

**Announcements for the week of
September 16, 2018
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 – (17th Sunday after Pentecost, Year B)

[Jesus taught] “For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life?” – Mark 8:35
Jesus debunks the prevalent lie that the more we accumulate, the happier and more secure we will be. Steward/disciples learn that when we give ourselves fully to God, we save our lives and find true joy.

Thank you to Carol Zimmerman for filling in for Maizy this week while she is away.

St. John Directory

An updated version of the St. John Directory is available. Copies are on the table in the greeting area if you would like to take one home with you.

3Q18 Mission Emphasis Update

As of September 9, 2018, we have collected \$980.00 to Help Feed a Refugee Family. This means we can feed a family for almost ten months. With just less than a month to go, it will be exciting to see how much more we are able to help those in need. Thank you for your generosity!

Music Together Program Cancelled

The fall session of the Music Together Program has been cancelled. For future dates and availability please contact Mary Lynne Bennett at mlobiel@gmail.com or 412-436-9579.

A Taste of Life at Overbrook Pointe – September 20

All are welcome to attend this free open house celebration of *Overbrook Pointe's 5th Anniversary from 3:00-7:00 pm on Thursday, September 20.* Food stations available while a 1960s-style DJ spins vinyl records! This will be a fun event to showcase the lifestyle of Overbrook residents. Join us and get a taste of everything Overbrook Pointe has to offer! Location is 1500 Graham Way, Mars, PA 16046.

G.R.O.W – September 26 –November 21

G.R.O.W. – Get Renewed on Wednesdays. We welcome today Paul Halenda, the Coordinator for G.R.O.W., he is a member of Valencia Presbyterian Church. This fall St. John will team up with Valencia Presbyterian and Old Union Presbyterian Churches to be part of a weekly multi-generational evening fellowship and education opportunity for adults and children. Family style meal at 6:00 pm followed by music and worship. Classes and activities from preschool to adults. First session on Sept. 26 to be held at Old Union Church. If you come for the meal, a donation of \$5 per person is requested (family max of \$15).

Faithful Responses to Migrant Children – October 10 & 11

What is happening? Why do they come? What can we do? There will be two sessions sponsored by the Immigration Task Force of the SW PA Synod of ELCA; Lutheran Immigrant & Refugee Svcs; and the ELCA's AMMPARO Initiative. Speakers will be Dawnya Underwood – LIRS Director for Children & Family Svcs; a representative from AMMPARO; and people working locally. First session on October 10 at 7:00 pm at a location to be announced; Thursday October 11 at 7:00 pm at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 4503 Old William Penn Hwy., Monroeville, PA 15146.

Lutheran Marriage Encounter Weekend – October 19-21

This Marriage Encounter Weekend will be held at the beautiful Olmsted Manor Retreat Center located in the Allegheny National Forest in Ludlow, PA. For additional information or to register for the weekend, go to www.GodLovesMarriage.org, or contact Fred & Julie Schamber at fjschamber@comcast.net or 724-325-3166.

This Week at St. John

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| Sunday – September 16 | Worship | 8:00 am |
| | (17th Sunday after Pentecost) | |
| | Sunday School & Lifelong Learning | 9:00 am |
| | Worship | 10:30 am |
| | (17th Sunday after Pentecost) | |
| | Confirmation Class | 1:00 pm |
| Tuesday – September 18 | Girl Scout Meeting | 6:30 pm |
| Wednesday – September 19 | Morning Prayer | 11:30 am |
| | Brown Bag Lunch | Noon |
| | Bible Study | 12:30 pm |
| Thursday – September 20 | Council Meeting | 7:00 pm |
| Sunday – September 23 | Worship | 8:00 am |
| | (18th Sunday after Pentecost) | |
| | Sunday School & Lifelong Learning | 9:00 am |
| | Worship | 10:30 am |
| | (18th Sunday after Pentecost) | |