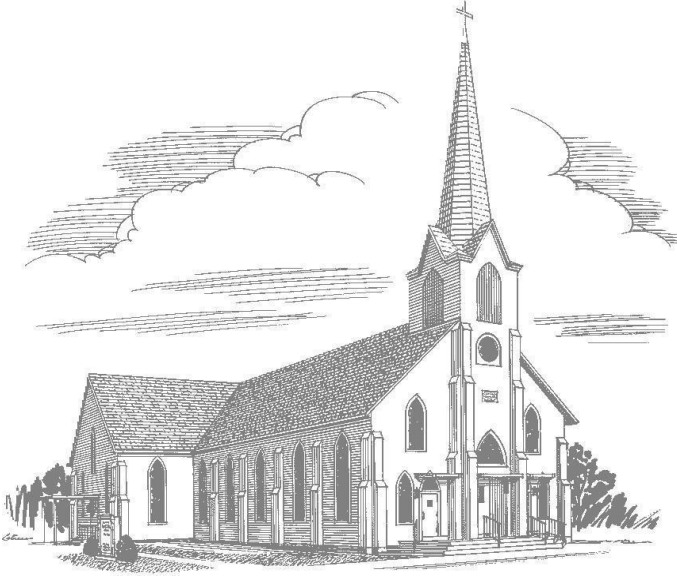


FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT



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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

Eldean Troue

Sympathy for the family and friends of Larry Hartman

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

Daniel Smith

Paul Wicker

Sondra Mahnken

Michael Vallett

Don Ritter

Elizabeth Ebersol

Judy Wedemeyer

Alan Uchtman

Michaela Smith

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	Casey Vallett	Matt Kraus
Tim Eichenseer	Bill Ingles	Justin Parker
Andrew Grab	Cory Jeffers	Richard Thompson
Denny Ernsting	Kevin Kahre	Ethan Pierce
John Magelitz	Zach Mogavero	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 hearts that imitate the generosity and graciousness of Jesus. Pray that God's people would be eager to show forth the love of God through their good works for neighbor.*
- *That the Lord would preserve His Word and Sacraments in our midst, so that we may be kept strong in the one, true faith until Christ's return.*

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 6.....	Pizza & Salad
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, pp299-304

Sunday, 12/3.....	Isaiah 9:8–10:11; 1 Peter 5:1-14
Monday, 12/4.....	Isaiah 10:12-27a, 33-34; 2 Peter 1:1-21
Tuesday, 12/5.....	Isaiah 11:1–12:6; 2 Peter 2:1-22
Wednesday, 12/6.....	Isaiah 14:1-23; 2 Peter 3:1-18
Thursday, 12/7.....	Isaiah 24:1-13; 1 John 1:1–2:14
Friday, 12/8.....	Isaiah 24:14–25:12; 1 John 2:15-29
Saturday, 12/9.....	Isaiah 26:1-19; 1 John 3:1-24

Our Stewardship of Time & Talents

December 2/3

Organist: Carl Handel

Altar Guild: Marilyn Wente, Lorene Word

Acolytes:

Sat.— Gillian Valleroy, Andrew Welten

Sun.— Claire Wasson, Carter Wasson

Greeters:

Sat.—Klay & Julie Tiemann

Sun.—Darl & Janet Bollman

Elders:

Sat.—Mike Mayer

Sun.—Andy Gerlach, Jim Mevert

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 Channess

Sun.—Scot & Sheila Alms

Elders:

Sat.—Archie Wydeck, Darl Bollman

Sun.—Verlin Lorenz

Attendance

Worship: 11/25-26

Bible Study:

Sat.: 61; Sun.: 121

Sun.: 10; Wed.: 5

Thanksgiving 11/23: 98

St. Mark's Lutheran School Notes

Mr. Larry Luedders will be leading our chapel on Wednesday, December 6. 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 serving their “Meal before the Game” on two different occasions in December so be sure and mark these dates on your calendar so you do not have to cook! Serving time for both meals is 5:00pm-6:30pm and a free will donation will be taken to help fund their class trip to Washington DC in 2019.

- Monday, December 4—Pizza, salad, dessert & drink.
The Panthers BB will play Trinity, St. John, Nashville/Immanuel, Okawville (B,A) at 6pm.
- Monday, December 11—Pizza, salad, dessert & drink.
The Panthers BB will face St. John, Chester at 6pm.

On Thursday, December 7 and Friday, December 8 the school children will have the opportunity to shop for Christmas gifts for parents, grandparents, siblings, or whomever they wish. There will be a wide selection of items to choose from that vary in price starting around \$4.00 and up. There will be adults available to assist the children with their purchases. All gifts will be put in gift bags so you will not have to wrap a thing. Pre-K students will be first to shop on Thursday morning and then Kindergarten and so on. All proceeds will benefit St. Mark's Youth Group.

