



# SEPTEMBER 2017

ST. JOHN'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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**NORMAL CHURCH OFFICE HOURS**

Monday, Tuesday, Friday  
from 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.  
Tara Kushner, Office Secretary

## SUNDAY MORNINGS

**\*\*\* Worship & Sunday School change back to original schedule beginning on Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup> as follows:  
8:45 A.M. – Sunday School (Youth & Adult)**

**10:00 A.M. – Worship**  
Service of Holy Communion

*God welcomes everyone and so do we!*



*Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to obey everything that I have*

### **PASTORAL CARE**

Please contact our Pastor Designate, **Pr. Michele Kaufman**, if you or another member of the congregation goes into the hospital or for any other pastoral care needs (spiritual counsel, baptism, funerals, weddings). You can reach her at 570-881-2371 (cell ph.) or by calling the church office at 570-788-2685 and leaving a message with the secretary or on the voice mail.

Our Prayer Circle prays for members of our parish and for people in the community at large with special needs or concerns. If you have a prayer request or would like more information, please contact Theresa Steinman at 788-2058 or email: [htstein@ptd.net](mailto:htstein@ptd.net). All requests are strictly confidential.



**...but those who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength,  
they shall mount up with wings like eagles,  
they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.**

~ Isaiah 40:31 ~



## Our Purpose

*(Our sense of what God is calling us to be and do in the mission of the Church)*

God's purpose for our congregation is to be a Christ-centered community, glorifying God and sharing the gospel and blessings with our neighbors.

## Our Guiding Principles

*(The things to which we will hold ourselves accountable in all circumstances)*

We proclaim Jesus as our Lord and Savior.

We recognize that Baptism is our entrance to our life with Christ; remembering our Baptism, we always strive to forgive others as God forgives us.

We recognize our neighbors as all people that God places within our reach or influence as we boldly share God's grace and blessings.

We seek guidance from our God by embracing the Holy Spirit working through us and encourage every believer to use his or her spiritual gifts for God's service.

We gather often in His name to offer prayer and praise, worshiping at least weekly around Word and Sacrament.

We communicate openly, honestly, and patiently with one another, honoring the presence of Christ in each believer.

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### **SEPTEMBER CELEBRATIONS:**

Please remember these people in your prayers on their special days. May they rejoice in the life, and the new life, which God graciously has given, and may they spend their days faithfully in service to the Lord. Best wishes from our congregation to each one!

#### **SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAY ANNIVERSARIES:**

- 1 - James Barr, Sr.
- 2 - Hunter Koch
- 19 - Lorraine Schell
- 21 - Lori Heisner
- 21 - Jeffrey Keck
- 29 - Eugene Bogdon

#### **SEPTEMBER BAPTISMAL ANNIVERSARIES:**

- 7 - Doug Jeffries

*We publish these celebrations as permission and information has been given. If your celebration is missing from our list and you would like it included, please write the information on a slip of paper and submit it to the church office. Thank you.*

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*The **deadline to submit information** for our October newsletter is **September 17th**.*