

April
2015

St. John Lutheran Church

Mission Statement

St. John is a living witness to the love of God as shown in Jesus Christ.

We gather faithfully in His name to worship and praise Him; and we go forth in peace to share the Good News and to serve the world around us.

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Christ is Risen, Alleluia!

Resurrection is not just life after death. First of all, it is the life that bursts forth in Jesus' passion, in his waiting. The story of Jesus' passion reveals that the resurrection is breaking through even in the midst of Jesus suffering.

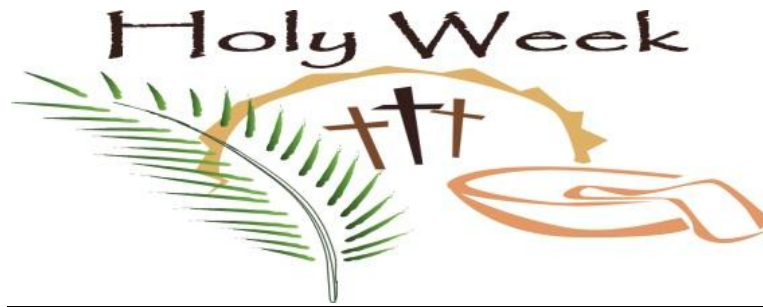
A crowd led by Judas came to Gethsemane. "Then Jesus said to them, 'Whom do you seek?'" They answered him, "Jesus of Nazareth." Jesus said to them, "I am he!" When he said, "I am he," they drew back and fell to the ground. Again he asked them, "Whom do you seek?" And they said, "Jesus of Nazareth." Jesus answered, "I told you that I am he, so if you seek me, let these men go." (John 18: 4-8).

So new life becomes possible not only in the resurrection on the third day, but already in the passion, in the being handed over. Why? Because it is in the passion of our Lord that the full extent of God's love shines forth. This is a supremely dynamic love, a love which does not seek control.

Therefore, together you and I begin to see that in the midst of our human suffering and anxiety, in the midst of our waiting, we already experience Jesus' resurrection. And, because Jesus lives, you and I live also!

Alleluia!

Pastor Newpher



Passion/Palm Sunday

March 29

Services at 8:00 am and 10:30 am

Maundy/Holy Thursday

April 2

Service at 7:00 pm

Good Friday

April 3

Service at 7:00 pm

Easter Vigil

April 4

Service at 7:00 pm

Easter Sunday

April 5

Services at 8:00 am and 10:30 am



Brown Bag Bible Study – Resumes April 20

Our regular Monday Brown Bag Bible Study will resume on Monday, April 20 at noon. This will be a Lectionary-based study. Feel free to join us even if you have not done so in the past. Bring your lunch and enjoy our study and discussion.



Please join us in welcoming the newest members of the St. John congregation -- Dorothy Ervin, who has transferred from Faith Lutheran Church in White Oak and Jane Zambotti and Bruce Bevilacqua who will be reaffirming their baptism on Easter Sunday, April 5 at the 10:30 am service.

We are happy to receive them as new members and we ask you to celebrate with them at the Easter Breakfast!

**Confirmation Class – Sunday, April 19, 2015
1:00 – 3:00 pm**

We will meet in the church basement. If you have any questions, please contact Christine Dishong.

Confirmation Class



Easter Egg Hunt & Breakfast



Join us Easter morning (April 5) between services for our annual Easter Egg Hunt and Breakfast! Plenty of fun for everyone!

Ladies
Night Out

**St. John's Ladies Night Out
Friday, April 17 – 7:00 pm**

Join us for a "Make Your Own Bracelet" class! We will be using Swarovski crystals to fashion your own unique bracelet. The cost is \$25 per person. Class size is limited to 20 so make your reservations with payment to Denise by April 3. Ladies only! So leave your cares behind and join us for a fun evening!

If you wish to bring a snack or beverage please use the sign-up sheet in the greeting area.



**Ladies Tea at St. John's
Saturday, April 25
Noon – 2:00 pm
Cost - \$12 per person**

Please join us for our annual tea for entertainment, good food and great conversation! Invite your friends!
Please see Missy Kramer or any of the deacons to purchase your tickets.

**Spring Clean-Up
April 25 – 8 am to 11 am**

We will be doing our annual clean-up of the grounds around the church on April 25 from 8:00 am till 11:00 am. All help will be greatly appreciated.



Quilting Group

**Monday, April 13
6:00 pm**

If you are interested in learning to quilt or already know how, join us for our monthly quilting group!

**Ladies Book Study
April 15 – 7:00 pm**

We are reading "Dear Life" by Alice Munro. There are several short stories within the book and a reader's guide to invite discussion.

If you are interested in joining, please contact Sally or Denise.



Join us for a day of FUN! FREE! – Saturday, May 9, 2015

Join us for a day of fun that highlights all that Lutherlyn has to offer!

Horseback riding, crafts, campfire, gaga ball, archery, high ropes course, zip-line, bouldering room, hikes, nature activities, canoeing, hay rides, games, sports, archaeology, rockets, disc golf, kayaking, biking tours, blacksmithing, quilting, displays and activities that highlight the year-round things going on at camp.

The best part is -- **EVERYTHING IS FREE!** No registration necessary, just show up for a fun, free day!



Schedule

11:00 am – Worship in the amphitheater
Noon – 3:30 pm – FREE Lunch in the dining hall
Noon – 4:00 pm – Tons of activities
4:00 – 4:30 pm - Campfire

**Lutherlyn Youth Fest 2015
April 10-12**

A gathering of SWPA Synod and NWPA Synod Junior and Senior High Youth

Registration is \$122 per person and all registrations must be received no later than March 27, 2015. Youth in 7th through 12th grades are eligible.

For additional information or to register go to www.SWPAsynod.org or www.lutherlyn.com

Future Synod Events – 2015

Regularly Recurring Events

Every 2nd Sunday: Sunday Night Live (Middle and High School Youth)
See detailed schedule on synod web site: www.swpasynod.org/committees/youth.

Future Synod Assembly Dates

June 11-13: Thiel College, Greenville, PA – Presiding Bishop Eaton will be present.



APRIL BIRTHDAYS

- 04/07 John Fritz
- 04/07 Zachary Claus
- 04/11 David Hrach
- 04/11 Todd McCormick
- 04/13 Nicholas Schnelle
- 04/13 Jonathan Brower
- 04/16 Ray Hackworth
- 04/17 Deanna McDonald
- 04/18 Lyndsey Murphy
- 04/20 Martha Ward
- 04/22 Ben Knauff
- 04/24 Susan Bielo

Save the Date!
May 9 – Free Day at Camp Lutherlyn

Communion Bread Schedule
April – Cindy Knauff
May – Sally Foster

Worship Helpers for April

Please check the bulletin board in the greeting area for worship helper sign-up sheets for acolyte, lectors, usher, or communion assistant for any Sunday in April.

Ushers
8:00 am Chuck Olescyski
10:30 am

Assisting Minister
8:00 am Clarence Strabel
10:30 am Martha Ward

April Newsletter

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