

**Announcements for the week of
October 1, 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 – October 1, 2017 (17th Sunday after Pentecost, Year A; Proper 21)

“Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others.” – Philippians 2:4

Stewardship as a way of life involves how we love our neighbor as ourselves in thought, word, and deed. The world tells us to “look out for No. 1,” but Paul gives us a higher ideal: Look out for your neighbor. When we do, we pass along God’s blessings, we form bonds, and we may just find that they will look out for us.

Fellowship Breakfast – Today

Join us today for a Fellowship Breakfast between worship services. This is a great opportunity for us to come together and enjoy good food and good company. We hope to see you there!

Six-Week Revelation Bible Study – Two Separate Days/Times

You can still join Pastor Zimmerman and one of the study groups on *Wednesdays at noon or Thursday evenings at 7:00 pm*. We will meet in the fellowship hall, so children can play in the nursery either time/day.

Blessing of Pets – Today

In honor of the commemoration of St. Francis, there will be a blessing of the pets today at 12:30 pm. Go home from worship and get your pet and come back to the front lawn with them. All animals are welcome from gerbils to horses and all critters in between!

Sunday School Project – Today

We have chosen Light of Life Rescue Mission for our Sunday School offering for this year. Along with the offering, we are going to do a service project on the first Sunday of each month beginning today. Light of Life has provided us with a list of things that are needed and we have chosen one for each month. *October 1 project is a Greeting Card Basket*. We ask that you contribute cards and we will make up the basket. Help provide encouragement to the graduates by donating the following types of cards: “Thinking of You,” “Happy Birthday,” “Get Well Soon,” “Sympathy,” or “Blank Inside.”

Applefest – October 7

It’s that time of year again! This year we will have two booths at the Mars Applefest – a craft booth and a food booth. If you would like to volunteer to assist in either booth contact Tanya Nagel or Kim Richards. We are asking for monetary donations to be utilized towards craft supplies, cabbage, noodles and bottled water.

Giving in Grace – October 8

Next Sunday, October 8, is the kick-off of our discipleship/stewardship emphasis “Giving in Grace.” Please see the attached insert for detailed information.

This Week at St. John

Sunday – October 1	Worship (Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost) Sunday School & Lifelong Learning Fellowship Breakfast Worship (Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost)	8:00 am 9:00 am Between services 10:30 am
Tuesday – October 3	Combined Vestry Meeting Trustees & Deacons Meeting	7:00 pm To follow vestry meeting
Wednesday – October 4	Morning Prayer Bible Study	11:30 am Noon
Thursday – October 5	Bible Study	7:00 pm
Saturday – October 7	Mars Applefest Youth Group at SJSCC	10:00 am – 4:00 pm 1:45 pm
Sunday – October 8	Worship (Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost) Sunday School & Lifelong Learning Elders Meeting Worship (Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost)	8:00 am 9:00 am 9:15 am 10:30 am