

**Announcements for the week of  
December 7, 2014  
At St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church**

**Welcome Pastor Susie**

Today we welcome back Pastor Marsella Esseck (Pastor Susie) to St. John as she joins with us to celebrate worship.

**Vestry Election – Today**

There will be one service today at 9:00 am. This will be the congregational meeting to elect vestry members for the coming year. We invite you to join us for breakfast following the meeting.

**Confirmation Class – December 14**

Our fourth Confirmation Class will be held *Sunday, December 14, 2014, from 3:20 – 5:30 pm*. We will meet in the church basement. If you have any questions, please contact Christine Dishong.

**Do you like Christmas Carols?**

St. John has an opportunity for you – a Christmas choir. No previous experience is necessary, just a willingness to share your talents in worship. We'll rehearse on Sundays between services (after breakfast on Dec. 7) and sing for the 7:30 pm service on Christmas Eve. If interested, please let Jacob know so he can plan accordingly.

**Living Nativity – Valencia Presbyterian Church**

The 4:12 Youth Group at Valencia Presbyterian Church will present *a Living Nativity on Saturday, December 13 from 6:30 - 8:00 pm*. Dinner will be served at 5:00 pm and reservations are required for dinner by December 8. Call 724-625-2002 to make reservations. This event is free, however a free-will offering will be collected to benefit Youth Ministries at VPC.

**A Festival of Lessons and Carols – December 14**

St John Lutheran Church will host a service of lessons and carols entitled *Peace Came to Earth*. The service will feature favorite Christmas carols and new songs celebrating the season and will include music for organ, flute, and guitar. **You are cordially invited to attend on Sunday, December 14, at 4:30pm.**

**Angel Tree**

During this holiday season, we will be sponsoring an Angel Tree for the residents at Glade Run Lutheran Services in Zelienople. If you take a tag with a child's name on it, please sign the sheet on the bulletin board next to the tree and check your name off when you bring in the gift. Do not wrap the gifts. Please put them in a gift bag with the tag attached to the outside. There is a list of gift guidelines. ***Please return your gift by Friday, December 12.***

We are also collecting socks, underwear and toiletries for Glade Run Lutheran Services. If you purchase 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 girls and boxers or boxer briefs for boys. They prefer low-cut or no-show socks. Hopefully you can find it in your heart this holiday season to help those who are less fortunate. Thank you for your participation, the kids will really appreciate it. If you have any questions, please contact Denise Hager.

**Christmas Poinsettias for the Church – Last Day to Order**

***Today is the last day to order Christmas poinsettias for the church.*** Forms are in the greeting area and in the front entrance to the church.

**Contact Information for John Roberts**

John's daughter, Margie Stepanovich, has provided John's new address for those at St. John who would like to stay in touch with him. John Roberts, Apt. 10, 5102 Parrish Street Extension, Canandaigua, NY 14424.

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**This Week at St. John**

<b>Sunday – December 7</b>	<b>Worship</b> <b>(Second Sunday of Advent)</b> <b>One service – Vestry Election</b>	<b>9:00 am</b>
	First Breakfast	9:15 am
<b>Monday – December 8</b>	Brown Bag Bible Study	Noon
<b>Tuesday – December 9</b>	Vestry Meeting	7:30 pm
<b>Sunday – December 14</b>	<b>Worship</b> <b>(Third Sunday of Advent)</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>
	Sunday School	9:00 am
	<b>Worship</b> <b>(Third Sunday of Advent)</b>	<b>10:30 am</b>
	Confirmation Class	3:20 – 5:30 pm
	<b>Festival of Lessons and Carols</b>	<b>4:30 pm</b>