

St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church
Emmaus, Pennsylvania
Second Sunday in Lent, February 24, 2013

ANNOUNCEMENTS

“**Bulletin Recycling**” is available in the back of the nave. However, please feel free to take either or both the liturgy bulletin and announcements with you.

Items for the **Allentown Ecumenical Food Bank** can be placed in the grocery cart at the rear of the nave or in the plastic bin in the coatroom outside the Parish Hall.

Wednesdays in Lent -- we gather at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall for fellowship around a “Soup and Bread Supper.” At 7:30 p.m. we gather in the Sanctuary for a Lenten service of Evening Prayer. We are again using the very beautiful and melodic musical setting of Evening Prayer written by Marty Haugen. If you can help by donating soup or bread, please call Barb LaMotte at 610-967-1776.

Lenten Devotions -- Daily devotions for the season of Lent are available by email. The theme of the devotions is *Clothed in God's Grace*. To receive the devotions as a daily email, go to www.lutherseum.edu/godpause and click the button “SIGN UP FOR GOD PAUSE”. (God Pause is a daily devotion available year-round. The Lenten devotional series is part of God Pause. You can unsubscribe at any time.) A printed copy of the devotions is available from the church office upon request.

Easter Flowers -- Flowers to decorate the sanctuary must be ordered early. Please complete an order form (found in your February Newsletter or at various locations around the church) and return it to the church office by the deadline of Friday, March 8.

Book Swap & Pot-luck Lunch -- On **March 3**, we will have a pot luck luncheon followed by a book and DVD swap. We will be starting the luncheon in the parish hall at 12 noon. A sign-up sheet is on the parish hall bulletin board and you can sign up for a main course or a dessert. Drinks will be provided. There is a large box in the parish hall coatroom for books and DVD's. Donations are welcome and you don't have to attend the event to donate, so clean off your shelves. Please have your donations in the box by 8 am on March 3. As an added attraction, Carrie Alpago will be having activities for young children. Welcome to all and get ready for your summer reading. Call 610-965-5419 with questions. Joan Collette, Marybeth McFarland and Mary Bealer

Music Notes -- The **Sunday School** children (pre-K through 5th grade) would like to share their music at the 10:30 worship hour on March 10. Please plan to attend so that your child(ren) can participate in their time of praise.

If your preferred worship hour is the 8:00 am service and if you like to sing, please consider joining the **Senior Choir**. 7:15 evening rehearsals would be in the sanctuary the Thursday prior to the Sunday the choir sings at 8:00 am. The scheduled Sundays for the 8:00 choir are February

24, March 24, March 31, April 28, and May 26. Your talent is valued!

The **L&R Cemetery Board** requests that, in preparation for Easter, all flowers currently at the cemetery be removed by Sunday, March 17. A dumpster for your convenience is scheduled to be on site on Friday, March 1.

Blood Drive – Mark your calendar our third annual blood drive on Sunday, April 14.

New Member Sessions – Persons considering membership at St. John's are invited to attend the Membership Preparation Sessions, *Come Grow With Us*. There are six (6) sessions beginning Sunday, April 7, 9:15-10:15 a.m. The sessions continue at the same time through Sunday, May 12. They are a great way to get acquainted with other members of St. John's and to learn about St. John's. Please contact the Church Office for more information or to register your intention to attend.

Sponsors for Flowers & Bulletins are needed for upcoming dates. Please check the sign-up charts on the bulletin board outside the Parish Hall.