

**Announcements for the week of
November 23, 2014
At St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church**

Welcome Pastor Newpher

Today we welcome Pastor Robert Newpher to St. John as he joins with us to celebrate worship.

Baptism Today

Lucas Charles Kramer will be baptized today at the 10:30 am service. The Kramer family invites everyone to come downstairs to the social hall after the service to celebrate with them.

Brown Bag Bible Study

Please note the group will **NOT** be meeting this Monday, November 24. *We will resume our group study on Monday, December 1.*

Church Office Closed

Please note the church office will be closed on *Thursday, November 27 and Friday, November 28* for the Thanksgiving holiday.

Vestry Election – December 7

We will have only *one service on Sunday, December 7 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.

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.*

Update on John Roberts

John's daughter, Margie Stepanovich, sent an email to let the congregation know that her father is doing well in Cananadaigua, NY. He is well liked in his new home at an assisted living center. He misses everyone here, but has been going with his daughter to St. John Lutheran Church in their area. She will keep us updated on his new life in New York.

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.

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

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.

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 23	Worship (Christ the King) Sunday School Worship (Christ the King)	8:00 am 9:00 am 10:30 am
Wednesday – November 26	Thanksgiving Eve Service at Valencia Presbyterian Church	7:30 pm
Sunday – November 30	Worship (First Sunday of Advent) Sunday School Worship (First Sunday of Advent)	8:00 am 9:00 am 10:30 am