

**Announcements for the week of  
September 24, 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 24, 2017** (16<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost, Year A; Proper 20)

*“Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?”*

**-Matthew 20:15**

Jesus' parable gives us a glimpse of not only into the heart of God, which overflows with love, mercy and generosity, but also into our human hearts, which can be filled with envy and resentment. We learn to be grateful for all God gives to us – and to our neighbors! Gratitude is the soil from which springs generosity.

**Fellowship Breakfast – Next Sunday**

*Join us next Sunday, October 1*, 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.

**Quilts for Lutheran World Relief**

Today, 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 12:30 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 – October 1**

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 in October. 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.

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**This Week at St. John**

<b>Sunday – September 24</b>	<b>Worship</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>
	<b>(Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost)</b>	
	Sunday School & Lifelong Learning	9:00 am
	<b>Worship</b>	<b>10:30 am</b>
	<b>(Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost)</b>	
	Youth Group Meeting at Mars U. P. Church	6:00 pm
<b>Wednesday – September 27</b>	Morning Prayer	11:30 am
	Bible Study	Noon
	Girl Scouts	6:00 – 8:00 pm
<b>Thursday – September 28</b>	Bible Study	7:00 pm
<b>Friday – September 29</b>	Kid’s Club	6:30-8:00 pm
<b>Saturday – September 30</b>	Youth Group Joint Project with MUP	10:00 am
<b>Sunday – October 1</b>	<b>Worship</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>
	<b>(Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost)</b>	
	Sunday School & Lifelong Learning	9:00 am
	Fellowship Breakfast	Between services
	<b>Worship</b>	<b>10:30 am</b>
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