

**Announcements for the week of
September 3, 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 3, 2017 (13th Sunday after Pentecost, Year A; Proper 17)

Then Jesus told his disciples, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.”
– **Matthew 16: 24-25**

Jesus' words encouraging self-denial may sound strange, even foreign, to us. Our culture stresses just the opposite – self-indulgence in the extreme. The spiritual practice of self-denial, such as fasting or voluntary simplicity, helps followers of Jesus develop a healthy relationship with God, with neighbor, and with their possessions, enabling us to be more loving and giving.

Welcome in Baptism

Today we welcome ***Ella Kay Niklewicz*** as a member of our congregational family through baptism. Join us in congratulating her parents, Todd & Katie Niklewicz and her sisters, Ava and Emma. In order to celebrate Ella's baptism the family invites everyone downstairs to the Fellowship Hall for cake after worship.

Six-Week Revelation Bible Study – September 6 & 7 – Two Separate Days!

Sign up now to join Pastor Zimmerman on ***Wednesdays at noon beginning September 6 or Thursday evenings at 7:00 pm, beginning September 7.*** 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.

Rally Day & Youth Lifelong Learning - September 10 - Next Sunday 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. For additional information on Lifelong Learning and other Youth Group activities, please see more detailed information in the September Newsletter.

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.”

Fall/Winter Worship Schedule – Begins September 10

Next week we will return to our fall/winter worship schedule. ***Services will be at 8:00 am and 10:30 am.***

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 mlobiel@gmail.com or call 412-436-9579.

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!

This Week at St. John

Sunday – September 3	Worship (Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost) Elders Meeting	9:00 am 10:15 am
Tuesday – September 5	Deacons Meeting Trustees Meeting	7:00 pm 7:00 pm
Wednesday – September 6	Morning Prayer Bible Study Organist Search Committee Meeting	11:30 am Noon 6:30 pm
Thursday – September 7	Bible Study	7:00 pm
Sunday – September 10	Worship (Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost) Sunday School Rally Day – Waffle & Ice Cream Breakfast Youth Lifelong Learning Session (grade 6 & up) Worship (Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost)	8:00 am 9:00 am 9:00 am 10:30 am