

**Announcements for the week of
September 17, 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 17, 2017 (15th Sunday after Pentecost, Year A; Proper 19)

Then Peter came and said to Jesus, “Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?” Jesus said to him, “Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.”

Matthew 18: 21-22

Jesus teaches us how to be stewards of God's love and mercy. Though our world encourages us to hold grudges and “get even,” Jesus tells us to be forgiving, just as God is forgiving to us. God's love and mercy helps us become more loving and merciful.

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

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 come to either session. 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.

New Martin Luther Movie on PBS – Today

PBS premieres *Martin Luther: The Idea that Changed the World*, will be shown on Sunday, September 17 at 8:00 pm on WQED World (WQEDW). That is the extended digital channel for WQED, channel 12 on Consolidated Cable and channel 97 on Armstrong Cable. 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.

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 next *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!

Quilts for Lutheran World Relief

Next Sunday, September 24, we will be blessing the beautiful quilts that were made by our quilting group and sending them off 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.”

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.

Blessing of Pets – October 1

In honor of the commemoration of St. Francis, there will be a blessing of the pets on Sunday, October 1 at 12:20 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!

Please take home your footprints

Please take your footprints off the wall in the stairway as we will be moving them for this coming year. Thanks to all who shared photos and thoughts as we remembered “*How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of the messenger.*”

This Week at St. John

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
Wednesday – September 20	Morning Prayer Bible Study	11:30 am Noon
Thursday – September 21	Bible Study	7:00 pm
Saturday – September 23	Chili Cook-off	11:00 am – 2:00 pm
Sunday – September 24	Worship (Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost) Sunday School & Lifelong Learning Worship (Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost)	8:00 am 9:00 am 10:30 am