

St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church
Emmaus, Pennsylvania
November 27, 2022

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Baptism

Zoey Lynn Serfass will be baptized this morning during the 10:30 am worship service. Her parents are Eric and Christina Serfass. Her sponsor is Jason Jackson. The roses on the altar are dedicated to Doris Kale and Agnes Serfass. We all join in celebrating this special day.

Adult Sunday School

The Adult Sunday School class will meet in the parish hall at 9:15 am, during the Sunday School hour. Everyone is welcome!

11/27 Thanksgiving vacation – no class

12/4 "Sibling Rivalry" Genesis 21:13-14, 17-21, 26:2-5 & 12-13

12/11 "Vision Dreams" Genesis 28: 1 & 10-22

12/18 "Get Ready" Exodus 3: 7-17

Ingathering Christmas Tree – Items Due Today

Items should be back in the church by today. If there are any questions, call Mary Bealer at 610-965-5419.

Today's Hymn

Today's gathering hymn, "Will Jesus Find us Watching" may be new to some. It is sung by request. As this hymn is being played during the prelude music, please listen and reflect. An oboe stop will be used on the organ to help this hymn stand out. Any hymn requests can be sent to Tim at mmdirector@stjohnsemmaus.org or the church office if there is a certain hymn you would like to hear played or sung.

Advent Soup Supper and Evening Worship Service

We're having a Soup Supper on Sunday, **December 4** at 6:00 pm before the Advent Evening Service. Can you make a pot of soup for this meal or bring some bread? We're hoping to reinstate this tradition for Lent also. If you can help, please call Barb LaMotte at 610-967-1776. Thank you so much!

Need a ride? Do you want to come to the Soup Supper and Advent Evening Service Sunday, **December 4** but you really don't like to drive at night? We understand.

There are a few members who have volunteered to provide rides, so you don't have to drive yourself. Contact Barbara at the church office at 610-965-9885 and we will match you with someone who will then contact you. We want to see you there!

Christmas Cards for our Homebound Members

Receiving Christmas cards from members of St. John's brings great joy to our homebound members and their loved ones. They so appreciate being remembered.

If you would like to participate in this ministry, please contact me at 610-360-6295 or at fgschule@gmail.com to request mailing labels. I will have them available at the 10:30 service **this morning** and at the 10:30 service on **December 4**. I can also deliver them to you or send them by U.S. mail if that is more convenient.

Thank you. Faye Schuler

Lunch Bunch

Join the Lunch Bunch on Friday, **December 9** at 11:30 am at The Superior. Anyone who wants to attend should call Donna Gerhart at 610-730-3919.

(Note: The Breakfast Bunch doesn't meet in December.)

People Over Fifty (POF)

Come join us in the parish hall on Tuesday, **December 13** from 11:00 to 2:00 for a light lunch and fellowship. Since the December meeting is our potluck Christmas celebration, we will serve turkey bar-b-q's and request everyone else bring a side dish to share, a \$2 donation, a bingo prize AND a wrapped gift valued at \$10 for a gift exchange. Please call Sharon at 303-956-6289 if you'd like to join us. Please note, this meeting is on a TUESDAY. Starting January, and all next year, we will meet on the second Wednesday of each month at 11:00 am.

Ushers Needed for Christmas Services

There is a sign-up sheet at the back of the sanctuary. We need ushers for the special services, so please consider volunteering for at least one of them.

Allentown Ecumenical Food Bank

The Allentown Food Bank has expressed a need for diapers, sizes 3, 4, and 5, as well as pull-ups, sizes 2T-3T and 4T-5T. This is in addition to their normal food items. There is a collection box in the coat room as well as a shopping cart in the sanctuary. Thank you for your support of the food bank.

Items most needed:

- Ready- to- prepare side dishes

- Cans of soup, low sodium preferred
- Packages of pre-cooked rice, grains, or pasta
- Pasta sauce
- Shelf- stable individual microwavable meals such as Dinty Moore Stew or
- Mac'n Cheese cups
- Simply Fruit or All-Fruit jelly/jam
- Rice - Brown or white- 1 lb. bags
- Instant mashed potatoes
- Dried beans (black, kidney, pinto) or lentils
- Flour and Sugar
- Condiments such as ketchup, mustard, mayonnaise, maple syrup
- Spices such as salt, pepper, oregano, spice mixes

Emmaus Food Bank at Bethel Church

This food bank services families in the greater Emmaus area. They need monetary and food donations. Checks can be mailed to Bethel Church, 418 Elm St., Emmaus, PA 18049. Food donations can be dropped off at their church office Mondays through Thursdays from 9:00 am – 4:00 pm.

