

**Announcements for the week of
October 7, 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 – (20th Sunday after Pentecost, Year B)

“What are human beings that you [Lord] are mindful of them, mortals that you care for them? You have given them dominion over the works of your hands; you have put all things under their feet.” – Psalm 8:4, 6

God gives us dominion over God's creation, which means we're in charge. But, that also means we have a duty to treat the created world respectfully and use its resources responsibly. How do you think we're doing? As steward-disciples, how can we do better?

Fellowship Breakfast & Mission Planning Task Force Brainstorming Session

Today, we will have our Fellowship Breakfast between worship services. October birthdays and anniversaries will be celebrated at breakfast. This will also serve as a time for the Mission Planning Task Force to have a brainstorming session. 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. Today, the group will share their findings and invite you to suggest other possibilities for ministry in these three areas that would be considered as a final plan as the mission is drafted.

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.

Correction to October Newsletter Calendar

There will not be a Stewardship/Congregation Meeting on Sunday, October 21 as listed on the October Newsletter calendar. There will be regular worship services on this date at 8:00 am & 10:30 am. *Stewardship/Commitment Sunday will be on Sunday, November 11 with one service at 10 am. A luncheon will follow.*

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. *Next session on October 10* 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).

Discovery Day at Old Union Church – October 13

Old Union Presbyterian Church will have its annual “Discovery Day” on Saturday, October 13 – 10:00 am – 2:30 pm. We will be considering how to follow the example of Christ as servants. Guest speakers will be Dave Dawson, retired church executive; and Lisa Gill, Director of Serving at First United Methodist Church of Butler. Registration and additional information available at www.oldunionchurch.com/discovery-day.html.

3Q18 Mission Emphasis Update

The Mission Endowment and Outreach Committee is excited to announce that during the 3Q18 Mission Emphasis campaign, *\$1,021.00 was raised to Help Feed a Refugee Family.* In addition, *the MEOC will be adding \$1,000 to this amount for a grand total of \$2,021.00. This means that a family will be fed for close to 21 months.* Thank you for your support and for being so generous with the treasures God has given!

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!

This Week at St. John

Sunday – October 7	Worship (20th Sunday after Pentecost) Sunday School & Lifelong Learning Fellowship Breakfast & Mission Planning Brainstorming Worship (20th Sunday after Pentecost) Trustees Meeting	8:00 am 9:00 am 9:00 am 10:30 am After worship
Monday – October 8	Quilting Group (meet at Cindy Knauff's house)	6:00 pm
Wednesday – October 10	Morning Prayer Brown Bag Lunch Bible Study G.R.O.W. at Old Union Church	11:30 am Noon 12:30 pm 6:00 – 8:00 pm
Thursday – October 11	Council Meeting	7:00 pm
Friday – October 12	Youth Fun Night	7:00 pm – Midnight
Sunday – October 14	Worship (21st Sunday after Pentecost) Sunday School & Lifelong Learning Worship (21st Sunday after Pentecost)	8:00 am 9:00 am 10:30 am