

**Announcements for the week of
July 3, 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 – 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 attached to the bulletin and return by *July 17 to Denise Hager*. Forms/payment may be placed in her mailbox outside of the church office. There is also be a form available in the July/August St. John Newsletter.

West Virginia Flooding

Attached to your bulletin you will find information on giving to Lutheran Disaster Response to provide immediate assistance in recovery efforts for our neighbors to the south. Please make checks out to St. John Lutheran and place in the offering plate. Your donation will be forwarded to the ELCA.

Lutheran teams are already on the ground including local congregations from the West Virginia Western Maryland Synod that are sending work teams out.

Community Lutheran Partners, an agency in West Virginia, posted recently on their Facebook that over 2200 volunteers have registered to help. They also posted:

"A reminder again tonight that the recovery from this disaster will be long...really, really long. When a disaster hits, folks want to rush in and help. Sadly, we have found that months later when recovery is still ongoing and sometimes really just getting started, teams are no longer interested in helping. If you can't join in the effort right now, please make plans to participate in the rebuilding in the months to come. Labor Day, Halloween, Thanksgiving, Christmas, and the New Year will come and there will still be families who don't have homes. They will need our help too." As we keep the people of West Virginia in our prayers, as the weeks and months go by there will be more specific ways we can help.

St. John - Walking Out of Syria Program

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.

Prospect Community Chime Choir – July 9

The Prospect Community Chime Choir directed by Janet Boice will provide music and entertainment at the *Valencia Methodist Church on Saturday, July 9, 2016 from 7:00 – 8:30 pm*. There will be an old fashioned sing along and some of your favorite hymns. Refreshments will be provided by the ladies of the church after the program. Valencia United Methodist Church is located at 66 Almira St., Valencia, PA 16059. 724-625-2330 or www.valenciaumc.org for additional information.

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 3	Worship (Seventh Sunday after Pentecost)	9:00 am
Tuesday – July 5	Church Office Closed Trustees Meeting	7:00 pm
Sunday – July 10	Worship (Eighth Sunday after Pentecost)	9:00 am