

**Announcements for the week of
December 23, 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 – (4th Sunday of Advent, Year C)

“And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God. And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth; and he shall be the one of peace.” – Micah 5:4
Peace is the theme for the fourth Sunday of Advent. We remember that Jesus is, as Micah says, “the one of peace,” the shepherd who cares for us, his flock. Steward/disciples draw near to Jesus and find peace in him.

Advent Family Breakfast – Today

Join us for good food and fellowship at our Advent Family Breakfast between services today. All are welcome.

Church Decorating Today

If you are able to help to decorate the church for Christmas, please stay after the 10:30 am worship service. Your help will be greatly appreciated.

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

Thank you to everyone who donated gifts for the Angel Tree for the children of Glade Run Lutheran Services. Your generosity is very much appreciated.

Brown Bag Bible Studies

Cancelled for this week, December 26. We will resume next week on Wednesday, January 2, 2019.

2019 Flower Calendar

The new year is fast approaching and our 2019 Flower Calendar is now hanging on the greeting area bulletin board. If you would like to choose a date to donate altar flowers for worship services please mark your name next to the date you choose. You may order the flowers yourself, or you may have the church office manager order them for you and the bill will be sent directly to you from the florist. You will be contacted the week before the date you choose so that you can let us know the intention you would like listed for the flowers. (i.e., in celebration of, in remembrance of, etc.)

Save the Date! White Elephant Bingo – January 12

Our White Elephant Bingo will be held on Saturday, January 12 from 4:00-7:00 pm. More details to follow.

Annual Meeting – January 20

We will review 2018, vote on a budget, and approve the congregational council for 2019. *There will be one worship service at 10:00 am.*

4Q18 Mission Emphasis Update

Thank you to all who have contributed. Your generosity has enabled us to purchase beds and bedding for the Daini family from Nigeria.

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: Jean Claus, Shirley Kelly, 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); Joseph Nudi (Kami Waldrop's father); 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); Office Adam (Waldrop family); Taylor Aylsworth (nephew of Tanya Nagel).

This Week at St. John

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