

**Announcements for the week of  
September 23, 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** – (18<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost, Year B)

*“Those conflicts and disputes among you...do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts.” – James 4: 1, 2*

James puts his finger on the pulse of human misery. We drive ourselves crazy by craving the things we don't have and envying those who have more than we do! Spiritual maturity and practicing steward/discipleship help bring us sanity.

**Rally Breakfast Donations**

Thank you for your generosity in donating at the Rally Breakfast to help the family in need. ***\$624.00 was raised by the congregation, and the Mission Endowment Fund will contribute \$500.00 for a total of \$1,124.00.*** Your help is greatly appreciated.

**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.

**Corn Roast Update**

A total of ***\$1,280.75*** was raised during the Corn Roast Fundraiser. After subtracting expenses for the event, the congregation brought in ***\$876.40***. Thank you to everyone who worked so hard to make this day a great success, and to everyone who came and enjoyed the great food, games and fellowship!

**Ladies Craft Night – October 10**

Get ready for fall with our ***Ladies Craft Night on October 10 at 7:00 pm. The cost is \$20 per person*** and we will be making wine cork pumpkins. If you plan to attend, please sign up on the sheet in the greeting area by September 30 and put the fee in an envelope in Denise's mailbox. You must pay in advance to reserve a spot.

**3Q18 Mission Emphasis Update**

***As of September 16, 2018, we have collected \$990.00 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!

**G.R.O.W – September 26 –November 21**

***G.R.O.W. – Get Renewed on Wednesdays.*** 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 from 7:00-8:00 pm. 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 Services; and the ELCA's AMMPARO Initiative. Speakers will be Dawnya Underwood – LIRS Director for Children & Family Services; a representative from AMMPARO; and people working locally. First session on October 10 at 7:00 pm at Hope Lutheran Church, 8070 Rowan Rd., Cranberry Twp, PA 16066; 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](http://www.GodLovesMarriage.org), or contact Fred & Julie Schamber at [fjschamber@comcast.net](mailto:fjschamber@comcast.net) or 724-325-3166.

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### **This Week at St. John**

<b>Sunday – September 23</b>	<b>Worship</b> <b>(18<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost)</b> Sunday School & Lifelong Learning	<b>8:00 am</b> 9:00 am
	<b>Worship</b> <b>(18<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost)</b> Worship Planners	<b>10:30 am</b> After late service
<b>Wednesday – September 26</b>	<b>Morning Prayer</b> Brown Bag Lunch Bible Study G.R.O.W – Old Union Church	<b>11:30 am</b> Noon 12:30 pm 6:00 pm
<b>Friday – September 28</b>	Kid's Club	6:30 pm
<b>Sunday – September 30</b>	<b>Worship</b> <b>(19<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost)</b> Sunday School & Lifelong Learning Baby Shower in Fellowship Hall	<b>8:00 am</b> 9:00 am Noon
	<b>Worship</b> <b>(19<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost)</b>	<b>10:30 am</b>