## This Week at St Mark

December 10, 2017 – December 16, 2017

Sunday (12/10) Wednesday (12/13) cont.

> 9:00 am Worship Service 5:00 pm Soup Supper

10:15 am Youth Bible Study 6:30 pm Worship Service (w/HC)

10:15 am Adult Bible Study Thursday (12/14)

10:15 am Set up Christmas Tree

7:30 am TOPS Monday (12/11)

> 5:15 pm Choir Practice 3:00 pm Put Lights on Tree

No Church Services Tuesday (12/12)

> 8:30 am Quilter's Group Friday (12/15)

10:00 am Bible Study 8:00 am Pantry Workers

6:00 pm Decorate Tree 9:30 am Food Pantry

Wednesday (12/13) Saturday (12/16)

9:00 am Parish Nurse in Office

9:00 am Pantry Sort & Store Sunday (12/17)

10:00 am Griefshare 9:00 am Worship Service (w/HC)

10:15 am Youth Bible Study 10:00 am Worship Service (w/HC)

10:15 am Adult Bible Study 4:00 pm Confirmation @ Immanuel

10:15 am Congregational Fund Meeting 5:00 pm Bells Rehearsal

## Financial Information for the week of 11/19/17

## **General Fund**

					Variance
	Attendance	Offering	Budget	% Met	Amount
Weekly	156	\$3,486.83	\$4,898.00	71.19	-\$1,411.17
Year to Date	6178	\$182,861.58	\$230,206.00	79.43	-\$47,344.42



# THE MESSENGER Sharing the Love of Jesus



Wednesday, December 6, 2017 Sunday, December 10, 2017

## **Second Sunday in Advent**



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The St Mark Mitten Tree is in the Narthex waiting to be decorated with mittens, caps and scarves. These will help keep needy Sheboygan kids warm through the upcoming winter. We will be collecting items until December 15th.





The next St. Mark R & R luncheon will be at the Sheboygan Yacht Club on Wednesday, December 20th at 11:30am. For reservations contact Lorena Tislau (467-9118) or Joyce Hewitt (452-1131).

Just a reminder that Sunday School meets on the 1st Sunday of the month.



Effective immediately we are no longer able to accept empty toner or ink cartridges.





We need volunteers for Greeting, Reading, Sound Booth & Ushers. Please contact the church office. We are reaching out to members who are Interested in volunteering for all positions for the Christmas services and New Years service.

We still need greeters, sound booth and ushers to volunteer for Christmas Day, New Years Eve and services. Please sign-up on the sheets in the Narthex!



All donations need to be in to the church office by December 31st to be included for 2017.

## **Biblesticks for our Military**

Cottage 15 is still collecting money to purchase audio type Bibles for people serving in our military. They are called BibleSticks. The BibleStick is a small device (about the size of a pack of gum) so it can easily be taken with them as they travel into sometimes unsettled and dangerous places. They don't have to read just listen to words of hope and encouragement as they are far away from home. The cost is \$25 per Biblestick. It is our goal to purchase 100 of them. If \$25 is more than you care to give, any amount is greatly appreciated. Please make checks payable to St. Mark Lutheran Church. A door offering will be taken on Thursday, Nov. 16th. We will also have a table set up in the narthex before and after worship services. Let's give to those who sacrifice so much for us. Thanks for helping with this worthy cause.

## **Christmas Decorating Schedule**

December 10th: Set up Tree

December 11th: Put lights on Tree
December 12th: Decorate Tree

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December 23rd: Poinsettias delivered and placed

January 7th: Take everything down Every little bit of help is greatly appreciated!

Advent is here and so are the Soup Suppers.

Supper will be served from 5:00pm until 6:00pm.

December 13th - Cottage 12

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December 20th - Mixed Bunch Cottage

### **Thrivent Choice Dollars**

Don't forget to allocate your Choice Dollars to St Mark. The church has received \$4,497 in Choice Dollars grant funds this year. Last year our total was \$8,152. Please remember to contact Thrivent Choice Dollars in order to keep the funds coming. You can do this by calling 1-800-847-4836 or on-line at Thrivent.com/thriventchoice and follow the prompts.

Please make sure you use the calendar on the wall by the office to mark your meetings and events in order for them to appear in the Forward and Messenger.

St. Paul Lutheran Church in Sheboygan Falls is hiring a Christian Program Assistant to lead therapeutic activity programs for The Gathering Place, an adult day program for individuals with memory loss. The position works about 10 hours on Mondays. Visit www.stpaulfalls.com for a complete job description and application or call 920-627-6847.

## Please remember to check your mailboxes.

Sheboygan Lutheran High School is hosting their annual Christmas Concert on Monday, Dec. 11 at 7:00pm in the LHS gymnasium. The performance will feature the Symphonic Band, Jazz Band, Chamber Choir, and Konzertchor. There is no cost for admission; however a freewill offering will be collected during the concert.

This Christmas season, Meals On Wheels will again be delivering a box of homemade cookies to those receiving meals. (For some clients, this is the only gift they will receive.) The boxes have been donated; box tops have already been decorated by a few very talented youth groups within the community, so now all we need are the cookies! If you would like to donate some of your home-baked specialties to our project please call Maureen at Meals On Wheels at 451-7011. We have set up cookie drop off sites in both Sheboygan and Plymouth. We will be packaging the cookies on the 19th of December.

Blessed Trinity Parish's 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Homemade Christmas Cookie & Candy Sale

When: Saturday, December 16 – 9 AM to 12 Noon (or until sold out)

Where: Blessed Trinity's Front Entrance Gathering Area

327 Giddings Ave Sheboygan Falls, Wisconsin

Purchase assorted Cookie & Candy Boxes (\$8/box).

Just in time for Christmas! Cookies & Candy make a great gift for your family and friends.