

**Announcements for the week of  
June 8, 2014  
At St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church**

**Pentecost –Today**

Today we celebrate the feast of Pentecost. Given the timeline of the gospels, (Jesus was probably crucified in the year 30 of the common era), this year is the 1,984<sup>th</sup> birthday of the church. Pentecost is a great day to be reminded of the gift of the Holy Spirit, God's continual presence with us. Pentecost, along with Reformation Sunday is one of the days to wear red, symbolizing important and momentous days for our faith.

**Confirmation - Today**

Today, **Kayla Julio and Kaylee Parr** will be confirmed. Join us as these two young women affirm the promises made to them in the waters of their baptism and celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit. Kayla's favorite part of scripture is the Beatitudes (Matthew 5:1 – 12 – pg. 4 in the NT of the pew bibles). Kayla finds that the beatitudes are nice and loving – her favorite part is verse 5:9 – “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they are called the children of God.” Kaylee's favorite story from the Bible is the story of David and Goliath (1<sup>st</sup> Samuel 17 pg. 260 in the OT). She likes that David had faith and believed in God and himself – and that he was small, but was able to do what a man much larger could do, finally he was confident that God was with him.

**Reminder – Pastor Mark Away**

Pastor Mark will be away a few days next week --**June 12 through June 14 at Synod Assembly**. He will be here on June 15 to lead worship. For an emergency, please contact Pastor Dave Saylor at 724-799-3743.

**Walk to Tanzania**

You can still sign up to join the 12-week walking program as we log miles to reach Tanzania. Along the way enjoy some Lutheran history, trivia, and a delicious lunch at the end with various foods from areas along the way. 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!

**Vacation Bible School – Donations needed**

It's only one month until the **Wilderness Escape VBS - July 7th - July 11th**. Help sponsor a tribe for only \$25.00. Other donations needed include toilet paper rolls, children's flip-flops, sheets or material that is white or tan (for desert scenery). Also join us for decoration preparations on Tuesday June 17th @ 6:30PM and Monday June 30th @ 9:00 AM. Your help is greatly appreciated. If you are interested in helping at VBS see Denise Hager.

**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.

**Musical at Mars Alliance Church – June 13 & 14**

**Cecilia – The Saint of Music** will be presented at the Mars Alliance Church on **June 13 at 7 pm and on June 14 at 2 pm and 7 pm**. Come and experience this moving musical drama set in 300 AD. It is a story of faith, love, humor, and sacrifice that will entertain and inspire. **Tickets are \$10 each** and are available at May's Music in Butler or online at [www.stceciliamusical.snack.ws](http://www.stceciliamusical.snack.ws). Group discounts are available.

**Children's Bulletins**

These are provided each week for your child and provide activities and puzzles related to the weekly liturgy and are individualized to pre-reader, reader and a celebrate bulletin. Even though Sunday School is not in session for the summer, these bulletins may provide meaningful and entertaining activities. Please encourage your child to take them home each week.

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**This Week at St. John**

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| <b>Sunday – June 8</b>    | <b>Worship<br/>(Pentecost)<br/>Confirmation</b>   | <b>9:00 am</b>  |
| <b>Monday – June 9</b>    | Brown Bag Bible Study<br>Quilting Group           | Noon<br>6:00 pm |
| <b>Tuesday – June 10</b>  | Church Council Meeting                            | 7:00 pm         |
| <b>Thursday – June 12</b> | Luther Club – Dishong’s house                     | 11:30 am        |
| <b>Sunday – June 15</b>   | <b>Worship<br/>(First Sunday after Pentecost)</b> | <b>9:00 am</b>  |