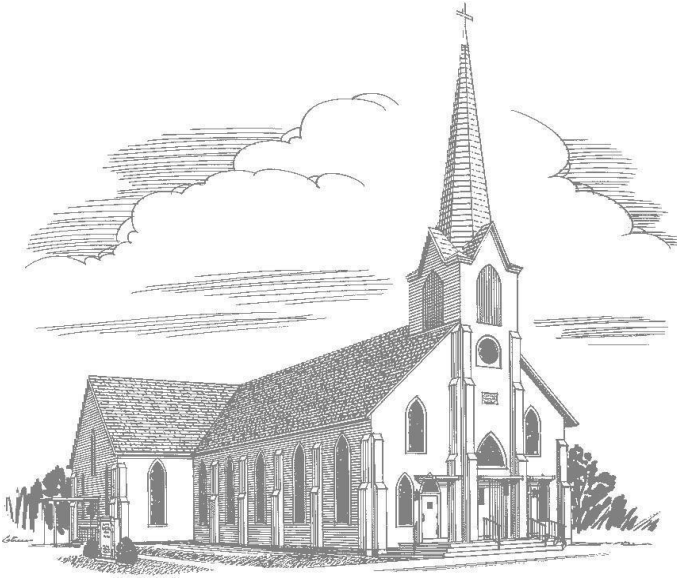


SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT



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Welcome, Guests!

We have a gift mug for you available at all three of our entrances.

Please pick one up after the service.

We are glad to have you in worship today.

May God bless you with his love and grace.

--Board of Evangelism

Special Prayers

Continuing Prayer Concerns

Leslie Duvall	Elijah Rabacchi	George Salger
Debra Guebert	Gloria Moore	Ali Gerlach
Marilyn Dailey	Linda Ethridge	Mary Lou Millsap
Julie Heil	Tiffany Troue Denyer	Jim Mevert
Connie Kirkland	Michaela Smith	Paul Wicker
Sondra Mahnken	Michael Vallett	Don Ritter
Elizabeth Ebersol		Judy Wedemeyer

Andy Schorr (Carol Mayer's brother)

David Jensen (Karen Chamness' brother)

Roy Thornton (Vicky Potter's father)

Daniel Bell (Lisa Greatting's brother)

Ronald Ohlau (Linda Mulholland's stepfather)

Robert Holley (Norlyn & Jane Kingsten's grandson)

Michelle Thies (Gerald & Ruth Ann Thies' daughter-in-law)

Care Center Residents

Delores Doss	Avonell Salger	Norma Wolters
Irma Wentz	Eileen Clements	Caroline Fiene
Norma Rodewald	Judy Clasen	Betty Middendorf
Mildred Eggemeyer	Donna Jungewaelter	Wayne Mueller
Lavera Biermann	Millie Kahre	Anita Rohlring

We respect the privacy of our members and friends and will not pray for you publicly unless it is requested and we know we have your permission.

Military Personnel & Their Families

Justin Asbury
Tim Eichenseer
Andrew Grab
Denny Ernsting
John Magelitz

Casey Vallett
Bill Ingles
Cory Jeffers
Kevin Kahre
Zach Mogavero

Matt Kraus
Justin Parker
Richard Thompson
Ethan Pierce
Rodney Anderson

Mission Prayer

The Church waits for the Second Coming in repentance, hope and faith. For the following, we pray "Lord, have mercy."

