

**Announcements for the week of
February 15, 2015
At St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church**

Sunday School Purple Party – TODAY!

St. John's Sunday School will be having their annual Purple Party TODAY to celebrate the last Sunday before Lent begins. Wear your purple and enjoy a purple pancake or purple juice. The party will start immediately following the early church service. Everyone is welcome!

Ash Wednesday – February 18

This Wednesday, February 18, Lent begins. *Service of Holy Communion in observance of Ash Wednesday will be held at Noon and 7:00 pm.*

Fellowship Meals

Beginning on February 25, on Wednesday evenings during Lent, a fellowship meal will be held at 6:00 pm. This will be followed by a Lenten Bible Study, "The Common People Heard Him Gladly," which will be led by Pastor Newpher.

Chair Drive Donations

Money has been set aside from last year's tea and harvest dinner for the purchase of new chairs for the basement fellowship hall. The cost per chair is \$21.99. *We are ordering 100 chairs, but are short approximately \$700 to purchase all of the chairs.* If you would like to make a donation toward the balance, please place it in an envelope and mark it "Chair Drive" and place in the offertory plate. We hope you will prayerfully consider helping with this cause. If you have any questions, see Denise Hager.

Mars United Presbyterian Church Annual Tea – Last Day for Reservations

The ladies of Mars U.P. Church have invited the women of St. John's to their *annual tea at the Johnson House on Saturday, February 28 at 1:30 pm.* The cost is \$25 per person and *reservations may be made through Denise Hager by February 15.* Payment must accompany your reservation.

Choir

The choir will be singing at both services today. We will also be singing again during Lent and on Easter. If you're interested in joining, please speak to Jacob.

Altar Flowers

It is especially nice to see flowers this time of year when we can't grow our own outdoors. During Lent, we do not place flowers on the altar, but please consider signing up for a week once Lent concludes. There is a sign-up poster in the greeting area. Please consider donating for one of the weeks available. You may order the flowers yourself, or Margie in the church office can order for you.

2015 Directory Information

The Deacons will be in the greeting area for the next few weeks after services to make it more convenient for you to check and/or update your information for the new church directory. Please inform them of any change to your address, email or phone numbers (home or cell) so we have current information for the new 2015 Directory. You may also call the church office at 724-625-1830 or email the information to: office@stjohnchurchmars.org.

Chair Aerobics

Chair Aerobics will continue throughout February and March. Join us each *Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 7:00 – 8:00 pm* in the church hall. This is low impact and will help to tone and improve our flexibility and best of all it's FREE! Come join us and work at your own pace.

This Week at St. John

Sunday – February 15	Worship (Transfiguration of Our Lord) Sunday School Worship (Transfiguration of Our Lord)	8:00 am 9:00 am 10:30 am
Monday – February 16	Brown Bag Bible Study Ladies Book Club	Noon 7:00 pm
Tuesday – February 17	Chair Aerobics	7:00 pm
Wednesday – February 18	Ash Wednesday Services	Noon & 7:00 pm
Thursday – February 19	Chair Aerobics	7:00 pm
Sunday – February 22	Worship (First Sunday of Lent) Sunday School Worship (First Sunday of Lent)	8:00 am 9:00 am 10:30 am