

**Announcements for the week of
January 13, 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 – (Baptism of Our Lord Year C)

“A voice came from heaven, ‘You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.’” – Luke 3:21

Jesus hears God's words of comfort and love, and his life was never the same. At our baptism, we also receive God's promises as God declares us sons and daughters. Baptism is the defining moment for our lives.

Welcome

We welcome to the pulpit and table today Pastor Frank Kantz, a retired pastor in our synod. Pastor Zimmerman is on vacation through Saturday, January 19. If there is a pastoral emergency, please call the church office or Pastor Brandon Johns at St. Peter Lutheran Church, Evans City at 724-538-5810 or 724-674-7238.

Annual Meeting – January 20

*There will be one service next week at **10:00 am** with our Annual Meeting to follow.* We will review 2018, vote on a budget, and approve the congregational officers for 2019. Please make every effort to attend this important meeting.

Greeting Area Mailboxes

Please note that the mailboxes have been changed to reflect the 2019 Vestry. Pastor, Office Manager, Music Director and Council President remain in top row. All other mailboxes are listed alphabetically by ***last name***. If there were items in returning members mailboxes, those items have been moved to your new mailbox.

Thank You

Thank you to all who baked and contributed to Meals on Wheels in December. They were overwhelmed with our generosity and delicious sweets for their recipients.

Brown Bag Bible Studies

No Bible Study this week. We will resume next week on Wednesday, January 23.

Deacons Meeting

Please note that the Deacons Meeting originally scheduled for last Sunday, will be today after late service.

White Elephant Bingo – January 19

Our White Elephant Bingo will be held on *Saturday, January 19 at 4:00 pm*. Potluck dinner and bring a \$5 gift to share. All are welcome!

1Q19 Mission Emphasis

During the first quarter of 2019, all Mission Emphasis gifts will be given to Bethesda Lutheran Services (aka Bethesda Children's Home). This SWPA Synod partner provides promising futures to children, youth, and families through individualized mental and behavioral health services that are offered in a residential, school, or community setting. Please consider helping this great organization so they may continue to share Christ's love and mercy with all the people they so graciously serve. If you would like more information about this organization, please visit their web site at <http://www.bethesda1919.org/> or speak to a member of the Mission Endowment and Outreach Committee. Thank you!

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); 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

Sunday – January 13	Worship (Baptism of Our Lord)	8:00 am
	Sunday School & Lifelong Learning	9:00 am
	Worship (Baptism of Our Lord)	10:30 am
	Worship Planners	After late worship
	Deacons Meeting (rescheduled from last week)	After late worship
Tuesday – January 15	Girl Scouts	6:30-8:30 pm
Wednesday – January 16	No Morning Prayer or Bible Study this week	
Saturday – January 19	White Elephant Bingo & Potluck Dinner	4:00 pm
Sunday – January 20	Worship (2nd Sunday after Epiphany)	10:00 am
	Annual Meeting	
	Sunday School & Lifelong Learning	9:00 am
	Confirmation Class	1:00 pm