

**Announcements for the week of
March 31, 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 – (4th Sunday in Lent, C)

“So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!”

2 Corinthians 5:17

The way a bubbling spring renews and refreshes a streambed, so the Holy Spirit continually renews our souls. Relax and be continually renewed in Christ.

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 – Today

Anyone interested in helping to plan this year's VBS, please try to attend the meeting on *today 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 has removed and disposed 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 24, 2019, we have raised \$1,330.18 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 24, 2019, we have raised \$563.00 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.

Please note on the Prayer Cards in the pews anyone to be **added** or **removed from** the prayer lists or contact the church office at 724-625-1830 or office@stjohnchurchmars.org.

Prayer List - Members of St. John: Ava Niklewicz, Jan Leikauf, Nathan Kramer, Roy Werner, Harry Cole, Ruth Bielo, Pastor Storm, Frieda Carbo, Kim Richards, Bill Schulz, Francis & Grace Kratz, David & Ellen Hrach.

Ongoing list: (listed alphabetically by the *first letter of first name*) Aidan DeBlassio (child of friend of Winnie Stefko); Ann Bufalini (friend of Valerie Cardinal); Barbara Yoakum (friend of Nan McCormick); Beth Ann McCormick (niece of Nan & Gary McCormick); Bob Young (uncle of Carolyn Zimmerman); Bowlden family (friends of Katie Richards); Calvin Lisac (great nephew of Anne Olescyski); Carl Rossi (Gretchen Baysek's co-worker's son); Carrie Thompson (co-worker of Erin Weaver); Cassie Kelly-Winkler (niece of Matt Claus); Christina & Regis Ward (Jim & Martha Ward's daughter-in-law & son); Denis Bishop (brother of Denise Hager); Diana Lydon (grandmother of Victoria & Makenna Lydon); Dr. David English (friend of Nan McCormick); Diane Hoehn (friend of Anne & Chuck Olescyski); Donna Wilson (friend of Nan McCormick); Ellianna Cicconi (Jim and Denise Hager's close friend's infant); George N. (friend of Martha & Jim Ward); Glenn Croft (friend of Niklewicz family); Gloria McAnallan (friend of Amy & Larry Werner); Jayme Dinan (son of Carol Keddie); John (friend of Janet Senka); John & Dorothy DeRiggi (grandparents of Keith Cardinal); Jan Cole (friend of Nan & Gary McCormick); Joseph Nudi (Kami Waldrop's father); Kallie Yerkins (granddaughter of Carolyn Jarrett); Karen McClanahan (co-worker of Kim Richards); Kathy Wells (friend of Karen Collins); Landon Brewer (Bob & Sherry Davidson's grandchild); LaVonne Houland (aunt of Kramer family); Lee & Jane Miller (friend of Linda Sabbagh); Lee Schrock (husband of friend of Denise Hager); Len Stang (friend of Bob & Sherry Davidson); Lexie & Bill Raible (cousins of Anne & Chuck Olescyski); Linda Bailey (friend of Bob & Sherry Davidson); Long Chiang (brother of friend of Sally Foster); Mary Smolinski (friend of Chuck & Ann Olescyski); Nancy Montini (neighbor of Larry & Amy Werner); Nancy Torpey (niece of Martha Ward); Patti (former sister-in-law of Sally Foster); Paul Gurtner (brother of Martha Ward); Relatives of Jim & Martha Ward); Robert Ward (son of Martha & James Ward); Ron (friend of Janet Senka); Sally Libson (friend of Anne Olescyski); Sarah Chang (infant of friend of Sally Foster); Sean Wachter (Carolyn Jarrett's niece's husband); Susan Walko (mother-in-law of Marcia Shepard); Sweeney Family (friends of Ruth Ann & John Tully); Tim Carpenter (friend of Nan & Gary McCormick); Tom H. (brother-in-law of Margie Baker); Tom McKeon (uncle of Denise Hager); Warren Aylsworth (father of Tanya Nagel).

Service Men and Women: (listed alphabetically by the *first letter of first name*) - Donald Jones (friend of Dishong family); Margie Bowlden (Richards family); Matthew Holmes (nephew of Susan Fritz); Officer Adam (Waldrop family); Taylor Aylsworth (nephew of Tanya Nagel).

This Week at St. John

Sunday – March 31	Worship (4th Sunday in Lent)	8:00 am
	Sunday School & Lifelong Learning	9:00 am
	Worship (4th Sunday in Lent)	10:30 am
	First Communion Class	After late worship
	Confirmation Class Good Friday Rehearsal	After late worship
Monday – April 1	Chair Aerobics	6:30 pm
Tuesday – April 2	Girl Scouts	6:30-8:30 pm
Wednesday – April 3	Lenten Worship	Noon
	Soup Lunch & Lenten Study	After worship
	Lenten Online Study	7:30 pm
Saturday – April 6	Family Game Night	3:00-7:00 pm
Sunday – April 7	Worship (5th Sunday in Lent)	8:00 am
	Sunday School & Lifelong Learning	9:00 am
	Fellowship Breakfast	9:00 am
	Trustees Meeting	9:00 am
	Worship (5th Sunday in Lent)	10:30 am
	Deacons Meeting	11:45 am