

**Announcements for the week of
December 3, 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 3, 2017 (1st Sunday of Advent, Year B)

*“Yet, O LORD, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand.” –
Isaiah 64:8*

You already know that you are a creation of God, and that knowledge most certainly helps shape your self-identity. But Isaiah adds a wrinkle: we are clay that God, the potter, shapes and forms. When we are good stewards of our lives, we prayerfully and eagerly invite the Holy Spirit to help us discern how God wants to mold us. The closer we are to who God means us to be, the happier and more fulfilled we are.

Thank You!

A big ‘thank you’ to everyone who helped with the “Keepsake Christmas” event. Your efforts helped to share the good news of Christ Jesus coming into the world.

Congregational Meeting & Fellowship Breakfast – Today

There will be a brief congregational meeting following both worship services *today*. The congregation is asked to vote on the slate for the 2018 Vestry. Our Fellowship Breakfast will take place between services in the Fellowship Hall. Join us for good food and conversation.

Choir Practice Today After Worship

All choir members are asked to stay after the second service today for practice for Christmas Eve with Maizy.

New Advent Banners

Our new Advent banners have been donated by Kathy & Jim Marshall to the glory of God and in loving memory of Charles (Bob) Davidson. They will be dedicated during worship today.

Pastor Zimmerman – Vacation

The pastor will be on vacation this week and will return on Sunday, December 10 for worship. If there is a pastoral emergency, please contact Pastor Nathaniel Christman at Oak Grove Lutheran Church at 651-328-1072.

Lunchtime Bible Study

There will be no Bible Study this week.

Christmas Poinsettias for the Church – Last Day to Order!

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. *The deadline to order is today! Cost is \$7.50 for each 6.5” plant* and you may choose red, pink, white or marble plants. Please return your order form with payment.

Angel Tree

During this holiday season, we will be sponsoring an Angel Tree for Glade Run Lutheran Services in Zeligonle. Tags are on the tree in the greeting area. *Please return your gift by next Sunday, December 8.* If you have any questions, please contact Denise Hager.

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.

This Week at St. John

Sunday – December 3	Worship	8:00 am
	(First Sunday in Advent)	
	Sunday School & Lifelong Learning	9:00 am
	Congregational Meeting	After worship
	Fellowship Breakfast	
	Worship	10:30 am
	(First Sunday in Advent)	
	Congregational Meeting	After worship
	Youth Group at SJSCC	1:45 pm
Wednesday – December 6	Girl Scouts	6:00-8:00 pm
Sunday – December 10	Worship	8:00 am
	(Second Sunday in Advent)	
	Sunday School & Lifelong Learning	9:00 am
	Worship	10:30 am
	(Second Sunday in Advent)	