

**Announcements for the week of
March 26, 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.**

Lenten Soup Supper and Devotions

Our Lenten Soup Supper/Gatherings will continue on *Wednesday evenings March 29 and April 5. Soup supper will begin at 6:00 pm*, with the devotional study to follow. We hope many of you will join us.

Easter Flowers

An order form is attached to the bulletin if you would like to order Easter Flowers for the altar. You may mark your forms if you are donating in Honor, in Memory, or in Celebration of a loved one. All checks should be made payable to St. John Lutheran Church. Payment is due with your order. *Orders are due by Sunday, April 2.*

ELCA World Hunger Campaign

This Lent we are participating in the World Hunger emphasis 40 Days of Giving. The goal is to raise \$1 million from across the ELCA to help give our brothers and sisters around the world opportunities to earn a fair, sustainable living with dignity. For the next few weeks, there will be an attachment to the bulletin with the focus of giving for that particular week. In addition, we will be collecting loose change in the greeting area during Lent.

Kid's Club – March 31 – Save the Date!

A new program at St. John for kids age 4-10 (or if they attend Sunday School). One Friday evening per month from 6:30-8:00 pm. We will have music, stories, games, free play, a craft to take home and a snack. The theme of the first meeting is camping and tents will be set up in the hall. If you have any questions, please speak to Tanya Nagel, Sally Foster or Denise Hager.



Register Now.....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. Please register online at www.stjohnchurchmars.org or by calling the church office at 724-625-1830 so we have some idea of the number attending.

Easter Cantata – April 11

The Concordia Alleluia Chorale will present its Easter Cantata for the public on Tuesday, April 11 at 7 pm at Haven One, 112 Marwood Road, Cabot, PA 16023, Entrance 2A. The cantata is entitled “On This Rock” and is the story of the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus Christ told from the perspective of the disciple, Peter. The Rev. Ralph Storm will portray the role of Peter. Cookies and punch will be served.

YouthFest at Lutherlyn – April 21-23

YouthFest is the SWPA & NWPA Synods' Junior & Senior High Retreat. The theme is “You Are Not Alone.” We are meant to be in healthy, loving relationships and we have a responsibility as children of God to love and care for each other. This theme will focus on bullying and how we respond to it. It will be a great weekend to play, worship, learn and grow. For questions or to register contact Lutherlyn at 724-865-2161 or deb@lutherlyn.com.

Thiel College Musical Presentation – April 23

In celebration of the 500th anniversary of the Reformation, the BALM churches announce “Music: A Lutheran Treasure” at 3:00 pm on Sunday, April 23 at Trinity Lutheran Church in Butler. This musical presentation will feature the Thiel College Chamber Singers and Handbell Choir, plus congregational singing of beloved hymns, traditional and new. For information contact Pastor Cynthia Baxter (Rider Lutheran) at dragonlady33@verizon.net or call 410-596-2392 (cell and text); 724-282-4578 (church – leave a message).

Ladies Tea – April 29

The St. John annual Ladies Tea will be held on *Saturday, April 29 from Noon till 2 pm*. Save the date! There will be a fashion show and gift baskets and lots of fun. We hope you will join us.

VNA Hospice Volunteers Needed

VNA Hospice Volunteers play a vital role in caring for those dealing with terminal illness. Volunteers read, play music and provide support for families and patients. For more information, contact Tammie Cramer at 724-431-3502.

This Week at St. John

Sunday – March 26	Worship (Fourth Sunday in Lent) Sunday School Worship (Fourth Sunday in Lent)	8:00 am 9:00 am 10:30 am
Wednesday – March 29	Music Together Bible Study Lenten Soup Supper & Study	10:00 am Noon 6:00 pm
Friday – March 31	Kid's Club	6:30-8:30 pm
Sunday – April 2	Worship (Fifth Sunday in Lent) Sunday School Worship (Fifth Sunday in Lent) Youth Group – Food, Fun & Faith	8:00 am 9:00 am 10:30 am 11:45 am