

St. John Announcements for March 1, 2020
Office Hours ~ Monday - Friday 8:00 am - 2:00 pm
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WEEKLY SCHEDULE

The St. John nursery is available for your use, as needed, during worship and Sunday school time. It is not staffed.

SUNDAY, MARCH 8

9:00 am Worship
10:30 am Sunday School and Bible Class
10:30 am Handbell Choir Practice

TUESDAY, MARCH 10

6:30 pm Youth Group
7 pm Elders

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11

5:00 pm Confirmation
5:30 – 6:45 pm Dinner served by Youth Group
(Italian Food)
7:00 pm Lenten Service
Choir Practice following service

THURSDAY, MARCH 12

7 pm Book of Concord Study

SATURDAY, MARCH 14

9 am Men's Bible Breakfast

SUNDAY, MARCH 15

9:00 am Worship
Youth Bake Sale
10:30 am Sunday School and Bible Class
10:30 am Handbell Choir Practice

UPCOMING EVENTS & MEETINGS

TUESDAY, MARCH 17

6:30 pm Youth Group
7 pm Dartball

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18

5:00 pm Confirmation
5:30 – 6:45 pm Dinner served by Outreach
7:00 pm Lenten Service
Choir Practice following service

THURSDAY, MARCH 19

7:00 pm BOA

SATURDAY, MARCH 21

9 am Altar Guild Meeting

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25

5:30 – 6:45 pm Dinner served by Church Property
7:00 pm Lenten Service
Choir Practice following service

SATURDAY, MARCH 28

12:30 – 2 pm Youth Group at Phil's Friends

SUNDAY, MARCH 29

Congregational Meeting following Service
Dartball Tournament (away)

PHIL'S FRIENDS: Our youth group is planning a service project at Phil's Friends on Saturday, March 28, 12:30-2:00pm. We will be assembling care packages for those battling cancer. All are welcome. All volunteers must complete a Volunteer Waiver Form the first time they volunteer.

Visit <https://philsfriends.org/individual-volunteer-opportunities/>

Easter Lilies The Altar Guild will once again be ordering Easter Lilies to beautify our chancel area for the Easter Sunday. Order forms for the Easter Lilies are located on the table at the entrance to the Sanctuary and in the Narthex. The cost is \$15.00 each and order forms need to be turned in by March 30th.



Prayer Chain at St. John's. The Prayer Chain has prayer warriors which are always willing to pray for anyone in need. If you would like to become a prayer warrior, please contact Carol Evans 815-895-3212 or June Kamm at 815-981-8389.

HEBREWS BIBLE STUDY...LCMS Pastor Will Weedon will begin a Bible study this week on the Book of Hebrews. The *Word of the Lord Endures Forever* is a daily 15 minute verse-by-verse Bible study produced by Lutheran Public Radio. You can listen at your convenience at thewordendures.org and on the LPR mobile app.

Affirming Life – Reaching Out! A Workshop for Life Affirming Lutherans is on Saturday, March 14, 2020, 8:30 a.m. to noon, at Trinity Lutheran Church in Tinley Park. The program, presented by the Northern Illinois District Life Task Force, features Rev. Michael Salemink, Executive Director of Lutherans For Life. Rev. Salemink will present “How to Be a Life-Minded Congregation and Community” and give an overview of current pro-life issues. Trinity Lutheran Church is at 6850 W 159th St, in Tinley Park, Illinois (TLCS.org Registration is requested. RSVP to Kris Blackwell, at kbwrk123@gmail.com or 630.234.1491.

KIDS IN THE DIVINE SERVICE

Why do we celebrate Lent for 40 days?

Don't forget what Lent is all about! It is a time when we are reminded of what Jesus gave up for us, and a time when we look forward to and prepare for His death and resurrection!



We celebrate Lent for six weeks, or 40 days, as we remember Christ's temptation in the wilderness in the Gospel of Matthew. There **Jesus was without food** for 40 days.



We remember the temptation of **the Israelites in the desert** after the Lord had delivered them from Egypt. This lasted 40 years.



Finally, we can remember the story of **Noah and his family**. After 40 days and 40 nights of rain, the Lord delivered them as He promised.

During these 40 days of Lent, we remember God's faithfulness to His people and how His faithfulness is complete in Jesus, our Savior. Jesus remains faithful to us, always being where He promises to be: in His Word and Sacraments. Wow! What a Savior!



Parents: Continue to encourage your children in their Lenten preparation. During worship, point out the places where our Lord comes to us (i.e. God's Word, Holy Communion, Holy Baptism, Absolution). Remember, being their example and companion on this Lenten journey makes a difference!

