

**Announcements for the week of  
January 24, 2016  
St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church**

**Adult Sunday School Program**

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.

**All-Vestry Retreat Saturday January 30th**

*From 9:00 am-2:00 pm on Saturday, January 30th*, the vestry will meet as a group for a day of retreat and planning at Overbrook Pointe on the Lutheran Senior Life, St. John Campus.

**Confirmation Class – February 7**

The class will meet in the Fellowship Hall at 1:00 pm.

**Purple Pancake Sunday & Valentine Exchange – February 7**

*Sunday, February 7* will be our traditional Purple Pancake Sunday before the beginning of Lent. If you like, you may wear something purple to help in the celebration. Also on February 7, we will celebrate Valentine's Day and have our valentine exchange. We are doing it a bit early this year since the traditional Valentine's Day falls within Lent.

**February 10 is Ash Wednesday and the beginning of Lent**

There will be a service of imposition of Ashes and Holy Communion on February 10 at noon and 7:00 pm. The Brown Bag Bible Study will meet after the noontime worship.

**Wednesday Evenings During Lent**

On these evenings, we will have a simple fellowship meal, Scripture Study, discussion and Holy Communion, all around the table in the Fellowship Hall. We will gather at 6:00 pm with dinner at 6:30 pm. The dates for Worship Around the Table are: *February 17 & 24 and March 2, 9, & 16*. All are welcome.

**Communion Bread**

For those who have signed up to supply communion bread for worship services, it is not necessary to make homemade bread. If you would like to, that is fine, but a good alternate is an English Toasting Bread that is available at Giant Eagle and is inexpensive.

**Chair Aerobics**

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.*

**Prayer List**

We would like to keep the prayer list as up-to-date as possible. Please review the list (members, ongoing and service men and women) and let the church office know if anyone can be removed from the list (724-625-1830). Also, if you have someone you would like to add, please let us know. You can also use the yellow cards in the pews provided for this purpose.

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**This Week at St. John**

<b>Sunday – January 24</b>	<b>Worship</b> <b>(Third Sunday after Epiphany)</b> Sunday School & Adult Sunday School	<b>8:00 am</b> 9:00 am
	<b>Worship</b> <b>(Third Sunday after Epiphany)</b>	<b>10:30 am</b>
<b>Monday – January 25</b>	Chair Aerobics	6:30 pm
<b>Wednesday – January 27</b>	Brown Bag Bible Study Evening Bible Study Elders Meeting	Noon 7:00 pm 6:15 pm
<b>Thursday – January 28</b>	Chair Aerobics	6:30 pm
<b>Saturday – January 30</b>	Vestry Retreat at Overbrooke Point	9:00 am – 2:00pm
<b>Sunday – January 31</b>	<b>Worship</b> <b>(Fourth Sunday after Epiphany)</b> Sunday School & Adult Sunday School	<b>8:00 am</b> 9:00 am
	<b>Worship</b> <b>(Fourth Sunday after Epiphany)</b>	<b>10:30 am</b>