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# St. John Lutheran Church



## Mission Statement

*St. John is a living witness to the love of God as shown in Jesus Christ.*

*We gather faithfully in His name to **worship** and praise Him; and we go forth in peace to **share** the Good News and to **serve** the world around us.*

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Dear my brother and sisters in Christ,

I want to express the deep thanks of both Carol and myself for allowing us to be part of this community and the privilege to serve as your pastor for these almost six years. We also want to thank you for the wonderful farewell reception, the thoughtful gifts you gave us and the kind words and blessings as the two of us begin this new adventure they call "retirement."

Know you will continue to be in our prayers, and I wish the best for your continuing ministry to the Mars community and beyond. My favorite prayer seems appropriate for both the congregation and Carol and I:

"O God, you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen." (ELW pg. 317)

Yours in Christ,  
*Pastor Bob Zimmerman*



## Upcoming Zoom Meetings and Worship Services

### **Sunday Worship – May 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 – 9:00 AM**

**Join Zoom for 10:30 AM service:** <https://zoom.us/j/5663185411> Meeting ID: 566 318 5411 PW: Luther  
Available on our **YouTube Channel:** <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC35PpgMPeMgDRNmKYKssxvQ>  
**and the church Facebook page:** [St John Lutheran Church Mars PA](#) later in the day.  
Join Zoom Meeting: <https://zoom.us/j/5663185411> Meeting ID: 566 318 5411 PW: Luther

### **Trustees Meeting – May 2 – 8:30 AM - In person and on Zoom.**

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

### **Deacons Meeting – May 4 – 7:00 PM – In person and on Zoom.**

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### **Elders Meeting – May 6 – 7:00 PM – In person and on Zoom.**

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### **Council Meeting – May 11 – 7:00 PM - In person and on Zoom.**

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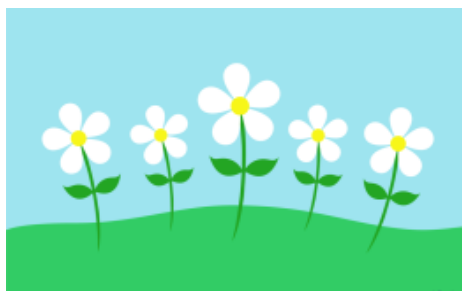
### **Executive Committee Meeting – May 13 – 7:00 PM - In person and on Zoom.**

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

## **Digital Media Committee**

Church Council has deemed a need to start a digital media committee. The responsibilities of this committee will be to provide input on redesigning the webpage, recording and distributing worship video, and maintaining the different media platforms we use such as the website, Facebook, YouTube, etc.

If anyone has interest in being on this new committee please contact Jamie Weaver at [jweaver4020@yahoo.com](mailto:jweaver4020@yahoo.com) or 412-629-0298. Thank you in advance.



## Vestry News Corner



### **Trustees**

As you know the trustees along with the help of the Sunday school kids will be repainting all of the Christmas Angels. This activity will take place in the middle of June. Any one that could donate white latex paint for the first part of this project will be appreciated. You can bring you donation to the church.

### **Treasurer & Financial Secretary**

Income for month of March:	\$ 14,766.73
Expenses for the month of March:	\$ 19,548.01
Remaining:	\$ - 6,181.28
Given to Benevolence/Mission Support:	\$ - 528.95
Food Bank	\$ - 622.00
Maintenance Fund	\$ - 250.00
Monthly deficit:	\$ - 6182.66

### **Elders**

Elders are busy working through the education process now that Pastor has retired. Keith Cardinal has stepped up to teach confirmation classes. Dominic and McKenna will be making their confirmation on Reformation Sunday. Planning a Mini-golf family outing for June. Working on plans for Mother's Day and Father's Day! Also working on other items such as possible campfire services, picnic stuff and a baptism for the Knauff grandchildren. Madison Cardinal will be joining us as a new Elders member! We welcome her and her new young input.

### **Deacons**

Save the date! Bring your favorite lawn chair to Adams Park on July 25th at 9am. We will have worship, picnic food, games, bingo and other activities! It's a great time for all!!

Our Outdoor Food Pantry has new items and signage. Please everyone spread the word. Please take any food items that you may need.

### **Old Candles**

St. John has a number of half-burned and old candles in sacristy that need to go. They would be perfect for anyone who would like to melt them down for a craft project. If interested, please contact Cindy Knauff.

## MARCH CPR CERTIFICATION

On Saturday March 20th we had 15 people from our congregation get certified in CPR and AED training. The students range from age 15 to elderly. We have an AED located at the bottom of the stairs that leads to the greeting area. Please make yourself familiar with its location. This machine will walk you through all the steps in the event of an emergency. You could save someone's life. Thank you to all who attended. If there are any other people who would like to be trained, please see Denise Hager. We can schedule another class.



## ***Stewards of Our Elders' Wisdom***

“Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you.” – **Exodus 20:12**

This month and next, as our culture celebrates Mother’s Day and Father’s Day, God’s people can make the occasions much more substantive than just greeting cards, gifts, and dinners for a few select relatives.

Instead, we can lift up the knowledge, wisdom and perspective that we possess from not only the mother and father figures in our own circles, but all the older men and women who have enriched our communities with their lives and experiences.

The wisdom of the past has helped people of every age to navigate the challenges of their times. Many communities in the world honor, respect, and value as “elders” their oldest members. It’s something we surely can use in 21<sup>st</sup> century North America. Ours is a time of unprecedented change – both in the sweep of change and in the speed at which things are changing.

Our older members can give us perspective and patience and wisdom. Here are some ideas:

- Engage elders about issues facing you, your congregation and community. Listen deeply. Take notes.
- Enter into their thought world: How do they frame issues? What are their underlying assumptions? What sources help inform and inspire them?
- Compare their approaches to seeing the world and navigating challenges with your own. What is helpful? What can assist you?

Learning from our elder mother and father figures may be the best way to not only honor them, but also help us find our own way in life.

*--Rob Blezard*

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5/07 Jessica Woomer  
5/08 Erin Weaver  
5/08 Amy Werner  
5/11 Ruth Ann Tully  
5/14 Valerie Cardinal  
5/18 John Tully  
5/20 Olivia Claus  
5/23 Steve Schnelle  
5/24 Ella Niklewicz  
5/28 Janmarie Leikauf  
5/31 Carolyn Jarrett

### **Chair Aerobics Continuing through May**

Our chair aerobics continues at 6:30 PM in the church hall. Social distancing and masks are required. Any questions, speak to Kim Richards.

### **May Assisting Ministers**

**May 2 & 30 – Ruth Ann Tully**

**May 9, 16, 23 – Valerie Cardinal**

# May Newsletter

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