

**Announcements for the week of
March 13, 2016
St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church**

Thank You

Our sincere thanks for all who made our annual spaghetti dinner a great success! To everyone who prepared, served, cleaned up and attended the dinner, we couldn't have done it without the help and cooperation of all of you.

Lenten Worship Around the Table – March 16

This will be our last Lenten fellowship meal. We will gather at 6:00 pm with dinner at 6:30 pm. You may use the sign-up sheet in the greeting area or just come on Wednesday, March 16. All are welcome.

First Communion Instruction – Next Sunday

For those children wishing to receive their First Holy Communion (generally in second grade or older), the next instruction sessions with Pastor Bob will be immediately after late worship on *Sunday, March 20*.

Confirmation Class – Next Sunday

The Confirmation class will meet next Sunday, March 20 at 1pm.

Easter Egg Hunt and Breakfast

Don't forget! St. John's annual Easter Egg Hunt and Easter Breakfast on *March 27*. Please join us for a fun time with the children and a wonderful breakfast between services.

Lenten Collection for Mars Home for Youth

During the Lenten season we will be collecting items needed by the Mars Home for Youth. Craft items and personal hygiene items are most needed. There is a bin in the greeting area with items listed, and also in the March newsletter.

Quarterly Mission Emphasis Selected

Congregation Council determined the 2016 mission emphasis recipients at the March 8 meeting:

First quarter – Mars Home for Youth (through March 31)

Second quarter – Glade Run Lutheran Services Campaign

Third quarter – Mars Public Library

Fourth quarter – Adams Area Fire District

Don't forget to make your special offering using the yellow envelope each month as we support these ministries and services.

Glade Run Lutheran Services

Glade Run has had a tough time over the last few months as many of you have seen in the news. Much that was reported was inaccurate and this historic Lutheran institution continues its important ministry to youth and families in Western Pennsylvania. In a recent letter, the president of Glade Run, The Rev. Charles Lockwood, announced that a settlement has been reached with the state and Glade Run "will continue full operation of all programs." This includes a planned redevelopment program to support families with autistic children. A copy of the letter from Pastor Lockwood is posted on the bulletin board in the gathering space. If you have any questions, please see Pastor Zimmerman. St. John will be participating in Glade Run's capital campaign "Bridging Community" over the next few months.

Youthfest 2016: April 8-10 @ Camp Lutherlyn

A fun and exciting weekend of activities, music and worship for youth in grades 7-12 at beautiful Camp Lutherlyn. Commit to attend now as we plan fundraisers to help cover the cost.

Council Minutes

Copies of the minutes from the council meeting (February) and reports from other meetings are available on the table in the greeting area.

Camp Lutherlyn and Amazon Smile Program

Camp Lutherlyn is partnering with this program offered by Amazon.com. If you shop on Amazon a portion of your purchase price will be donated to the charity of your choice. Go to smile.amazon.com and choose Camp Lutherlyn. There is no additional cost to you. It's an easy way to make your purchases count!

This Week at St. John

Sunday – March 13	Worship	8:00 am
	(Fifth Sunday in Lent)	
	Sunday School & Adult Sunday School	9:00 am
	Worship	
Sunday – March 13	(Fifth Sunday in Lent)	10:30 am
	Youth Group – Sunday Night Live	
	at Zion Lutheran	Meet at St. John at 4:30 pm
Monday – March 14	Chair Aerobics	6:30 pm
	Quilting Group	6:30 pm
Wednesday – March 16	Brown Bag Bible Study	Noon
	Lenten Soup Supper & Worship	6:00 pm
Thursday – March 17	Chair Aerobics	6:30 pm
Sunday – March 20	Worship	8:00 am
	(Palm/Passion Sunday)	
	Sunday School & Adult Sunday School	9:00 am
	Worship	
	(Palm/Passion Sunday)	10:30 am
	First Communion Class	After Worship
Confirmation Class	1:00 pm	