

St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church
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Office Hours: Monday - Friday 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM

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Worship Schedule: 8:30 AM Traditional 10:15 AM Praise Service

Adult Forum and Kid's Sunday School Forum weekly at 9:40 AM



St. John's Council Members

Don Graham - Council President
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Barbara Berberich - Financial Secretary
Kathy Weirback - Treasurer
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The Reverend Dr. Susie Folks, Pastor (610) 662-0233

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Christine Nyce, Jesse Dorn - Sextons





March 2020

Saint and Sinners ~

The whole month of March is in the season of Lent, except the Sundays, of course! J

So, we really have to think about how we are living our lives. By now you will all have heard the words of the Lenten disciplines, but let's look at them again:

Brothers and sisters: God created us to experience joy in communion with him, to love all humanity, and to live in harmony with all of his creation. But sin separates us from God, our neighbors, and creation, and so we do not enjoy the life our Creator intended for us. Also, by our sin we grieve our Father, who does not desire us to come under his judgment, but to turn to him and live.

As disciples of the Lord Jesus we are called to struggle against everything that leads us away from love of God and neighbor. **Repentance, fasting, prayer, and works of love**—the discipline of Lent—help us to wage our spiritual warfare. I invite you, therefore, to commit yourselves to this struggle and confess your sins, asking our Father for strength to persevere in your Lenten discipline.

By now you will have come to terms with your fasting. From what will you fast. The blurb from our synod website, which in turn is from the ELCA, suggests an additional fast from plastic, or other climate ruining objects. It's not too late to add something else, so please take a moment to follow the links.

And I hope that you have designated a place for you "Works of love" i.e. almsgiving, or perhaps a method of how you utilize the gifts. There are as many options as there are people, so if you haven't yet committed to a particular cause or method, use your imaginations and "ACTION."

Prayer, of course, is not something new for us. Whenever we gather together prayer is a part of our worship of God. But we're asked during Lent to pray more fervently, perhaps for and about new and different things for us.

During this time there is a huge emphasis on repentance, and during Lent we do not hear the forgiveness of our sins during worship. Remember that during Lent, if you would like to have absolution, just ask and we can have individual confession and forgiveness.

When we add these Lenten disciplines to our daily life, God becomes even more present to us. We are reminded of the constant journey to the cross that we trod with Jesus, and we look to the cross, and what will come after.

A Blessed Lent ~

Pastor Susie Folks

Please note that the deadline for submissions for St. John's April 2020

Newsletter will be Wednesday, March 18th.

Submissions can be e-mailed to the church office at: stjohnsridgevalley910@gmail.com



When corresponding with the church office, please be sure to use the proper email address which is stjohnsridgevalley910@gmail.com.



An Initial offering envelope was included in your 2020 1st quarter mailing. This giving envelope helps to offset the cost of our yearly envelopes that are mailed to our church members. In 2019, the cost of offering envelopes was \$518. Please consider contributing, it's not too late. If you have already done so, thank you, it is much appreciated!
Barb Berberich, St. John's Financial Secretary

Celebrating Birthdays

MARCH BIRTHDAYS - HAVE A WONDERFUL YEAR!

9th	Mark B	26th	Courtney K
13th	Owen S		Don G
15th	Cheryl W	27th	Richard B
17th	Barb B		Walter K
18th	Dave B	28th	Penny M
19th	Linda T	31st	Nicole S



When we pray together, we storm the gates of heaven. Please pray with one another for healing and the well being of our members: The family of Michael Altomare, Richard Baxter, Esther Belles, Stella Crouthamel, Charlie Guent, Ralph Heffendrager, Lorelai Hopkins, Barbara Klinger, Hannah Lewis, Richard Rapp, Fred Schirk, Michael Trauger, Harriet Woehr and our friends Susan App, Sean Brandt, Eddie Galgon, Dawn Rush, Elizabeth Schmitt. Also MaryLou & Joan, Susie Diehl's friends.

The Homebound: - Francis Allem, Edna Barndt, Pauline Berndt, Pauline Brensinger, Lucille Caruso, William Clayton, Richard Croisette, Stella Crouthamel, Carolyn Hafler, Ralph Heffendrager, Glenn Herd, Bob Kulp, Margie Kulp, Ida Leister, Blanche Matczak, Naomi Nase, Shirley Nase, Myrna Reppert, Marguerite (Peggy) Rohl, Mark Trauger, Elaine Turner, Harriet Woehr.

The Military: Pvt. Cody Hotter, Steven Walter, Jacob Baxter, Luke Dixon, and Bryanne Kelly.

SOCIAL MINISTRY REPORT FOR FEBRUARY, 2020

On Souper Bowl Sunday we collected \$89.36! This money will be sent to Penridge FISH. Souper Bowl Sunday is a nationwide program that calls attention to feeding those who are struggling to put food on their tables. Let's make next year even better. Thanks to all who donated to help folks in our local area.

