

**Announcements for the week of
February 5, 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.**

Fellowship Breakfast & Valentine Party

Today is our Fellowship Breakfast between services. All are welcome. The Sunday School class *Valentine's Party* is today as well. The children's names are, Abigail, Anna, Ava, Brentley, Ciara, Dominic, Emma, Emily, Gabriella, Jonathan, Lindsey, Luca, Makenna, Nathan, Rylee, Serafina, Scarlett, Sydney, Wesley.

Youth Update

Today: Food, Fun & Faith – following worship.

February 12 – Family Bowling: pizza after worship, then bowling at Mystic Lanes on Route 8, Valencia.

Communion Bread

This updated information for the Communion Bread schedule was inadvertently left out of the February Newsletter. The following have volunteered to be responsible as follows: **February – Richards; March – C. Zimmerman.**

Vestry Reminder

The Vestry day of retreat will be on **February 25 from 9-2** at the Cider House in Treesdale. Please reserve this date as we take important time for prayer, planning and visioning together. More details and directions will be coming soon.

Spaghetti Dinner – Old Union Presbyterian Church – February 11

Old Union Church will have Spaghetti Dinner on Saturday, February 11 from 4pm-7pm. Cost is \$7 – Adults; \$3 – Children under age 10; Free – Age 5 and under. Dinner includes spaghetti, salad, bread, dessert and beverage. Proceeds will be split between Old Union Youth Group and the ALS Organization in memory of Carol McCandless.

Diabetes Education and Insulin Administration – Lutheran Senior Life and VNA

An educational program for healthcare professionals presented by a Certified Diabetic Educator from VNA, Western Pennsylvania. Classes will be held on the following dates: February 15 – 1-3 pm; March 8 – 1-3 pm; March 30 – 10am – noon or 1- 3 pm; May 3 – 1-3 pm; June 7 – 10 am – noon. These programs will be held at the VNA Office, 154 Hindman Road, Butler, PA. In addition, there will be a class on March 15 from 10am – noon at the VNA Saxonburg Office – 333 Main St. Suite 107, Saxonburg, PA. Facilities are not prepared for or appropriate for children. Call or email Christie Rudolph – 724-431-3525, Christie.rudolph@lutheranseniorlife.org to make a reservation or for directions.

Quilting Group

There will not be a Quilting Group meeting this month. Disregard the date in the February Newsletter.

Ladies Book Group – February 22

Join us on February 22 at 7 pm as we read *Life Together* by Dietrich Bonhoeffer. Bonhoeffer was a Lutheran pastor and professor martyred by the Nazis. The book offers insights on being Christian community to students of an underground seminary during the Nazi years in Germany. He gives practical advice on how life together in Christ can be sustained in families and groups.



Save the date.....April 8th -

for another family activity celebrating the Resurrection Surprise

Jesus is alive is a time of fun, games, crafts and snacks all celebrating Easter. It is for St. John as well as the community. As members here, we can donate some or all of the cost of each of the 7 activities. See the bulletin board in the greeting area. Please register so we have some idea of the number attending.

Local Mission Trip Planned:

In late August of 2016, more than 160 homes in Connellsville, PA were damaged in flash flooding which dumped up to five feet of water in some homes. **You are invited to participate in a mission trip to help rebuild homes affected by the flooding.** Christian brothers and sisters from the Roman Catholic *Dioceses of Pittsburgh and Greensburg*, the Byzantine Catholic *Archeprarchy of Pittsburgh*, and the *Southwestern Pennsylvania Synod* of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America will work together as a sign of our unity in Christ to bring hope and healing to people whose homes were damaged in the flooding. **The trip will take place sometime between April 21 – 30, 2017.** Exact dates will be determined based on the availability and interest of participants. We will either be doing a three-day weekend, or perhaps a five-day trip. If you are interested in driving over and participating for the whole trip or just a day or so please see Pastor Bob Zimmerman.

This Week at St. John

Sunday – February 5	Worship (Fifth Sunday after Epiphany) Sunday School Valentine Party Fellowship Breakfast Worship (Fifth Sunday after Epiphany)	8:00 am 9:00 am 9:00 am 10:30 am
Tuesday – February 7	Deacons Meeting Trustees Meeting	7:00 pm 7:00 pm
Wednesday – February 8	Bible Study	Noon
Sunday – February 12	Worship (Sixth Sunday after Epiphany) Sunday School Worship (Sixth Sunday after Epiphany) Family Bowling & Pizza	8:00 am 9:00 am 10:30 am