

This Week at St Mark

December 17, 2017 – December 23, 2017

Sunday (12/17)

- 9:00 am Worship Service (w/HC)
- 10:15 am Youth Bible Study
- 10:15 am Adult Bible Study
- 10:15 am Congregational Fund Meeting

Monday (12/18)

- 6:00 pm Deacons Meeting

Tuesday (12/19)

- 8:30 am Quilter's Group
- 10:00 am Bible Study

Wednesday (12/20)

- 9:00 am Parish Nurse in Office
- 10:00 am Griefshare
- 10:00 am Worship Service**
- 11:30 am R & R Luncheon
- 4:00 pm Confirmation @ Immanuel
- 5:00 pm Bells Rehearsal

Wednesday (12/20) cont.

- 5:00 pm Soup Supper
- 6:30 pm Worship Service**

Thursday (12/21)

- 7:30 am TOPS
- 5:15 pm Choir Practice
- No Church Services**

Friday (12/22)

Saturday (12/23)

- 8:30 am Women's Discussion Group
- Poinsettias Delivered

Sunday (12/24) Food Pantry Sunday

9:00 am Worship Service



4:00 pm Worship Service (w/HC)

THE MESSENGER

Sharing the Love of Jesus

Wednesday, December 13, 2017

Sunday, December 17, 2017

Third Sunday in Advent



*The altar flowers this week are provided by
Ginny Altendahl.
Happy Birthday to our Savior.*

Financial Information for the week of 11/26/17

General Fund

	Attendance	Offering	Budget	% Met	Variance Amount
Weekly	128	\$2,914.00	\$4,898.00	59.49	(\$1,984.00)
Year to Date	6306	\$185,775.58	\$235,104.00	79.02	(\$49,328.42)

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If you would like to receive a copy of The Lutheran Witness magazine delivered to your home please fill out the forms that are provided in the Narthex. Please return to the office along with \$10.80 to cover the cost for the year.



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.



POINSETTIAS CAN BE PICKED UP AFTER SERVICE ON CHRISTMAS DAY.



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 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 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 20th - Mixed Bunch Cottage

Serving hot dogs, Coney dogs, salad, Texas Roadhouse rolls, fixings for nachos, chips, dessert. Request to bring in items for Food Pantry. Donations will go for the Food Pantry.

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.

Offering envelopes for 2018 are in the narthex. If you have questions about the envelopes or didn't receive a box please contact the church office.

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.

Attend the Sheboygan Lutheran High School Open House coming up on Tuesday, January 30. 5th – 8th grade students will have the opportunity to meet the teachers, explore class offerings and extra-curricular, and get in free to the girls basketball game that evening. Tours of the school will be available and incoming freshmen can make an appointment to register and select classes. A 'shadow day' is also a great way to experience the daytime activity of high school. Spend a half or whole school day with an LHS freshman and attend classes, band/choir, enjoy lunch, and meet other students. Parents and students interested in the advanced and online classes at LHS are encouraged to attend the Open House for In-depth information on offerings, as well as our full curriculum list. Open House hours are 4:30 – 7:00 pm on Tuesday, January 30, 2017. Feel free to contact the school office for more information at 920-452-3323.