

**Announcements for the week of
July 17, 2016
St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church**

**Pastor's Office Hours: Generally Tuesdays & Thursdays – 9:30-1:00 pm
Wednesdays – 9:30-11:00 am “Coffee Hours” at Mars Brew House
Available other times by appointment.**

Welcome Pastor Kusserow

Today we welcome Reverend Ralph Kusserow to lead worship. Pastor Kusserow, is a retired pastor in our synod who served as a missionary in Asia and Africa. He also served congregations in Ohio. He and his wife, Carol, are the parents of our Synodical Bishop, The Reverend Kurt Kusserow.

Pastor Zimmerman Away

Pastor Zimmerman will be away *until Friday, July 22* for continuing education and vacation. If there is a hospitalization or pastoral emergency please notify the church office or call Pastor Nathaneil Christman at [651.328.1072](tel:651.328.1072).

Outdoor Service and Church Picnic – July 24

Our annual outdoor service and church picnic will be held on *July 24, 2016 at the Adams Township Park*. *Service is at 9 am* followed by a picnic. Join us for fun and games for all ages! **There is a fee of \$5 per adult, no fee for children.** Please fill out the registration form by *today to Denise Hager*. Forms/payment may be placed in her mailbox outside of the church office.

Church Renovations

At the July 12, 2016 meeting, Church Council approved the expenditure of funds for specific renovations for the church. These are: Columns in front of church (\$2,600); exterior painting (\$4,300); and replacement of basement windows (\$1,600). Total expense is \$8,500. We are looking to the congregation to help defray the cost of these much needed renovations. If you are able to and inclined to donate, please designate your contribution as Church Renovation 2016 Expense and fill out the form attached to this bulletin. In addition, if you wish we can acknowledge your contribution in the Book of Remembrance. Painting of the church exterior will begin on July 25. If you have any questions, please contact John Tully or Clarence Strabel.

St. John - Walking Out of Syria Program

Our walking program continues. This is a 12-week physical activity program designed to promote physical and spiritual well-being. The goal is to accumulate enough miles (or physical activity) to walk from Syria to Mars within the 12-week time span. There are information sheets on the table in the greeting area with more detail. Even though we have started you can still join us! ***Please remember to turn in your mileage weekly to Kim Richards.*** There is also a small basket on the table in the greeting area to turn in your mileage if that is more convenient for you.

Summer Offerings and Finance

Don't forget to provide your regular offering when you are away on vacation this summer. The ministry of St. John depends on the regular support of your tithes and offerings. Though our giving has been strong this year, we are significantly behind where we should be according to our budget, so please remember your church.

Council Minutes

Copies of the minutes from the council meeting and reports from other meetings are available on the table in the greeting area.

This Week at St. John

Sunday – July 17

Worship
(Ninth Sunday after Pentecost)

9:00 am

Monday – July 18

Lutheran Day at Kennywood

Sunday – July 24

Worship
(Tenth Sunday after Pentecost)

9:00 am