

## SUMMER SUNDAY WORSHIP HOURS HAVE BEGUN

through August 12<sup>th</sup>

Summer Sunday Worship times are 8:30 a.m. and 10:15 a.m. Please join us for fellowship between services!

### Vacation Bible School

**JUNE 10-14, 2018**

**6:00 – 8:00 P.M.**

**AGES 4 YEARS – 6TH GRADE**

**REGISTER NOW**

**(in the narthex or at [stjohnjoliet.org](http://stjohnjoliet.org))**

**Music CDs Available \$4.00 each**



### **VBS VOLUNTEER TRAINING!**

**PLEASE ATTEND:**

**TODAY, JUNE 3<sup>rd</sup> at 11:30 am**

**OR**

**MONDAY, JUNE 4<sup>th</sup> At 6:00 pm**

### **Adult Grief Group**

**Saturday, June 9<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 pm**

Grief affects us when someone we love dies, but the feeling of loss may also occur at other times: when kids grow up and leave home, in retirement, upon losing a job, or getting divorced. We may experience grief with a disability, when our freedom or independence becomes limited, or when we've just had too much bad news. Grief can affect us in a wide variety of circumstances!

If you need the support of friends to help you through, drop in to join the Adult Grief Group, 2nd Saturday of the month at 4:00 p.m. for a discussion led by licensed clinical psychologist, Dr. Sandra E. Carlson.

### Scholarship Support High School Mission Trip How you can GIVE . . . .

"When you give [to a Mission Trip], you are not just changing our lives, you are helping us to change other people's lives ...you are helping our youth group, all the participants at the Mission Trip, the residents, the whole community. You are touching more lives than you realize. And there's not enough words to say 'Thank You!' It's one of the best experiences of our lives."

- Mission Trip Participants

Every year, we offset the cost of a Mission Trip and provide Scholarships to families who desire their youth to attend, but do not have extra means available to pay for the trip. This congregation's generosity is enormous, and we are grateful! We are looking for donations of every size, including sizable donations, to fund our Mission Trip this year.

#### How can you give? Three ways:

- ✓ Speak with Pastor Jen about your donation
- ✓ Make a check to "St. John Lutheran Church" and place it in the blue envelope in the pew, marked "Mission Trip"
- ✓ Check out our display coming soon to the narthex for needed donated and borrowed items.

*Thank you!!*



### Join the Altar Guild for Lunch Wednesday, June 20<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm

Current and retired Altar Guild members along with those interested in becoming a part of the Altar Guild are welcome to join us for lunch at Emerson Creek Pottery & Tearoom in Oswego. We will leave St. John at 11:30 a.m. and carpool to Oswego. Menu and pricing information are available at: [ecreekpotteryandtearoom.com](http://ecreekpotteryandtearoom.com).

RSVP to Debbie Murphy

[debmur72@gmail.com](mailto:debmur72@gmail.com) or 815-954-1301.

### *Welcome Pastor Evan!*

Pastor Evan Mayhew's official start date here at St. John will be June 15<sup>th</sup>. He will be preaching on the weekend of June 23-24, and is planning to attend Campfirmation and the High School Mission Trip. We look forward to his ministry at St. John.

### *Thank You, Pastor Paul!*

Mark your calendars for our "Thank You Reception" for Pastor Paul on Sunday, July 29<sup>th</sup>. We are grateful for Pastor Paul's interim ministry this past year as we filled our vacancies for Senior Pastor and Associate Pastor. Pastor Paul's interim ministry will conclude at the end of July, but he and Sandra Carlson are members of St. John, so we will continue to see them!

#### Are You Ready?

Are you ready to take the next step in your growth as a Christian and in your service to your congregation and community? If so, you are looking for diakonia™! You can apply now to become a participant in the next series of courses:

- ❖ When? Tuesdays, starting September 4, 6:30pm
- ❖ Where? St. John Lutheran Church

#### For More Information

- ❖ Pick up a brochure at the Opportunity Wall
- ❖ Talk with a pastor
- ❖ Attend an information session on one of the following Tuesdays at 6:30 pm:  
June 26th, July 17th, or August 7th.
- ❖ Contact the Location Manager: Dr. Trenton Ferro, 724-762-0305 or [tferro@yahoo.com](mailto:tferro@yahoo.com).

### New St. John Photo Directory

Sign-up begins June 6<sup>th</sup>

- Online at [www.stjohnjoliet.org](http://www.stjohnjoliet.org)
- In-person at the Narthex signup table
- Call the church office 815-439-2320
- Call Lifetouch 866-756-0281

Photography dates: Monday through Saturday

- July 30<sup>th</sup> through August 4<sup>th</sup>
- August 6<sup>th</sup> through August 11<sup>th</sup>