

**Announcements for the week of
September 4, 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.**

Sharing Faith - September 11

Next Sunday, we will continue with one worship service at 9:00 am as we welcome The Rev. Doctor Blair Morgan, Director for Evangelical Mission for the SW Pennsylvania Synod of the ELCA. He will share ideas and suggestions on sharing faith in this increasingly secular world. Pastor Morgan will offer his presentation immediately following worship to help us be more comfortable with talking about our faith with others. We will conclude with a picnic style lunch in the Fellowship Hall. A free will offering will be collected to cover the cost of lunch.

Dedication of Quilts – September 11

Next Sunday during worship we will be dedicating the quilts that were made here at St. John by our Quilting Group. They will be sent to Lutheran World Relief to be used where they are most needed. The members of this group do a beautiful job making these quilts and giving of their time in this very useful ministry.

Church Photo Directory- Extra Time Added

In addition to **September 13-14 picture days**, we have added time on **September 12 from 4-8 pm**. Our church family photo album will not be complete without you, so everyone should try to participate. Every household will receive a complimentary 8x10 portrait for participating and have the opportunity to purchase additional portraits. Signup is now available online at our website: www.stjohnchurchmars.org; or after worship at the table in the gathering space; or by calling Margie at the church office at 724-625-1830. Photography will take place in the church **Fellowship Hall on Monday, September 12 from 4:00-8:00 pm, and Tuesday & Wednesday September 13-14 from 2:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.**

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 would like more information, please see the church Financial Secretary, Christine Dishong.

Bible Study Resumes – September 14

Please note there will be **one Bible Study session this fall at Noon (Brown Bag session)**, beginning on **Wednesday, September 14** and will continue on subsequent Wednesdays. If you would like to participate in this session, please contact Pastor Bob or just come to the Fellowship Hall at noon on the day of the session and bring your lunch with you. All are welcome!

Fall Schedule for Worship begins September 18

We will return to our fall worship schedule on **Sunday, September 18 with services at 8:00 am and 10:30 am.**

Sunday School Rally Day – September 18

We begin a new year of Sunday School **on Sunday, September 18**. Join us for **breakfast and ice cream** to celebrate!

Music Together Classes at St. John

Music Together is an early childhood music class for ages birth through age 5 and the adults who love them. *The fall session will begin on Wednesday, September 7 at 10 am here at St. John's in the Fellowship Hall.* The 10-week class features our "Flute" song collection. The class includes a CD of the song collection, a family songbook, access to Music Together's online Family Music Zone and Hello Everybody app. To register online go to <http://marylynnebennettstudio.weebly.com/music-together-registration.html>. For additional information, call 412-436-9579 or email Mary Lynne Bennett at mlobie1@gmail.com.

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 – September 4	Worship (Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost) Affirmation of Vocation	9:00 am
Tuesday – September 6	Trustees Meeting Deacons Meeting	7:00 pm 7:00 pm
Wednesday – September 7	Music Together Program	10:00 am
Sunday – September 11	Worship (Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost) Dedication of Quilts Sharing Faith Presentation Picnic Lunch	9:00 am After service After service