

**Announcements for the week of
December 10, 2017
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.**

Stewardship Snippet – December 10, 2017 (2nd Sunday of Advent, Year B)

“Let me hear what God the LORD will speak, for he will speak peace to his people, to his faithful, to those who turn to him in their hearts” – Psalm 85:8

Are you listening for what God is saying to you? To your congregation? All of God's people? It's hard to hear anything with the anxious noise of the world. Living right, we turn away from the noise and listen for God's word of peace. And we live it!

Christmas Worship Services

**Dec. 24 – 4th Sunday of Advent - 10:00 am - Service of Holy Communion
Dec. 24 – Christmas Eve - 3:00 pm & 7:30 pm - Festival Candlelight Service of Holy Communion
December 25 - Christmas Day – 10:00 am – Service of Holy Communion**

Church Decorating – December 17

If you are able to help decorate the church for Christmas, please stay after the 10:30 am service next Sunday, December 17. Your help will be greatly appreciated.

Angel Tree & Christmas Poinsettias

Thank you to everyone who purchased Christmas gifts for the children of Glade Run by taking a name from the Angel Tree. Your thoughtfulness and generosity is greatly appreciated. Thanks also to all who purchased poinsettias to beautify our church for our Christmas worship celebrations.

Bible Study & Morning Prayer

The Brown Bag Bible Study at noon on Wednesday's continues its study of the Book of Amos. This prophetic book of the Old Testament covers the ministry of the prophet Amos to the people of the Northern Kingdom of Israel in the time leading up to the Assyrian exile. Pack a lunch and join Pastor Zimmerman for study, conversation, and fellowship. We also have morning prayer on Wednesday's at 11:30 am before bible study if you would like to join us.

Christmas Cookie Sale – Old Union Church

Old Union will hold its Christmas Cookie Sale on *Saturday, December 16*. You may order in advance by calling 724-538-8672 or stop by and see what is available. Pick-up times are Saturday, December 16 from 10:00-11:00 am or Sunday, December 17 between 12:00-1:00 pm.

Ladies Book Group – December 20

Our next selection for the book group is “Where'd You Go, Bernadette?” by Maria Semple. This book is quite different from our usual choices and is quoted by the New York Times as “divinely funny.” We will meet December 20 at 3 pm at the home of Denise Hager. More information will be available in the December Newsletter.

Holiday Blood Drive – January 7, 2018

St. John will host a holiday blood drive on Sunday, January 7, 2018 from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. All participating donors will receive an “ugly holiday sweater” t-shirt, while supplies last! To schedule an appointment please visit centralbloodbank.org and enter group code: **G0030128**, or call the church office at 724-625-1830. Appointments are recommended, but walk-ins are welcome.

Please note on the Prayer Cards in the pews anyone to be **added** or **removed from** the prayer lists or contact the church office at 724-625-1830 or office@stjohnchurchmars.org.

This Week at St. John

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| Sunday – December 10 | Worship (Second Sunday in Advent) Sunday School & Lifelong Learning | 8:00 am 9:00 am |
| | Worship (Second Sunday in Advent) | 10:30 am |
| Monday – December 11 | Quilting Group | 6:00 pm |
| Wednesday – December 13 | Morning Prayer Bible Study Girl Scouts | 11:30 am Noon 6:00-8:00 pm |
| Sunday – December 17 | Worship (Third Sunday in Advent) Sunday School & Lifelong Learning | 8:00 am 9:00 am |
| | Worship (Third Sunday in Advent) | 10:30 am |