

**Announcements for the week of
September 2, 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 – (15th Sunday after Pentecost, Year B)

“Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights.”

– **James 1:17**

Make a list of the blessings in your life. Go ahead! These are gifts to you from God, the source of all. Now review the list and pray for each, “I thank God for...” Do this every day and see how you feel.

Reminder

We will return to two worship services next Sunday, September 9 (8:00 am & 10:30 am).

Thank You

A big thank you to all who helped with the Corn Roast and those who attended to support our ministries.

Bible Study Resumes – September 5

We will resume our Wednesday schedule of Morning Prayer at 11:30 am; Brown Bag Lunch at Noon; and Bible Study at 12:30 pm this Wednesday, September 5 and will continue on subsequent Wednesdays. All are welcome and you may join us for any or all of the sessions.

Member Needs Assistance

A member of our congregation is in severe financial difficulty and needs our help to keep the gas on as fall approaches. To assist our sibling in Christ, we will be using the funds collected at the Rally Day Breakfast on September 9 to assist in paying the \$870.00 owed to Peoples Gas to prevent the termination of service. If you care to give in advance of the breakfast, please indicate the gift is for “gas bill help.” Your generous giving to this one-time special need is appreciated.

Quilts on Display

The St. John Quilting Group quilts are on display again before being sent to Lutheran World Relief. The group is always looking for new sewers, regardless of experience. This year we are more in need of blankets (for batting) and sheets (for backing) than anything else. We meet on the second Monday of each month at 6:00 pm in the church Fellowship Hall.

Rally Day – September 9

Join us for our traditional Ice Cream Breakfast *next Sunday, September 9* to kick-off the new Sunday School year and show support for our children, teachers and helpers. We look forward to a productive and inspiring year!

Music Together Program

Mary Lynne Bennett will hold a class on Tuesday mornings at St. John *beginning on September 11*. This program is for early childhood through age 5 and their parents/caregivers. Fall session will run from September 11 through November 27. Join us on **Tuesday, September 11 at 10 am** in the Fellowship Hall. We will continue each Tuesday if enough register. You may register online at: <http://marylynnebennettpianostudio.weebly.com/music-together-registration.html>, email at mlobiel@gmail.com or 412-436-9579.

After School Program – St. Peter Lutheran Church

After School Program available at St. Peter Lutheran Church in Evans City. Monday – Friday – 3:30-6 pm. This program was formerly hosted by Dutilh United Methodist Church in Mars. Same great program, new location. For additional information call Heidi Beahm – 724-417-2371 or contact the church at 724-538-5810. Flyers are on the table in the greeting area.

3Q Mission Emphasis Update

As of August 19, 2018 we have collected \$855.00 to Help Feed a Refugee Family. This means we can feed a family for eight and half months; and with just over a month to go, it will be exciting to see how much more we're able to help those in need. Thank you for your generosity!

Yes Lord! Responding to God with My Life – September 15

Berkeley Hills Lutheran Church will host special guest speaker The Rev. Dr. Dave Daubert on Saturday, September 15 from 9:00 am – 3:00 pm. He will be speaking on the topic “Yes Lord! Responding to God with My Life.” All are welcome. Registration information is listed on the flyer posted in the greeting area.

Please note on the Prayer Cards in the pews anyone to be **added** or **removed from** the prayer lists or contact the church office at 724-625-1830 or office@stjohnchurchmars.org.

Prayer List - Members of St. John: Jean Claus, Karen Collins, Amy Werner, Anne Olescyski, Cindy Knauff, Harry Cole, Ruth Bielo, Pastor Storm, Frieda Carbo, Kim Richards, Jeff Ward, Bill Schulz, Francis & Grace Kratz, David & Ellen Hrach.

Ongoing list: (listed alphabetically by the *first letter of first name*) Aidan DeBlassio (child of friend of Winnie Stefko); Ann Bufalini (friend of Valerie Cardinal); Artie Pallan (brother of Anne Olescyski); Beth Ann McCormick (niece of Nan & Gary McCormick); Bob Young (uncle of Carolyn Zimmerman); Bowlden family (friends of Katie Richards); Brian & Emily Ondras (friends of Keith & Valerie Cardinal); Carl Rossi (Gretchen Baysek's co-worker's son); Carol (cousin of Ruth Ann & John Tully); Carrie Thompson (co-worker of Erin Weaver); Cassie Kelly-Winkler (niece of Matt Claus); Chrissy Weaver (friend of Dan & Laura Kramer); Christina & Regis Ward (Jim & Martha Ward's daughter-in-law & son); Denis Bishop (brother of Denise Hager); Dennis Hockenberry (brother-in-law of Anne Olescyski); Diana Lydon (grandmother of Victoria & Makenna Lydon); Dr. David English (friend of Nan McCormick); Diane Hoehn (friend of Anne & Chuck Olescyski); Donna Wilson (friend of Nan McCormick); Ellianna Cicconi (Jim and Denise Hager's close friend's infant); George N. (friend of Martha & Jim Ward); Gloria McAnallan (friend of Amy & Larry Werner); Jane (friend of Janet Senka); Jayme Dinan (son of Carol Keddie); Jim (brother-in-law of Margie Baker); John (friend of Janet Senka); John & Dorothy DeRiggi (grandparents of Keith Cardinal); Kallie Yerkins (granddaughter of Carolyn Jarrett); Karen McClanahan (co-worker of Kim Richards); Landon Brewer (Bob & Sherry Davidson's grandchild); Lee & Jane Miller (friend of Linda Sabbagh); Lee Schrock (husband of friend of Denise Hager); Lexie & Bill Raible (cousins of Anne & Chuck Olescyski); Linda Bailey (friend of Bob & Sherry Davidson); Mary Smolinski (friend of Chuck & Ann Olescyski); Nancy Montini (neighbor of Larry & Amy Werner); Nancy Smith (Erin Weaver's friend's mother); Patti (former sister-in-law of Sally Foster); Paul Gurtner (brother of Martha Ward); Robert Ward (son of Martha & James Ward); Sarah Chang (infant of friend of Sally Foster); Sean Wachter (Carolyn Jarrett's niece's husband); Sweeney Family (friends of Ruth Ann & John Tully); Tim Carpenter (friend of Nan & Gary McCormick); Tom H. (brother-in-law of Margie Baker); Warren Aylsworth (father of Tanya Nagel); William Brightwell (brother-in-law of Missy Kramer); Zaine Dodson (cousin of Dan & Laura Kramer).

Service Men and Women: (listed alphabetically by the *first letter of first name*) - Donald Jones (friend of Dishong family); Margie Bowlden (Richards family); Matthew Holmes (nephew of Susan Fritz); Taylor Aylsworth (nephew of Tanya Nagel).

This Week at St. John

Sunday – September 2	Worship (15th Sunday after Pentecost)	9:00 am
Tuesday – September 4	Girl Scouts	6:30 pm
Wednesday – September 5	Morning Prayer Brown Bag Lunch Bible Study	11:30 am Noon 12:30 pm
Thursday – September 6	Elders Meeting	7:00 pm
Sunday – September 9	Worship (16th Sunday after Pentecost) Sunday School Rally Day & Ice Cream Breakfast Worship (16th Sunday after Pentecost)	8:00 am 9:00 am 10:30 am