

**Announcements for the week of
November 29, 2015
At St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church**

Announcement of Election of Vestry - Next Sunday

The election of the 2016 members of Vestry will be held *following each worship next Sunday, December 6, 2015*. Please plan to remain for a few minutes after worship on that day.

Fellowship Breakfast – Next Sunday

Please join us between worship services *next Sunday, December 6*, for our Fellowship Breakfast for this month. If you haven't attended in the past, December is a great month to begin to do so in the spirit of Christmas.

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.

Christmas Poinsettias for the Church

A form is attached to the back of this week's bulletin if you wish to purchase poinsettia plants to help decorate the church for the Christmas season. *Deadline to order is next Sunday, December 6th. 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.

Angel Tree

During this holiday season, we will be sponsoring an Angel Tree for the residents at Glade Run Lutheran Services in Zelenople. 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 next Sunday, December 6*. 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.

Baking for Meals on Wheels – December 5

Group baking is planned *for Saturday, December 5 at 10am* here at St. John's for all who wish to help. Assistance will be needed all day to bake, frost and package items. You may also donate items (jimmies, Hershey kisses, M&Ms, nuts, etc.) Please contact Kim Richards at 724-316-2263 or kimrich03@consolidated.net to advise if you are able to help or donate items. Delivery to Meals on Wheels will be weekly and baked items may be placed in the refrigerator and marked as MOW.

Ladies Craft Night – December 9

Come join us on *Wednesday, December 9 at 7pm* for some ladies time out. We will be painting 2 wine glasses. These will be great to have on hand for the holidays! *Cost is \$15 per person and reservations are due today, November 29*. Call Denise Hager with any questions or to make your reservation.

Dawned Has the Day - Advent Lessons & Carols – December 13

Join us on *Sunday, December 13 at 4:30 pm* for readings and music as we celebrate the season of Advent. The service will feature choral and instrumental music for organ and flute, and congregational song.

Decorating Church for Christmas

Mark your calendars for *Sunday, December 20* when we will be decorating the church for Christmas after the late service. If you are able to assist, your help will be greatly appreciated.

Worship Helpers Needed

If you are able to assist in any capacity (acolyte, usher, communion assistant, etc.) with worship, please see the sign-up sheets on the bulletin board in the greeting area. 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.

This Week at St. John

Sunday – November 29	Worship	8:00 am
	(First Sunday of Advent)	
	Sunday School & Adult Sunday School	9:00 am
	Worship	10:30 am
	(First Sunday of Advent)	
Wednesday – December 2	Brown Bag Bible Study	Noon
	Pastor’s Evening Bible Study	7:00 pm
Saturday – December 5	Youth Group – World Vision Packers	
	(will leave from church parking lot)	8:30 am
	Baking for Meals on Wheels	10:00 am
Sunday – December 6	Worship	8:00 am
	(Second Sunday of Advent)	
	Fellowship Breakfast	9:00 am
	Worship	10:30 am
	(Second Sunday of Advent)	
	Vestry Election following each service	