

**Announcements for the week of
November 16, 2014
At St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church**

Welcome Pastor Byrum

Today we welcome Pastor Deborah Byrum to St. John as she joins with us to celebrate worship.

Local Interim Pastor

Pastor Nathaneil Christman will be our local interim pastor until the end of this year. He will not be conducting services, but will be available for home visits, counseling, and any pastoral emergencies. Pastor Christman's cell phone number is 651-328-1072.

Confirmation Class – TODAY!

Our third Confirmation class will be held on *today from 3:30 – 5:30 pm*. We will meet in the church basement. If you have any questions, please contact Christine Dishong.

Blood Drive – TODAY!

In conjunction with Central Blood Bank, St. John's will be hosting a blood drive today. *This will be held in the Social Hall from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm*. All participating donors will receive a coupon for a free Chick-fil-A sandwich. Walk-ins are welcome!

Christmas Poinsettias for the Church

A form is attached to this week's bulletin if you wish to purchase poinsettia plants to help decorate the church for the Christmas season. *Deadline to order is Sunday, December 7th. Cost is \$7.25 for each 6.5" plant* and you may choose red, pink, white or marble plants. Please return your order form with payment. Order early so you don't forget!

Book of Remembrance

As we celebrate All Saints during this month of November, we remember those who have gone before us in faith. Throughout this month, a Book of Remembrance will be available in the greeting area. You are encouraged to add to the book the names of those saints who were important in your life. Each of the remaining Sundays in November we will include the names added during the past week in our prayers. In doing so, we remember the great cloud of witnesses that surround us on our journey, not just for one day or one month, but every day of our lives.

Community Thanksgiving Eve Service

This year the service will be held at *7:30 pm on Wednesday, November 26 at Valencia Presbyterian Church, 80 Sterrett St., Valencia, PA 16059*.

Worship Assistants Needed

Please prayerfully consider if you would like to be an Assisting Minister during worship. As such, you are a representative of the people at the table. You would be responsible for reading the lessons, prayers, helping set the table, distribution of wine during communion, and sending. If there is no acolyte, then lighting and extinguishing the candles and receiving the gifts of offering. Requirements are being a member of St. John, being familiar with the liturgy and be willing to serve for a month. Training will be provided. If this is something you are interested in or have questions please speak to Sally Foster.

Change for Change at Glade Run

If you would like to donate your loose change, please deposit it in the jug in the greeting area. We will be collecting change for the next few months in order to help replenish funds that Glade Run makes available to assist families in need.

This Week at St. John

Sunday – November 16	Worship (Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost) Blood Drive Sunday School Worship (Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost)	8:00 am 8:00 am – 1:00 pm 9:00 am 10:30 am
Monday – November 17	Brown Bag Bible Study	Noon
Tuesday – November 18	Chair Aerobics	6:30 pm
Sunday – November 23	Worship (Christ the King) Sunday School Worship (Christ the King)	8:00 am 9:00 am 10:30 am