

**Announcements for the week of
May 22, 2016
St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church**

Sunday School Flower Planting – Today

Next Sunday, May 22, the Sunday School will be planting flowers on the church grounds. We are in need of donations of annual plants and potting soil. Please see Keith Cardinal if you have any questions.

Summer Worship Schedule

Our summer schedule for worship will begin on *next Sunday, May 29, with one service at 9:00 am.*

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!

Volunteers Needed for Holy Communion Distribution

We will soon begin offering the sending of Holy Communion from worship using lay volunteers to bring the sacrament to the homes of the homebound. The Use of the Means of Grace recommends that “As an extension of the Sunday worship, the servers of Holy Communion take the elements to those unable to attend.” Anyone that would consider bringing Communion to our homebound on a Sunday after worship, please let Pastor Bob know and make every effort to attend a special training session on *Wednesday, June 8 at 7:00 pm* in the sanctuary.

Synod Assembly – June 17 & 18

Voting members from St. John are needed to attend the *Southwestern PA Synod assembly June 17-18 at California University of Pennsylvania*. Join Pastor Bob to learn how the gospel is being proclaimed in southwestern PA and in the wider church. Experience great speakers and wonderful worship while staying in the modern air conditioned dormitories. Our congregation can send two voting members, preferably one woman and one man. Non-voting visitors are also welcome. See Pastor Zimmerman if you are able to attend.

Quarterly Mission Emphasis

Current quarter – Glade Run Lutheran Services Campaign

Vacation Bible School – June 20-24

As we once again work with Mars U.P. Church to provide a great summer experience, this year’s theme is “Cave Quest.” Mark your calendars now for 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 attached to this week’s bulletin. 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.

Senior Farmer’s Market Program

The Butler County Area Agency on Aging will provide each eligible senior with \$20 to purchase fresh PA-grown fruits and vegetables from participating local farm markets. You must be at least 60 years of age and live independently. See bulletin board in greeting area for income guidelines and voucher distribution dates.

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 – May 22	Worship (Holy Trinity) Sunday School Flower Planting Mission Endowment Meeting Worship (Holy Trinity)	8:00 am 9:00 am 10:30 am
Wednesday – May 25	Brown Bag Bible Study Elders Meeting Evening Bible Study Ladies Book Group	Noon 6:15 pm 7:00 pm 7:00 pm
Sunday – May 29	Begin Summer Worship Schedule – One Service Worship (Second Sunday after Pentecost)	9:00 am