Also, I want to extend a huge "thank you" to all who donated socks and undies for the benefit of the children at Martin Luther – Silver Springs School. These items will supplement their clothing room. I'm told that socks have a way of disappearing so they are so grateful our donations. I will deliver these items along with the large tote at the April meeting of the Auxiliary meeting. I think the date is April 7th. I will post where that meeting will be held. All are invited to attend. We will sponsor Undie Sundays again next year.

Respectfully Submitted,
Marianne Yeakel



- * **A memorial was received in loving memory of Linda Marcinko from Margie Kulp.**
- * **Memorials were received in loving memory of Shirley Schirk from Myrna Reppert and Margie Kulp.**
- * **A memorial was received in loving memory of Arlene Kulp from Margie Kulp.**

Adult Sunday School Report to Council, 10 February, 2020

One recent Sunday, the class looked at Paul 1 Corinthians 1:10-18. There Paul appealed to the early believers “that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same purpose”. The class discussed how, unfortunately, there are still divisions among Christians today, hence the many denominations of Christ’s church. Jesus final prayer, “Let them be one” still goes unanswered. (John 17:21).

The class talked about how we do share common communion among some denominations. Also, there is more of a spirit of ecumenism these days than a generation or two ago. I pointed out a good movie about reform in the Roman Catholic church, driven by Pope Francis. The movie is called “The Two Popes”, and went into the theological sparring between then Pope Benedict and the now Pope Francis. It is a good flick, and I recommend it.

We know in our own Lutheran church, much has changed in 40 years. One person pointed out how women could not be pastors not that long ago. Many denominations still wrestle with, and are split, by hot button topics such as gay marriage. While we Christians do have our differences of opinion, one thing we can all agree on is to love God, and love our neighbor. Also, we should remember that as Christians, we are all brothers and sisters in Christ. With Jesus’ teachings and example of sacrifice, perhaps we can all share a common communion one day.

Sincerely,
Don Graham



Friday, March 20th – Saturday March 21st, St. John's youth Grade 5 and up are invited to attend. We will have a project for animal shelter, games, ping-pong, bowling at Earl Bowl, movie and FOOD! You are encouraged to invite one friend who is not a St. John's member. More info to come! Please contact Denise Rogers or Anthony Martella with any questions.



...let him take up his cross and follow me. (Mark 8:34)

Stewardship Prayer

O God, our loving Creator and giver of all our good gifts, bless our church, strengthen our faith and grant us the spirit of Christian stewardship so that we may give generously of our time, talent and money to the spread of your kingdom here in our church and throughout the world.

This we ask through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever.

AMEN.

It's time to order Easter Flowers
as we prepare to celebrate the
Resurrection
of our Lord Jesus Christ!



Lilies \$9.00
1 plant/4-6
blooms in
each 6" pot

Tulips \$7.00
6 plants/
6 blooms
in each 6" pot

Daffodils \$6.00
3 plants/
5-7 blooms
in each 6" pot

Order forms can be found in the bulletins through March and on
our website site's home page at:
<http://www.stjohnsridgvalley.com>.

Place form and remittance in the offering plate or mail to: St.
John's Lutheran Church Ridge Valley, 910 Allentown Rd.,
Sellersville, PA 18960.

You can also email your order to
stjohnsridgvalley910@gmail.com

ALL ORDERS ARE DUE BY:
SUNDAY, MARCH 22, 2020.

Easter Flowers Order Form 2020

Lilies \$9.00; Tulips \$7.00; Daffodils \$6.00

In Memory Of: _____

In Honor Of: _____

Given by: _____

Phone Number: _____



Lilies (1 plant/4-6 blooms in each 6" pot)
_____ QTY @ \$9.00 each Total: \$ _____



Tulips (6 plants/6 blooms in each 6" pot)
_____ QTY @ \$7.00 each Total: \$ _____



Daffodils (3 plants/ 5-7 blooms in each 6" pot)
_____ QTY @ \$6.00 each Total: \$ _____

Grand Total\$ _____

Place form and remittance in the offering plate.
You can also email your order to stjohnsridgvalley@gmail.com

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EASTER EGG



Rain-shine

HUNT

Saturday - April 4th @ 10:00 AM SHARP

After Easter Breakfast

**CHILDREN UP TO & INCLUDING 6TH GRADE
EVERY CHILD INVITED TO THE PRIZE TABLE.**



BREAKFAST TICKETS

\$8.00 FOR ADULTS

\$3.00 FOR CHILDREN (4-10 YRS)

