

**Announcements for the week of
January 12, 2020
St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church**

**Pastor's Office Hours: Generally Tuesdays – 9:30-11:00 am & Thursdays – 9:30-1:00 pm
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**

This Week at St. John

Sunday – January 12	Worship (Baptism of Our Lord) Sunday School & Lifelong Learning	8:00 am & 10:30 am 9:00 am
Monday – January 13	Quilting Group Chair Aerobics	6:00 pm 6:00 pm
Wednesday – January 15	Morning Prayer Ladies Book Group	11:30 am 3:00 pm
Sunday – January 19	Worship (2nd Sunday after Epiphany) Sunday School & Lifelong Learning Confirmation class	8:00 am & 10:30 am 9:00 am 1:00 pm

Stewardship Snippets (Baptism of the Lord, Year A)

“And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, ‘This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.’” – Matthew 3:16-17

Listen! Can you hear the whispering voice of God saying, “You are my child, my beloved, with whom I am well pleased?” Yes, in baptism you have been named and claimed as God's own child. Steward this gift as you grow in faith and action in 2020.

Pictures Appreciated

If anyone has pictures from 2019 church events, please email them to pastor@stjohnchurchmars.org so they can be included in our annual slide show on January 26.

Evening Online Study

There is a sign-up sheet in the greeting area if you are interested in participating in our Wednesday evening (7:30 pm) online study group. For additional information, please speak to Pastor Zimmerman. ***Our next online meeting will be on Wednesday, January 22.***

Annual Reports Due – TODAY/Annual Meeting January 26

2019 Vestry Chairpersons, please be sure to submit your annual reports to the church office by ***today***. At the ***annual meeting on January 26***, we will review 2019, vote on a budget, and approve the congregational officers and council for ***2020***. We will also vote on the one service trial proposal. ***There will be one worship service at 10:00 am on January 26.***

Money Counters Needed

The Board of Trustees needs your help to complete the 2020 Money Counters Schedule. There are six openings available: two in April, one in May, two in November, and one in December. If you are willing to help with this much needed service to the church, please contact Christine Dishong asap for more details. Thank you in advance for your help!

1Q2020 Mission Emphasis

During the 1st quarter of this year, all ME gifts will be used to purchase Family Farms through the ELCA Good Gifts Catalog. The cost of one farm is \$715.00, and it will ***“help a family break the cycle of hunger and poverty - for good.”*** What a wonderful way to share Christ’s love and mercy with families in need. For more information, speak with a member of the Mission Endowment & Outreach Committee.

Lego Tournament – Old Union Church – January 18

On Saturday, January 18 from 10 am – 2 pm. Cost is \$5 and includes lunch. Open to all in 1st through 6th grades. With judging in three age categories. You must supply your own material. All work must be original design. No kit designs. To register or for more information contact Old Union Presbyterian Church at 724-538-8672 or OldUnionChurch@gmail.com.

2020 Flower Calendar

The new year here and our 2020 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.)
