

**December 7, 2025 Announcements**

**Community Holiday Dinner for Seniors:** We will be hosting a Christmas dinner this Tuesday, December 9<sup>th</sup> for community seniors, age 55 and over. There are currently 38 reservations. Please call the church office tomorrow (717) 642-5822 if you still would like to make a reservation. There is no cost, however, donations are appreciated. Plan on enjoying a fine dinner and an afternoon of carol singing and holiday fun! Meet & Greet will be 11:30 a.m. with dinner being served at noon. For questions, see David Thomas.

**Cookie Walk:** Join us for our Annual Cookie Walk on Sat. Dec. 13<sup>th</sup> from 9 a.m. – noon... or until sold out. If you are interested in baking cookies to bring in, please sign up on the sheet in fellowship hall. Cookies can be dropped off on Friday, Dec. 12<sup>th</sup> and put in the kitchen, or Saturday morning from 7-9 a.m. Cookies will be sold for \$6 per pound. Christmas decorations will be for sale by donation. If you have any to donate, please have them to the church by 8 a.m. Saturday Dec. 13<sup>th</sup>. For questions see Stacey Haynes.

**Advent Breakfast:** Thank you to everyone who helped with the Advent Breakfast last week. A special thank you to our Family Ministry leaders for organizing it, making pancakes & bacon and monitoring the ovens!

**Advent Prayer Series:** Perhaps you've had questions about your prayer life. How can we feel more engaged with God in prayer? Join in St. John's Advent Prayer Series. We'll meet for brief teachings about prayer on Tuesday evenings during the Advent season: Nov. 25, Dec. 2, Dec. 9, and Dec. 16. We'll meet at 7:00 pm each week for a teaching about prayer followed by a service of Evening Prayer.

**Ladies of St. John:** Beginning November 30th the ladies of St. John will be collecting Christmas cards for the sick and shut- ins. There will be a bag with each person's name. You may drop off your card in the bag, and The Ladies of St. John will deliver. A list of names will be in the gathering area.

**THE Giving Tree:** (formally named the mitten tree) will be in the gathering area from November 30th to December 14th. Please "decorate" the tree with children's socks, PJs, mittens and hats. All will be delivered to the Fairfield Elementary School for those children in need. Thank you from the Ladies of St. John!

**Children’s Program:** The Sunday School children will present their Advent/Christmas program next Sunday, Dec. 14, during the worship service.

**Gettysburg Civic Chorus** will present their annual Christmas Concert, including sacred & secular songs, Sat. & Sun. Dec. 13 & 14, 3pm at Gettysburg Area Middle School.

**Newsletter Submissions & Website Changes/Additions:** The deadline for the January newsletter is Dec. 25<sup>th</sup>. Contact information will be updated shortly.

**Those for Whom We Pray-** Linn W. & Family, Karl G. Roy, Bob, Deb B., Mike M., Steve M., Marla, Donna, Shirley, Bill, Kelly, Mae, Patty, Dylan, Sam, Martha, Rosie, Ed, John, Craig, Judy, Bob, Charlie, Essie, Jim & Mary Lou, Nancy.

**Flowers:** The flowers today are dedicated to the Glory of God, by David Thomas.

<i>Happening this week at St. John</i>		
Today	7	9:00 a.m. Service of Holy Communion;10:15 Sunday School
Monday	8	8-12 Prep for Community Dinner (Kitchen Use); 6:30 Council Meeting
Tuesday	9	11:30 Community Holiday Dinner; 6 p.m. Cub Scout Den Meeting; 7 p.m. Advent Prayer Series
Wednesday	10	9:30 Discussion Group; 6:15 Ruth’s Harvest; 7:15 Christmas Eve/WOV Choir; 7:45 Hand Bells
Thursday	11	3:45 Kid’s Club
Friday	12	
Saturday	13	7-12 Cookie Walk - Family Ministry

<b>Attendance: November 30</b>	<b>55</b>
<b>Budget: November Income</b>	\$12,226.40
<b>Expenses</b>	\$12,211.68

	<b>12-7-2025</b>	<b>12-14-2025</b>
Acolyte	Cassie Click	Jack Runk
Lector	Julie Falk	Tammy Deardorff
Communion Asst.	Volunteer	Chris Cool
Usher	Lisa & Jeff Simmons	Stacey & Josh Haynes
Flower Sponsor	David Thomas	Ruthie Fitzgerald
Offering Counters	Dave & Barb Booz	
Altar Guild	Linn Wichowski	
Bread Sponsor	Linn Wichowski	
Bulletin Sponsor	Doug & Susie Kump	

**CHRISTMAS EVE, DECEMBER 24<sup>th</sup>**

**Holy Communion & Candlelighting Service**

**Prelude at 7:00 p.m., Service at 7:30 p.m.**