

**Announcements for the week of  
January 6, 2019  
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 – (Epiphany of Our Lord, Year C)**

*“On entering the house, the Magi saw the child with Mary, his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. – Matthew 2:11*

After travelling far to visit Jesus, the Wise Men made an offering of precious gifts. Today we respond to Jesus' love by giving our hearts and minds to him, but also offering from our own treasure chests.

**Thank You to All!**

A big thank you to all of the congregation and individuals for all of the generous gifts. Your kindness is a blessing.

--- Pastor Bob & Carol Zimmerman

**Breakfast between services today**

**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.

**White Elephant Bingo – Date Change - January 19**

Please note the change of date for our White Elephant Bingo. It will now be held on Saturday, January 19 at 4:00 pm. Potluck dinner and bring a \$5 gift to share.

**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**

***The total amount raised for the Daini Family is \$1,793.00.*** (\$793.00 given by congregation and \$1,000.00 given by Mission Endowment and Outreach Committee). Of this total, \$1,483.41 has gone towards the purchase of a full size platform bed and mattress, two sets of twin size bunk beds, four twin size mattresses, sheets, blankets and pillows.

***The remaining balance of \$309.59 will be used to buy a gift card for the family.*** Thank you so much for your wonderful generosity!

## **2019 Flower Calendar**

The new year is here 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.)

## **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.

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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:** 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); Kathy Wells (friend of Karen Collins); 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**

<b>Sunday – January 6</b>	<b>Worship (2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Christmas)</b>
<b>8:00 am</b>	
9:00 am	Sunday School & Lifelong Learning
9:00 am	Trustees Meeting
9:00 am	Breakfast
<b>10:30 am</b>	<b>Worship (2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Christmas)</b>
After late worship	Deacons Meeting
<b>Wednesday – January 9</b>	<b>Morning Prayer</b>
<b>11:30 am</b>	
Noon	Lunch
12:30 pm	Bible Study
<b>Thursday – January 10</b>	Council Meeting
7:00 pm	
<b>Sunday – January 13</b>	<b>Worship (Baptism of Our Lord)</b>
<b>8:00 am</b>	
9:00 am	Sunday School & Lifelong Learning
<b>10:30 am</b>	<b>Worship (Baptism of Our Lord)</b>
After late worship	Worship Planners