

**Announcements for the week of
December 24, 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 24, 2017 (4th Sunday of Advent, Year B)

“When they had finished everything required by law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.” – Luke 2:39-40

Stewardship of faith involves showing up, doing the right thing, and taking care of responsibilities. Joseph and Mary practiced this by fulfilling God's law for their son Jesus. Why not make 2018 a year to develop good, consistent stewardship practices all year long?

Christmas Worship Services

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

December 31 – Lessons & Carols with Holy Communion – 8:00 am & 10:30 am

Meals on Wheels

Meals on Wheels has contacted us and requested that we provide desserts for the rest of December through January 3. If you are baking for the Christmas season, please consider donating some to this worthy cause. You can place your baked goods (cookies, cakes, candies, etc.) in the refrigerator in the Fellowship Hall and mark as MOW. Many desserts are needed, including diabetic desserts (please label). All donations are greatly appreciated. If you have any questions, please call or text Kim Richards at 724-316-2263. Delivery to Meals on Wheels will be weekly through January 3.

Quilting Group

The group will not meet in January.

White Elephant Bingo – January 6

Join us for fellowship, laughs, food & Bingo on *Saturday, January 6 from 4:00pm – 7:00 pm* (approximately) in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring a wrapped gift (\$5 value) to be used as a bingo prize. There will also be a potluck dinner, so please bring a covered dish to share if you can, if not, there is always plenty of food and snacks. Family friendly, bring the kids, grandkids, or invite a neighbor! Any questions, contact Kim Richards at 724-316-2263.

Sunday School Project – January 7 – Welcome Home Baby Kit

We will be putting together these kits to be donated to the women in the Light of Life Mission so they have what they need to welcome their babies. Please consider donating bottles, baby blankets, bibs, baby shampoo, wipes, and diapers. All will be appreciated.

Holiday Blood Drive – January 7 - St. John Fellowship Hall

Someone's life can change in an instant: A car crash, cancer diagnosis or medical emergency can mean an immediate need for a blood transfusion. It could even be the person sitting next to you in the pew. That's why keeping the blood supplies stocked is so important. Take an hour or less to save a life by giving blood. To schedule your life saving appointment, please log on to www.centralbloodbank.org and enter sponsor code G0030128 or call the church office at 724-625-1830.

This Week at St. John

Sunday – December 24	Worship (Fourth Sunday in Advent) Sunday School & Lifelong Learning Christmas Eve Candlelight Service of Holy Communion Christmas Eve Candlelight Service of Holy Communion	10:00 am 9:00 am 3:00 pm 7:30 pm
Monday – December 25	Christmas Day: Nativity of Our Lord (Service of Holy Communion)	10:00 am
Tuesday – December 26	Church Office Closed	
Wednesday – December 27	Morning Prayer Bible Study Girl Scouts	11:30 am Noon 6:00-8:00 pm
Sunday – December 31	Lessons & Carols with Holy Communion Lessons & Carols with Holy Communion	8:00 am 10:30 am