

**Announcements for the week of  
August 23, 2015  
At St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church**

**Blessing of Backpacks – Next Week - Sunday, August 30**

The school year is fast approaching and as our children prepare to return to the classroom we will offer a *Blessing of the Backpacks during worship next Sunday*. All children and youth are requested to bring their school backpacks to worship as we pray for a successful school year.

**Worship Planning Meeting – Next Week – August 30**

Those on this committee please plan to meet after worship service next Sunday, August 30.

**Installation for Pastor Zimmerman – September 13**

We invite everyone to come to Pastor Bob's formal installation as our new pastor at St. John on *Sunday, September 13 at 2:30 pm*. There will be a reception following the installation in the Fellowship Hall. We hope everyone will be able to come and celebrate!

**Brown Bag Bible Study Resumes – September 9**

We will resume our Bible Study Group on *Wednesdays at noon*. Come join us for an informal bring your own "brown bag" lunch and Bible study session.

**Services in September**

*The summer schedule will continue for the first two weeks of September*. On September 6 worship service will be at 9:00 am. On September 13 we will have worship service at 9:00 am and the installation at 2:30 pm with reception to follow.

**Rally Day and Sunday School – September 20**

Rally Day will kick off a new year of Sunday School on *September 20*. There will be ice cream for the kids and bagels for adults. Please join us as we look forward to a new year of teaching our children more about their faith and how to live it in their lives.

**Items Still Needed for Baby Care Kits**

We are still collecting items needed to complete the baby care kits for LWR. Items still needed are:

**Sweatshirts with hoods – 10**

**Cotton T-shirts – 16**

**Blankets – 6**

**Sleepers without feet - 11**

If you can help by donating any of these items, it will be greatly appreciated.

**VNA Hospice Volunteers Needed**

VNA Hospice Volunteers play a vital role in caring for those with terminal illness. Volunteers stay with patients to allow family time out of the home, and also visit patients living in area nursing homes. They read, play music and provide support for families and patients. For more information, please contact Tammie Cramer at 724-431-3502.

**Lutheran Marriage Encounter Weekends**

There are still a few openings for the two upcoming Marriage Encounter Weekends. *September 18-20 at Spruce Lake Retreat in the Poconos, and October 16-18 at the Heritage Hotel in Lancaster, PA*. Two nights lodging, 5 meals each and all supplies are included in the registration fee. You may register online at [www.GodLovesMarriage.org](http://www.GodLovesMarriage.org); via email at [fjschamber@comcast.net](mailto:fjschamber@comcast.net) or call if you have questions – 724-325-3166.

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**This Week at St. John**

**Sunday – August 23**

**Worship  
(Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost)**

**9:00 am**

**Sunday – August 30**

**Worship  
(Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost)  
Blessing of Backpacks During Service  
Worship Planning Meeting**

**9:00 am**

After Service