip July 30- August 2 and visiting with family August 4-6. Please note that he **WILL** be here on August 3 for our outdoor service. 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.

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

So far the travelers have logged more than 1,800 miles and 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!

Brown Bag Bible Study

We are now reading through St. Paul's letter to the Romans. All you need is a willing spirit. You may bring your own bible if you wish. If you would like to join us, we meet at Noon on Mondays in the church hall.

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 – July 27	Worship (Seventh Sunday after Pentecost)	9:00 am
Monday – July 28	Brown Bag Bible Study	Noon
Sunday – August 3	Worship – Outdoor Service at Adams Twp. Park (Eighth Sunday after Pentecost) Church Picnic after Service	9:00 am