

**Announcements for the week of
May 10, 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.

Virtual Sunday School - May 10 - 9:00 AM

Join Zoom Meeting

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89459206464?pwd=QXRwd1ZSRzQyUVk2akJWNUIwNVRyZz09>

Meeting ID: 894 5920 6464 Password: 063560

Sunday Worship – May 10 – 10:00 AM

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://zoom.us/j/5663185411> Meeting ID: 566 318 5411

Wednesday, May 13 – 7:30 PM – Bible Study

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://zoom.us/j/5663185411> Meeting ID: 566 318 5411

Congregation Council Meeting - Thursday, May 14 - 2020 7:00 PM

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5663185411> Meeting ID: 566 318 5411

Sunday Worship - Sunday, May 17 – 10:00 AM

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Stewardship Snippets (Fifth Sunday of Easter)

“But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.” - 1 Peter 2:9.

We have a long way to go to recover from the COVID-19 pandemic, AND we have a special part to play. Peter reminds us that we belong to God and are called to proclaim the good news and work for justice, peace, and mercy.

Food/Financial Assistance Available

With the loss of jobs and income during the COVID-19, the ability to put food on the table has become critical for many. Because of this need Mission Endowment and Outreach Committee has designated its second quarter distribution to provide **Giant Eagle Gift Cards** confidentially to those in food or financial need. **If you or your family needs assistance or you know someone in the community who does, please contact Pastor Zimmerman 412-585-1628.** Your 2nd Quarter Mission Emphasis offerings will also go to helping provide assistance to people locally.

Council Meeting – May 14

St. John Council will have a virtual meeting on Thursday, May 14 at 7:00 PM. Zoom meeting information is listed above.

Bible Study Wednesday Evenings at 7:30

On Wednesday May 13, Pastor Zimmerman will continue to lead an evening bible study through Zoom meetings. Join the group by clicking on this link: <https://zoom.us/j/5663185411>

2Q20 Mission Emphasis

As of **May 3, 2020,** the congregation has given **\$303.00 towards the purchase of Giant Eagle Gift Cards.** With two months left in this quarter, let’s see how many families we can help during the COVID-19 pandemic by providing them with food and financial assistance. As always, thank you for your continued support of our Mission Emphasis campaigns.

Stewardship Book Study "Grateful: The Transformative Power of Giving Thanks"

Join the SWPA Synod Stewardship Committee in an online book study of *Grateful: The Transformative Power of Giving Thanks* by Diana Butler Bass. This time of physical distancing is challenging and difficult for everyone in very different ways. Yet we are finding examples of great generosity and hearing stories of gratitude and thankfulness. We invite you to join your sisters and brothers across the synod in an online book study about the history, practicality and great wonder of Gratitude. A word that is more than an emotion, an ethic or a practice. "If gratitude is good, why is it so hard to do? In 'Grateful,' Diana Butler Bass untangles our conflicting understandings of gratitude and sets the table for a renewed practice of giving thanks." – From the Publisher. There will be 4 study group gatherings for 4 consecutive weeks. Each week we will offer the same discussion at two different times in order to accommodate various schedules. **You are welcome to join one or both discussions or join different ones each week, on Tuesdays at 7pm and Thursdays at 1pm beginning May 19.** For details go to <https://www.swpasynod.org/calendar/gratefulbook>

Faithful Giving

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

In Our Prayers

Please contact the church office for 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); Bobby Davidson (son of Bob & Sherry Davidson); 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); 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:	\$ 3,628.00**	**Benevolence:	\$ 180.95
Last Week's Designated Giving:	\$ 477.95**	**Building & Maintenance:	\$ 100.00
2020 YTD General Giving:	\$ 56,393.36	**Food Bank:	\$ 11.00
2020 YTD Designated Giving:	\$ 8,570.20	**Mission Emphasis:	\$ 161.00
2020 YTD Receipts: \$	\$ 64,963.56	**Mission Endowment:	\$ 25.00