

**Announcements for the week of  
November 27, 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.**

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

*Next 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.

**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 a sign-up sheet in the greeting area. Any questions, see Denise Hager. ***Please note, the church basement will not be available for use from Thanksgiving through December 10 due to set-up for this event.***

**Butler Eagle Article**

A reporter for the Butler Eagle was at St. John this week and took pictures of the Night in Bethlehem that is set up in the hall. The article will appear in the Thursday, December 1 edition of the Butler Eagle. Be sure to check it out!

**Christmas Cookie Sale – Old Union Church**

Old Union Church will be having a Christmas Cookie Sale on ***Saturday, December 10.*** You may order in advance and pick up on Saturday between 10am – 11 am or on Sunday between 12 pm – 1 pm. You may also go to the church to see what is available. ***Advance orders may be placed by calling 724-538-8672.*** 4 dozen cookies - \$18 per tray; or 2 dozen boxed cookies - \$9.

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**This Week at St. John**

<b>Sunday – November 27</b>	<b>Worship</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>
	<b>(First Sunday of Advent)</b>	
	Sunday School	9:00 am
	Mission Endowment Fund Meeting	9:15 am
	<b>Worship</b>	<b>10:30 am</b>
	<b>(First Sunday of Advent)</b>	
	Set up for Night in Bethlehem – All week	
<b>Wednesday – November 30</b>	Bible Study	Noon
	Elders Meeting	6:15 pm
	Ladies Book Group	7:15 pm
<b>Sunday – December 4</b>	<b>Advent Lessons &amp; Carols &amp; Holy Communion</b>	<b>9:00 am</b>
	Congregational Meeting	After Service
	Light Breakfast in Greeting Area	After Meeting
	Sunday School	After Meeting