

**Announcements for the week of
September 7, 2014
At St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church**

Welcome Pastor Storm! – Pastor Storm is with us for worship today and will be here on September 28th as well.

Rally Day – TODAY!

Our Sunday School classes begin today! As in the past, we will kick-off the year with our ***Ice Cream Social at 9 am.*** We welcome the entire congregation to join us for this event.

Continued Prayers for Pastor Rigg

Pastor Rigg served at St. John for 27 years from 1981 to 2007. He suffered an injury when his lawn mower rolled on him in late July. We continue to hold him in our prayers. Home phone number is 814-927-5271. Here is an update from his wife, Ardyce:

Many thanks for your continuing support and prayers. They are working! This past week Bob has made steady improvements in his ability to do his physical therapy and occupational therapy exercises. (I told them he needs to be able to make his breakfast and lunch as usual!) He is continuing to have considerable pain, which I understand will last for months. He can walk longer distances, but it just wipes him out.

As of now, he will have a wheelchair and walker to aid him in staying safe during his activities. Once he is home it will be important to keep him working out and walking. I'm glad the driveway is flat and pray for a long autumn season. He continues to enjoy your notes and once home and settled, brief visits will be good for him (and me!).

Confirmation Class

Our first Confirmation class will be held on ***Sunday, September 21, 2014 from 4:00 – 6:00 pm.*** We will meet in the church basement. If you have any questions, please contact Christine Dishong.

Chair Aerobics – Tuesdays and Thursdays

Class has begun, but you can still join us! We meet on ***Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 6:30-7:30 pm through November 20.*** Improve your strength, flexibility, circulation, boost your mood and improve your overall health. All ages are welcome! Any questions, contact Kim Richards.

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.

Camp Lutherlyn – Mothers and Daughters and others!

Last call! All registrations must be received by September 8, 2014. This is for the weekend of September 19-21, 2014 for mothers, daughters, grandmothers, aunts, godmothers, nieces and any women who are important to each other to spend time together at Camp Lutherlyn in Prospect, PA. Cost varies depending on number attending. Additional information is available on their web site at: www.lutherlyn.com or call 724-865-2161.

VNA Hospice Volunteers Needed

Volunteers play a vital role in caring for those dealing with terminal illness. Volunteers sit with patients to allow family time out of the home, visit hospice patients in area nursing homes, or read, play music and provide support for families and patients. Training is free. For more information, call Tammie Cramer, Volunteer Coordinator at 724-431-3502 or www.vna.com.

St. Barnabas Hospice Volunteer Training

Free hospice volunteer training is scheduled for Thursday, September 18, from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm at the Woodlands Lodge on the St. Barnabas campus. Training includes an introduction to hospice care, dying and

grief, and support skills. Lunch will be provided. For more information on this opportunity, contact Gary Goerk at 724-444-5541 or email at ggoerk@stbarnabashealthsystem.com.

Save the Date – Blood drive November 16.

This Week at St. John

Sunday – September 7	Worship (Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost) Sunday School Rally Day-Ice Cream Social	8:00 am 9:00 am
	Worship (Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost)	10:30 am
Monday – September 8	Brown Bag Bible Study Elders Quilting Group	Noon 6:00 pm 6:00 pm
Tuesday – September 9	Chair Aerobics	6:30 pm
Wednesday – September 10	Church Council	7:00 pm
Thursday – September 11	Chair Aerobics	6:30 pm
Sunday – September 14	Worship (Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost) Sunday School	8:00 am 9:00 am
	Worship (Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost)	10:30 am