

**Announcements for the week of
September 30, 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 – (19th Sunday after Pentecost, Year B)

“Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.”

Psalm 19:14

When we live fully to God, we want not just our outside appearance to meet with God's approval, but even our thoughts and words. This is the prayer of a true steward/disciple.

Fellowship Breakfast & Mission Planning Task Force Brainstorming Session

Next Sunday, October 7, we will have our Fellowship Breakfast between worship services. This will also serve as a time for the Mission Planning Task Force to have a brainstorming session.

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.

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.

G.R.O.W – Wednesdays through 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. *Second session on October 3* 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).

3Q18 Mission Emphasis Update

As of September 23, 2018, we have collected \$1,016.00 to Help Feed a Refugee Family. This means we can feed a family for a little more than ten months; with this being the last day of the quarter, it will be exciting to see our grand total in next week's bulletin! Thank you so much for your wonderful generosity!

Mission Emphasis Supports Local Refugee Family

It is with great pleasure that the Mission Endowment and Outreach Committee announces that all Mission Emphasis gifts received during the fourth quarter will help a local refugee family. The Daini family is from Nigeria and currently lives in Beechview. Single mother, Yinka, is raising three boys and one girl ages six, eleven, thirteen and fourteen. The family is in great need of new mattresses and bunk beds for the children. Therefore, all monies raised, plus an additional gift of \$1,000.00 from MEOC, will be used for this purpose. As you contemplate your own blessings, please consider helping this local family starting a new life here in the United States. If you have questions, or would like more information, please speak with one of our committee members. Thank you!

Mission Planning Task Force

The Mission Planning Task Force has been prayerfully working for over a year to define and focus our mission as the people of God in this place and their work has zeroed in on three major areas of focus: Build and strengthen relationship between God and ourselves; build and strengthen relationships between the congregation and ourselves; build and strengthen relationships between the community and ourselves. During next Sunday's "Brainstorming Breakfast" the group will share their findings and invite you to suggest other possibilities for ministry in these three areas of building our relationship with God, congregation and community, that would be considered as a final plan for mission is drafted.

This Week at St. John

Sunday – September 30	Worship	8:00 am
	(19th Sunday after Pentecost)	
	Sunday School & Lifelong Learning	9:00 am
	Worship	10:30 am
	(19th Sunday after Pentecost)	
Tuesday – October 2	Girl Scouts	6:30 pm
	Council Executive Committee Meeting	7:00 pm
Wednesday – October 3	Morning Prayer	11:30 am
	Brown Bag Lunch	Noon
	Bible Study	12:30 pm
	Deacons Meeting	7:00 pm
	G.R.O.W. at Old Union Church	6:00 – 8:00 pm
Thursday – October 4	Elders Meeting	7:00 pm
Saturday – October 6	Mars Applefest	
Sunday – October 7	Worship	8:00 am
	(20th Sunday after Pentecost)	
	Sunday School & Lifelong Learning	9:00 am
	Fellowship Breakfast & Mission Planning Brainstorming	9:00 am
	Worship	10:30 am
(20th Sunday after Pentecost)		
	Trustees Meeting	After worship