

**Announcements for the week of
September 20, 2015
At St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church**

From Pastor Zimmerman

Thank you to all who planned, participated in, and attended the installation and reception last Sunday afternoon. It was a blessed event as my call here to St. John was solemnized and was greater blessed by the participation of so many of this faith community. In worship and music, in bread and wine, and in fellowship over sandwiches and cake, we celebrated as the people of God together.

Pastor's Evening Bible Study Begins

Pastor Bob will begin an evening bible study group that will meet on ***Wednesday evenings at 7:00 pm in the living room of the parsonage.*** Please enter through the rear door by the parking lot. The first get-together will be this ***Wednesday, September 23.*** We will be studying First Corinthians.

Brown Bag Bible Study

Bible Study Group meets each ***Wednesday at noon.*** We will be looking at Paul's first letter to the Corinthians. Come join us for an informal bring your own "brown bag" lunch and Bible study session.

Rally Day and Sunday School – TODAY!

We kick off a new year of Sunday School today! 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.

Mars Applefest – October 3

This year we will once again be making haluski to sell at the St. John booth. Volunteers are needed to staff the booth and we are asking for donations of cabbage, onions and noodles. If you can help in any way, please contact Kim Richards at 724-316-2263.

Chair Aerobics

It's that time of year again! We will be offering chair aerobics to any who would like to attend ***on Monday and Thursday evenings at 6:30 pm.*** Chair aerobics offers exercise that will increase your flexibility and balance. Join us and stay fit!

Fall Clean-up Day

Our annual clean-up day of the grounds around the church will be on ***Saturday, October 31 from 9am – 11am.*** Mark the day on your calendar and come join us to help prepare the grounds for fall/winter and enjoy the company of friends.

Oak Grove Lutheran Church Fall Festival

All are invited to the ***Oak Grove Fall Festival on Saturday, September 26 from 1-7 pm.*** There will be outdoor activities – snack bar, family carnival, bounce house, fire trucks, vendors and more. Also, a stuffed pork chop dinner for \$9 in the Fellowship Hall from 4 pm till food runs out! Eat in or take out. Homemade pies for sale. Oak Grove is located at 432 Harkins Mill Road, Zelienople, PA. For additional information please call 724-774-6410.

Martin Luther Reformation Tour Presentation

Complete Travel Service will be hosting an evening presentation of this tour, which will include a video, on ***Thursday, October 1, 2015 at 7:00 pm.*** The presentation will be at 134-B S. Main St., Zelienople. (724-452-8000). The tour itself will take place beginning on May 10, 2016. Additional details concerning the tour will be published in the St. John October Newsletter.

Seminar at Overbrook Pointe Café – October 20

All are welcome to attend a dinner session seminar at Overbrook Pointe Café (at St. John Community) ***at 6:00 pm on Tuesday, October 20.*** Topics will include preserving your wealth (estate planning and probate), updates to Pennsylvania's Power of Attorney Act, and an overview of federal gift tax, estate tax, inheritance tax, etc. To make a reservation, please call the Lutheran Senior Life Foundation at (724) 453-6014.

Mars Home for Youth Harvest Open House

MHYs annual open house will take place rain or shine on *Saturday, September 26 from 11 am to 3 pm. Admission is free* and there will be crafts, face painting, exhibits, games, hayrides, entertainment and more! Complimentary food and beverages. MHY is located at 521 Route 228, Mars. (across from Mars High School).

Encouragement – Discovery Day – October 17

Old Union Presbyterian Church will hold this event from *10 am to 2:30 pm on Saturday, October 17*. Cost is \$7 per person (lunch included) or \$20 per family (maximum). Explore the encouragement we receive from God, and the ways we are able to encourage those around us. Speakers include Fr. Scott Seethaler, Rev. Dr. David Esterline, Diana Memon, and Rev. Tega Swann. **Registration is due by October 11** by calling 724-538-8672 or online at www.OldUnionChurch.com. The church is located at 200 Union Church Road, Mars.

This Week at St. John

Sunday – September 20	Worship	8:00 am
	(Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost)	
	Rally Day & Sunday School	9:00 am
	Worship	10:30 am
	(Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost)	
	Confirmation Meeting	1:00 pm
Monday – September 21	Chair Aerobics	6:30 pm
Wednesday – September 23	Brown Bag Bible Study	Noon
	Evening Bible Study at parsonage	7:00 pm
Thursday – September 24	Chair Aerobics	6:30 pm
Sunday – September 27	Worship	8:00 am
	(Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost)	
	Sunday School	9:00 am
	Adult Sunday School	
	Worship	10:30 am
	(Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost)	
	Youth Group	1:00 pm