

**Announcements for the week of
February 19, 2017
St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church**

**Pastor's Office Hours: Generally Tuesdays & Thursdays – 9:30-1:00 pm
Wednesdays – 9:30-11:00 am “Coffee Hours” at Mars Brew House
Available other times by appointment.**

Pastor Storm

Welcome back to Pastor Ralph Storm as our guest pastor for today's worship services.

Ladies Book Group – February 22

Join us on February 22 at 7 pm as we read *Life Together* by Dietrich Bonhoeffer. Bonhoeffer was a Lutheran pastor and professor martyred by the Nazis. The book offers insights on being Christian community to students of an underground seminary during the Nazi years in Germany. He gives practical advice on how life together in Christ can be sustained in families and groups.

Vestry Reminder

The Vestry day of retreat will be on **February 25 from 9am-2pm** at the Cider House in Treesdale. Please reserve this date as we take important time for prayer, planning and visioning together. More details and directions will be provided to Vestry members soon.

Ash Wednesday Services – March 1

We will have worship service and distribution of ashes on *Ash Wednesday, March 1 at Noon and 7 pm.*

Purple Party – March 5

Our Purple Party Breakfast will be held between services on Sunday, March 5. If you like, you may wear something purple to add to the festivities. All are welcome!

Lenten Soup Dinners and Devotions

Our Lenten Soup Dinners/Gatherings will begin on *Wednesday, March 8* and continue *on Wednesday evenings throughout Lent.* Gathering and devotions begin at 6 pm and soup dinner will begin at 6:30 pm. We hope many of you will join us.

Spaghetti Dinner – March 11

Our annual Spaghetti Dinner will be held *on Saturday, March 11* from 5-7pm. Prices are: Adults - \$8; Children (Age 6-13) - \$5; Children Age 5 & under – FREE. There are sign-up sheets posted in the greeting area if you are able to volunteer some time to help out.

Home Communion Helpers

Looking for a few more people that would be interested in taking Holy Communion to our homebound members as it is sent from worship. Training will be available. It is a great way to bring church to those unable to attend and visit with old friends. If you are able to help out, let Pastor Zimmerman know.



Save the date.....April 8th-

for another family activity celebrating the Resurrection Surprise

Jesus is alive is a time of fun, games, crafts and snacks all celebrating Easter. It is for St. John as well as the community. As members here, we can donate some or all of the cost of each of the 7 activities. See the bulletin board in the greeting area. Please register so we have some idea of the number attending.

Local Mission Trip Planned:

In late August of 2016, more than 160 homes in Connellsville, PA were damaged in flash flooding which dumped up to five feet of water in some homes. **You are invited to participate in a mission trip to help rebuild homes affected by the flooding.** Christian brothers and sisters from the Roman Catholic *Dioceses of Pittsburgh and Greensburg*, the Byzantine Catholic *Archeprarchy of Pittsburgh*, and the *Southwestern Pennsylvania Synod* of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America will work together as a sign of our unity in Christ to bring hope and healing to people whose homes were damaged in the flooding. **The trip will take place sometime between April 21 – 30, 2017.** Exact dates will be determined based on the availability and interest of participants. We will either be doing a three-day weekend, or perhaps a five-day trip. If you are interested in driving over and participating for the whole trip or just a day or so please see Pastor Bob Zimmerman.

This Week at St. John

Sunday – February 19	Worship (Seventh Sunday after Epiphany) Sunday School Worship (Seventh Sunday after Epiphany) Confirmation Class	8:00 am 9:00 am 10:30 am 1:00 pm
Wednesday – February 22	Bible Study Ladies Book Group	Noon 7:00 pm
Saturday – February 25	Vestry Retreat	9:00 am – 2:00 pm
Sunday – February 26	Worship (Transfiguration of Our Lord) Sunday School Worship (Transfiguration of Our Lord) Mission Endowment Meeting	8:00 am 9:00 am 10:30 am 11:45 am