

**Announcements for the week of
March 10, 2019
St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church**

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

Available other times by appointment

Pastor Zimmerman's day off, Sabbath time, is on Monday's.

He is available 24/7 for emergencies by cell phone: 412-585-1628

Stewardship Snippet – (1st Sunday in Lent, C)

“The devil said to Jesus, ‘If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread.’ Jesus answered him, ‘It is written, one does not live by bread alone.’” – **Luke 4:3**

Our consumer culture tells us again and again that our happiness is measured in how many of our wants we can fulfill. Jesus resists temptation by remembering that we live “by every word that comes from the mouth of God.” (Matthew 4:4b)

March Newsletter

We were having some difficulty last week when the electronic form of the March Newsletter was sent out. Several of the emails were returned marked as spam. This was mostly from Armstrong, those with zoominternet.net emails. If you did not receive your copy you can find it on the St. John web page under Publications, or there are print copies available on the table in the greeting area.

Lenten Noon Worship, Soup Lunch & Lenten Study

Each Wednesday during Lent we will have a brief worship service at noon, followed by a soup lunch and Lenten Study.

Live Online Bible Study – Beginning March 13

As part of our mission to grow closer to God, Pastor Zimmerman will be offering an interactive live online video bible study so that you may participate from the convenience and comfort of your home. This pilot study will be held on five Wednesday evenings during Lent. ***Tentative time will be 7:30 pm beginning on March 13.*** If you are interested in participating, please sign up on the sheet in the greeting area.

VBS Planning Meeting – March 31

Anyone interested in helping to plan this year's VBS, please try to attend the meeting on ***Sunday, March 31 at Mars UP Church at 12:15 pm.*** If you can attend the meeting or are able to help with VBS, please sign-up on the list in the greeting area. Vacation Bible School will be Sunday, July 14 through Thursday, July 18.

Holy Communion Instruction

There will be First Holy Communion instruction for any young children that desire to receive Holy Communion on Easter Sunday. Generally, the age for first communion is second grade. If you have a child that is ready, please see Pastor Zimmerman. The three 45 minute sessions will be after the second service on March 17, 31, and April 14.

Communion Help Needed

Before and between worship services each Sunday, the communion needs to be set up and refreshed. After worship, the items used for communion need to be washed and put away till needed again. We need more people to be involved with this. Please consider helping and you will be shown what to do. Beginning next week we will have a sign-up sheet in the greeting area and you may choose dates that work for you. If you have questions, please speak to Sally Foster. Children are also needed to serve as acolytes. See the Sunday School teachers to be on the schedule.

1Q19 Mission Emphasis

As of March 3, 2019, we have raised \$552.00 for Bethesda Lutheran Services of which \$400 came from the Spaghetti Dinner. With less than a month to go, let's see how much we can raise for this great organization that was very important to our late members, Bill and Kathy Rinehart.

Tree Removal

When weather permits, Hoover Lawn & Property Management Services will remove and dispose of 5 large trees on the church property. They will grind stumps, haul away all chippings and debris, and cut any useable wood into logs. *The total cost of the project is \$7,200.00. Please note that the Deacons approved \$875.18 from the Spaghetti Dinner proceeds towards this project.* If you would like to help defray some of the cost, please mark your gifts for “Tree Removal” and place in the offering plate. Thank you.

This Week at St. John

Sunday – March 10	Worship (1st Sunday in Lent) Sunday School & Lifelong Learning Trustees Meeting Worship (1st Sunday in Lent)	8:00 am 9:00 am 9:00 am 10:30 am
Monday – March 11	Quilting Group Chair Aerobics	6:00 pm 6:30 pm
Tuesday – March 12	Mutual Ministry Meeting Girl Scout Leaders Meeting	7:30 pm 7:00-8:00 pm
Wednesday – March 13	Lenten Worship Soup Lunch & Lenten Study	Noon After worship
Thursday – March 14	Council Meeting	7:00 pm
Sunday – March 17	Worship (2nd Sunday in Lent) Sunday School & Lifelong Learning Worship (2nd Sunday in Lent) Holy Communion Instruction Confirmation Class	8:00 am 9:00 am 10:30 am After late service 1:00 pm