

**Announcements for the week of  
April 6, 2014  
At St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church**

**Last Day to order Easter Flowers**

Today is the last day to place your order if you wish to purchase flowers to be used to decorate the church for Easter. Please use the attached form and place in the collection plate along with your payment.

**Blood Drive – TODAY – at Mars UP Church**

Mars United Presbyterian Church is hosting a blood drive today from 8:00 am – 1:00 pm in the Social Hall. Please stop by and donate if you can.

**Easter Choir**

Easter is right around the corner and a few of our fellow congregants have expressed an interest in having a choir on this important day. We would follow the same format as we did late last year, with practice between early and late worship and perform during late worship on Easter Sunday. Tentatively, practice dates are set as April 13, Palm Sunday and April 20, Easter Sunday. If you are interested in participating in our Easter Sunday choir, contact Denise or John.

**Weekday Lenten Services**

*Services will continue on Monday at Noon (April 7) and on Wednesday at 7:00 pm (April 9).* These brief services will be called “Making Change.” We will be looking at God, the originator of all change, Jesus Christ, who came to change all relationships and make them whole, as well as the Holy Spirit.

**Holy Week Services**

*There will be services Monday through Wednesday (April 14-16) at 7 pm. Services for Maundy Thursday and Good Friday (April 17 & 18) are also at 7 pm. Easter Vigil (April 19) at 7 pm.* Holy Week and in particular, the Great Three Days, are the holiest of the Christian year. We invite you to join us as we hear the central story of our faith, to journey with Christ to the cross, to mourn with his disciples, and to rejoice with the women at the empty tomb. As noted above, we have added services for Monday through Wednesday this year and we will follow Mark’s gospel so we may journey with Jesus the entire way from Palm Sunday to Easter.

**Luther Club-Thursday-April 10-Panera’s**

If you were unable to join us for the previous sessions, please feel free to *join us at Panera’s in Cranberry at 11:30 am this Thursday, April 10.* If you would like to learn more about your Lutheran heritage and join a discussion about what it means to be Lutheran, then speak to Pastor Mark or simply join us. You may purchase the Book of Concord on Amazon.com or find an older translation on the internet.

**Brown Bag Bible Study**

Bible Study continues on Mondays after the Noon Lenten Service. If you haven’t been a part of the group previously and would like to see what it’s like, please feel free to join us.

**Clean-Up Day –NEXT SATURDAY - April 12**

We will be doing our annual clean-up of the grounds around the church on *Saturday, April 12 from 8:00 am till Noon.* Please mark your calendars and if you can assist in any way your help will be appreciated.

**Seder Dinner – NEXT SATURDAY-April 12**

The Seder Dinner will take place the Saturday before Palm Sunday from 4:00-6:30 pm. We hope you are able to join us. Please see the sign-up sheet in the greeting area if you are able to bring a dish for the dinner.

**Easter Egg-stravaganza-Sunday, April 13-1:00-3:00 pm**

Mars UP Church has invited us to attend their Egg-stravaganza on Palm Sunday in the downstairs social hall. The event will include egg dying, egg blowing, crafts, egg hunt and the Easter story. Snacks and drinks will be provided—don’t forget your Easter basket!

**This Week at St. John**

<b>Sunday – April 6</b>	<b>Worship</b> <b>(Fifth Sunday in Lent)</b> Sunday School <b>Worship</b> <b>(Fifth Sunday in Lent)</b> Confirmation Class	<b>8:00 am</b> 9:15 am <b>10:30 am</b> 1:00-2:30 pm
<b>Monday – April 7</b>	<b>Lenten Service</b> Brown Bag Bible Study	<b>Noon</b> After Service
<b>Tuesday – April 8</b>	Exercise Class	6:30-7:30 pm
<b>Wednesday – April 9</b>	<b>Lenten Service</b>	<b>7:00 pm</b>
<b>Thursday – April 10</b>	Luther Club-Panera's-Cranberry Exercise Class	11:30 am 6:30 -7:30 pm
<b>Sunday – April 13</b>	<b>Worship</b> <b>(Palm/Passion Sunday)</b> Sunday School <b>Worship</b> <b>(Palm/Passion Sunday)</b> Confirmation Class	<b>8:00 am</b> 9:15 am <b>10:30 am</b> 1:00-2:30 pm