

**Announcements for the week of
November 26, 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 – November 26, 2017 (Reign of Christ Sunday, Year A; Proper 29)

*“Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me. -
Matthew 25:40*

How do we live as good stewards of our time, our talents and our treasure? In this parable Jesus makes it plain: in compassionate, giving, relationship with our neighbors, especially our neighbors who are hungry, naked, sick, in prison or a stranger. How are you loving your needy neighbors?

Welcome Pastor Susie

Today we welcome back Pastor Susie to St. John. Thank you for being with us today.

New Lunchtime Bible Study Begins Wednesday – November 29

Beginning this week, the Brown Bag Bible Study at noon on Wednesday's will begin a 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.

Keepsake Christmas – December 2

St. John's will present 'Keepsake Christmas' on *Saturday, December 2 at 10 am and 12:30 pm*. Families will hear a dramatic retelling of the Christmas story from cast members onstage. While listening to the story, each child will make and decorate a manger scene. The story will be followed by cookies and hot chocolate. Please register online at stjohnchurchmars.org or by calling the church office at 724-625-1830.

Congregational Meeting – December 3

There will be a brief congregational meeting following both worship services *on Sunday, December 3*. The congregation will be asked to vote on the slate for the 2018 Vestry.

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 3. 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 Zelienople. Tags are on the tree in the greeting area. *Please return your gift by Sunday, December 8*. If you have any questions, please contact Denise Hager.

Choir Practice – December 3 – After Worship

All choir members are asked to stay after the second service on December 3. Practice for Christmas Eve with Maizy.

Abundant Lights Christmas Festival – December 2

Passavant Community in Zelienople will present Abundant Lights on Saturday, December 2 from 4-8 pm. Free event! Food, entertainment, shopping, children's activities and much more! For information call Amy at Lutheran SeniorLife – 724-453-6014.

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 – November 26	Worship	8:00 am
	(Christ the King)	
	Sunday School & Lifelong Learning	9:00 am
	Worship	10:30 am
	(Christ the King)	
Wednesday – November 29	Morning Prayer	11:30 am
	Bible Study	Noon
Sunday – December 3	Worship	8:00 am
	(First Sunday in Advent)	
	Sunday School & Lifelong Learning	9:00 am
	Congregational Meeting	
	Fellowship Breakfast	After worship
	Worship	10:30 am
(First Sunday in Advent)		
Congregational Meeting		
Youth Group at SJSCC	1:45 pm	