

**Announcements for the week of
February 8, 2015
At St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church**

Confirmation Class – TODAY!

Confirmation Class will be held today from 1:00 – 3:00 pm today. We will meet in the church basement.

Sunday School Purple Party – February 15

St. John's Sunday School will be having their annual Purple Party on Sunday, February 15 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 Services and Fellowship Meals

Wednesday, February 18, 2015 is Ash Wednesday. *Service of Holy Communion in observance of Ash Wednesday will be held on that day at Noon and 7:00 pm.*

On the subsequent Wednesday evenings of Lent, a fellowship meal will be held at 6:00 pm, followed by a Lenten Bible Study, "The Common People Heard Him Gladly," which will be led by Pastor Newpher.

Choir

The choir will rehearse between services today, and will be singing at both services on February 15. We will also be singing again during Lent and on Easter. If you're interested in joining, please speak to Jacob.

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.

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.

Time and Talent Forms

You can still fill out and return your Time and Talent form. These are located in the greeting area and narthex. Use your God-given gifts and talents to assist in our congregation's ministry. There is something for everyone! Please fill out the forms and return to any member of the Elders Committee or place in their mailbox in the greeting area.

Mars United Presbyterian Church Annual Tea

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.

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 8	Worship	8:00 am
	(Fifth Sunday after Epiphany)	
	Sunday School	9:00 am
	Worship	10:30 am
	(Fifth Sunday after Epiphany)	
	Confirmation Class	1:00 pm
Monday – February 9	Brown Bag Bible Study	Noon
	Quilting Group	6:00 pm
Tuesday – February 10	Council Meeting	7:00 pm
	Chair Aerobics	7:00 pm
Thursday – February 12	Chair Aerobics	7:00 pm
Sunday – February 15	Worship	8:00 am
	(Transfiguration – 6th Sunday after Epiphany)	
	Sunday School Purple Party	9:00 am
	Worship	10:30 am
	(Transfiguration – 6th Sunday after Epiphany)	