

**Announcements for the week of  
June 28, 2015  
At St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church**

**Brunch – Today!**

Today is Pastor Newpher's last day at St. John's. Please join us at a brunch for Pastor and Mrs. Newpher after services. Pastor has been a great help to St. John's in this interim period and we are grateful for all he has done and we wish him well on all of his future endeavors.

**Deacons/Volunteers – July 3**

Instead of the regular Deacons Meeting this month we will be meeting *Friday evening at 6:30 pm* to help decorate the float for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade and assemble candy bags. *Volunteers are also needed to help.* There is a sign-up sheet in the greeting area.

**Outdoor Service and Church Picnic – July 12, 2015**

St. John's will have our annual outdoor service and picnic on *Sunday, July 12, 2015 at 9:00 am at Adams Twp. Park. The fee is \$5 for adults* to help defray the cost of food and beverages that will be provided. There is *no fee for children.* Please fill out and return the attached form and place it and your fee in Denise's mailbox outside of the church office. *Deadline for reservations is July 6.* All checks should be payable to St. John Lutheran Church. We hope you'll plan to attend!

**Ladies Night – July 13**

Please join us on *Monday, July 13 at 7:00 pm in the church hall for our "Paint Your Family Tree" class. The cost is \$15 per person.* This is an evening for ladies only, so leave your cares behind and join us for some fun and adult bonding time! Class size is limited. Please make checks payable to Denise Hager and place in her mailbox by *Monday, July 6* if you would like to participate.

**Vacation Bible School at Mars U.P.**

*This year's theme is "Everest" and the dates will be from July 6-10 from 6pm – 8:30 pm.* At Everest, kids discover ways to face fear and overcome challenges with God's help and strength. Register online at [www.mars-up.org](http://www.mars-up.org) or call 724-625-1835. If you would still like to help, please see Denise Hager or call Mars UP.

**Donations for VBS**

In tune with this year's theme of "Everest," please help us reach the summit! You can support our goals by making a donation. There is an Everest-theme bulletin board in the greeting area. If you are willing to help, please take a footprint and place your name and donation amount on the footprint and attach it to Mt. Everest. Donations can be placed in the hiking boot. *Please make all checks payable to St. John Lutheran Church.* With your help, we can reach the top of Mt. Everest!!

**Lutheran World Relief Kits**

Elders and Deacons will be collecting supplies over the summer for kits for Lutheran World Relief. Following is a list of what we are asking to be donated for each kit. Bins will be placed in the greeting area for items.

**School Kits**

1 pair - blunt scissors  
5 - unsharpened #2 pencils  
5 - black or blue ball point pens (no gel ink)  
4 – 70 sheet spiral ruled notebooks (no loose-leaf paper)  
1-30 centimeter ruler or ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on reverse  
1- pencil sharpener  
1 - box of 16 or 24 crayons  
1-2.5 inch eraser. *Back packs will be provided. New items only, no religious or patriotic or military symbols or camouflage.*

**Baby Care Kits**

(for sizes 6 to 24 months)  
2 – lightweight cotton t-shirts (no onesies)  
2 – long or short-sleeved gowns or sleepers without feet, or tops and pants  
2 – receiving blankets, cotton or flannel  
4 – cloth diapers (*will be provided*)  
1 – sweater, jacket or sweatshirt with a hood or include a cap  
2 – pairs of socks  
1 – hand towel, preferably dark color  
2 – bath size bars of gentle soap in original wrapper  
2 – diaper pins or large safety pins

### Youth Group

*The Youth Group will be attending the June 29 Elders meeting* in order to discuss helping with games for the church picnic. Also, the group will be making posters for the School Kit collection and assembling the kits. Some summer outings will be discussed. Please plan to attend on **Monday, June 29 at 6:00 pm** in the church basement.

### Church Office Closed – July 3

Just a reminder that the church office will be closed on Friday, July 3. Any items that you would like included in the announcements must be received by 8:30 am on Thursday, July 2.

### St. Barnabas Bereavement Support Group

St. Barnabas is sponsoring a monthly grief support group at the Crystal Conservatory in Valencia. The next sessions are scheduled for **Thursday, July 9 at 2:00 pm, and Tuesday, July 14 at 7:00 pm**. These sessions are free and are open to the general public. For additional information, or to register, call St. Barnabas Hospice at 724-444-5541.

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### This Week at St. John

<b>Sunday – June 28</b>	<b>Worship</b> <b>(Fifth Sunday after Pentecost)</b> Brunch	<b>9:00 am</b>  After Service
<b>Monday – June 29</b>	Elders Meeting	6:00 pm
<b>Wednesday – July 1</b>	Pastor Zimmerman's First Day	
<b>Friday – July 3</b>	Church Office Closed Deacon's – Help Decorate Float	6:30 pm
<b>Sunday – July 5</b>	<b>Worship</b> <b>(Sixth Sunday after Pentecost)</b> Light Breakfast & Welcome for Pastor Zimmerman	<b>9:00 am</b>  After Service