

**Announcements for the week of
May 31, 2015
At St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church**

Congregational Meeting Results

On Sunday, May 24, we held a special congregational meeting to vote on the call of Pastor Robert Zimmerman. A two-thirds majority vote was needed and received to call the Pastor. Pastor Zimmerman is very excited to begin his journey at St. John. Call paperwork has been submitted to the Synod. May the Holy Spirit continue to guide the congregation of St. John and Pastor throughout this transition period.

Call Committee – Thank You

We would like to thank the members of the call committee for their time and dedication to the call process -- Denise Hager, Keith Cardinal, Sally Foster, Martha Ward, Christine Dishong, Matt Claus, Chuck Olescyski, Erik Holm, Larry Werner, Katie Nicklewicz, Jan Leikauf.

Bible Study – Summer Break

The Brown Bag Bible Study Group will be taking a break for the summer and will resume in September.

Light Breakfast – June 7

Please join us for a light breakfast on *Sunday, June 7*. There will be bagels, yogurt, coffee and juice. This is a great opportunity to come together in an informal setting. Hope to see you there!

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 or call 724-625-1835.

Lost and Found

There is a lost and found bin on the short pew at the bottom of the basement stairs. We have gathered all belongings that have been lying around the church for quite some time. Please check the box to see if anything belongs to you. Items will be in the bin until June 15, after that we will be disposing of them.

Ladies Book Group – June 24

For our next selection, we will be reading *"The Orphan Train" by Christina Baker Kline*. If you like lively discussions, read the book and get the discussion questions from Sally. *Join us at 7 pm on June 24*. We will meet in the 'living room' area of the basement.

Bereavement Support Group at St. Barnabas

Beginning in June, there will be a monthly bereavement group that will meet at the Crystal Conservatory in Valencia. *The sessions will begin on June 9 at 7:00 pm and June 11 at 2:00 pm* and will continue on the second Tuesday and Thursday of each month at the same times. The sessions are free and open to the general public. They will be conducted by Gary Goerk, a St. Barnabas Hospice Spiritual Care Coordinator and Certified Grief Counselor. You may register by calling the hospice office at 724-444-5541.

Lutheran Marriage Encounter Weekends

Now is the time to sign up for one of the fall weekends to be sure you get the one of your choice. *September 18-20, 2015 at Spruce Lake Retreat Center in Canadensis, PA and October 16-18, 2015 in Lancaster, PA.* Current registration fee is \$45 per couple; however, beginning September 1, the registration fee will increase to \$100 per couple. Registration price is all inclusive for the weekend. For details contact fjschamber@comcast.net or call 724-325-3166.

This Week at St. John

Sunday – May 31	Worship (Holy Trinity/First Sunday after Pentecost)	9:00 am
Monday – June 1	Elders Meeting	6:00 pm
Tuesday – June 2	Deacons Meeting Trustees Meeting	7:00 pm 7:00 pm
Thursday – June 4	Wedding Rehearsal	6:00 pm
Saturday – June 6	Wedding – Zambotti/Bevilacqua	5:30 pm
Sunday – June 7	Worship (Second Sunday after Pentecost) Light Breakfast	9:00 am