

**Announcements for the week of
December 27, 2015
St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church**

Bible Studies

No bible studies on December 30. Both Noon Brown Bag and 7:00 pm evening studies will resume on January 6 as we continue to study the Gospel of Luke, all are welcome.

Adult Sunday School

The **Overlooked Bible Stories** will be the theme of the Adult Sunday School on January 3rd as Pastor Zimmerman leads a discussion of two birth narrative stories that we skip over this year. The massacre of the Holy Innocents in Bethlehem (Mat 2:1-23), and Boy Jesus in the Temple (Luke 2:39-52). Why do we skip them? What can they reveal about Jesus and his times?

New Adult Sunday School program beginning on January 10th

Pastor Zimmerman will be leading a study of the Lutheran Document, "The Use of the Means of Grace", which discuss the importance of hearing and proclaiming the Word, the sacraments of Holy Baptism and Holy Communion, and the connection between God's Grace and mission. Grab a cup of coffee and join us during the Sunday School hour in the pastor's study.

Chair Aerobics – New Session Beginning

Join us as you make your New Year's resolution to get more exercise. Chair aerobics is low impact and can improve strength, flexibility and balance. *Join us on Monday and Thursday evenings at 6:30 pm, beginning January 4.*

Save the Date – Annual Congregational Meeting – January 17, 2016

There will be *one worship service on January 17, 2016 at 9:00 am*, with the annual meeting immediately following. There will be no Sunday School on that day.

Light Breakfast on January 17

The Fellowship breakfast will not be held on January 3, instead there will be a light breakfast the day of the annual meeting, January 17. We hope to see you there!

Worship Helpers Needed

In addition to the sign-up sheet for Christmas services, please see the new sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the greeting area. This sheet provides the opportunity to sign up for various duties for the first six months of 2016. It would be helpful if you sign up ahead of time so we know we will have people in place for those worship services.

Lutherlyn Winter Youth Retreat – January 29-31

This retreat is for 4th through 12th graders and campers will be divided by age groups. GAGA ball in the snow, Bible study, bouldering room, songs, worship, friends, indoor and outdoor games and lots of fun in the winter weather!

Cost is \$115 per person (includes 2 nights, 5 meals and all program costs. Reservations **are necessary and must be made by January 15.** For additional information or to register call 724-865-2161 or online at register@lutherlyn.com.

**Please note on the Prayer Cards in the pews anyone to be "added" or 'removed from' the prayer lists.

Prayer List - Members of St. John

Frieda Carbo, Jim Marshall, Raymond Hackworth, Wanda Jean Weidner, Francis & Grace Kratz, Kathryn Davidson, Fred & Jane Smith, David & Ellen Hrach.

This Week at St. John

Sunday – December 27

**Lessons & Carols w/Holy Communion
(First Sunday after Christmas)
No Sunday School**

9:00 am