

**Announcements for the week of
March 29, 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) 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).

This Week at St. John

All public worship, meetings, gatherings have been suspended until the COVID-19 restrictions are lifted.

Sunday, March 29– 10:00 am Online Worship – ZOOM Video Conferencing –

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://zoom.us/j/690579754>

Wednesday, April 1– 12:30 PM – Lenten Devotions – Facebook Live

Thursday, April 2 – 7:00 PM Congregation Council Meeting- Zoom Video Conferencing -

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://zoom.us/j/278909746>

Sunday, April 5 – 10:00 am Online Worship- Zoom Video Conferencing –

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://zoom.us/j/199650711>

Stewardship Snippets (5th Sunday in Lent)

“To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace.” - Romans 8:6

Sometimes stewarding the soul is as simple as “setting your mind to the Spirit,” leaning into our faith and taking steps toward life and peace.

Online Worship Sunday March 29: This week we shall worship online together at 10:00 AM with the interactive ZOOM platform. We will be able to talk to each other, participate in worship responsively, even sing along to the hymns! To Join Zoom Meeting go to: <https://zoom.us/j/690579754> and ZOOM will prompt you to download some software and guide you into joining the meeting. This is a free service. There is also an App for most phones. Please download and print the attached worship bulletin and join us for worship together even though we are apart!

Please remember that the expenses of the church continue, even if we do not gather physically for worship. Your tithes and offerings still are needed. You can mail your offering envelopes to the church, or go to our website to arrange to give electronically. www.stjohnchurchmars.org

Special Online Congregation Council Meeting Thursday April 2nd As the Corona virus continues to keep us at a distance the council shall meet to look ahead in these special circumstances. Council members please log onto Zoom at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday by using this link: Join Zoom Meeting: <https://zoom.us/j/278909746>

Handmade Fabric Masks for Lutheran SeniorLife

As the global supply of personal protective equipment (PPE) continues to become more uncertain, Lutheran SeniorLife would like to invite you to donate hand-sewn fabric masks. Face masks protect our staff from expelled droplets that could enclose the COVID-19 virus and other germs. Masks can be dropped off Monday through Friday between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. at the **Lutheran SeniorLife Corporate Office** – 191 Scharberry Ln. Mars, PA 16046 (across from Springfield Grill) For more information and a pattern go to:

<https://www.lutheranseniorlife.org/news/support-our-staff-with-handmade-fabric-masks>

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.

1Q2020 Mission Emphasis

As of **March 22, 2020**, the congregation has given **\$1,428.00 towards the purchase of Family Farms through the ELCA Good Gifts Catalog. *We only need another \$2.00 to purchase two farms!*** With just one week 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.

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!

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.

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).

Last Week's General Giving	\$	783.75*
Last Week's Designated Giving	\$	98.25**
2020 YTD General Giving	\$	39,961.57
2020 YTD Designated Giving	\$	6,481.97
2020 YTD Receipts	\$	46,443.54
**Benevolence	\$	41.25
**Mission Emphasis	\$	7.00
**Organ Fund	\$	50.00