

**Announcements for the week of
August 27, 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 27, 2017 (12th Sunday after Pentecost), Year A

[Paul writes]: I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. – Romans 12:1-8

How healthy are you? Paul reminds us that we need to be stewards of our physical bodies and do our best to keep them holy and acceptable to God. Is your diet healthful? Do you consume alcohol only in moderation? Do you exercise? Get enough sleep? Do you smoke? What can you do to be a better steward of your health?

Blessing of Backpacks – Today

The children have started back to school so we will do a special blessing of backpacks during worship.

Sunday School Teachers and Youth Helpers - Clearance Sunday - Today

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, today 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 made available.

Rally Day – September 10 & Fall Worship Schedule Begins

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

Chili Cook-Off at St. John – September 23

Do you make the best chili on the “planet?” Now is your chance to prove it! Bring your roaster of chili for judging on *Saturday, September 23 from 11 am to 2 pm*. Enter your special chili recipe! **Entry fee is \$25, tasters are welcome for a fee of \$5.** Forms are available on the table in the greeting area. We hope to see you there!

Church Office

Margie Baker will be out of the office on Friday, September 1, but Pastor Zimmerman will be in the office from 9 am to 1 pm.

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.

This Week at St. John

Sunday – August 27	Worship (Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost) Blessing of Backpacks	9:00 am During Worship
Sunday – September 3	Worship (Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost) Elders Meeting	9:00 am 10:15 am