

**Announcements for the week of  
October 8, 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 8, 2017 (18<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost, Year A; Proper 22)**

*“Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. – **Philippians 3:7-8***

Jesus in our life turns our values upside down! What we used to treasure no longer holds sway over us. Instead of material possessions, we may prize our relationships, health, and spiritual life. Faith works on us to make us stewards of all that is *truly* valuable.

**Giving in Grace – Begins Today**

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

**Pastor Zimmerman Away – October 9-11**

Pastor Zimmerman will be attending a theological convocation October 9-11. For an emergency, please call his cell phone at 412-585-1628. Please note there will not be a morning prayer service or noon bible study on Wednesday, October 11.

**Thank You**

Thanks to all who organized, cooked, and helped to staff our booths at Applefest.

**Kennywood Phantom Fright Night – October 14**

The Youth Group for 6<sup>th</sup> grade and up will join with Mars U. P. Youth Group on October 14 to attend Kennywood Phantom Fright Night. We can preorder tickets for \$26 or they will be \$33 at the gate. We will leave MUP at 5 pm and be back by midnight. There is a sign-up sheet in the greeting area.

**Save the Date: October 22-Growth in Giving Soup Luncheon**

You are invited you to a gathering at which we will share some delicious homemade soups while digging deeper into what it means to be a disciple, to grow as a steward, and the role money has in our faith journey. Please plan on participating in this gathering on Sunday October 22 after the second service (about 11:45) in the fellowship hall.

**Calling All Busy Cooks – October 24**

Lutheran SeniorLife presentation in the 2017 Overbrook Pointe Speaker series is “Cooking for One.” The tips offered will be useful for any busy member of the household who prepares meals. This presentation is designed to save you time, money, and food! Grace Bickert of Trinity Lutheran Church in Butler will provide the demonstration. She is an author and Weight Watchers leader. ***There is no charge to attend the presentation which will take place on Tuesday, October 24 at 2 pm at Overbrook Pointe in Mars.*** For more information, contact Lauri Becker at 724-625-4823 or [lauri.becker@lutheranseniorlife.org](mailto:lauri.becker@lutheranseniorlife.org).

**Ladies Craft Night – October 25**

We will be having a Ladies Craft Night on ***Wednesday, October 25 at 7 pm.*** There is a sample of the craft along with a sign-up sheet in the greeting area. Cost is \$5 per person. Please sign up by Sunday, October 22 and place money in Denise's mailbox. Hope you can make it.

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**This Week at St. John**

<b>Sunday – October 8</b>	<b>Worship</b> <b>(Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost)</b> Sunday School & Lifelong Learning Elders Meeting <b>Worship</b> <b>(Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost)</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>  9:00 am 9:15 am <b>10:30 am</b>
<b>Tuesday – October 10</b>	Council Meeting	7:00 pm
<b>Wednesday – October 11</b>	Girl Scouts	6:00-8:00 pm
<b>Thursday – October 12</b>	Bible Study	7:00 pm
<b>Sunday – October 15</b>	<b>Worship</b> <b>(Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost)</b> Sunday School & Lifelong Learning <b>Worship</b> <b>(Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost)</b> Worship Planners Confirmation	<b>8:00 am</b>  9:00 am <b>10:30 am</b>  11:45 am 1:00 pm