

**Announcements for the week of
November 20, 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.**

Pastor Zimmerman

The pastor will be away this coming week, but will be here next Sunday for worship. In case of emergency, he may be reached on his cell phone at *412-585-1628*. *There will not be a Bible Study this Wednesday, November 23.*

Confirmation Class - Today at 1:00 pm.

Advent Service of Lessons and Carols & Congregational Meeting – December 4

On Sunday, December 4, there will be only one worship service at 9:00 am as we hold an Advent Service of Lessons and Carols. Immediately following the service there will be a short congregational meeting for the election of the Vestry for 2017. A light breakfast will be available after the meeting in the greeting area and Sunday School will also meet at that time.

Book of Remembrance

The book will be on the table in the greeting area so you may add the names of those you have passed so we may remember them in prayer. This will be the last week to add names.

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 Sunday, December 4.*

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 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 Sunday, December 4th. 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 early so you don't forget!

Save the Date – December 10 – A Night in Bethlehem

A family interactive event - A Night in Bethlehem will be a unique experience for adults and kids alike as they discover Jesus in Bible-times Bethlehem! We are looking for old plain colored flat sheets, throw pillows, throw rugs, baskets and artificial plants. Also, we request that you register for this event so we may plan accordingly for crafts, etc. There is a form in the November newsletter and a sign-up sheet in the greeting area. Any questions, see Denise Hager. Also, the church basement will not be available for use from Thanksgiving through December 10.

Sunday School Artwork

Our Sunday School children have been doing special craft projects. These are displayed in the greeting area. Please take a few minutes to appreciate their efforts.

This Week at St. John

Sunday – November 20	Worship (Christ the King) Sunday School Worship (Christ the King) Worship Planners Confirmation Class	8:00 am 9:00 am 10:30 am After Services 1:00 pm
Thursday – November 24	Thanksgiving Day – Church Office Closed	
Friday – November 25	Church Office Closed	
Saturday – November 26	Begin Set-up for Night in Bethlehem	
Sunday – November 27	Worship (First Sunday of Advent) Sunday School Worship (First Sunday of Advent)	8:00 am 9:00 am 10:30 am