

**Announcements for the week of
March 5, 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.**

Youth Group

Today – Food, Fun & Faith at 11:45.

Purple Party – Today

Our Purple Party Breakfast will be held between services today. All are welcome!

The Choir's Anthem at the 8:00 am worship service today features a text by English hymnist, Joseph Hart, who lived in the 18th century. The focus of Hart's hymn is much the same as the church's focus during Lent: our recognition of our sinfulness and our utter dependence on Christ for our redemption. The tune (Restoration) is an American folk melody first published in Southern Harmony in 1835.

Come ye sinners, poor and needy,
Weak and wounded, sick and sore;
Jesus ready stands to save you,
Full of pity, love, and pow'r.

Come ye weary, heavy laden,
Lost and ruined by the fall;
If you tarry till you're better,
You will never come at all.

Come ye thirsty, come and welcome,
God's free bounty glorify;
True belief and true repentance,
Ev'ry grace that brings you nigh.

I will arise and go to Jesus,
He will embrace me in His arms;
In the arms of my dear Savior,
O there are ten thousand charms.

Lenten Soup Supper and Devotions

Our Lenten Soup Supper/Gatherings will begin on *Wednesday, March 8* and continue *on Wednesday evenings throughout Lent*. Gather at 6 pm and soup supper will begin at 6:30 pm, with the devotional study to follow. 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.

Inspired Gardens – April 1

Glade Run Lutheran Services, Zelenople Campus will present Inspired Gardens on Saturday, April 1 from 8:30 am to 3:00 pm. This is a one day educational gardening workshop benefitting therapeutic programs at Glade Run Adventures. Keynote speakers are Doug Oster and Andrew Moore. The day includes presentations on keeping your garden looking its best, continental breakfast, Q& A sessions, lunch served by local 'celebrity' farmers, vendor tables, raffle and silent auction, plant sale and much more! To make a reservation call 724-452-4453 x1277 or see the brochure at www.gladerun.org.



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. Please register so we have some idea of the number attending.

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. More information to follow.

YouthFest at Lutherlyn – April 21-23

YouthFest is the SWPA & NWPA Synods' Junior & Senior High Retreat. The theme is "Your 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).

This Week at St. John

Sunday – March 5	Worship	8:00 am
	(First Sunday in Lent)	
	Purple Party Breakfast	9:00 am
	Worship	10:30 am
	(First Sunday in Lent)	
	Youth Group – Food, Fun & Faith	11:45 am
Tuesday – March 7	Deacons Meeting	7:00 pm
	Trustees Meeting	7:00 pm
Wednesday – March 8	Bible Study	After noon service
	Lenten Soup Supper & Devotions	6:00 pm
Saturday – March 11	Spaghetti Dinner	5:00 -7:00 pm
Sunday – March 12	Worship	8:00 am
	(Second Sunday in Lent)	
	Sunday School	9:00 am
	Elders Meeting	9:00 am
	Worship	10:30 am
	(Second Sunday in Lent)	