

A New 6-Week Series Begins April 18th!

A 6-week series entitled **Red Letter Challenge** will begin today. It is a 40-day discipleship challenge that is designed to get everyone into the Word of God, particularly Jesus' Words, which in most Bibles are in red letters. Each Sunday a new topic will be introduced, and daily emails will be sent out that week with a small reading assignment and something to think about concerning the topic. This series and daily exercises are designed to challenge everyone and to put Jesus' Words into action. Jesus says at the end of His Sermon on the Mount that everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock! Let's build our houses on the rock instead of in the sand. Join us in person or online each Sunday.

Today—Getting Going

April 25th—Being

May 2nd—Forgiving

May 9th—Serving

May 16th—Giving

May 23rd—Going

Volunteers Needed to Mow/Trim Grass:

Now is the time to step up and do "Whatever it Takes" to keep the outside of St. John looking beautiful! If you can't mow every week, maybe you could find someone willing to share the responsibility. We are asking for an hour of your time. Please contact Todd Sindlinger to volunteer at 717.201.0363. Thank you in advance for your help with this important task!

Hospitality Volunteers Needed for Lydia Woods Arrival!!

We are so excited to be able to welcome our new DCE intern, Lydia Woods, to St John Lutheran in July 2021. In order to help Lydia to adjust and adapt to life here in York, we would like to set up a committee of volunteers to help welcome her. This committee will do things like help secure an apartment for Lydia, host welcoming activities, as well as be available to help introduce Lydia to York so she can acclimate better. Please email Jill Lange at jilllange23@gmail.com if you are willing and able to be a part of this committee.

Thank you to Marcia Smyth for coordinating this LWR project! There was a total of 123 promise kits assembled on Sunday. Thank you to those that donated the items and to the 10 energetic and efficient volunteers that helped assemble the kits. They will be delivered to the Maryland distribution center soon.

GriefShare Info: GriefShare sessions are held on **Mondays** at 7:00pm and **Tuesdays** at 1:30pm through **ZOOM** only. If you would like to participate or know someone who is grieving, we encourage you to join us. Please contact Denise at Denisedsg@comcast.net or call 717-840-0382 to register and with any questions.

Virtual (Zoom) New Member Class Being Offered:

Beginning Tuesday, **April 20th** at 6:30PM a New Member Class will be offered via Zoom. This 6-week class will explore what it means to be Lutheran, as well as learn the mission, vision and values of St. John Lutheran Church. In this class you will also hear ways new members can use their gifts and talents to enhance the ministry of St. John. If you are considering becoming a member of the St. John family, we recommend that you go through this 45 min to 1 hour class. Class attendees are not required to become members, but it is hoped that once you hear about all the exciting ways God is working at St. John, you will be inspired to become part of His work. The classes will end on **May 25th** and new members will be received into fellowship during the worship services of **June 6th**. We have been accumulating a list of people, over the last year, who have expressed an interest in joining and we will contact those people via email. But if you are interested in participating in this class and have not been contacted, please email Pastor Cosgrove at pstrcosgrove@comcast.net and the Zoom link will be shared.

Compassion Center News:

Today (April 18) is Donation Sunday. Door #5 will be open for donations from 9:30am to 10:45am. Simply drive your car to Door #5 and someone will unload your donations. Thank-you!

Thanks to Tim Rehman for donating a massive supply of paper towels and cleaning items for the Center to give away, enabling us to show generosity and love to others.

Thanks to everyone who responded to our request for food by donating canned meat, fruit, and soup. Our food pantry is looking good! Prayers are that we can start Wednesday Chapel services in the near future.

Recently, a couple of Center visitors have asked about St. John and our worship services. Please keep us in prayer that we respond well to these inquires, and that these requests also become an opportunity to share our faith and the gospel.