

October  
2014

# St. John Lutheran Church

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## Mission Statement

*St. John is a living witness to the love of God as shown in Jesus Christ.*

*We gather faithfully in His name to worship and praise Him; and we go forth in peace to share the Good News and to serve the world around us.*

## Guest Pastors for October

**October 5 & October 19**

Rev. Deborah Byrum

**October 12**

Rev. Sarah Lee-Faulkner

Worship times remain the same at 8:00 am and 10:30 am.

## Mars Annual Applefest October 4

10:00 am to 4:00 pm



### Preparing food on October 3 – 10 am

Join us as we make haluski for Applefest! Donations of noodles would be greatly appreciated.

### Bake Sale Items

In addition to the haluski, we would like to have items for a bake sale. If you are inclined to be "Betty Crocker" and would like to donate a baked item for us to sell or are willing to assist in any way, please contact Kim Richards.

**See you at Applefest on October 4!**

## Brown Bag Bible Study Mondays – Noon till 1:30 pm

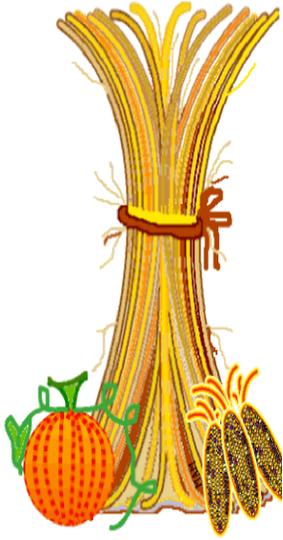
We are now reading through St. Paul's letter to the Romans. All you need is a willing spirit (though you may wish to bring your own Bible.)



## Worship Helpers Needed

There is a sign-up sheet in the greeting area for all who may be interested in being a lector (the person who reads the lessons on Sunday morning, a communion assistant (someone who shares the presence of Christ on Sunday morning), or an acolyte (the candle lighter who also assists with communion). Your help is requested. Please consider signing up for services.

# Fall Hayride



Are you ready for sweatshirts and cool Autumn air?

If so, what better way to celebrate the beginning of fall than to take a hayride and to check out a haunted maze.

You're in luck – it's time for our annual Hayride and Corn Maze at The Beacon. When? October 5, 2014 at 1:00 pm. Lunch will be ordered for after services and then everyone can convene at The Beacon at 1:00 pm.

**Cost -- \$8 per child    \$13 -- per adult**

The Beacon is located at 231 Beacon Road, Renfrew, PA 16053.

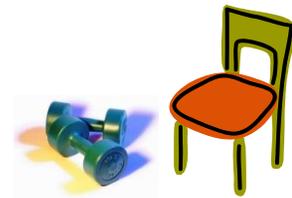
## **Ladies Book Group October 22 7:00 pm**

We have finished reading "Bad Girls of the Bible." It provoked great, soul-searching discussions, but we laughed a lot too. And like Las Vegas, what happens in book group, stays in book group. We enjoyed it so much we want to continue and welcome anyone else who would like to join us.

The next book we will read is "Dear Life" by Alice Munro. It is a book of short stories and it includes a group reader's guide to invite discussion. There are several stories and we can do one or two at a time or however the group wishes to proceed. The next meeting is October 22 at 7 pm.

We hope to have something special around Christmas – a dinner. All are welcome.

For additional information, see Sally or Denise.



## **Chair Aerobics Tuesdays and Thursdays Through November 20 6:30-7:30 p.m.**

All ages welcome!  
Improve strength, flexibility,  
circulation, balance, boost your  
mood and improve your overall  
health.

Get up – get stretching and join  
us!

## **First Breakfast Sunday, October 5**

Join us for food, fellowship and fun as we get together for this month's first breakfast!



## October Birthdays

- 10/03 Joshua Black
- 10/06 Rozlyn Ludolff
- 10/09 Ed Bielo
- 10/11 Marlene Strabel
- 10/11 William Bates
- 10/17 Ruth Bielo
- 10/20 Melissa Kramer
- 10/22 Charles Davidson, Jr.
- 10/22 Amy Adams
- 10/24 Fred Smith
- 10/24 Kim Richards
- 10/24 Giovanni Sunseri
- 10/25 Andrew Knauff
- 10/27 Denise Julio
- 10/28 Grant Werner
- 10/30 Karen Schulz

## Mars Home for Youth Harvest Open House & Community Resource Fair

**Saturday, October 18, 2014  
11am – 3 pm**

This is a free event and open to the public. Come and enjoy crafts, raffles, hayrides, entertainment, historic campus tours and more!

*Lots of great complimentary food and beverages!*

Mars Home for Youth Foundation  
521 Route 228  
Mars, PA 16046



## Change for Change at Glade Run



Please drop your loose change into the jug in the greeting area. We will collect it for the next few months. The idea is to provide funds at an off-peak giving time to help replenish the funds Glade Run has available to help families in need.



## Upcoming Events

**November 8** – Harvest Dinner

**November 16** – Blood Drive - You can preschedule your appointment at <http://www.centralbloodbank.org/>

## **Pew Pads**

In an effort to get more visitors to use pew pads, to be more welcoming and to focus evangelism, as well as to make use of them for our annual reports, etc. Please sign the pads and pass them to your neighbors.

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### **We're on the Web!**

*See us at:*

<http://www.stjohnchurchmars.org>



## **Worship Helpers for October**

Please look in the greeting area for worship helper sign-up sheets for acolyte, lector, usher, or communion assistant for any Sunday in September.

### **Ushers**

8:00 am

10:30 am

### **Assisting Minister**

8:00 am

Dave Knauff

10:30 am

Sally Foster

# **October Newsletter**

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