

**Announcements for the week of
May 8, 2016
St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church**

Confirmation Class – Next Sunday

All members of the Confirmation class should plan to meet next Sunday, May 15 at 1:00 pm.

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

Sunday School Flower Planting – May 22

On 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 for more information.

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.

The Lighthouse Foundation – Soaring for Hope

The Lighthouse Foundation will hold an event at the Butler County Airport (Hangar C3) on *Saturday, May 21, 2016 from 6:00 – 9:00 pm*. *The cost is \$100 per person* and will include music by the Trinity Jazz Band, catering by Medure’s, craft beer and wine bar. Also included is valet parking, a vintage aircraft on display and a balloon pop and model airplane launch. Come and support The Lighthouse Foundation and have an event-filled evening! Make reservations online at www.thelighthousepa.org by May 10.

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 will begin in early May. If you are able to help or need more information, see Denise Hager.

Thiel College – The Lay School of Theology Course

Thiel College and The Lay School of Theology are offering the course “*Who Do You Say That I Am? The Story and History of Jesus*.” This course will be offered on *Friday, June 24 through Sunday, June 26, 2016*. The instructor will be The Rev. Dr. Mark Vitalis Hoffman, Professor of Biblical Studies at Lutheran Theological Seminary in Greensburg, PA. The cost of the course is \$200 and includes dinner Friday evening (5:00-5:45 pm) and noon meal on Sunday, and housing. If interested, see registration forms and additional course information on the table in the greeting area.

The Gallivanters Travel Club

The Gallivanters are based at the Woodlands at St. Barnabas, but trips are open to all. Plans are being made for a *Smoky Mountain Adventure, October 3-7, 2016*. Cost and inclusions are detailed on flyer posted in greeting area. A deposit of \$100 is required by June 15 to hold space on this tour. For additional information or to make a reservation, please contact Mary Laura Gardner at 724-625-3063 as soon as possible.

Council Minutes

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

Please note on the Prayer Cards in the pews anyone to be “**added**” or ‘**removed from**’ the prayer lists.

Prayer List - Members of St. John

Winnie Stefko, Frieda Carbo, Raymond Hackworth, Wanda Jean Weidner, Francis & Grace Kratz, Kathryn Davidson, Fred & Jane Smith, David & Ellen Hrach.

Ongoing list: (listed alphabetically by the *first letter of first name*) Aidan DeBlassio (infant of friend of Winnie Stefko); Andrea Niklewicz (Todd’s mother); Andrew Page (Kim Richards); Ann Bufalini (friend of Valerie Cardinal); Anna Marie Ruzomberka (sister-in-law of Geneva Hackworth); Bowlden family (friends of Katie Richards); Carl Rossi (Gretchen Baysek’s co-worker’s son); Carol D. (niece of James & Martha Ward); Carrie Thompson (co-worker of Erin Weaver); Cecelia Geibel (friend of Gretchen Baysek); Christina Ward (Jim & Martha Ward’s daughter-in-law); David Graham (friend of Jim & Davena Hopson); David Harbison (brother of Winnie Stefko); Debbie (friend of Aimee Wolfe); Debbie Suhre (friend of Sherry Davidson); Debby Kruper (friend of Davena Hopson); Denis Bishop (brother of Denise Hager); Diane Kennedy-Harris (friend of Nan McCormick); Doris Jean Dorsey (cousin of Davena Hopson); Dr. David English (friend of Nan McCormick); Duane “Duke” Richards (brother/brother-in-law of Reed & Kim Richards); Ellianna Cicconi (Jim and Denise Hager’s close friend’s infant); Esther Keith (mother of Valerie Cardinal); Evanna Stoves (mother of Carol Zimmerman); Jacob Abbott (nephew of Debbie Donatelli); Jacob Tyler Berkopoc (Beth McElhinny’s grandson); Jeff Ray (son-in-law of Evelyn Olejar); Jessica & Orion Gardner (friends of Denise Hager); Jim & Marlene Geren (friends of Linda Sabbagh); Lee & Jane Miller (friend of Linda Sabbagh); Jordin Babilon (daughter of friend of Nan McCormick); Larry White (uncle of Valerie Cardinal); Lee Schrock (husband of friend of Denise Hager); Linda Jarrett (daughter-in-law of Carolyn Jarrett); Louise Nudi (Kami Waldrop’s mother); Margie Rinaman (friend of Nan McCormick); Mona Schultz Churilla (Carolyn Jarrett’s daughter’s sister-in-law); Nancy Smith (Erin Weaver’s friend’s mother); Pastor Bruce Nordeen (former pastor of Kelly Greb); Paul Henderson; Matthew Hackworth (son of Ray & Geneva Hackworth); Nancy T. (niece of James & Martha Ward); Paul Whitehouse (father-in-law of Aimee Whitehouse); Paxton Winkler (Jean Claus’s great-grandson); Peggy Cowan (sister of Kim Richards); Phil Riemer (friend of Reed & Kim Richards); Richard Augustine (brother-in-law of Matt Claus); Sean Wachter (Carolyn Jarrett’s niece’s husband); Sheli Baker (friend of Valerie Cardinal); Sue Knight (friend of Gretchen Baysek); Sue Nelson (Valerie Cardinal’s friend); Suzanne Newpher (friend of Janet Senka); Tia Kay (friend of Gabby Baysek); Toni Saski (Angie Passione’s friend); Wayne Breighner (friend of Keith & Valerie Cardinal); Wayne & Brenda Breighner (friends of Keith & Valerie Cardinal); Wayne Stimpel (cousin of Ruth Bielo).

Service Men and Women: (listed alphabetically by the *first letter of first name*)

Donald Jones (Christine & Bob Dishong’s son-in-law); Jonathon Kimmel (nephew of David & Ellen Hrach serving in the Marines); Logan Hartzog (grandson of Howard & Sarah Schwan); Matthew Holmes (nephew of Susan Fritz).

This Week at St. John

Sunday – May 8	Worship	8:00 am
	(Seventh Sunday of Easter)	
	Sunday School & Adult Sunday School	9:00 am
	Worship	10:30 am
	(Seventh Sunday of Easter)	
Monday– May 9	Quilting Group	6:30 pm
Tuesday – May 10	Council Meeting	7:00 pm
Wednesday – May 11	Brown Bag Bible Study	Noon
	Evening Bible Study	7:00 pm
Sunday – May 15	Worship	8:00 am
	(Day of Pentecost)	
	Sunday School & Adult Sunday School	9:00 am
	Worship	10:30 am
	(Day of Pentecost)	
	Confirmation Class	1:00 pm