

**Announcements for the week of
January 27, 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 – (3rd Sunday after Epiphany, C)

“The ordinances of the Lord are true and righteous altogether. More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey.” – Psalm 19:9b, 10

Stewardship is all about priorities and values. What do we prize above all else? Faithful steward/disciples value the teachings of God that guide us to fulfilled lives.

Sled Riding Party – Today!

Dave & Cindy Knauff are graciously hosting a sled riding party at their home *today from 1:00-4:00 pm*. They are located at 469 Browns Hill Road, Valencia, PA. Bring a sled, a parent, a friend and dress warmly. Hot chocolate will be provided and possibly tractor rides up the hill. Parking will be on hill or at the farm across the road – 460 Browns Hill Road. For additional information, contact Dave or Cindy at 724-332-1322 or 724-504-7871.

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.

Youth Group – February 2

The Youth Group will meet at St. John Specialty Care Center for bowling on Saturday, February 2. Please meet at the Specialty Care Center at 1:45 pm.

Family Game Night/Potluck Dinner – February 2

Join us for this fun family event. Bring a board game or puzzle and your favorite dish to share. All are welcome!

Fellowship Breakfast – February 3

Join us next Sunday between worship services for our Fellowship Breakfast. Enjoy good food and fine conversation with friends.

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**. All members of vestry are encouraged to make every effort to attend this day of prayer, planning and discernment.

Annual Meeting Rescheduled – February 10

Our annual meeting has been rescheduled for *Sunday, February 10, 2019* due to the inclement weather we experienced last Sunday. *Please note there will be one worship service at 10:00 am this day* with meeting immediately following. The annual reports are available in the greeting area of the church. Please review these reports prior to the meeting.

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!

____ “The Work of Christmas” by Howard Thurman

*When the song of the angels is stilled,
when the star in the sky is gone,
when the kings and princes are home,
when the shepherds are back with their flocks,
the work of Christmas begins:
to find the lost,
to heal the broken,
to feed the hungry,
to release the prisoner,
to rebuild the nations,
to bring peace among the people,
to make music in the heart.*

This Week at St. John

Sunday – January 27	Worship (3rd Sunday after Epiphany) Sunday School & Lifelong Learning Worship (3rd Sunday after Epiphany) Sled Riding at Knauff’s Home	8:00 am 9:00 am 10:30 am 1:00-4:00 pm
Wednesday – January 30	Morning Prayer Lunch Bible Study	11:30 am Noon 12:30 pm
Saturday – February 2	Youth Group at St. John Specialty Care Center Family Game Night/Potluck Dinner	1:45 pm 4:00 pm
Sunday – February 3	Worship (4th Sunday after Epiphany) Sunday School & Lifelong Learning Fellowship Breakfast Worship (4th Sunday after Epiphany) Deacons Meeting	8:00 am 9:00 am 9:00 am 10:30 am 11:45 am