

**Announcements for the week of
December 31, 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 – (1st Sunday after Christmas, Year B)

“When they had finished everything required by the 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?

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.

Poinsettias

If you ordered poinsettias for the church, please take them home with you this Sunday.

Greeting Area Mailboxes

Please note the mailboxes have been modified to reflect the changes for 2018. Pastor/Margie/Maizy/Denise on top row. Matt & Adult Learning on bottom row. All others are in order by *last name*. If you had items in your old mailbox they have been moved to the new one.

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

Help area patients by donating blood from *8:00 am – 1:00 pm on Sunday, January 7*. Blood donation is faith in action. In an hour or less of your time, you can literally save up to three lives by giving blood. Feel good by doing good in your community. To schedule your life saving appointment, log on to www.centralbloodbank.org and enter sponsor code G0030128 or call the church office at 724-625-1830.

Mission Emphasis Supports Camp Lutherlyn

During the first quarter of 2018, all Mission Emphasis gifts will be graciously given to Camp Lutherlyn, and to make our gift even nicer, the Mission Endowment and Outreach Committee will match all gifts received. Please consider giving to this great organization so they may continue to share Christ's love and mercy with all of the children and families who participate in their camps and other activities they provide. If you have any questions, or would like more information, please speak with one of the committee members. Thank you!

This Week at St. John

Sunday – December 31	Lessons & Carols with Holy Communion Lessons & Carols with Holy Communion	8:00 am 10:30 am
Tuesday – January 2	Deacons Meeting	7:00 pm
Wednesday – January 3	Morning Prayer Bible Study	11:30 am Noon
Thursday – January 4	Elders Meeting	7:00 pm
Saturday – January 6	Youth Group at SJSCC White Elephant Bingo	1:45 pm 4:00-7:00 pm
Sunday – January 7	Holiday Blood Drive Worship (Second Sunday after Christmas) Sunday School & Lifelong Learning Trustees Meeting Worship (Second Sunday after Christmas)	8:00 am-1:00 pm 8:00 am 9:00 am 9:00 am 10:30 am