

**Announcements for the week of
November 4, 2018
St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church**

**Pastor's Office Hours: Generally Tuesdays – 9:30-11:00 am & 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 Monday's.

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

Stewardship Snippet – (24th Sunday after Pentecost, Year B)

“To love God with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the strength, and to love one's neighbor as oneself – this is much more important than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices.” – Mark 12:33

Church stewardship is often preoccupied with money, but what does God really want? The scribe in today's Gospel explains it succinctly: Truly loving God and neighbor is worth more than offerings and sacrifices. But, if we achieve this kind of love, giving generously comes much more easily.

Book of Remembrance

The Book of Remembrance is on the table in the greeting area. Please add the names of your deceased loved ones and we will remember them in prayers through the month of November.

Morning Prayer and Bible Study

Both Morning Prayer and Bible Study are cancelled for Wednesday, November 7.

Next Sunday - Celebration & Commitment Sunday-Brief Congregational Meeting & Luncheon– November 11

Next Sunday, November 11, we will have one worship service at 10:00 am. We have as our guest speaker, The Rev. Peter Asplin, Assistant to the Bishop. Our Celebration & Commitment Sunday service will be followed by a brief congregational meeting to vote on the allocation of a significant donation that has been bequeathed to St. John.

Please plan to attend and be sure to stay for the luncheon to follow.

G.R.O.W

Sessions will continue on Wednesday, November 6 at Old Union Church. The fall sessions will conclude on Nov. 21 with a Thanksgiving Eve worship service.

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. The displays will remain up for only a few more weeks, so share now!

Fair Trade Sale – Holy Sepulcher School – November 10

Join us on Saturday, November 10 from 9:00 am through 6:00 pm at Holy Sepulcher School located at 6515 N. Old Rt. 8, Butler, PA 16002. We are near the Rt. 228 E intersection. Come and shop for unique and fairly traded items which include jewelry, scarves, decorative housewares, Christmas ornaments, coffee, soups, candy and more, all handcrafted by artisans in developing regions around the world. No admission charge. Proceeds benefit the San Bernardino Mission School in Patzun, Guatemala. See flyer on bulletin board in entry area for additional details.

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); Carol (cousin of Ruth Ann & John Tully); 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 Houlard (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); 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); William Brightwell (brother-in-law of Missy Kramer); 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 4	Worship (All Saints Day) Sunday School & Lifelong Learning Fellowship Breakfast Worship (All Saints Day) Trustees Meeting	8:00 am 9:00 am 9:00 am 10:30 am After worship
Tuesday – November 6	Girl Scouts	6:30 pm
Wednesday – November 7	Deacons Meeting	7:00 pm
Thursday – November 8	Council Meeting	7:00 pm
Sunday – November 11	Worship – Commitment Sunday – One Service (24th Sunday after Pentecost) Sunday School & Lifelong Learning Brief Congregational Meeting Luncheon	10:00 am 9:00 am After worship After brief meeting