CHILDREN UNDER 4 YEARS ARE FREE

**TICKETS AVAILABLE AFTER WORSHIP SERVICES
AND DAY OF BREAKFAST**



**MARCH 2020 WORSHIP ASSISTANT LIST
8:30 AM WORSHIP –TRADITIONAL**

	March 1	March 8	March 15	March 22	March 29	April 5 Palm Sunday
ACOLYTE	Allyson Gilton	Logan Kemp	Allyson Gilton	Logan Kemp	Allyson Gilton	Logan Kemp
ALTAR GUILD	Brenda Wall Volunteer	Brenda Wall Volunteer	Brenda Wall Volunteer	Brenda Wall Volunteer	Brenda Wall Volunteer	Denise Rogers Eileen Woehr
BELL RINGER	Walt Kolb	Dennis Marcinko	Walt Kolb	Dennis Marcinko	Walt Kolb	Dennis Marcinko
GREETERS RAMP ALLENTOWN ROAD	Carol Croisette Gary Croisette	Loretta Detweiler Sandy Rosenberger	Greg Gilton Maryann Gilton	Lee Felbinger Sue Felbinger	Vicki Dixon Lois Guerst	Loretta Detweiler Dennis Marcinko
LECTOR	Penny Markley	Brenda Wall	Bonnie Schirk	Don Graham	Lois Guerst	Doug Kemp
TELLERS	Rick Croisette Jesse Dorn David Schirk	Brenda Wall Chris Wall Sue Crouthamel	Vicki Dixon Phyllis Kogel Nancy Esposito	Denise Rogers Greg Gilton Volunteer	Penny Markley Don Graham Cheryl Fuhrman	Rick Croisette Jesse Dorn David Schirk
USHERS	Chris Wall Brenda Wall	Loretta Detweiler Sandy Rosenberger	Greg Gilton Maryann Gilton	Lee Felbinger Sue Felbinger	Vicki Dixon Lois Guerst	Chris Wall Brenda Wall
WORSHIP ASSISTANT	Pia Graham	Volunteer	Pia Graham	Volunteer	Pia Graham	Pia Graham
COMMUNION ASSISTANTS ELEMENTS	Lois Guerst Carol Croisette Gary Croisette	Denise Rogers Jesse Dorn Logan Kemp	Phyllis Kogel Dennis Marcinko David Schirk	Brenda Wall Chris Wall Denise Rogers	Vicki Dixon Lois Guerst Jesse Dorn	Loretta Detweiler Greg Gilton Maryann Gilton
COFFEE FELLOWSHIP	Group 1	Group 2	Group 3	Group 4	Group 5	Group 1

**MARCH 2020 WORSHIP ASSISTANT LIST
10:15 AM WORSHIP –CONTEMPORARY**

	March 1	March 8	March 15	March 22	March 29	April 5 Palm Sunday
ACOLYTE	Lailah Good	Lorelei Hopkins	Lailah Good	Lorelei Hopkins	Lailah Good	Lorelei Hopkins
ALTAR GUILD	Brenda Wall Volunteer	Brenda Wall Volunteer	Brenda Wall Volunteer	Brenda Wall Volunteer	Brenda Wall Volunteer	Denise Rogers Eileen Woehr
BELL RINGER	Bill Woehr	Rick Croisette	Lynn Crouthamel	Greg Fuhrman	Bill Woehr	Rick Croisette
GREETERS RAMP ALLENTOWN ROAD	Sue Marx Lynn Crouthamel	Betty Croisette Rick Croisette	Sue Marx Lynn Crouthamel	Lynn Crouthamel Sue Crouthamel	Eileen Woehr Bill Woehr	Betty Croisette Rick Croisette
LECTOR	Sue Crouthamel	Greg Fuhrman	Linda Good Allen	Lynne Kelly	Sue Crouthamel	Greg Fuhrman
TELLERS	Rick Croisette Jesse Dorn David Schirk	Brenda Wall Chris Wall Sue Crouthamel	Vicki Dixon Phyllis Kogel Nancy Esposito	Denise Rogers Greg Gilton Volunteer	Penny Markley Don Graham Cheryl Fuhrman	Rick Croisette Jesse Dorn David Schirk
USHERS	Greg Fuhrman Cheryl Fuhrman	Betty Croisette Rick Croisette	Sue Marx Lynn Crouthamel	Lynn Crouthamel Sue Crouthamel	Eileen Woehr Bill Woehr	Greg Fuhrman Cheryl Fuhrman
WORSHIP ASSISTANT	Sue Crouthamel	Sue Crouthamel	Sue Crouthamel	Lynne Kelly	Lynne Kelly	Sue Crouthamel
COMMUNION ASSISTANTS ELEMENTS	Lynn Crouthamel Sue Marx Eileen Woehr	Greg Fuhrman Dalton Berberich Lynn Crouthamel	Bill Woehr Lailah Good Sue Marx	Lynn Crouthamel Betty Croisette Rick Croisette	Greg Fuhrman Cheryl Fuhrman Sue Crouthamel	Bill Woehr Dalton Berberich Eileen Woehr
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If you are unable to serve on the day you are scheduled, please arrange to switch with another person on the schedule, then contact the Church Office by the Wednesday of the week you had been scheduled. Thank you.