

**Announcements for the week of
March 20, 2016
St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church**

First Communion Instruction – Today

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 today.

Confirmation Class – Today

The Confirmation class will meet today at 1pm.

Holy Week Services

Maundy/Holy Thursday – March 24 – Worship Service at 7:00 pm

Good Friday – March 25 – Lunch & Community Service at Mars U.P. Church at Noon

Good Friday – March 25 - Worship Service at St. John's at 7:00 pm

Easter Vigil – March 26 – Worship Service at 7:00 pm

Easter Sunday – March 27 – Worship Services at 8:00 am and 10:30 pm

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 20	Worship (Palm/Passion Sunday) Sunday School & Adult Sunday School	8:00 am 9:00 am
	Worship (Palm/Passion Sunday) First Communion Class Confirmation Class	10:30 am After Worship 1:00 pm
Monday – March 21	Chair Aerobics	6:30 pm
Wednesday – March 23	Brown Bag Bible Study	Noon
Thursday – March 24	Worship (Maundy/Holy Thursday)	7:00 pm
Friday – March 25	Worship (Lunch & Community Svc. @ Mars U.P. Church Noon (Good Friday Worship @ St. John's)	Noon 7:00 pm
Saturday – March 26	Easter Vigil Service Baptism & First Communion	7:00 pm
Sunday – March 27	Worship (Easter Sunday) Easter Egg Hunt & Easter Breakfast Worship (Easter Sunday)	8:00 am 9:00 am 10:30 am