

**Announcements for the week of
March 17, 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 – (2nd Sunday in Lent, C)

“The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?” – Psalm 27:1

As the news media, advertising executives, and politicians know well, fear is a great motivator of people. It is a negative one. Trusting in God's power and providence, steward/disciples tap into a better source of motivation.

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

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 at 7:30 pm. 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 today (March 17), March 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. There is 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 10, 2019, we have raised \$557.00 for Bethesda Lutheran Services. 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. As of March 10, 2019, we have raised \$980.18 for 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.

Free to Good Homes

There are 6 Sunday School chairs, 2 piano benches, 1 wooden chair, and 1 bar stool available to anyone in the congregation. They are downstairs in the main area. If you would like any of these items, please speak to one of the Trustees. Items not taken by April 7 will be donated to Goodwill. For clarification, please DO NOT take any of the chairs in the nursery, as they are not included in this offer. Thank you.

This Week at St. John

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
Monday – March 18	Chair Aerobics	6:30 pm
Tuesday – March 19	Girl Scouts	6:30-8:30 pm
Wednesday – March 20	Lenten Worship Soup Lunch & Lenten Study	Noon After worship
Thursday – March 21	Executive Committee Meeting	7:00 pm
Friday – March 22	Kid's Club	6:30-8:00 pm
Sunday – March 24	Worship (3rd Sunday in Lent) Sunday School & Lifelong Learning Worship (3rd Sunday in Lent)	8:00 am 9:00 am 10:30 am