

Announcements for the week of  
March 22, 2020  
St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church

**The Church Office is closed until the COVID -19 restrictions are lifted.**

**Our Office Manager Margie Baker will maintain regular office hours while working from her home and office voice mail (724) 625-1830) and email ([office@stjohnchurchmars.org](mailto:office@stjohnchurchmars.org)) will be checked regularly, Pastor Zimmerman will also be working from home. If you need to reach him please call him on his cell: 412-585-1628 or by email ([pastor@stjohnchurchmars.org](mailto:pastor@stjohnchurchmars.org)).**

**This Week at St. John**

**All public worship, meetings, gatherings have been suspended until the end of March.  
Sunday, March 22 – 10:00 am Online Worship – Facebook Live  
Wednesday, March 25 – 12:30 PM – Lenten Devotions – Facebook Live  
Sunday, March 29 – 10:00 am Online Worship – Facebook Live or Zoom to be determined.**

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**Stewardship Snippets** (4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent)

*“He said, ‘Lord, I believe.’ And he worshipped him.” – John 9:38*

Stewarding your soul may mean responding as the blind man in this week’s gospel lesson. Simply open your eyes to the experience of Jesus and his amazing love and mercy.

**Online Meetings** As we seek new ways to be community together we can use online meetings for Boards, Council and possibly even worship. We will be using ZOOM, a platform that we have successfully used for online studies this past year. The website is: <https://zoom.us>

To join a meeting an internet link will be sent to you. If you have not signed up to the free service, you will be asked to, and it will install a small program that will connect you to the meetings. It is easy to use, on your computer or there is an app for a smart phone.

**Easter Flower Orders**

An order form is attached to the email with the announcements if you would like to order flowers to decorate the church for Easter Sunday. Please specify on the form if they are given in memory, honor, or celebration of a loved one. You may take the flowers home after Easter. Prices are listed on the order form. ***All orders need to be turned in by Sunday, March 29.*** Since worship has been suspended till the end of March, you may email your order to the church office at [office@stjohnchurchmars.org](mailto:office@stjohnchurchmars.org) and send your check the church address, or email the form and your check to: PO Box 411, Mars, PA 16046. 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.

**1Q2020 Mission Emphasis**

***As of March 15, 2020, the congregation has given \$1,421.00 toward the purchase of Family Farms through the ELCA Good Gifts Catalog. We only need another \$9.00 to purchase two farms!*** With just two weeks to go in 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.

**Medicine Bottles**

The organization for which the medicine bottles were being collected is no longer taking them, so please do not bring any more bottles to the church. They can be recycled. Pop tabs and wine corks will still be collected so you may place those in the box under the table in the greeting area.

**Spring Clean-up Day – April 11**

Our annual Spring Clean-up Day will be on ***Saturday, April 11 from 8:00 am till noon if permitted under the current restrictions.*** Rain date will be Saturday, April 18 (also subject to change). Many hands make the work lighter. Come join us and help to clean up the church grounds. All are welcome!

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## In Our Prayers

Please contact the church office 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); 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); 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); 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); Linda Marie Jarrett (mother-in-law of Carolyn Jarrett); Mary Smolinski (friend of Chuck & Ann Olescyski); Michael Groce (friend of Valerie Cardinal); Nancy Montini (neighbor of Larry & Amy Werner); Pam Lang (friend of co-worker of Denise Hager); 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).

<b>Last Week's General Giving</b>	<b>\$ 4,084.18*</b>
<b>Last Week's Designated Giving</b>	<b>\$ 715.93**</b>
<b>2020 YTD General Giving</b>	<b>\$ 39,177.82</b>
<b>2020 YTD Designated Giving</b>	<b>\$ 6,383.72</b>
<b>2020 YTD Receipts</b>	<b>\$ 45,561.54</b>

<b>*Ash Wednesday/Lent</b>	<b>\$ 1,000.00</b>
<b>*Rent</b>	<b>\$ 550.00</b>
<b>*Easter Flowers</b>	<b>\$ 76.50</b>
<b>**Benevolence</b>	<b>\$ 210.93</b>
<b>**Building &amp; Maintenance</b>	<b>\$ 100.00</b>
<b>**Mission Emphasis</b>	<b>\$ 105.00</b>
<b>**Mission Endowment</b>	<b>\$ 250.00</b>
<b>**Member in Need</b>	<b>\$ 50.00</b>