- *For parents*, that they would see their role in raising children as a holy calling from God in these last days.
- *For patience, as we wait for Christ's coming*, that we might believe God is not slow in keeping promises, but patient.
- *For those who mourn the loss of loved ones*, that the promise of the resurrection may be their hope.
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Pre-Advent Service Dinners

Come and dine out prior to the Advent services. Meals will be served in the Fellowship Room from 5:30 - 6:30 PM Wednesdays. The meals will include drinks, entrée and dessert. A freewill offering will be accepted. The entrees are:

December 13.....Pulled Pork Dinner
December 20.....Choral Christmas Concert - No Meal Provided

Bible Study Opportunities

Wednesday @ 10:00 a.m. in Meeting Room
Sunday @ 10:15 a.m. in Fellowship Hall

Bible Readings

From *Lutheran Service Book* Daily Lectionary, pp. 299-304

12/10Isaiah 26:20–27:13; 1 John 4:1-21
12/11 Isaiah 28:14-29; 1 John 5:1-21
12/12Isaiah 29:1-14; Jude 1-25
12/13Isaiah 29:15–30:14; Revelation 1:1-20
12/14Isaiah 30:15-26; Revelation 2:1-29
12/15Isaiah 30:27–31:9; Revelation 3:1-22
12/16Isaiah 32:1-20; Revelation 4:1-11

Our Stewardship of Time & Talents

December 9/10

Organist: John Baginski

Altar Guild: Lorene Word, Carol Smith

Acolytes:

Sat.—Cooper Wasson, Christian Zimmer *Sun.*—Logan Bartens, Evan Buch

Greeters:

Sat.—Karen Chamness

Sun.—Scot & Sheila Alms

Elders:

Sat.—Archie Wydeck, Darl Bollman

Sun.—Verlin Lorenz

December 16/17

Organist: Janet Wicker

Altar Guild: Carol Smith, Eileen Tegtmeyer

Acolytes:

Sat.—Cayton Cratch, Bailey Grimm

Sun.—Jaret Ehlers, Summer Hassebrock

Greeters:

Sat.—Ruth Waeltz

Sun.—Olin & Erna Edler

Elders:

Sat.—

Sun.—

Attendance

Worship: 12/2-3

Bible Study:

Sat.: 48; Sun.: 89

Sun.: 14; Wed.: 4

Advent 12/6: 55

Angel Tree

The 2017 Angel Tree program has ended and was, once again, very successful. Many Thanks! to all who participated. We feel so blessed to have all we do, and to gift those who aren't as fortunate makes us feel all the more blessed to 'give back' when opportunities like these crop up. Thank You St. Mark's!

St. Mark's Lutheran School Notes

Mr. Larry Luedders will be leading our chapel on Wednesday, December 13. Offering for the next several weeks will be designated for Unity Lutheran Christian Elementary School in East St. Louis. Everyone is invited to attend our chapel services that begin around 8:25 am at the church weather permitting.

The 7th grade will be having a “Meal before the Game” on Monday, December 11. They will be serving pizza, salad, dessert & drink from 5:00pm-6:30pm. A free will donation will be taken to help fund their class trip to Washington DC in 2019. The Panthers basketball team will face St. John, Chester at 6pm.

St. Mark's “Warming Tree” is filling up! There is a Christmas tree in the school lobby as you enter the door by the office that has new gloves, mittens and hats that have already been donated to our “warming tree”. The items will be collected until December 15th then will be taken to Peace Lutheran Church for their Angel Tree program. As you begin your Christmas shopping, consider purchasing an extra pair of mittens, gloves, socks or a warm hat for our “Warming Tree”. It would be greatly appreciated. Not only by us but by some child who needs it!

All Beta Club members are invited to attend the Christmas party on **Tuesday, December 12 at 5 pm**. There will be lots of fun activities and food! Hope to see you there!

The students in grades 1-8 will be presenting their Christmas program entitled, “Arise Shine” on Saturday, December 16 at 6 pm at St. Mark's Lutheran Church. The evening will be filled with songs celebrating the birth of Jesus. Students will also be portraying characters from the nativity story. Be sure and mark this date on your calendar so you don't miss the celebration!

A Christmas Choral Concert will be presented at St. Mark's Lutheran Church on Wednesday, December 20 at 7 pm. There will be musical selections presented by the Adult Choir, St. Mark's Student Alumni Choir, and Grades 1-8. Come and prepare your heart for the birth of Christ with the joyful sound of music!

