

**Announcements for the week of  
January 7, 2018  
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 – (Baptism of the Lord)**

*“In the beginning when God created the heavens and earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters.” – Genesis 1:1-2*

Where do we come from? For that matter, where did anything come from? Those first two verses of the whole Bible remind us that God created all that was, all that is, and all that will be. God made it all, even us, and everything belongs to God. That's the first rule of stewardship.

**Sunday School Project – Today – 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. If you still have items to donate, see Denise Hager.

**Holiday Blood Drive Today - Cancelled**

Due to low pre-registration and the weather this weekend, the Central Blood Bank Blood Drive in our building has been **cancel**ed for today. If you still wish to give blood, check their website [www.centralbloodbank.org](http://www.centralbloodbank.org) for other donation centers. We may try again in the spring to be a collection site.

**Taking Decorations Down - Today**

If anyone is able to help take down the Christmas decorations in the church, please stay after late worship today. Your help will be appreciated.

**Poinsettias**

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

**Worship Planners – January 14**

Worship planners will meet next Sunday, January 14 after the late service.

**Annual Meeting – January 21**

The annual congregational meeting of St. John will be on January 21 immediately following worship. There will be **only one worship that day at 10:00 am**. The agenda of the meeting includes receiving the annual report and voting on the 2018 congregational budget.

**Altar Flower Calendar**

The 2018 Altar Flower Calendar is posted in the greeting area if you would like to sign up to donate flowers for Sunday services during the year.

**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.

**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!

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**This Week at St. John**

<b>Sunday – January 7</b>	Holiday Blood Drive <b>Worship</b> <b>(Baptism of Our Lord)</b> Sunday School & Lifelong Learning Trustees Meeting <b>Worship</b> <b>(Baptism of Our Lord)</b>	8:00 am-1:00 pm <b>8:00 am</b> 9:00 am 9:00 am <b>10:30 am</b>
<b>Tuesday – January 9</b>	Council Meeting	7:00 pm
<b>Wednesday – January 10</b>	<b>Morning Prayer</b> Bible Study Girl Scouts	<b>11:30 am</b> Noon 6:00-8:00 pm
<b>Sunday – January 14</b>	<b>Worship</b> <b>(Second Sunday after Epiphany)</b> Sunday School & Lifelong Learning Food Bank Sunday <b>Worship</b> <b>(Second Sunday after Epiphany)</b> Worship Planners	<b>8:00 am</b> 9:00 am <b>10:30 am</b> After late service