

**Announcements for the week of
December 25, 2016
St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church**

**Pastor's Office Hours: Generally Tuesdays & Thursdays – 9:30-1:00 pm
Wednesdays – 9:30-11:00 am “Coffee Hours” at Mars Brew House
Available other times by appointment.**

No Bible Study – December 28

Please note there will not be a noon bible study on Wednesday, December 28. We will resume on January 4.

Blessing of the Calendars – New Year's Day

On Sunday, January 1, during our one worship service at 10:00 am there will be a blessing of the calendars to offer prayers for the 2017 year. All are invited, especially the children, to bring a calendar with you to worship that day. Please be sure your name is on the calendar so it can be easily identified. The calendars will be collected and blessed during worship.

2017 Communion Bread Schedule

There is a sign-up sheet on the table in the greeting area for anyone who would like to choose a month to provide the communion bread for worship services.

White Elephant Bingo – January 14

Beat the winter blues and join us for a potluck dinner and bingo! Bring a covered dish to share if you can (optional, there's usually plenty!) and a wrapped gift to trade. Suggested gift value is around \$5. Come for a fun time, good food and fellowship.

Annual Meeting – January 22

We will have one worship service *on Sunday, January 22, 2017 at 9:00 am*. Our annual meeting will take place immediately after worship.

Hand Sanitizers

We are almost out of the hand sanitizers provided in the pews. If anyone has an employer or other resource that would be willing to donate these items it would be greatly appreciated. Please notify the church office if you have a donation source.

Lutheran Marriage Encounter Weekends – 2017

March 24-26, 2017 – Toftrees Golf Resort Conference Center – a peaceful resort in State College, PA

April 28-30, 2017 – Heritage Hotel in Lancaster, PA

September 15-17, 2017 – Spruce Lake Retreat Center in Candensis, PA (Spruce Lake in Poconos)

October 6-8, 2017 – Black Swan Inn in Lee, Massachusetts (overlooking Laurel Lake in foothills of Berkshires)

To register online go to www.GodLovesMarriage.org . Registration fee is \$100 – you may pay with credit card or send a check. For additional information or brochures contact Fred & Julie Schamber at 724-325-3166 or email at fjschamber@comcast.net.

This Week at St. John

Sunday – January 1	Worship (New Year’s Day)	10:00 am
Wednesday – January 4	Bible Study	Noon
Sunday – January 8	Worship (First Sunday after Epiphany)	8:00 am
	Sunday School	9:00 am
	Worship (First Sunday after Epiphany)	10:30 am