

**Announcements for the week of
October 9, 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.**

Blessing for those beginning Catechism

Today, during the 10:30 am service we will celebrate that Madison Cardinal and Mykaela Schneider have begun the three year catechism program that will lead to their affirmation of Baptism. We offer a blessing and present them with a Lutheran Study Bible that will come in handy in class.

Pictures Needed

Calling all photographers and Facebook posters. If you have any pictures of activities and people at St. John over the past year, please email to pastor@stjohnchurchmars.org as soon as you can. We are building the activity pages for our new photo directory.

Healing Service – October 16

Next Sunday, October 16, we will have a healing service as part of our worship to commemorate St. Luke, evangelist and physician.

Faithful Stewards – October 16

On Sunday, October 16, Ryan Ebner, Regional Gift Planner for the ELCA Foundation, will join us for a brief presentation after service. He will share information on creating a Legacy Plan. See the attached flyer for additional information.

Youth Group – Sunday Night Live – October 16

If you plan to attend this outing at St. John Highland Church, please use the sign-up sheet in the greeting area so we know how many plan to attend. We will leave our church parking lot at 4:30 pm on October 16.

Save the Date – Hayride - October 23

The annual St. John's Hayride will take place on *Sunday, October 23 at the Beacon Hotel in Renfrew at noon. Rain date is October 30.* Cost is \$7 (with a \$1 off coupon from Erin Weaver). There is a sign-up sheet in the greeting area.

Feed My Sheep – October 29

An Event to End Hunger – Saturday, October 29, 2016, 9 am to 3:30 pm. All ages are invited to this SWPA Synod learning event to end hunger. For those with years of hunger ministry experience and those with no experience. For Confirmation classes and youth groups, outreach committees, men's and women's groups, council members, clergy, and individuals who want to learn more about causes of hunger; the ways congregations and organizations in our area are already working to end hunger, and what still needs to be done. Attendees will have the opportunity to attend two workshops and to hear keynote speaker, Mikka McCracken, ELCA World Hunger Director for Planning and Engagement. The reservation flyer and sign up sheet are in the greeting area. Please fill out the form and place in Pastor Zimmerman's mailbox along with registration fee if you plan to attend. Cost is \$15 per person.

Fall Clean-up – October 29

It's that time of year again. Time to clean up the grounds of the church property before winter sets in. If you are able to volunteer some time on *Saturday, October 29 between 8:30 am and 11:30 am*, your help will be greatly appreciated.

Save the Date – December 10 – A Night in Bethlehem

Something new for this Advent season at St. John. A Night in Bethlehem will be a unique experience for adults and kids alike as they discover Jesus in Bible-times Bethlehem! We are looking for old plain colored flat sheets, throw pillows, throw rugs, baskets and artificial plants. These are needed by the middle of November. Any questions, see Denise Hager. Also, the church basement will not be available for use from Thanksgiving through December 10.

Chicken Dinner – Valencia United Methodist – October 8

Chicken dinners will be served on Saturday, October 8 from 5-7 pm. For more information contact Valencia U.M. Church at 724-625-2330.

This Week at St. John

Sunday – October 9	Worship (Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost)	8:00 am
	Sunday School	9:00 am
	Worship (Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost)	10:30 am
	Youth Group SNL – St. John Highland	4:30 pm
Monday – October 10	Quilting Group	6:30 pm
Tuesday – October 11	Council Meeting	7:00 pm
Wednesday – October 12	Music Together Program	10:00 am
	Bible Study	Noon
Sunday – October 16	Worship (Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost)	8:00 am
	Sunday School	9:00 am
	Worship (Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost)	10:30 am