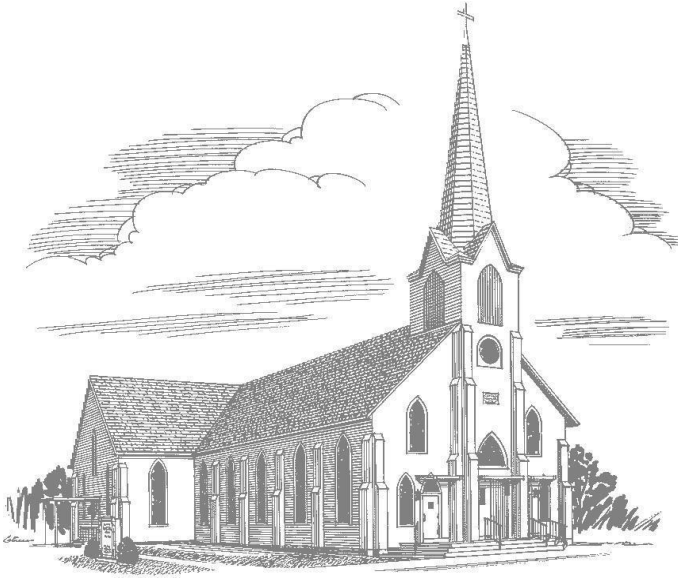


THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT



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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

Delbert Joost

Continuing Prayer Concerns

Leslie Duvall

Debra Guebert

Marilyn Dailey

Julie Heil

Connie Kirkland

Sondra Mahnken

Elizabeth Ebersol

Elijah Rabacchi

Gloria Moore

Linda Ethridge

Tiffany Troue Denyer

Michaela Smith

Michael Vallett

George Salger

Ali Gerlach

Mary Lou Millsap

Jim Mevert

Paul Wicker

Don Ritter

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

Irma Wentz

Norma Rodewald

Mildred Eggemeyer

Lavera Biermann

Avonell Salger

Eileen Clements

Judy Clasen

Donna Jungewaelter

Millie Kahre

Norma Wolters

Caroline Fiene

Betty Middendorf

Wayne Mueller

Anita Rohlfing

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 gathers to thank God and ask for faith to trust in His gift of a Savior. For the following, we pray "Lord, have mercy."

- *For opportunities to proclaim the Gospel in this season. When the world is open to hearing the story of Christmas, may we be unashamed in our witness.*
- *That all Christians might see the needs of their neighbor and love with the love of Christ.*

Candy & Fruit Bags

Please make sure all of your children get a bag of fruit and candy. The bag is a Christmas gift from the members of St. Mark's Lutheran Church.

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

12/17	Isaiah 33:1-24; Revelation 5:1-14
12/18	Isaiah 34:1-2, 8-35:10; Revelation 6:1-17
12/19	Isaiah 40:1-17; Revelation 7:1-17
12/20	Isaiah 40:18-41:10; Revelation 8:1-13
12/21	Isaiah 42:1-25; Revelation 9:1-12
12/22	Isaiah 43:1-24; Revelation 9:13-10:11
12/23	Isaiah 43:25-44:20; Revelation 11:1-19

Our Stewardship of Time & Talents

December 16/17

Organist: Janet Wicker

Altar Guild: Carol Smith, Eileen Tegtmeier

Acolytes:

Sat.—Cayton Cratch, Bailey Grimm

Sun.—Jaret Ehlers, Summer Hassebrock

Greeters:

Sat.—Ruth Waeltz

Sun.—Olin & Erna Edler

Elders:

Sat.—

Sun.—

December 23/24

Organist: John Baginski

Altar Guild: Eileen Tegtmeier, Debra Mevert

Acolytes:

Sat.—Jackson Knop, Caris Ruby

Sun.—Brenden Lindenberg, Gillian Valleroy

Greeters:

Sat.—Leonard & Arlene Lampe

Sun.—Shirley Hornbostel

Elders:

Sat.—Darl Bollman, Charles Herring

Sun.—Willard Knop

Attendance

Worship: 12/9-10

Bible Study:

Sat.: 352; Sun.: 100

Sun.: 14; Wed.: 4

Advent 12/13: 50

Contributions Report

The Financial Secretary, John Baginski, has made copies of his monthly Contributions report available in the Narthex. Ask an Elder if you would like a copy of this report.

St. Mark's Lutheran School Notes

Interim Pastor Bill Enghfer will be leading our chapel on Wednesday, December 20. Offering will be designated for Unity Lutheran Christian Elementary School in East St. Louis.

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!

The PreK dismissal schedule for Christmas break will be as follows:

Monday, December 18, PreK 4 will have their Christmas party and dismiss at regular time of 2:50 pm. (NO PreK 3 class)

Tuesday, December 19, PreK 3 will have their Christmas party. (NO PreK 4 class) This is PreK 3's last day.

Wednesday, December 20, All PreK 4 will dismiss at 10:50 am. (NO PreK 3 class)

There will be 1:30 pm dismissal on Wednesday, December 20 for the start of Christmas break for grades K-8. There will be bus service and morning latchkey but no latchkey after school.

There has been an important change to the upcoming calendar. National Lutheran Schools Week is no longer the last full week of January. It has been moved to Tuesday, April 3 through Friday, April 6, 2018 with our VIP lunch being on that Friday, April 6th. Please make this notation on your calendar so you don't miss out on the celebration. Look for more information on NLSW to come home as the week in April approaches!

All the classroom doors are decked out for Christmas and the students, faculty, and staff took a long decisive stroll through the halls to decide which one was the winner. Each person was given two tickets to vote and only one ticket could be used for their own class door. Mrs. Brand totaled up the votes and announced that the 4th Grade door was the winner and will receive donuts as a treat! Students in the 4th grade are Savana Link, Kaden Langston, Colin Vallett, Elly Buch, Blayke Richelman, & Ellie Markley. Every door looked great and this was an awesome way to decorate the school for Christmas! Congratulations 4th grade and we wish everyone a Christ-filled Christmas and a blessed New Year!

St. Mark's Sports

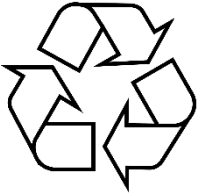
Tues., Dec 19 – Panther BB vs Trinity Christian

@ DuQuoin Faith Christian (B,A) 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.

St. Mark's Weekly Calendar

Sat., Dec. 16	6:00 p.m.	St. Mark's 1-8 Christmas Program
Sun., Dec. 17	9:00 a.m. 10:15 a.m.	Worship Service with Communion Bible Study
Mon., Dec. 18	2:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Randolph County NH Adult Information Class
Tues., Dec. 19		
Wed., Dec. 20	1:30 p.m. 8:25 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	St. Mark's Early Dismissal School Chapel Bible Class Choral Concert
Thurs., Dec. 21		<i>St. Mark's School—Christmas Break Begins</i> 7:00 p.m. LWML Meeting
Fri., Dec. 22		
Sat., Dec. 23	6:00 p.m.	Worship Service with Communion
Sun., Dec. 24	9:00 a.m. 10:15 a.m. 10:30 p.m.	Worship Service Bible Study Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
Mon., Dec. 25		<i>Church Office Closed</i> 9:00 a.m. Christmas Day Service

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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