

**Announcements for the week of  
March 6, 2016  
St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church**

**Fellowship Breakfast – Today**

Just a reminder to join us today for our monthly Fellowship Breakfast. Come and enjoy good food and conversation.

**Welcome to Pastor Saylor and Family**

Pastor David Saylor, his wife Carol, and their children will be renting our parsonage for several months while he seeks a call to a new congregation. Pastor Saylor served many years at St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Evans City. If you see them around Mars, please make them feel at home.

**Wednesday Evenings During Lent**

On these evenings, we will have a simple fellowship meal, Scripture Study, discussion and Holy Communion, all around the table in the Fellowship Hall. We will gather at 6:00 pm with dinner at 6:30 pm. The remaining dates for Worship Around the Table are: *March 9 & 16*. All are welcome.

**Lenten Meal Sign-up Sheet**

There is a sign-up sheet on the table in the greeting area if you will be attending the Lenten Meal and Worship Around the Table. You may still come to the meal if you do not sign up, but we're trying to get an idea of how many people to expect so we can prepare accordingly.

**Easter Flower Orders – Due March 8**

If you would like to make a donation for flowers for the altar for Easter Sunday, please fill out and return the attached form with your payment *by Tuesday, March 8*. You may place your order and payment in the collection plate, or mail to the church office. Please make checks payable to St. John Lutheran Church.

**Sstewardship Retreat - March 11-12**

The retreat will take place at Lutherlyn on Friday, March 11 at 7:30 pm and on Saturday, March 12 from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm.

**First Communion Instruction – Next Session March 20**

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*.

**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.

**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 (January) and reports from other meetings are available on the table in the greeting area.

**This Week at St. John**

<b>Sunday – March 6</b>	<b>Worship</b> <b>(Fourth Sunday in Lent)</b> Sunday School Fellowship Breakfast <b>Worship</b> <b>(Fourth Sunday in Lent)</b>	<b>8:00 am</b> 9:00 am 9:00 am <b>10:30 am</b>
<b>Monday – March 7</b>	Chair Aerobics	6:30 pm
<b>Tuesday – March 8</b>	Council Meeting	7:00 pm
<b>Wednesday – March 9</b>	Brown Bag Bible Study Lenten Soup Supper & Worship	Noon 6:00 pm
<b>Thursday – March 10</b>	Chair Aerobics	6:30 pm
<b>Friday – March 11</b>	Stewardship Retreat at Lutherlyn	7:30 pm
<b>Saturday – March 12</b>	Stewardship Retreat at Lutherlyn Youth Group - Skyzone	9:00 am – 3:00 pm
<b>Sunday – March 13</b>	<b>Worship</b> <b>(Fifth Sunday in Lent)</b> Sunday School & Adult Sunday School <b>Worship</b> <b>(Fifth Sunday in Lent)</b> Youth Group – Sunday Night Live at Zion Lutheran	<b>8:00 am</b> 9:00 am <b>10:30 am</b> Meet at St. John at 4:30 pm