

**Announcements for the week of
January 5, 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 5	Worship (2nd Sunday of Christmas) Sunday School & Lifelong Learning Trustees Meeting	8:00 am & 10:30 am 9:00 am 9:15 am
Wednesday – January 8	Morning Prayer Lunch Bible Study Deacons Meeting Online Study	11:30 am Noon 12:30 pm 7:00 pm 7:30 pm
Thursday – January 9	Council Meeting	7:00 pm
Saturday – January 11	White Elephant Bingo/Potluck Dinner	4:00-8:00 pm
Sunday – January 12	Worship (Baptism of Our Lord) Sunday School & Lifelong Learning	8:00 am & 10:30 am 9:00 am

Stewardship Snippets (2nd Sunday of Christmas, Year A)

“But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God.” – John 1:12
Ready to steward your best life in 2020? This week's gospel lesson reminds us that if we place our lives in the hands of Christ, we will also know God and be part of God's family. Draw near to the Word made flesh this year, and you will find guidance, love, mercy, and grace for every day.

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.

White Elephant Bingo/Potluck Dinner – January 11

Join us on Saturday, January 11 from 4:00 – 8:00 pm. Please bring a dish for all to enjoy for the potluck and a wrapped gift or two for the prize table. Winners pick a prize and have the option to keep it or take a previous winners prize. Good food, fellowship and good cheer.

Annual Reports Due – January 12/Annual Meeting January 26

2019 Vestry Chairpersons, please be sure to submit your annual reports to the church office by **Sunday, January 12**. 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. *During the 4th quarter of 2019, the congregation raised \$193.00 to help Synod Seminarians.* Your generosity has helped them become leaders in the church and the world!

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.

Lutherlyn Winter Youth Retreat for 4th-12th graders – January 24-26, 2020

Campers will be divided by age groups for the weekend. GAGA ball in the snow, Bible study, the bouldering room, songs, worship, friends, indoor and outdoor games, lots of summer camps favorites, and fun in the wonderful winter weather! Lutherlyn provides the staff for this youth only weekend. The weekend begins with check-in from 7:00-8:00 pm Friday evening, and concludes on Sunday at 1:00 pm. You will receive a confirmation letter, health history form, and what-to-bring list in the mail prior to the retreat. Cost is \$120 per camper. Scholarships from St. John will cover 50% of the cost, so it would only be \$60 per camper for the weekend. Please see Pastor Zimmerman for registration details.

Registration needs to be coordinated by Friday, January 10. For more information go to:

<https://www.lutherlyn.com/forms/retreateventreg/winterreg.html>

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.)

In Our Prayers

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.

Members of St. John: Wanda Jean Weidner, Sally Foster, Chuck Olescyski, Henry Ford, Roy Werner, Harry Cole, Ruth Bielo, Pastor Storm, Bill Schulz, Grace Kratz, Ellen Hrach.

Ongoing list: (listed alphabetically by the *first letter of first name*) Aidan DeBlassio (child of friend of Winnie Stefko); Allyson D. (daughter of Carol Keddie); Ann Bufalini (friend of Valerie Cardinal); Beth Ann McCormick (niece of Nan & Gary McCormick); Bob Reich (friend of Bob Dishong); Calvin Lisac (great nephew of Anne Olescyski); Cassie Kelly-Winkler (niece of Matt Claus); Cathy Jones (aunt of Keith & Valerie Cardinal); Chrissy Weaver (friend of Dan & Laura Kramer); Christina & Regis Ward (Jim & Martha Ward’s daughter-in-law & son); Christopher E. Coll (Jackie Ostronic); Clyde Neal (friend of Bob Dishong); 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); Diane Marburger (friend of Werner/Niklewicz families); Dorothy DeRiggs (grandmother of Keith Cardinal); Dorothy Nagel (grandmother of Alaina Nagel); Ellen Lape (friend of Nan and Gary McCormick); Ellianna Cicconi (Jim and Denise Hager’s close friend’s infant); Glenn Croft (friend of Niklewicz family); Gloria McAnallan (friend of Amy & Larry Werner); Jan Cole (friend of Nan & Gary McCormick); Jerry Hughes (friend of Werner/Niklewicz families); John (friend of Janet Senka); Kallie Yerkins (granddaughter of Carolyn Jarrett); Kim (friend of Janet Senka); Landon Brewer (Bob & Sherry Davidson’s grandchild); Larry Collins (husband of Karen Collins); Laura Schultz (daughter of Carolyn Jarrett); Lee & Jane Miller (friend of Linda Sabbagh); Lee Schrock (husband of friend of Denise Hager); LeaAnn Leonberg Chiarizio (friend of Nan McCormick); Len Stang (friend of Bob & Sherry Davidson); Linda Bailey (friend of Bob & Sherry Davidson); Mary Smolinski (friend of Chuck & Ann Olescyski); Michael Groce (friend of Valerie Cardinal); Nancy Montini (neighbor of Larry & Amy Werner); Patti (former sister-in-law of Sally Foster); Paul Gurtner (brother of Martha Ward); Robert Harbison (brother of Winnie Stefko); Robert Ward (son of Martha & James Ward); Sally Libson (friend of Anne Olescyski); Tim Carpenter (friend of Nan & Gary McCormick); Tina Cardinal (mother of Keith Cardinal); Tom H. (brother-in-law of Margie Baker); Waylon Waldenmyer (son of friend of Anne Olescyski).

Active Duty Military: (listed alphabetically by the *first letter of first name*) - Donald Jones (friend of Dishong family); Margie Bowlden (Richards family).