

**Announcements for the week of
December 8, 2013
At St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church**

Angel Tree-Collection Day Today

Today is our collection day for gifts for residents at Glade Run Lutheran Services in Zelienople. If you took a tag, please be sure to return the gift in a gift bag with the tag attached to the outside of the bag. We are also collecting socks, underwear and toiletries for Glade Run Lutheran Services. If you purchase any of these, place them in the appropriate bins in the greeting area. Socks and underwear need to be adult sizes. The children prefer bikini or low ride for the girls and the boys prefer boxers or boxer briefs. They prefer low cut or no show socks. Hopefully you can find it in your heart to help those who are less fortunate during this holiday season. Thank you for your participation, I know the kids will really appreciate it. If you have any questions, please contact Denise Hager.

Christmas Poinsettias for the Church-LAST DAY TO ORDER!

A form is attached to this week's bulletin if you wish to purchase poinsettia plants to decorate the church for the Christmas season. *Today is the last day to place your order! Cost is \$7.25 for each 6.5" plant* and you may choose red, pink, white or marble plants.

Congregational Meeting – Today

The first part of our congregational meeting takes place today with the voting for the members of our vestry. The slate of candidates is as follows: **Deacons – Returning:** Sandy Hill, Frieda Carbo, Ruth Ann Tully, Erin Weaver. **Nominees:** Anne Olescyski, Missy Kramer, Jan Leikauf. **Elders-Returning:** Martha Ward, Sherry Davidson, Keith Cardinal, Jim Hopson. **Nominees:** Kim Richards, Gretchen Baysek, Sally Foster. **Trustees-Returning:** Jamie Weaver, David Knauff, Bob Davidson, John Tully. **Nominees:** Erik Holm, Matt Claus, Zach Claus

Women of Faith Christmas Program – This Friday – Dec. 13th – 7:00 p.m.

We will be presenting the Women of Faith Christmas Program at 7:00 PM at our church. This is a family Christmas program. We are inviting all churches in the area. There is no charge to attend. There will be refreshments served. Please mark your calendar for this wonderful event.

Area Church Events December 14th

Christmas Cookie Sale – December 14th at two area congregations: Old Union Presbyterian Church and Mars United Presbyterian Church are having cookie sales on December 14th. If you are interested in some baked goods before Christmas this is a great place to get some. Also, the evening of the 14th, Valencia Presbyterian Church has a dinner and a live nativity.

Parsonage Open House – December 21st

Pastor Mark will host *a Christmas Open House at the parsonage on Saturday, December 21st from 3-7:00 pm.* Please mark the date on your calendar and we hope you can join us.

Set Up for Christmas - December 22nd after late church

We will be setting up decorations for the season of Christmas after late church on the 23rd. We need as many people as possible to help hang candles, decorate the tree, put up lights and prepare for the coming of the king of kings. This is a fun and festive afternoon, please give us a hand.

Longest Night Service -- December 22nd 7:00 p.m.

Sometimes, during the long nights of winter, when the world is celebrating, we don't feel like it. This service is sometimes called a blue Christmas service – it is for those for whom Christmas doesn't feel like Christmas. But we are promised that the people who walk in darkness – have seen a great light. This service is for those who grieve but still need reminded of the light of Christ's love.

2014 Flower Chart

The chart for the coming year for those who wish to donate flowers for the altar for weekly services is now posted on the bulletin board in the greeting area. Please place your name on the list for the week you choose and you may either order the

flowers yourself or we can order them for you. You will be contacted the week before to verify ordering information and to ask for the intention for your donation.

Ladies Book Club

For the month of December, the *book club will meet on Monday, December 9th at 7 pm*. Please read the second chapter in preparation for the meeting.

Worship Helpers Sign-Up

There is a Worship Helpers sign-up sheet in the Greeting Area. Please consider signing up to help.

This Week at St. John

Sunday – December 8th	Worship (Second Sunday of Advent)	8:00 am
	Sunday School	9:15 am
	Worship (Second Sunday of Advent)	10:30 am
	Confirmation Class	1-3:00 pm
Monday—December 9th	Brown Bag Bible Study	12-1:30 pm
	Quilting Group	6:00 pm
	Ladies Book Club	7:00 pm
Wednesday – December 11th	Vestry Meeting	7:00 pm
Friday - December 13th	Women of Faith Christmas Program	7:00 pm
Sunday- December 15th	Worship (Third Sunday of Advent)	8:00 am
	Sunday School	9:15 am
	Worship (Third Sunday of Advent)	10:30 am
	Confirmation Class	2:30-4:30 pm