

**Announcements for the week of
June 19, 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.**

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. ***Please plan to stick around a bit after worship next Sunday, June 26***, when your congregation council will lead a discussion of our financial situation at this halfway point in the year.

St. John Family Directory

We are planning to put together a new Pictorial Directory for St. John. A few volunteers are needed to help coordinate this project. If you are willing to help out in any way, please fill out one of the forms that are on the table in the greeting area and turn in to the church office or place in the collection basket. ***Save the date for a helper's meeting on Wednesday, July 27 at 7:00 pm.***

Pastor Mark

Pastor Mark called to thank all of the members of St. John for our prayers for his recent call vote. He is happy to announce that he will be the new pastor of Faith Lutheran Church in Albany, Oregon beginning on June 20. If you would like to contact him, his home address is: 1552 Black Bear Court SW, Albany, Oregon 97321.

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. Feel free to take one and sign up!

Vacation Bible School – June 20-24

Next week is our VBS program in conjunction with Mars U.P. Church. This year's theme is “Cave Quest.” This is a great program for kids, pre-school through sixth grade. Adult and youth volunteers are needed as well as donations to help fund the program. Registration forms are on the table in the greeting area. If you are able to help or need more information, see Denise Hager.

Donations Needed for VBS

Donations are needed to offset the cost of the curriculum and materials for our joint “Cave Quest” Vacation Bible School with Mars U.P. Church. Please place your special gifts in the “Cave Rock” in the greeting area. If you are using a check, please make it out to Mars UP Church. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Lutheran Day at Kennywood – July 18

Join us on ***Monday, July 18 for Lutheran Day at Kennywood***. There will be a 11:30 am welcome and morning prayer. ***Discounted tickets are \$22*** (regular price is \$43.99). Children 2 years and younger are free. ***Ticket orders must be submitted by July 1, 2016***. For more information go to www.kennywood.com. If you plan to attend please sign the sheet in the greeting area and indicate number of tickets needed. ***If you are unable to attend on July 18, a number of us have created and informal “St. John Day” at Kennywood on August 9.*** This is one of the alternate days these discount tickets will be honored. Perhaps join us then for a day of fun!

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 – June 19	Worship (Fifth Sunday after Pentecost)	9:00 am
Mon.-Fri. – June 20-24	Vacation Bible School at Mars U.P. Church	6:00-8:30 pm
Sunday – June 26	Worship (Sixth Sunday after Pentecost)	9:00 am