

St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church
Emmaus, Pennsylvania
3rd Sunday in Lent – March 7, 2010

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.

Today is Bear Creek Camp Sunday, a celebration of our church's Outdoor Ministries. We welcome Pastor Bob Stover, Executive Director of the Camp, who is preaching and leading a session during the Sunday School hour in the Parish Hall this morning. A special offering envelope is available in your bulletin and at the usher stands for those who would like to support this important ministry of our church.

Lent Mid-week Services – On Wednesday, March 10, we will gather at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall for a Soup and Bread Supper. At 7:30 all gather in the Sanctuary for the service of Evening Prayer. If you can help by donating soup or bread, please call Barb LaMotte at 610-967-1776.

Social Ministry Lenten Project – During the Lenten season, the Social Ministry Committee will be collecting NEW stuffed Teddy Bears (huggable size) to be given as gifts on Easter to residents in nursing homes. Collection of the teddy bears continues through Sunday, March 21 (5th Sunday in Lent). Collection baskets are at the back of the nave.

Hope, Comfort, and Love in Life's Final Chapter – A special Adult Education series will be held on Sundays, March 14, 21, and 28, at 9:15 a.m., in the Parish Hall. The series will be led by Pastor Wayne, Sylvia Havlish and attorney John Ashcraft. Topics will include “Five Wishes” (how you wish to be treated if you become seriously ill), Living Wills, Funeral Arrangements, Funeral Service Wishes, and the Dynamics of Loss and Grieving. Sylvia Havlish, M.Ed. (Counseling), has specialized in Bereavement Counseling and Support for more than 30 years.

Easter Lilies – Order Deadline is March 15! – Orders for lily plants for decorating the church on Easter (April 4) are now being accepted. Order forms are available throughout the church and were also included in your March newsletter. Please remember that everyone wanting to place an order must complete a form and submit it along with payment to the church office. The cost is \$8. Deadline is Monday, March 15.

St. John's Lunch Bunch – Join us for lunch on the second Friday in March- **March 12-** at *The Willows, 1935 Willow Lane, East Texas*. There's no agenda! Just fellowship with other St. John's friends. Meet us at 11:30 a.m. Our hosts in March are Bob and Dolly Wieand. Please R.S.V.P. at 610-965-9327 by Monday, March 8, so we can reserve adequate space for our group.

BYOB (Bible) Study – No meetings during Lent. We will resume on April 7 with the topic of Hannah. We will meet at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Carlene Morrow, 722 Franklin St., Emmaus. Carlene will also be the study leader.

Tonight – Town Hall Forum with ELCA Presiding Bishop Mark Hanson

You are invited to take part in an online nationwide conversation about the mission and ministry of the ELCA, live, 5:00-6:00 p.m., March 7, at www.elca.org/townhall. You can log in to post questions or just listen to the discussion with thousands of other ELCA members in this Town Hall Forum with Bishop Hanson.

All-Committee Follow-up Meeting – Saturday, March 27, 10-11:30 a.m. in the Parish Hall.

This is an open meeting for all committees and their members serving St. John's. We will follow up on the ideas that came forth at the first meeting. We had very good attendance with a lot of excitement and energy. Please plan to attend!

The **March Newsletter** was mailed this past Monday but please remember you can always view it on line at www.stjohnsemmaus.org.

Cemetery Update – Because of the snow, we are extending the time to remove Christmas decorations and Yule logs to March 15. After that date the Yule logs may be picked up at the shed until March 30. Call Debbie at 610-657-6473 if you need her assistance.

Copies of the March **Lehigh Mission District Newsletter** are available at the usher stands.