

**Announcements for the week of
July 9, 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 9, 2017 (5th Sunday after Pentecost, Year A)

Jesus told them, “Come in, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.” – Matthew 11:28-30

Life gives all of us burdens, some of which are quite heavy and keep us from living as fully as we are able. With our nation's Independence Day celebration still ongoing, we can appreciate that Jesus wants us to free us from those heavy burdens of mind, heart or soul. Stewarding a good life means living to the fullest. So take up Jesus' yoke to find out what a full life can be.

Graduates

We would like to acknowledge our recent graduates, Gina Provenzano and Zachary Claus. We wish them well in all of their future endeavors.

Pastor Zimmerman Away

Pastor will be attending Continuing Education classes at United Lutheran Seminary in Gettysburg, July 10-14. If you have an emergency you may call Pastor Zimmerman's cell phone: 412-585-1628.

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

This week begins 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 next **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. **Today is the final day to sign up so we know how many to expect.**

Walk to Wittenberg

In honor of the 500th 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 (1st – 3rd graders) – Come once or multiple days. 10am-4pm each day – July 31, August 1, 2, 3, 4, 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.

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

This Week at St. John

Sunday – July 9	Worship (Fifth Sunday after Pentecost)	9:00 am
Monday – July 10	Quilting Group VBS@ Mars UP Church – <i>July 10-14</i>	6:00 pm 6:30 – 8:30 pm
Tuesday – July 11	Council Meeting	7:00 pm
Sunday – July 16	Outdoor Worship & Church Picnic at Adams Twp. Community Park (Sixth Sunday after Pentecost)	9:00 am