This Week at St Mark

December 11, 2016 – December 17, 2016

Sunday (12/11)	Wednesday (12/14) cont.
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9:00 am Worship Service 5:00 pm Bells Rehearsal

10:15 am Sunday School 5:00 pm Soup Supper

10:15 am Youth Bible Study 6:30 pm Worship Service 10:15 am Special Voter's Meeting

Forward Deadline

12:00 pm Food Packaging for Making

Spirits Bright Thursday (12/15)

Monday (12/12) 7:30 am TOPS

> 6:00 pm Deacon Meeting 5:15 pm Choir Rehearsal Poinsettia Orders Due

No Church Services Tuesday (12/13)

Friday (12/16) 8:30 am Quilter's Group

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

10:00 am Food Pantry 6:00 am Tree Decorating

Saturday (12/17) Wednesday (12/14)

> Sunday (12/18) 9:00 am Parish Nurse in Office

9:00 am Worship Service 9:00 am Pantry Sort & Store

10:15 am Sunday School 10:00 am Worship Service

10:15 am Youth Bible Study 10:00 am GriefShare

10:15 am Adult Bible Study

4:00 pm Confirmation 10:15 am Congregational Fund Meeting

Financial Information for the week of 11/23/2016

General Fund

					Variance
	Attendance	Offering	Budget	% Met	Amount
Weekly	160	\$4,107.50	\$5 <i>,</i> 708.00	71.96	(\$1,600.50)
Year to Date	7923	\$204,166.52	\$273,984.00	74.52	(\$69,817.48)



THE MESSENGER Sharing the Love of Jesus



Wednesday, December 7, 2016 Sunday, December 11, 2016 **Third Sunday of Advent**



St Mark Lutheran Church (Missouri Synod - English District) 1019 N. 7th Street Sheboygan, WI 53081 Phone: (920) 458 - 4343 www.stmarksheboygan.com Pastor Brett Matz

Voters Meeting December 11th immediately following the church service.



We will be voting on the personnel budget.



Is music a part of the service you enjoy?

The Jubilation choir is seeking new members. Practice is on Thursday nights from 5:15pm to 6:15pm.



anyone who can help with the supper on

December 21st. If you are interested in helping please contact Ginny Altendahl at 458-0220 or Bev Sorenson at 458-4279.

Soup Suppers are served from 5:00pm until 6:00pm

December 14th - Youth Group

We will be collecting items for Love, Inc. now through January. You can put the items in the container located in the Narthex. There is a complete list of items they are looking for above the container. Some examples include: Mop Buckets Broom **Dust Pan** Hot Pads/Oven Mitts Dish Towels Sponges Scrub Brushes Floor Cleaners

If you have any questions please contact Sherry Brusse

YOUTH GROUP-SAVE THE DATE

Dec 13th - Tree Decoration 6:00pm Dec 14th - Soup Supper 4:00pm



Griefshare, a 13-week Christian based grief support group, is on Wednesdays from 10:00am to 12:30pm. Seating space is limited to 12 people each session. Contact Carolyn Eiden the Parish Nurse with questions or to register.

Please make sure that 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. The calendar for 2017 is available now for your information.



The next St. Mark R & R luncheon will be at the Sheboygan Yacht Club on Wednesday, December 21st at 11:30am. For reservations contact Lorena Tislau (467-9118) or Joyce Hewitt (452-1131).

We are looking for people to help package food from Making Spirts Bright on Saturday, December 10th from 9:00am—12:00pm and Sunday, December 11th from 12:00pm—3:00pm. Please contact Maggie Heschke if you can help or if you have any questions. Sign up sheets are in the Narthex.

Thrivent Choice Dollars

Don't forget to allocate your Choice dollars to St Mark. The church has received \$43,618 in Choice Dollars grant funds since enrolling in the program. 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.

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 through December 11th.

The Annual German Christmas Service at Trinity Lutheran Church, 824 Wisconsin Ave., Sheboygan, is today Sunday, December 11 beginning at 2pm. The guest preacher is Rev. Don Hougard of Benediction Lutheran Church, Milwaukee. The voices of the Trinity Mixed Choir will join us to celebrate the birth of our Savior. A time of fellowship and German treats will follow the service in Trinity Lutheran Fellowship Hall. The service is handicap accessible.

Christmas Concert: Sheboygan Lutheran High School is hosting their annual Christmas Concert on Monday, Dec. 12 at 7:00pm in the gymnasium at LHS. The performance, entitled "Of the Father's Love Begotten", will feature the Symphonic Band, Chamber Choir, and Konzertchor, and other small ensembles. There is no cost for admission; however a freewill offering will be collected during the concert. Prior to the concert, refreshments will be served in the West Gym lobby beginning at 6:15pm. In addition, you are invited to join the symphonic band for a Christmas sing along of lessons and carols beginning at approximately 6:30pm. Please invite family and friends to join us for what promises to be a wonderful night of music and fellowship!

Offering envelopes for 2017 are in the narthex. If you have questions about the envelopes or didn't receive a box please contact the church office.

LHS will again offer a Dance Clinic for 1st through 5th Grades. Dates are:

January 17, 18, & 19

Jenna & Megan will be instructing. Information sheets and registration forms are posted in the Narthex.

Blessed Trinity Parish's 7th Annual Homemade **Christmas Cookie & Candy Sale**

When: Saturday, December 17 – 9am to 12 Noon (or until sold out)

Where: Blessed Trinity's Front Entrance **Gathering Area**

327 Giddings Avenue

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.

This Christmas season, Meals On Wheels will 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 already been donated; box tops are being decorated by a few talented 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 20th of December."