

**Announcements for the week of
September 10, 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 – September 10, 2017 (14th Sunday after Pentecost, Year A; Proper 18)

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. – Romans 13:8
In this passage, Paul reiterates the law of Christian love. All we are and all we do springs from the love we have for God and neighbor. Through prayer and scripture study we cultivate love and weed out hatred, and this helps us become stewards of God's love in all our relationships.

Commissioning and Blessing of Teachers

Today we take time during worship to do a blessing of all of those who give of their time to work with the children and youth of our congregation, to help them grow in faith and love.

Rally Day & Youth Lifelong Learning - Today! - Today we celebrate the beginning of a new year of Sunday School with waffle and ice cream breakfast at 9:00 am! Also, new this year is our Youth Lifelong Learning session, also at 9 am. This session is for youth in 6th grade and above and will take place weekly. Ms. Ruth Ann Tully will be the guide for the youth session.

Six-Week Revelation Bible Study –Two Separate Days!

Sign up now to join Pastor Zimmerman on *Wednesdays at noon or Thursday evenings at 7:00 pm*. Although these studies have begun, you can still sign up. We will meet in the fellowship hall, so children can play in the nursery either time/day. There is a sign-up sheet in the greeting area, please indicate if you plan to attend so sufficient handouts can be made available.

Music Together Program – Begins September 12

This program is for early childhood through age 5 and their parents/caregivers. The fall session will run from *September 12 through November 14* and will be held in the Fellowship Hall. You may register online at: <http://marylynnbennettpianostudio.html>, email at mlobie1@gmail.com or call 412-436-9579.

New Martin Luther Movie on PBS – September 17

PBS premieres *Martin Luther: The Idea that Changed the World*, on Sunday, September 17 at 8:00 pm on WQED. This totally new two-hour film brings to life Luther's 16th century quest to reform the church – a journey that would profoundly reshape western civilization.

God's Work – Our Hands – September 16

Join us on *Saturday, September 16 from 9 am to 3 pm*. Hosted by Glade Run Lutheran Services & Passavant, Zelienople. Includes worship, lunch, and a variety of service projects on both campuses. Meet at the chapel at Passavant at 9 am.

Chili Cook-Off at St. John – September 23

Do you make the best chili on the “planet?” Now is your chance to prove it! Bring your roaster of chili for judging on *Saturday, September 23 from 11 am to 2 pm*. Enter your special chili recipe! **Entry fee is \$25, tasters are welcome for a fee of \$5.** Forms are available on the table in the greeting area and in the September Newsletter. We hope to see you there!

Youth Group Joint Project – September 30

On Saturday, September 30 at 10:00 am, the Youth Groups from St. John and Mars United Presbyterian will be working together to provide 150 bag dinners for Light of Life Ministries on the North Side. We will meet in St. John's Fellowship Hall. Food Donations are needed for this service project. MUP will provide the chips and fruit. Please see the sign-up sheet in the greeting area for items needed for St. John's to supply. Since the food is perishable, donations will need to be delivered on Friday, September 29 or early morning Saturday, September 30.

Quilts for Lutheran World Relief

Hopefully everyone has noticed the quilts hanging in the sanctuary that we will be shipping to Lutheran World Relief. We are in need of some people to adopt them for shipping purposes. LWR asks for \$2.50 per quilt. As we have 20 quilts, we need a total of \$50. If you are willing to help with this, please put your check made out to St. John Lutheran Church in an envelope and mark it "quilts."

This Week at St. John

Sunday – September 10	Worship (Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost) Sunday School Rally Day – Waffle & Ice Cream Breakfast Worship (Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost) Confirmation Class	8:00 am 9:00 am 10:30 am 1:00 pm
Monday – September 11	Quilting Group	6:00 pm
Tuesday – September 12	Music Together Council Meeting	10:00 am 7:00 pm
Wednesday – September 13	Morning Prayer Bible Study Girl Scout Meeting Stewardship Meeting	11:30 am Noon 6:00 pm 6:45 pm
Thursday – September 14	Bible Study	7:00 pm
Sunday – September 17	Worship (Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost) Sunday School & Lifelong Learning Worship (Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost)	8:00 am 9:00 am 10:30 am