

**Announcements for the week of  
July 2, 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 – July 2, 2017 (4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost, Year A)**

*“But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the advantage you get is sanctification. The end is eternal life.” – Romans 6:22*

This week our nation celebrates Independence Day, when we remember our declaration in 1776 that we were free from the rule of Britain. In today's Roman passage, Paul talks about a deeper kind of freedom. Freedom from sin means that we can stand bold and strong amid the temptations of the world and challenge unjust systems and thoughts that keep others oppressed and enslaved. We are freed FROM sin, and freed FOR God's purposes.

**Candy Donations Needed for 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade Float**

Donations of individually wrapped candy to distribute from the Vacation Bible School float on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July are needed. Please NO chocolate or Nuts. Candy like Jolly Ranchers, Smarties, Tootsie Rolls, Starburst and other “parade candy” would be much appreciated. Please place candy in the box in the Greeting Area by Sunday, July 2.

**Mars July 4<sup>th</sup> Schedule**

Celebrate the 4<sup>th</sup> of July in Mars! 3:00 – 4:30 pm – Food; 3:00 – 7:00 pm – Music and Activities; 5:00 pm – Parade. Fireworks at dusk.

**VBS Meeting – July 6**

Anyone that is helping with Vacation Bible School should attend an important meeting on **July 6 at 6:30 pm at Mars United Presbyterian Church.**

**Vacation Bible School – July 10-14 – Mars UP Church**

Mark your calendars and plan to have your children attend the VBS Deep Sea Discovery – where kids will know that God is always with them. Your kids won't want to miss this adventure! **July 10-14 from 6:00 – 8:30 pm** at Mars UP Church. There are registration forms on the table in the greeting area. Please fill out and place in Denise Hager's mailbox or you may contact Mars UP at 724-625-1365 or call the St. John office at 724-625-1830 to register.

**Church Picnic & Outdoor Worship – July 16**

Our annual church picnic and worship service will be held at Adams Twp. Municipal Park on **Sunday, July 16 with worship at 9:00 am.** Plan to come and bring the whole family. Games, food and fun for everyone! The cost for the picnic is \$5.00 for adults and children 10 and up. Children ages 3-9 the cost is \$2.50, and age 2 and under are free.

**Lutheran Day at Kennywood – July 25**

There is a sign-up sheet in the greeting area for anyone interested in purchasing tickets for Lutheran Day at Kennywood on July 25. Tickets are \$23 per person and proceeds from sales will go to the ELCA World Hunger Fund. Welcome and Morning Prayer at 11:30 am at Log Jammer Pavilion. ***If you cannot make it on July 25, these tickets are also valid on the following days: July 6, 7, 17, 24, 26 and August 8.***

**Walk to Wittenberg**

In honor of the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Reformation, join us on a journey of faith from June 2017 – June 2018, kicking off Synod Assembly weekend (June 16). 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, the home of Castle Church where Martin Luther nailed the 95 Theses to the door. A sign-up sheet and additional information are in the greeting area if you would like to participate.

**Camp Lutherlyn – More than Summer Camp**

Take advantage of the following programs on tap for this summer:

**My Grown-up and Me (Ages 3-6)** – Tuesday, July 11 or Thursday, July 13, 2017 - \$50 for 1 adult & 1 child (\$10 each additional person).

**Small Fry Days (1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> graders)** – Come once or multiple days. 10am-4pm each day – June 29, 30, July 31, August 1, 2, 3, 4, 2017.

**Week Long Day Camp** – (1<sup>st</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> graders) – 8:30 am – 5:30 pm Monday-Friday – July 3-7, 2017.

**Grown-up Camp** – August 28-30, 2017. \$150 per person. 21 and older. All the fun of kid camp with relaxation, fellowship and ‘extras’ for adults. Price includes all meals, programs, snacks and lodging.

To register for any of these programs or if you have questions, call 724-865-2161 or email [deb@lutherlyn.com](mailto:deb@lutherlyn.com).

See the flyers on the bulletin board or Pastor Zimmerman for more information.

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**This Week at St. John**

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| <b>Sunday – July 2</b>  | <b>Worship<br/>(Fourth Sunday after Pentecost)</b> | <b>9:00 am</b>     |
| <b>Monday – July 3</b>  | Deacons Meeting<br>Trustees Meeting                | 7:00 pm<br>7:00 pm |
| <b>Tuesday – July 4</b> | Church Office Closed                               |                    |
| <b>Sunday – July 9</b>  | <b>Worship<br/>(Fifth Sunday after Pentecost)</b>  | <b>9:00 am</b>     |