

**Announcements for the week of  
July 24, 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.**

**Outdoor Service and Church Picnic – Today**

Today is the day! We hope that many of you will join us for our service and a great day of fun and fellowship!

**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.

**Prayer List**

Please take a few moments to review the prayer list requests listed at the end of these announcements. If you have requested someone to be on this list and they can now be removed, please notify the church office at 724-625-1830. Also, if you have someone you would like to add to this list you may contact the office or fill out one of the cards located in the church pews.

**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.

**Fall Marriage Encounter Weekends**

Lutheran Marriage Encounter Weekends are presented by a Lutheran pastor and spouse and Lutheran lay couples who have received extensive training. Now is the time to sign up for our fall weekends. ***September 16-18, 2016 at Spruce Lake in the heart of the Pocono Mountains; October 21-23, 2016 at the Olmstead Retreat Center in Ludlow, PA – a lovely retreat center on a hillside in the Allegheny National Forest.*** Weekends run from 8pm Friday to 3pm Sunday. Two nights lodging, 5 meals each, and all supplies are included with the registration fee of \$100, plus any other contribution you would like to make. For more information, contact Fred & Julie Schamber at [fjschamber@comcast.net](mailto:fjschamber@comcast.net) or 724-325-3166.

**Council Minutes**

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

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**This Week at St. John**

<b>Sunday – July 24</b>	<b>Worship</b> (Tenth Sunday after Pentecost) <b>Outdoor Service &amp; Church Picnic at Adams Twp. Park</b>	<b>9:00 am</b>
<b>Wednesday – July 27</b>	Elders Meeting Lifetouch Directory Meeting for volunteers	6:15 pm 7:00 pm
<b>Sunday – July 31</b>	<b>Worship</b> (Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost)	<b>9:00 am</b>