

**Announcements for the week of
March 2, 2014
At St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church**

Purple Pancake Breakfast – TODAY – at 9:15 am

Share the warmth of fellowship by coming together to enjoy this month's first breakfast next Sunday. Whether you're a first-timer or a regular, take the time to come and enjoy this meal and time together.

Men's Night Out –March 4 – 5:30 p.m. at the Beacon for Mardi Gras

Please join us this Tuesday night for a Fat Tuesday feast before we begin Lent. We hope you can join us at the Beacon Haunt as we prepare for Lent with an evening of good food and fellowship!

Spaghetti Dinner Set-up and Meatball Making

We will be setting up on Friday evening, March 7 at 6:30 pm and making meatballs on Saturday morning, March 8 from 8:00 am till Noon. Please join us if you are able to help.

Spaghetti Dinner – Next Saturday -March 8

Come join us for the annual St. John's Spaghetti Dinner this coming Saturday, March 8 from 4:00 to 7:00 pm. It's a great opportunity to join together with all of our families for a great meal and great time spent together. Tickets for adults are \$8 and the cost for children ages 5 and up is \$5. There is no charge for children under the age of 5. Various items have already been donated. Please see the list of additional items needed in the church greeting area. Volunteers are needed to help with dishwashing and clean-up after the dinner.

Ash Wednesday Worship – March 5 – Noon and 7:00 pm

Remember you are dust and to dust you shall return. These are words that we hear on Ash Wednesday, as we begin Lent and the time of fasting and preparation. We invite you to join us for worship on this day as we gather in penitence, prayer, and in fasting and enter into the great 40 days of Lent.

Weekday Lenten Services

We will have services during March for Lent on Mondays at Noon (March 10, March 24, March 31) and on Wednesdays at 7:00 pm (March 12, March 19, March 26). 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. Please note there will not be a service on March 17 since Pastor Mark will be away.

Luther Club-Thursday-March 6-Panera's

Some members of the congregation are interested in reading more about what inspires our faith, so we will be reading Luther's large catechism together beginning in March. 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 join us for our *first session on Thursday, March 6 at the Panera's in Cranberry at 11:30 am.* You may purchase the Book of Concord on Amazon.com or find an older translation on the internet.

Exercise Program

This group meets on *Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 6:30 to 7:30 pm.* The classes are structured to benefit all ages and physical limitations. The program is designed to improve strength, flexibility, balance and overall health. Contact Kim Richards if you are interested or just come to the next class.

Worship Helpers Sign-Up

There is a Worship Helpers sign-up sheet in the Greeting Area. Please consider signing up to help.

This Week at St. John

Sunday – March 2	Worship (Transfiguration of Our Lord) Sunday School Purple Pancake First Breakfast Worship (Transfiguration of Our Lord)	8:00 am 10:30 am 9:15 am 9:15 am 10:30 am
Monday – March 3	Brown Bag Bible Study Elders Meeting	12-1:30 pm 6:00 pm
Tuesday – March 4	Men’s Night Out – Beacon Hotel Exercise Class	5:30 pm 6:30-7:30 pm
Wednesday – March 5	Ash Wednesday Worship Ash Wednesday Worship	Noon 7:00 pm
Thursday – March 6	Luther Club-Panera’s-Cranberry Exercise Class	11:30 am 6:30 -7:30 pm
Saturday – March 8	Spaghetti Dinner	4:00-7:00 pm
Sunday – March 9	Worship (First Sunday in Lent) Sunday School Worship (First Sunday in Lent)	8:00 am 9:15 am 10:30 am