

**Announcements for the week of
November 18, 2018
St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church**

**Pastor's Office Hours: Generally Tuesdays & Thursdays – 9:30-1:00 pm
and Wednesdays – 9:30-11:00 am “Coffee Hours” at Mars Brew House**

Available other times by appointment.

Pastor Zimmerman's day off, Sabbath time, is on Mondays.

He is available 24/7 for emergencies by cell phone: 412-585-1628

Stewardship Snippet: Nov. 18, 2018 (26th Sunday after Pentecost, Year B)

Psalm 16:11–You show me the path of life. In your presence there is fullness of joy; in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

As we grow in spiritual maturity, steward/disciples learn ever more deeply the difference between the fleeting, shallow happiness the world offers and the rich, satisfying joy and pleasures of our life in God.

Church Office Hours this Week

We welcome Margie back on Tuesday, but she will be out of the office on Wednesday November 21 for a vacation day, however the church will be open from 9-1 as usual with Pastor Zimmerman covering the phone. There will be Morning Prayer and Bible Study also as usual. The office will be closed on Thursday 11/22 and Friday 11/23 for the Thanksgiving holiday. Pastor Zimmerman is always available by phone at 412-585-1628.

G.R.O.W

This week's session is on **Wednesday, November 21** at Old Union Church. The fall sessions conclude this week with a Thanksgiving Eve worship service at 7:00 p.m. following the 6:00 meal.

Council Meeting Moved

Due to the snow this past week Congregation Council has been moved to Thursday November 29th

Pancake Breakfast- December 1 from 7:00- 10 am. Come and enjoy a great meal, support the ministries of the congregation and bring your neighbors. Buy your tickets now!

12/9: Congregational meeting/vestry elections following both the 8:00 and 10:30 worship. Vestry to meet 12/13

Sunday December 9th there will be a vote following each service to elect our 2019 Vestry. The Vestry will meet to elect officers and board chairs/secretaries on Thursday December 13th at 7:00 p.m.

Community Christmas Program – Sunday, December 9th - Save the Date!!

This year our Christmas Program will be “Starry Night” There will be a planning meeting after worship today at 11:30. If you can help please attend if you are able or touch base with Denise Hager.

Blue Christmas Worship, Saturday December 15th, 3:00 p.m here at St. John

While Christmas is a season of joy, not everyone feels hopeful or like celebrating. Grief, illness, aging, depression, loneliness, unemployment, and loss are magnified. A Blue Christmas service provides a time and place of solace during the often-frenetic days surrounding the celebration of Christmas.

4Q18 Mission Emphasis Update

4Q18 Mission Emphasis Update: As of *November 11, 2018*, we've collected **\$652.00 to help the Daini family from Nigeria**. This means we are well on our way towards helping the family purchase bunk beds and mattresses! Thank you so much for your wonderful generosity!

Mission Planning Task Force

Your thoughts are needed as the Mission Planning Task Force seeks to complete its work. Don't forget to check out the display boards in the Greeting Area on how we are currently building relationships with God, the community, and as a congregation; and what possibilities lay ahead. Be sure to include your ideas on a post-it note on any or all of the three displays. This will be the final week the displays will be up.

In Our Prayers:

Please note on the Prayer Cards in the pews anyone to be **added** or **removed from** the prayer lists or contact the church office at 724-625-1830 or office@stjohnchurchmars.org.

Prayer List - Members of St. John: Bob Dishong, Jeannette Claus, Carol Zimmerman, Cindy Knauff, Karen Collins, Harry Cole, Ruth Bielo, Pastor Storm, Frieda Carbo, Kim Richards, Bill Schulz, Francis & Grace Kratz, David & Ellen Hrach.

Ongoing list: (listed alphabetically by the *first letter of first name*) Aidan DeBlassio (child of friend of Winnie Stefko); Ann Bufalini (friend of Valerie Cardinal); Artie Pallan (brother of Anne Olescyski); Barbara Yoakum (friend of Nan McCormick); Beth Ann McCormick (niece of Nan & Gary McCormick); Bob Young (uncle of Carolyn Zimmerman); Bowlden family (friends of Katie Richards); Calvin Lisac (great nephew of Anne Olescyski); Carl Rossi (Gretchen Baysek's co-worker's son); Carrie Thompson (co-worker of Erin Weaver); Cassie Kelly-Winkler (niece of Matt Claus); Chrissy Weaver (friend of Dan & Laura Kramer); Christina & Regis Ward (Jim & Martha Ward's daughter-in-law & son); Denis Bishop (brother of Denise Hager); Dennis Hockenberry (brother-in-law of Anne Olescyski); Diana Lydon (grandmother of Victoria & Makenna Lydon); Dr. David English (friend of Nan McCormick); Diane Hoehn (friend of Anne & Chuck Olescyski); Donna Wilson (friend of Nan McCormick); Ellianna Cicconi (Jim and Denise Hager's close friend's infant); George N. (friend of Martha & Jim Ward); Gloria McAnallan (friend of Amy & Larry Werner); Jane (friend of Janet Senka); Jayme Dinan (son of Carol Keddie); John (friend of Janet Senka); John & Dorothy DeRiggi (grandparents of Keith Cardinal); Joyce Adomaitis (mother-in-law of Lisa Adomaitis-daughter of Kathy Marshall); Kallie Yerkins (granddaughter of Carolyn Jarrett); Karen McClanahan (co-worker of Kim Richards); Landon Brewer (Bob & Sherry Davidson's grandchild); LaVonne Houland (aunt of Kramer family); Lee & Jane Miller (friend of Linda Sabbagh); Lee Schrock (husband of friend of Denise Hager); Lexie & Bill Raible (cousins of Anne & Chuck Olescyski); Linda Bailey (friend of Bob & Sherry Davidson); Margie Baker (office manager); Mary Smolinski (friend of Chuck & Ann Olescyski); Nancy Montini (neighbor of Larry & Amy Werner); Nancy Smith (Erin Weaver's friend's mother); Patti (former sister-in-law of Sally Foster); Paul Gurtner (brother of Martha Ward); Robert Ward (son of Martha & James Ward); Ryan Johnson (nephew of Valerie & Keith Cardinal); Sarah Chang (infant of friend of Sally Foster); Sean Wachter (Carolyn Jarrett's niece's husband); Sweeney Family (friends of Ruth Ann & John Tully); Tim Carpenter (friend of Nan & Gary McCormick); Tom H. (brother-in-law of Margie Baker); Tom McKeon (uncle of Denise Hager); Warren Aylsworth (father of Tanya Nagel); Zaine Dodson (cousin of Dan & Laura Kramer).

Service Men and Women: (listed alphabetically by the *first letter of first name*) - Donald Jones (friend of Dishong family); Margie Bowlden (Richards family); Matthew Holmes (nephew of Susan Fritz); Taylor Aylsworth (nephew of Tanya Nagel).

This Week at St. John

Sunday – November 18	Worship	8:00 am
	Sunday School & Lifelong Learning	9:00
	Worship	10:30 am
	Worship Planners	After 2 nd service
	Christmas Program Planning	11:30 am
	Confirmation Class	1:00 pm
	Tuesday - November 20	Girl Scouts
Wednesday – November 21	Morning Prayer	11:30 am
	Brown Bag Lunch	Noon
	Bible Study	12:30 pm
	G.R.O.W. @ Old Union Church	6:00 pm
Thursday - November 22	Thanksgiving- Office closed	
Friday – November 23	Thanksgiving holiday- Office closed	
Sunday – November 25	Christ the King Sunday	
	Worship	8:00 am
	Sunday School & Lifelong Learning	9:00 am
	Worship	10:30 am