

**Announcements for the week of
December 16, 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 – (3rd Sunday of Advent, Year C)

“Rejoice in the Lord always; again, I will say, Rejoice.” – Philippians 4:4

Joy is the theme for the third Sunday of Advent. Philippians reminds us to rejoice – find the joy – in God. Always! Though we live in a world that has many troubles, we can always find joy in God's love. Joy is a way of life for steward/disciples.

Thank You

Thanks to all who helped, planned, decorated, staffed, and attended our “Starry Night” Christmas Program.

Advent Family Breakfast – December 23

Join us for our Advent Family Breakfast between services next Sunday, December 23. All are welcome.

Christmas Worship Services

Monday, December 24 – Christmas Eve – Worship at 3:00 pm & 7:30 pm

Tuesday, December 25 – Christmas Day – Worship at 10:00 am

Sunday, December 30 – Lessons & Carols – Worship at 8:00 am & 10:30 am

Angel Tree

If you have taken a tag, your gift should be returned today. Thank you for your generosity to the children of Glade Run Lutheran Services.

Brown Bag Bible Studies

This church year is focused on the Gospel of Luke, a gospel in which Jesus emphasizes healing and justice, the Wednesday Brown Bag Bible Studies during the season of Advent will be looking at the ELCA Social Statement, *The Church in Society: A Lutheran Perspective*, and its roots in scripture and the Lutheran Confessions. Join us at Noon on Wednesdays for conversation and fellowship as we break bread together and dig into scripture and theology.

Cookies Needed for Meals on Wheels

Meals on Wheels is in need of cookies for the month of December and St. John's has been asked to help out. There is a sign-up sheet in the greeting area. Please sign up for a week and help to bring a bit of the holidays to others. Any questions, see Kim Richards.

4Q18 Mission Emphasis Update

As of December 9, 2018, we have collected \$678.00 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 generosity!

Caregiver Workshop – January 27

On Sunday, January 27, 2019 from 12:30-2:30 pm Hope Lutheran Church and Lutheran SeniorLife will offer a light lunch and informational workshop designed especially for people who are caring for an older loved one, while also tending to kids, grandkids or facing personal aging concerns. Topics covered will be care options for older adults, preparing for the future, and care for the caregiver. Please register with Hope Lutheran church office at 724-776-3141 or contact Pastor Amy with any questions.

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: Roy Werner, Bob Dishong, 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); 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); Glenn Croft (friend of Niklewicz family); 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); 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); Susan Walko (mother-in-law of Marcia Shepard); 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).

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 – December 16	Worship (3rd Sunday of Advent) Sunday School & Lifelong Learning Worship (3rd Sunday of Advent) Confirmation Class	8:00 am 9:00 am 10:30 am 1:00 pm
Tuesday – December 18	Girl Scouts	6:30-8:30 pm
Wednesday – December 19	Morning Prayer Brown Bag Lunch Bible Study	11:30 am Noon 12:30 pm
Thursday – December 20	Choir Practice	6:00 pm
Sunday – December 23	Worship (4th Sunday of Advent) Sunday School & Lifelong Learning Advent Family Breakfast Worship (4th Sunday of Advent)	8:00 am 9:00 am 9:00 am 10:30 am