

**Announcements for the week of
March 8, 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

Sunday – March 8	Worship (2nd Sunday in Lent) Sunday School & Lifelong Learning Trustees Meeting First Communion class	8:00 am & 10:30 am 9:00 am 9:15 am 11:30 am
Monday – March 9	Quilting Group	6:00 pm
Wednesday – March 11	Morning Prayer Soup Lunch Lenten Study	11:30 am Noon 12:30 pm
Thursday – March 12	Council Meeting	7:00 pm
Saturday – March 14	Lucky Leprechaun Bingo	4:00 pm
Sunday – March 15	Worship (3rd Sunday in Lent) Sunday School & Lifelong Learning Confirmation class	8:00 am & 10:30 am 9:00 am 1:00 pm

Stewardship Snippets (2nd Sunday in Lent)

“I lift my eyes to the hills – from where will my help come? My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.”
Psalm 121:1,2

How does one steward the soul? Psalm 121 reminds us where our help comes from – the Lord. Today's story of Abraham teaches us how to respond in faith, and the story of Nicodemus about asking questions and growing in faith.

Congregational Meeting – March 22

We will have one service on Sunday, March 22 at 10:00 am with a congregational meeting to follow to discuss evangelism. The Congregation is asked to bring ideas to the Elders on how to grow the church and bring in new members. 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 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.

Lenten Soup Lunches & Lenten Study

Join us for a Lenten Soup Lunch (Noon) followed by Lenten Study (12:30 pm) – Discussion and video study of “Making Sense of the Cross.” These will continue on the following Wednesdays during Lent – *March 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.*

Lucky Leprechaun Bingo – March 14

Come try your luck at the Lucky Leprechaun Bingo at St. John's next 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.

Game Night – March 21

Join us on Saturday, March 21 beginning at 4 pm for an evening of fun. Bring a card or board game to play and share. \$5.00 to cover cost of pizza and ice cream. Everyone is welcome! Any questions, contact Kim Richards.

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/>

1Q2020 Mission Emphasis

As of March 1, 2020, the congregation has given \$1,299.00 toward the purchase of Family Farms through the ELCA Good Gifts Catalog. That’s almost two farms! With just 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.

Lutheran Marriage Encounter Weekends

Deadlines for registering for the spring Lutheran Marriage Encounter Weekends are approaching. These weekends are designed to create more joy and closeness in your relationship whether you have been married a year or 50 years or more. The Northeast spring events are scheduled for: April 24-26 – Country Inn & Suites in Ithaca, NY; May 1-3 – Heritage Hotel in Lancaster, PA. Apply now to GodLovesMarriage.org to register. For questions or scholarship requests contact Fred & Julie Schamber at 724-325-3166 or fjschamber@comcast.net
