

**Announcements for the week of
November 30, 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.

Brown Bag Bible Study

Bible Study resumes on Monday, December 1 at Noon.

Baking for Meals on Wheels

Join us on December 4 & 5 from 9:30 am to 3:00 pm. All items made will be donated to Meals on Wheels. Bring your pre-mixed batter and/or recipe and we will have a baking party. Come and share your best recipes and baking tips.

Gingerbread House Decorating – December 6

Join us on Saturday, December 6 from 11am to 1pm and show off your decorating skills! Bring your preassembled gingerbread house ready to be decked out in your favorite candies. Create a lasting memory, have fun with lots of laughter and good cheer for all. A light lunch will be provided.

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.

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.

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

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 soon!

This Week at St. John

Sunday – November 30	Worship (First Sunday of Advent)	8:00 am
	Sunday School	9:00 am
	Worship (First Sunday of Advent)	10:30 am
Monday – December 1	Brown Bag Bible Study	Noon
Thursday & Friday – December 4 & 5	Baking for Meals on Wheels	9:30 am-3:00 pm
Saturday – December 6	Gingerbread House Decorating	11:00 am – 1:00 pm
Sunday – December 7	Worship (Second Sunday of Advent)	9:00 am
	One service – Vestry Election	
	First Breakfast	9:15 am