This year St. Mark's will be having a “Warming Tree”! There will be an undecorated Christmas tree in the school lobby as you enter the door by the office. December 4th-15th the children may place new mittens, gloves, hats or socks on the tree. The items collected will be taken to Peace Lutheran Church in conjunction with 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!

St. Mark's 8th grade is selling Stonie's sausage products to help raise money for their upcoming class trip to Washington DC. There are 12oz summer sausage sticks in a variety of flavors for \$8.50. The flavors include Original, Jalapeño & Cheddar, Teriyaki, and Wine. Snack sticks are also available by a box of 24 for \$24 which comes in a mixture of 5 Original, 5 Teriyaki, 5 Sweet & Sassy, 5 BBQ, and 4 Jalapeño. So start thinking about those holiday parties or stocking stuffers and place your order before Friday, December 8th! Delivery should be within a week after the end of sales. You may contact Eli Coop, Trinity Glodo, Bailey Grimm, Chloe Kilpatrick, Aaron Kothe, Ryleigh Richelman, Caris Ruby or Claire Wasson to order. Any questions call Kim Kothe at 443-7177.

The 5th grade students are currently reading the novel Wonder and the 6th – 8th grade students will be reading it after Christmas break. As the novel has recently become a major motion picture, Mrs. Brand and Miss Bradley are taking a field trip to the Sparta Movie Theater for a private showing of the movie on Thursday, December 14 at 9 am. They will be leaving the school at 8:30 and returning at approximately 11:30. The cost of tickets is \$8.00 and that includes movie ticket, popcorn, and a drink. They will be taking a bus to and from the movie theater provided by St. Mark's PTL. Miss Bradley & Mrs. Brand are excited for the students to experience this movie.

Come and celebrate the birth of Christ with the PreK and Kindergarten students on Saturday, December 9 at 6 pm at St. Mark's Lutheran Church. The program they will be presenting will be, "Hark the Herald Angels Sing!" The evening will include several songs and the students will be portraying characters from the nativity story. Don't miss out on this heart-warming event so mark your calendars now!

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!

St. Mark's Sports

Mon., Dec. 4 – Panthers BB vs TSJ/ILS, Nashville/Okawville (B,A)

Home 6:00 pm

Thurs., Dec. 7 – Panthers BB @ Trinity, Prairie (C,B)

Away 6:00 pm

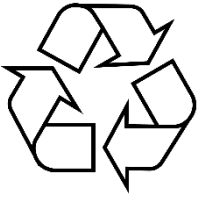
Fri., Dec 8 & Sat., Dec 9 – Panthers BB

@ St. John's Catholic, Red Bud "C" team Tourney TBA

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.

Thank You

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.

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.

Christ Our Savior Lutheran High School

Club Basketball: Join us for our next Basketball game on Tuesday December 5 at 6:00 p.m. as we face Brehm Preparatory at home.

Like to shop Shutterfly to order Christmas cards? We have our own storefront to Shutterfly and Christ Our Savior will receive a portion of every purchase. Just use this link: <http://coslhs.shutterflystorefront.com/> or go to www.coslhs.org and click on the link from there.

Donate Blood: COS is hosting a Red Cross Blood drive on December 13 from 2:00-6:00 p.m. You can schedule an appointment online at www.redcrossblood.org and searching for zip code 62242.

Shadow Days: Parents of eighth graders and potential transfer students are encouraged to call and make arrangements for their student to spend a day at Christ Our Savior shadowing a COS student and learning more about the COS advantage.

Keep saving those lids! Please bring your lids to school during business hours.

Trivia and/or Dinner Auction Committee members needed. If you would like to help with planning either our annual trivia night (January 26) or our Dinner Auction (April 28) please call school. We will be organizing the committees soon.

St. Mark's Weekly Calendar

<i>Sat., Dec. 2</i>	6:00 p.m.	Worship Service
<i>Sun., Dec. 3</i>	9:00 a.m.	Worship Service with Communion
	10:15 a.m.	Bible Study
<i>Mon., Dec. 4</i>	1:00 p.m.	Coulterville Care Center
	7:00 p.m.	Board of Trustees
		Adult Information Class
<i>Tues., Dec. 5</i>	7:00 p.m.	Board of Evangelism
<i>Wed., Dec. 6</i>	8:25 a.m.	School Chapel
	10:00 a.m.	Bible Class
	5:30 p.m.	Advent Meal
	6:00 p.m.	Adult Choir Practice
	7:00 p.m.	Advent Worship Service
<i>Thurs., Dec. 7</i>	7:00 p.m.	Board of Elders
<i>Fri., Dec. 8</i>		
<i>Sat., Dec. 9</i>		<i>Food Pantry Donations</i>
	6:00 p.m.	Pre-K & K Christmas Program
<i>Sun., Dec. 10</i>		<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

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

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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*We believe and confess the doctrine of the Evangelical Lutheran Church
is faithful and true to the Bible
and we strive for a balanced Law/Gospel practice of same.*