

**Announcements for the week of  
September 25, 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.**

**Pastor Susie**

We welcome back Pastor Susie to our worship services today.

**Pastor Zimmerman Away**

Pastor will be away for this coming week. If you have a pastoral emergency, please contact Pastor Nathaneil Christman at 651-328-1072.

**No Bible Study This Week**

Please note there will not be a Wednesday Bible Study this week since the pastor will be away.

**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](mailto:pastor@stjohnchurchmars.org) as soon as you can. We are building the activity pages for our new photo directory.

**Next Sunday - October 2 -- Youth Group – First Breakfast – Blessing of Pets**

The *youth group* will meet here at St. John for *Food, Fun & Faith at 11:45 am*. Hope to see you there!

*Fellowship Breakfast and Mission Endowment Celebration on October 2*. Join us between services.

*On Sunday, October 2 at 1 pm we will hold a Blessing of Pets service* in honor of St. Francis of Assisi, whose commemoration is October 4. A short service of blessing of all animals will take place on the front lawn of St. John. Bring your dog, cat, turtle, gerbil, horse or whatever pet you have, as we give thanks for how we are blessed by their companionship and ask God's blessing on them. Youth should have your parents bring the pet when you are picked up after *Food, Fun & Faith* that day.

**Meeting for Night in Bethlehem Program – September 29**

All of those interested in helping with the Night in Bethlehem program, we will meet *on Thursday, September 29 from 6:30 – 7:30 pm*. The event will be held on December 10 from 11:00 am – 2:00 pm. If you are interested in helping and unable to attend the meeting, please see Denise Hager.

**St. John Online Giving Now Available**

We are excited to announce that you can now manage your giving online! It is safe, easy, and allows you to set up automatic recurring contributions and view your complete online history from anywhere you can access the internet. Simply follow these easy steps:

1. Visit the church website at <http://www.stjohnchurchmars.org/>
2. Click on the {Giving} button
3. Click on the {Create Profile} button
4. Follow the onscreen instructions to create an online profile and to schedule your recurring contributions.

If you have any questions or need more information, please see the church Financial Secretary, Christine Dishong.

**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.

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### **Get Help Coping With Loss of a Loved One – Begins October 12**

Beginning Wednesday, October 12 these group sessions will be offered for six consecutive weeks from **4:30-6:00 pm** in the **UPMC Cancer Center at UPMC Passavant McCandless, Conference Room**. The group is open to anyone 18 years of age or older. It is recommended that your loss be at least three months prior to the start of the program.

**There is no cost for the support group, but registration is required by Friday, October 7.** To register, contact Chaplain Ed Lewis (member, pastoral care planning committee meeting) at 412-748-5899. In recognition of the sensitive nature of this group, all information will be kept confidential.

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### **This Week at St. John**

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| <b>Sunday – September 25</b>     | <b>Worship</b>                                     | <b>8:00 am</b>  |
|                                  | <b>(Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost)</b>         |                 |
|                                  | Sunday School                                      | 9:00 am         |
|                                  | <b>Worship</b>                                     | <b>10:30 am</b> |
|                                  | <b>(Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost)</b>         |                 |
| <b>Wednesday – September 28</b>  | Music Together Program                             | 10:00 am        |
|                                  | Elders Meeting                                     | 6:15 pm         |
|                                  | Ladies Book Group                                  | 7:15 pm         |
| <b>Thursday – September 29</b>   | Meeting for Night in Bethlehem Program             | 6:30 pm         |
| <b>Sunday – October 2</b>        | <b>Worship</b>                                     | <b>8:00 am</b>  |
|                                  | <b>(Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost)</b>          |                 |
|                                  | Sunday School                                      | 9:00 am         |
|                                  | Fellowship Breakfast/Mission Endowment Celebration | 9:00 am         |
|                                  | <b>Worship</b>                                     | <b>10:30 am</b> |
|                                  | <b>(Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost)</b>          |                 |
| Youth Group                      | 11:45 am   |                 |
| Blessing of Pets (on front lawn) | 1:00 pm  |                 |