

**Announcements for the week of
May 29, 2016
St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church**

Summer Worship Schedule

Our summer schedule for worship will begin today *with one service at 9:00 am.*

Thank You

Thanks to Anne and Chuck Olescyski for donating the two new shrubs (evergreens - Degroots arb) for the church grounds. The beauty of our grounds is due to the kindness and generosity of our members.

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.

Strawberry Festival – June 11

Old Union Presbyterian Church will hold its annual Strawberry Festival on *Saturday, June 11 from 4-7 pm.* Enjoy freshly picked local strawberries with cake and ice cream and other picnic-style foods. For additional information see the flyer in the greeting area or contact the church at 724-538-8672 or www.OldUnionChurch.com.

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.

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.

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.* Go to www.kennywood.com for more information.

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 29

**Begin Summer Worship Schedule – One Service
Worship**
(Second Sunday after Pentecost)

9:00 am

Sunday – June 5

Worship
(Third Sunday after Pentecost)

9:00 am