

**Announcements for the week of  
February 23, 2020  
St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church**

**Pastor's Office Hours: Generally Tuesdays – 9:30-11:00 am & Thursdays – 9:30-1:00 pm  
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**

**This Week at St. John**

<b>Sunday – February 23</b>	<b>Worship (Transfiguration of Our Lord)</b> Sunday School & Lifelong Learning Purple Pancake Breakfast Worship Planners	<b>8:00 am &amp; 10:30 am</b> 9:00 am 9:00 am 11:30 am
<b>Monday – February 24</b>	Chair Aerobics	6:00 pm
<b>Wednesday – February 26</b>	<b>Ash Wednesday Confession &amp; Forgiveness &amp; Imposition of Ashes</b> Soup Lunch after Noon Service <b>Imposition of Ashes &amp; Holy Communion</b>	<b>Noon</b>  <b>7:00 pm</b>
<b>Thursday – February 29</b>	Spaghetti Dinner	4:30-6:30 pm
<b>Sunday – March 1</b>	<b>Worship (1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Lent)</b> Sunday School & Lifelong Learning	<b>8:00 am &amp; 10:30 am</b> 9:00 am

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**Stewardship Snippets** (Transfiguration of Our Lord, Year A)

*“While he [Peter] was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, ‘This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!’” – Matthew 17: 5*

Peter, James, and John see Jesus shining like the sun, his form transfigured into a dazzling presence, and they are terrified. As they are, we're still listening and following Jesus today to cultivate a heart of love.

**From the Elders**

The following motion was passed by the Congregation at the January 26, 2020 meeting: “The Congregation will bring ideas to the Elders on how to grow the church and bring in new members.” In an effort to gather responses from the congregation, the Elders are asking members to prayerfully consider ideas on how we at St. John can promote evangelism and increase our membership. You may respond by placing your written and signed responses in Chuck Olescyski's mailbox near the church office. Or you may email your responses to [office@stjohnchurchmars.org](mailto:office@stjohnchurchmars.org) or hand your written ideas to anyone of the Elders. Your responses will be shared with Council and the congregation. Thank you for your prayers and help.

**Purple Pancake Breakfast – Today!**

Join us for our traditional Purple Pancake Breakfast between services today. This is our celebration before Lent begins. All are welcome!

**Ash Wednesday – February 26**

*Noon – Spoken Service of Confession & Forgiveness & Imposition of Ashes.*

*There will be a soup lunch after the service.*

*7:00 pm – Imposition of Ashes & Holy Communion*

### **Lenten Soup Lunches & Lenten Study**

We will have a Lenten Soup Lunch (Noon) followed by Lenten Study (12:30 pm) – Discussion and video study of “Making Sense of the Cross.” These will take place on the following Wednesdays during Lent – March 4, 11, 18, 25 and April 1, 8. There is a sign-up sheet in the greeting area if you are able to bring soup for everyone on any of the dates listed, please sign the sheet and specify the type of soup you will bring.

### **Spaghetti Dinner – February 29**

Our annual spaghetti dinner will take place next *Saturday, February 29 from 4:30-6:30 pm*. Tickets available from Deacons or at the door. Adults - \$8; Children age 6-12 - \$5; Age 5 & under – FREE. Take-out available. Please see the sign-up boards in the greeting area if you are able to donate items needed or your time. Come and enjoy good food and fellowship!

### **Lenten Devotional Available**

Luther Seminary invites you to use the 2020 Lenten devotional, “Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross” for personal use throughout the Lenten season. The devotions are based on the hymn of the same name, #335 in Evangelical Lutheran Worship. Copies are available in the greeting area or you can download a PDF copy from

<https://www.luthersem.edu/godpause/lenten-devotional/>

### **Lucky Leprechaun Bingo – March 14**

Save the date for the Lucky Leprechaun Bingo at St. John’s on Saturday, March 14 at 4:00 pm. Join us on “Pi Day!” \$5.00 per person for Pizza ‘Pi’, soda and ice cream. Please bring a white elephant gift or two for the bingo prize table. Everyone wins/no charge for bingo games.

### **1Q2020 Mission Emphasis**

*As of February 16, 2020, the congregation has given \$1,294.00 towards the purchase of Family Farms through the ELCA Good Gifts Catalog.* That’s almost two farms! With just a little more than one month to go this quarter, let’s see how many families we can help by permanently breaking their cycle of hunger and poverty. As always, thank you for your gracious help with this campaign.

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### **In Our Prayers**

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](mailto:office@stjohnchurchmars.org).

**Members of St. John:** Sally Foster, Chuck Olescyski, Henry Ford, Roy Werner, Harry Cole, Ruth Bielo, Pastor Storm, Bill & Karen Schulz, Grace Kratz, Ellen Hrach.

**Ongoing list:** (listed alphabetically by the *first letter of first name*) Aidan DeBlassio (child of friend of Winnie Stefko); Alberta Shepard (grandmother of Marcia & Bill Shepard); Allyson D. (daughter of Carol Keddie); Ann Bufalini (friend of Valerie Cardinal); Barb Village (wife of co-worker of Kim Richards); Beth Ann McCormick (niece of Nan & Gary McCormick); Bob Reich (friend of Bob Dishong); Calvin Lisac (great nephew of Anne Olescyski); Carol Keys (friend of Anne Olescyski); Cassie Kelly-Winkler (niece of Matt Claus); Cathy Jones (aunt of Keith & Valerie Cardinal); Chrissy Weaver (friend of Dan & Laura Kramer); Christina & Regis Ward (Jim & Martha Ward’s daughter-in-law & son); Christopher E. Coll (Jackie Ostronic); Clyde Neal (friend of Bob Dishong); 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); Diane Marburger (friend of Werner/Niklewicz families); Dorothy DeRiggi (grandmother of Keith Cardinal); Dorothy Nagel (grandmother of Alaina Nagel); Ellen Lape (friend of Nan and Gary McCormick); Ellianna Cicconi (Jim and Denise Hager’s close friend’s infant); Glenn Croft (friend of Niklewicz family); Gloria McAnallan (friend of Amy & Larry Werner); Jan Cole (friend of Nan & Gary McCormick); Jerry Hughes (friend of Werner/Niklewicz families); John (friend of Janet Senka); Kallie Yerkins (granddaughter of Carolyn Jarrett); Kim (friend of Janet Senka); Landon Brewer (Bob & Sherry Davidson’s grandchild); Larry Collins (husband of Karen Collins); Laura Schultz (daughter of Carolyn Jarrett); Lee & Jane Miller (friend of Linda Sabbagh); Lee Schrock (husband of friend of Denise Hager); LeaAnn Leonberg Chiarizio (friend of Nan McCormick); Len Stang (friend of Bob & Sherry Davidson); Linda Bailey (friend of Bob & Sherry Davidson); Mary Smolinski (friend of Chuck & Ann Olescyski); Michael Groce (friend of Valerie Cardinal); Nancy Montini (neighbor of Larry & Amy Werner); Patti (former sister-in-law of Sally Foster); Paul Gurtner (brother of Martha Ward); Ralph Waibel, Sr. (relative of Winnie Stefko); Robert Ward (son of Martha & James Ward); Sally Libson (friend of Anne Olescyski); Tim Carpenter (friend of Nan & Gary McCormick); Tina Cardinal (mother of Keith Cardinal); Tom H. (brother-in-law of Margie Baker); Waylon Waldenmyer (son of friend of Anne Olescyski).

**Active Duty Military:** (listed alphabetically by the *first letter of first name*) - Donald Jones (friend of Dishong family); Margie Bowlden (Richards family).