Items needed are:

- Canned Ravioli/Pasta/Spaghetios/Chef Boyardee with sauce
- Pastas and Spaghetti (1 lb. box)/Instant rice (variety of flavors)
- Ketchup/Mustard/Mayonnaise/Pickles/Relish/Salsa/BBQ Sauce/Salad Dressings
- Cooking Oils/Syrup
- Pancake Mixes/Cake Mixes
- Boxes of Snack Cakes/Boxed Crackers/Saltine Crackers/Cereal/Instant Oatmeal
- Coffee (16 oz. regular)
- Canned Green Beans/Corn/Kidney Beans/Spam/Luncheon Meat
- Laundry Detergent (45-50 oz. unscented)
- Dishwashing Liquid
- VO5 Shampoo and Conditioner/Mouthwash (Dollar Tree)
- Napkins (small pack)/Paper Towels/Kleenex
- Due to pantry stocking constraints and client needs, please only regular sized items-no large family sizes.
- Please only listed canned vegetables, soup.
- No clothing or personal items unless listed below.
- Items past use by/best buy dates will have to be trashed due to USDA rules

Support the Troops

Note: New information added to this article. Shown in bold type.

Please place items in the box in the back of the sanctuary or in the coat room.

This is a list of items especially needed:

Individual snacks such as peanuts, beef jerky, protein bars and **gum**

Drink mixes for adding to water

Men's and women's deodorants

Sunscreen, **toothpaste**

Microwave popcorn

Candy (individually wrapped)

Sanitizing wipes

Personal notes (Personal notes from adults or children boost morale and let the soldiers know that the folks back home support them. Please do not date the notes.)

If you know anyone currently serving in the military, please provide his or her full name and address and how long he or she will be serving at that address to Faye Schuler at fgschule@gmail.com or call her at 610-360-6295. **That person will be sent care packages while serving. While serving in America, they receive one care package to let them know that Americans support them. While serving overseas, they will receive packages until they return home.**

Support the Troops, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization. Packages are sent to our soldiers regularly, not just at holidays.

Checks for donations for postage can be made out to "Support the Troops, Inc." If you would like a tax-deductible receipt, please request it when you give your check. Faye Schuler will accept monetary donations. **Each box costs about \$20.00 to \$22.00 to send.**

Attention St. John's Confirmation Class of 1969

If you have your class photo, please contact Sandy Farkas at 610-967-0357 or bring it to the church office to be copied. Thank you.

Prayer Chain

Members pray for your concerns confidentially each day for a week. To request prayers, either call the church office by phone or email or contact Faith Drescher at 610-966-5321 or by email at fdresch@ptd.net.

Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God . . .
. . . In loving memory of Robert Quinn, by his daughter, Holly
. . . In loving memory of husband, Clayton Barthol, by his wife Joan

CARE NOTES:

Please let us know if you or someone you know would like to be added to the Care Notes. If someone should be listed longer than 3 weeks, contact the office.

- Melissa Engleman (friend of Tammy Anderson) – health concerns
- Linda Michelson (member) – health concerns
- Robert Burchill (member) – to discern the Lord’s will as to where he should live

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

Sunday, November 27:

- 8:00 am Worship with communion
- 9:15 am Sunday School
- 10:30 am Worship with communion, baptism

Monday, November 28:

- 9:00 am Preschool

Tuesday, November 29:

- 9:00 am Preschool
- 6:00 pm Preschool Committee
- 7:00 pm Outreach Committee

Wednesday, November 30:

- 9:00 am Newsletter Collating
- 5:45 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal
- 7:15 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, December 1:

- 9:00 am Preschool
- 12:30 am Staff Luncheon
- 6:30 am Worship and Music Committee

Sunday, December 4:

- 8:00 am Worship with communion
- 9:15 am Sunday School
- 10:30 am Worship with communion
- 6:00 pm Soup Supper
- 7:15 pm Evening Advent Service

Upcoming Events:

Tuesday, December 6	Outreach Committee
Wednesday, December 7	Ingathering Knitting for Charity
Tuesday, December 13	People over Fifty Congregational Council
Wednesday, December 14	Historical Society
Thursday, December 15	Stewardship Committee
Sunday, December 18	Blue Christmas Service
Saturday, December 24	Children’s Christmas Eve Service (5:00 pm) Christmas Eve Service (7:00 pm) Candlelight Christmas Eve Service (10:00 pm)
Sunday, December 25	Worship Service (1 service at 9:00 am)
Monday, December 26	Office closed
Wednesday, December 28	Newsletter Collating
January 1	Worship Service (1 service at 9:00 am)
January 2	Office Closed
January 9	Property Committee
January 11	POF (People Over Fifty)
January 12	Mutual Ministry Committee
January 16	Office Closed – Martin Luther King, Jr. Day GIFT Committee

Serving Our Lord Today in Worship

Ministry	8:00 am	10:30 am
Minister	Pastor Jeff Carstens	Pastor Jeff Carstens
Organist	Tim Ginder	Tim Ginder
Lector	Mary Bealer	Elise Spayd
Acolyte		
Communion Asst.	Kathy Mintzer Jeffrey Reis	Elise Spayd Liz Spayd
Advent Wreath Candle Lighter		Susan Buchman
Gift Presenters		
Ushers	John Ashcraft Andre Fatula Joan Gooch	Thomas Godusky Daniel Stahl Scott Stahl

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