

**Announcements for the week of
August 13, 2017
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.**

Stewardship Snippet – August 13, 2017 (10th Sunday after Pentecost, Year A)

Jesus said, “Come.” So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, “Lord, save me!” Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him saying to him, “You of little faith, why did you doubt?”
– **Matthew 14:29-31**

Pastor Suzie

Today we welcome back Pastor Suzie Esseck to preside at worship.

Pastor Zimmerman Away – through August 16

Pastor Zimmerman will be away on vacation from August 10-16. If you have a pastoral emergency please call Pastor Nathaneil Christman of Oak Grove Lutheran Church. He can be reached at his cell phone: 651-328-1072.

Worship Planners – August 20

Please plan to meet after worship next Sunday, August 20.

Blessing of Backpacks – August 27

It's that time of year again and the children will be heading back to school. Please ask them to bring their school backpacks to church with them on **Sunday, August 27** for a special blessing during worship.

Sunday School Teachers and Youth Helpers - Clearance Sunday - August 27th

For the protection of our children, it is Pennsylvania state law that anyone who works directly with children, including volunteers such as Sunday School teachers or scout leaders, present a current criminal background check and PA Child Abuse clearance. It is free and easy to do online. For convenience, on Sunday August 27th after worship there will be access to the churches computers and helpers to guide you through the online process.

If you prefer to apply for the checks on your own, the links are below:

Criminal background check: <https://epatch.state.pa.us> PA Child Abuse History clearance:

<https://www.compass.state.pa.us/cwis/public/home> If you have not lived in PA for at least ten years, you need to be fingerprinted after submitting the online registration form. (Local place to do this is the UPS store in Cranberry):

https://www.pa.cogentid.com/index_dpw.htm If you are a less than 10 year resident you also must provide this form: http://keepkidssafe.pa.gov/cs/groups/webcontent/documents/document/c_160267.pdf

For anyone volunteering for Sunday School, Kids Club, Youth Group or any other child related activity it is essential that you obtain these clearances and have a copy on file at the church.

Six-Week Revelation Bible Study – September 6 & 7 – Two Separate Days!

Sign up now to join Pastor Zimmerman on **Wednesdays at noon beginning September 6 or Thursday evenings at 7:00 pm, beginning September 7**. We will meet in the fellowship hall, so children can play in the nursery either time/day. There is a sign-up sheet in the greeting area, please indicate if you plan to attend so sufficient handouts can be available.

Rally Day – September 10

Mark your calendars as we celebrate the beginning of a new year of Sunday School on September 10 with waffle and ice cream breakfast at 9:00 am!

Fall Worship Schedule Begins September 10

We will return to our fall/winter worship schedule on **Sunday, September 10. Services will be at 8:00 am and 10:30 am.**

Walk to Wittenberg

In honor of the 500th anniversary of the Reformation, join us on a journey of faith. This program runs till June 2018. Congregations are invited to team up to walk (or run, bike, swim, etc.) 4, 203 miles over the year, the equivalent of the distance from Pittsburgh to Wittenberg, Germany. A sign-up sheet and additional information are in the greeting area if you would like to participate.

Martin Luther Movie at The Strand

In commemoration of the 500th anniversary of the Reformation, English Lutheran Church, Zelienople, PA will present the movie Martin Luther at the historic *Strand Theater in Zelienople on October 15, 2017 at 5:30 pm*. Free will monetary donation for tickets (\$6 is suggested), but will accept what you can afford. Tickets must be pre-ordered as seating is limited to 250 people. You may order at maxwelljk6500@gmail.com. *Tickets will be emailed to you.* Doors open at 5:30 pm (open seating). Pastor Scott Bryte will do a presentation of this historic event with his puppet Martin Luther. The presentation begins at 6 pm with the movie to follow at 6:20 pm.

Please note on the Prayer Cards in the pews anyone to be **added** or **removed from** the prayer lists or contact the church office at 724-625-1830 or office@stjohnchurchmars.org.

This Week at St. John

Sunday – August 13	Worship (Tenth Sunday after Pentecost) Sunday School Meeting	9:00 am After Worship
Monday – August 14	Quilting Group	6:00 pm
Wednesday – August 16	Ladies Book Group	7:00 pm
Friday – August 18	Kid’s Club	6:30 pm
Sunday – August 20	Worship (Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost) Worship Planners	9:00 am After Worship