

**Announcements for the week of
March 24, 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 – (3rd Sunday in Lent, C)

“Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food.” – Isaiah 55:2

Stewardship is about making wise choices in life – choices that promote health, well-being and faithful living. Isaiah asks the key questions and provides wise advice.

Celebrating 80th Birthday

David Hrach, a member of the St. John Congregation, will be celebrating his *80th birthday, on April 11*. His sister has requested that as many people as possible surprise him with birthday cards in honor of this occasion. If you are able to participate, please send a card to David Hrach, 384 Heritage Circle, Pulaski, PA 16143-9318. It will be greatly appreciated.

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.

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.

Easter Flowers

An order form is attached to the bulletin if you would like to order flowers to decorate the church for Easter Sunday. These may be given in memory, honor, or celebration of a loved one and may be taken home after Easter. Prices are listed on the order form. *All orders need to be turned in by Sunday, April 7*. Make checks payable to St. John Lutheran Church and mark for Easter flowers or if paying with cash, stipulate it is for Easter Flowers on an envelope. A list of those honored and donors will be published at Easter.

Concert – Mars U.P.Church – April 7

Mars U.P. Church invites all to enjoy a spirit-filled evening of song and word – “Gathered as One” on *Sunday, April 7 at 6:30 pm*. Hors d'oeuvres and refreshments after concert. This is a free event. See poster on community bulletin board for details.

Camp Blast – May 11

Camp Blast at Lutherlyn invites all for a day of fun of *Saturday, May 11 – 11:00 am – 4:30 pm*. Everything is FREE! No registration required, just show up. Horseback riding, crafts, archery, zipline, hikes, canoeing, hayrides, games, kayaking, biking, great food and more! See flyers attached to the bulletin for additional information on Camp Blast and Summer Camp. If you would like more information go to lutherlyn.com/campblast or lutherlyn.com/summercamp.

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 17, 2019, we have raised \$1,080.18 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.

1Q19 Mission Emphasis

As of March 17, 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.

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 24	Worship (3rd Sunday in Lent) Sunday School & Lifelong Learning Worship (3rd Sunday in Lent)	8:00 am 9:00 am 10:30 am
Monday – March 25	Chair Aerobics	6:30 pm
Wednesday – March 27	Lenten Worship Soup Lunch & Lenten Study Lenten Online Study	Noon After worship 7:30 pm
Friday – March 29	Kid's Club	6:30-8:00 pm
Sunday – March 31	Worship (4th Sunday in Lent) Sunday School & Lifelong Learning Worship (4th Sunday in Lent) First Communion Class Confirmation Class Good Friday Rehearsal	8:00 am 9:00 am 10:30 am After late worship 12:30 pm