

**Announcements for the week of
January 20, 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 – (2nd Sunday after Epiphany, C)

“Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone.” – 1 Corinthians 2:4

Everybody has strengths and talents. Steward/disciples know that we find optimal joy, peace, and fulfillment when we are using them for Godly purposes. What are your gifts? How are you using them?

Annual Meeting – Today

One worship service today at 10:00 am. Please remain after the service for our annual meeting.

White Elephant Bingo Rescheduled

The White Elephant Bingo originally scheduled for yesterday (January 19), has been rescheduled due to the inclement weather forecast and will now be held on *Saturday, January 26, 2019 from 4:00-8:00 pm*. We hope everyone will join us for this fun event.

Ladies Book Group – January 30

The Ladies Book Group will meet on *Wednesday, January 30 at 3:00 pm at the church*. The book we are reading is *“In the Midst of Winter”* by Isabel Allende. It is the story of three immigrants and the history of their lives prior to coming together in the worst snowstorm Brooklyn has ever seen. It is quite timely. The title is a quotation from Albert Camus – *“In the midst of winter I found within myself an invincible spring.”* This describes the experience of many people before they come to this country. The book group welcomes anyone who would like to join us in our discussions.

Vestry Retreat – February 9

An All Vestry Day of Retreat has been scheduled for *Saturday, February 9th from 9:00 am to 2:00 p.m.* This year we will meet in **Vesper Hall in the main building of St. John Specialty Care**. I encourage each of you to make every effort to attend this day of prayer, planning and discernment.

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, 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); 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); 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); Ellen Filbert (friend of Winnie Stefko); 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); Len Stang (friend of Bob & Sherry Davidson); 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); Officer Adam (Waldrop family); Taylor Aylsworth (nephew of Tanya Nagel).

This Week at St. John

Sunday – January 20	Worship (2nd Sunday after Epiphany) Annual Meeting Sunday School & Lifelong Learning Confirmation Class	10:00 am 9:00 am 1:00 pm
Wednesday – January 23	Morning Prayer Lunch Bible Study	11:30 am Noon 12:30 pm
Friday – January 25	Kid's Club	6:30-8:00 pm
Sunday – January 27	Worship (3rd Sunday after Epiphany) Sunday School & Lifelong Learning Worship (3rd Sunday after Epiphany)	8:00 am 9:00 am 10:30 am