

**Announcements for the week of  
September 9, 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** – (16<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost, Year B)

*“If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, ‘Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill,’ and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that?”* – **James 2:15**

For many of us who have more than we need, it's very hard to follow Jesus' command to love our neighbor as ourselves. The questions steward/disciples have to ask prayerfully are “How generous am I, really? Is God calling me to be more generous?”

**Rally Day – Today**

Join us for our traditional Ice Cream Breakfast *today between services* 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!

**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 today 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**

Today we will bless the quilts that will be sent out to Lutheran World Relief. The St. John Quilting 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.

**3Q18 Mission Emphasis Update**

*As of September 2, 2018, we have collected \$865.00 to Help Feed a Refugee Family. This means we can feed a family for a little more than eight and a half 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**

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 [mlobie1@gmail.com](mailto:mlobie1@gmail.com) or 412-436-9579.

**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.

**A Taste of Life at Overbrook Pointe – September 20**

All are welcome to attend this free open house celebration of *Overbrook Pointe's 5<sup>th</sup> 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.** 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).

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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](mailto: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); Tom McKeon (uncle of Denise Hager); 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

<b>Sunday – September 9</b>	<b>Worship</b> <b>(16<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost)</b> Sunday School Rally Day & Ice Cream Breakfast	<b>8:00 am</b>  9:00 am
	<b>Worship</b> <b>(16<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost)</b> Trustees Meeting	<b>10:30 am</b>  After worship
<b>Tuesday – September 11</b>	Music Together Program	10:00 am
<b>Wednesday – September 12</b>	<b>Morning Prayer</b> Brown Bag Lunch Bible Study	<b>11:30 am</b> Noon 12:30 pm
<b>Thursday – September 13</b>	Council Meeting	7:00 pm
<b>Sunday – September 16</b>	<b>Worship</b> <b>(17<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost)</b> <b>Worship</b> <b>(17<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost)</b> Confirmation Class	<b>8:00 am</b>  <b>10:30 am</b>  1:00 pm