

**Announcements for the week of
June 25, 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 – June 25, 2017 (3rd Sunday after Pentecost, Year A)

[Jesus told his disciples,] “Whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.” – Matthew 10:38b, 39

All stewardship issues ultimately involve the question, “How are you living? Really?” Today Jesus gives us a strange paradox to ponder. If we “find” our life in ways the world tells us to – through activities that feed our pleasure centers, our egos and our bank accounts – then Jesus says we lose out. But, if we pick up our cross and “lose” ourselves in the things of God – prayer, service, sacrifice, love for God and neighbor – then we actually find our lives. How would you pick up your cross? What part of your ego needs to be crucified in order for you to more fully follow Christ and, therefore, find your life?

Farewell to Jacob

Today is Jacob's last day at St. John and we wish him well in all of his future endeavors. Our appreciation and good wishes go with him.

Lutheran/Catholic Prayer Service

All are welcome to take part in an evening of Lutheran and Catholic Witness and Thanksgiving on *Thursday, June 29, 7 pm at St. Kilian Church*, 7076 Franklin Road, Cranberry Twp., PA 16066. For more information, see the bulletin board in the greeting area.

Candy Donations Needed for 4th of July Parade Float

Donations of individually wrapped candy to distribute from the Vacation Bible School float on the 4th 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 4th Schedule

Celebrate the 4th 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 7pm 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 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 – June 29, 30, July 31, August 1, 2, 3, 4, 2017.

Week Long Day Camp – (1st-6th 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.

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

This Week at St. John

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| Sunday – June 25 | Worship (Third Sunday after Pentecost) | 9:00 am |
| Tuesday – June 27 | Mission Planning Task Force | 6:45 pm |
| Wednesday – June 28 | Stewardship | 6:45 pm |
| Thursday – June 29 | Lutheran/Catholic Prayer Service at St. Kilian R.C. Church | 7:00 pm |
| Friday – June 30 | Kid’s Club | 6:30 pm |
| Sunday – July 2 | Worship (Fourth Sunday after Pentecost) | 9:00 am |