

**Announcements for the week of  
December 2, 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 – (1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent, Year C)**

*“Make me to know your ways, O Lord; teach me your paths. Lead me in your truth, and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all day long. – Psalm 25:4*

The First Sunday of Advent's theme is hope. Christians find our hope in God. We hunger for God and ask for guidance and strength to live fully as steward/disciples.

**Fellowship Breakfast Postponed**

Fellowship Breakfast originally scheduled for today has been postponed until Sunday, December 23 and will be the Advent Family Breakfast. Please plan to join us!

**Brown Bag Bible Studies**

As we begin the church year that 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.

**Poinsettia Orders Due December 9**

There is an order form attached to today's bulletin if you would like to order poinsettias to decorate the church for Christmas. Price is \$7.50 each. Please fill out a form and if paying by check make it out to St. John Lutheran Church.

**Angel Tree**

We will provide information about the Angel Tree Project for this year as soon as it is available.

**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 9**

This year our family Community Christmas Program will be “Starry Night” from 1-3 p.m. on Sunday, December 9. If you can help, speak to Denise Hager.

**Blue Christmas Worship – Saturday, December 15 - 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**

*As of November 11, 2018, we have 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!

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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](mailto:office@stjohnchurchmars.org).

**Prayer List - Members of St. John:** Roy Werner, Bob Dishong, Jeannette Claus, 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); 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**

<b>Sunday – December 2</b>	<b>Worship (First Sunday of Advent)</b> Sunday School & Lifelong Learning <b>Worship (First Sunday of Advent)</b>	<b>8:00 am</b> 9:00 am <b>10:30 am</b>
<b>Tuesday – December 4</b>	Girl Scouts	6:30 – 8:30 pm
<b>Wednesday – December 5</b>	<b>Morning Prayer</b> Brown Bag Lunch Bible Study Deacons Meeting	<b>11:30 am</b> Noon 12:30 pm 7:00 pm
<b>Thursday – December 6</b>	Choir Practice Elders Meeting	6:00 pm 7:00 pm
<b>Sunday – December 9</b>	<b>Worship (2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent)</b> Sunday School & Lifelong Learning Congregational Meeting – Vote for Vestry <b>Worship (2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent)</b>	<b>8:00 am</b> 9:00 am <b>10:30 am</b>