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas at St. Mark's Lutheran School! The trees are up, the lights are shining, the classroom doors are decorated, the children's art work is hanging in the hallway, and the Nativity is displaying the arrival of God's Son! Let's not forget the faculty, staff and children all being in the Christmas spirit! If you have time to spare stop by and take a look as Christmas draws near!

St. Mark's Sports

Mon., Dec 11 – Panther BB vs St. John, Chester Home 6:00 pm

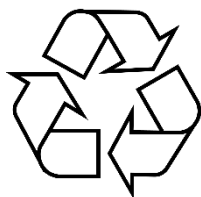
Thurs., Dec 14 – Panther BB @ St. John's, Red Bud Away 6:00 pm

Fri., Dec 15 – Panther BB @ Immanuel, Perryville, MO Away 6:00 pm

2018 Envelopes

The envelopes for 2018 have been labeled and are ready for pick up. All accounts have been renumbered so please check the paper for your new number. Please do not use the new envelopes until after January 1st and after that date throw away your 2017 envelopes so you won't use them next year. Any questions, call John Baginski at 618-420-4754.

Recycling (Turning Your Trash into Cash)



If you have unwanted metal items and do not know where to go with them, we will pick them up and turn them into cash that helps meet the school and church's expenses through the year. Call Mike at (618) 317-1058 to schedule a pick-up or to ask for more information.

Quilt Raffle Winner

The quilt that was raffled off at this year's Wurstmart was won by Rick Ebers. This beautiful quilt was made by the late Lillie Busche and donated by her daughter, Mary Lou Goetting. Thank you Mary Lou and congratulations to Rick and Donna.

St. Mark's Weekly Calendar

Sat., Dec. 9	<i>Food Pantry Donations</i> 6:00 p.m. Pre-K & K Christmas Program
Sun., Dec. 10	<i>Food Pantry Donations</i> 9:00 a.m. Worship Service 10:15 a.m. Bible Study 1-5:00 p.m. 8th Grade Babysitting Fundraiser
Mon., Dec. 11	7:00 p.m. Adult Information Class
Tues., Dec. 12	
Wed., Dec. 13	8:25 a.m. School Chapel 10:00 a.m. Bible Class 5:00 p.m. Beta Club Christmas Party 5:30 p.m. Advent Meal 6:00 p.m. Adult Choir Practice 7:00 p.m. Advent Worship Service
Thurs., Dec. 14	10:00 a.m. Accessible Worship w/Communion 7:00 p.m. Parish Council
Fri., Dec. 15	
Sat., Dec. 16	6:00 p.m. St. Mark's 1-8 Christmas Program
Sun., Dec. 17	9:00 a.m. Worship Service with Communion 10:15 a.m. Bible Study

Thank You

We want to express our sincere gratitude to all our friends and family who sent cards and gifts on the occasion of our 60th wedding anniversary. Also, a special thank you to Pastor Engfehr for his nice prayer. We are really humbled by your kindness. God's blessings to all of you. *Jim & Lorene Word*

Thank you to Kathy Kretchmer, Rosemary Leonhardt, Jean Schroeder, and Lorene Word for helping serve the luncheon for the family and friends of Larry Hartman.

MISSION STATEMENT

Our mission is to proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ, through worship, education, outreach, fellowship, and service.



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Saturdays @ 6:00 p.m.

Sundays @ 9:00 a.m.

Accessible Service @ 10:00 a.m. on 2nd Thursdays

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday, Tuesday & Friday--7:00 a.m.--11:00 a.m. & 12:00 p.m.--4:00 p.m.

Wednesday & Thursday--7:00 a.m.--2:30 p.m.

HOLY COMMUNION

Holy Communion is celebrated every weekend, the first, third and fifth Sundays of the month at the 9:00 a.m. service and at the 6:00 p.m. Saturday evening service before the second and fourth Sundays of the month.

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is faithful and true to the Bible
and we strive for a balanced Law/Gospel practice of same.*