### This Week at St Mark

December 18, 2016 – December 24, 2016

Sunday (12/18)

9:00 am Worship Service (w/HC)

10:15 am Sunday School

10:15 am Youth Bible Study

10:15 am Adult Bible Study

10:15 am Congregational Fund Meeting

Monday (12/19)

Tuesday (12/20)

8:30 am Quilter's Group

10:00 am Bible Study

6:00 am Secret Prayer Partner Party

Wednesday (12/21)

9:00 am Parish Nurse in Office

10:00 am Worship Service

10:00 am GriefShare

11:30 am R & R Luncheon

Wednesday (12/21) cont.

5:00 pm Bells Rehearsal

5:00 pm Soup Supper

6:30 pm Worship Service

Thursday (12/22)

7:30 am TOPS

5:15 pm Choir Rehearsal

No Church Services

Friday (12/23)

Saturday (12/24)

4:00 pm Worship Service (w/HC)

Sunday (12/25)

10:00 am Worship Service



# Financial Information for the week of 11/30/2016

### **General Fund**

|              |            |                    |                     |       | Variance      |
|--------------|------------|--------------------|---------------------|-------|---------------|
|              | Attendance | Offering           | Budget              | % Met | Amount        |
| Weekly       | 128        | \$3 <i>,</i> 452.5 | \$5 <i>,</i> 708.00 | 60.49 | (\$2,255.50)  |
| Year to Date | 8051       | \$207,619.02       | \$279,692.00        | 74.23 | (\$72,072.98) |



# THE MESSENGER Sharing the Love of Jesus



Wednesday, December 14, 2016 Sunday, December 18, 2016 **Fourth Sunday of Advent** 



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anyone who can help with the supper on

December 21st. Soup Suppers is served from 5:00pm until 6:00pm. If you are interested in helping please contact Ginny Altendahl at 458-0220 or Bev Sorenson at 458-4279.



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.

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

Thank you to everyone who brought in items for the mitten tree. We collected 135 caps, scarves and mittens. We also received 4 afghans.

Scheduled Office hours for Pastor:

Monday 9:00am-12:00pm Wednesday 12:00pm—3:oopm Friday 9:00am—12:00pm unless he has a conflicting appointment.



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 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 New Years Day** 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 2016.

Thank you to the very few who attended the church cleanup on December 3rd. We appreciate that they took time out of their



day to help. Those that helped were: Dave & Ann Hilpertshauser, Barb Keitel, Kelly Irwin, Dan Koelpin, Mike Hotz, Dan Drossel and Rob Sass.

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.



## CHRISTMAS SERVICE SCHEDULE

Come celebrate the birth of Jesus! Christmas Eve Worship Service with Holy Communion 4:00pm only. Christmas Day Worship Service 10:00am.



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.

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.

### **NATIVITIES: A SPECIAL PART OF CHRISTMAS**

See a unique display of over one hundred nativity sets from all over the world in the Catholic Life Center meeting rooms at Blessed Trinity Church, 327 Giddings Avenue, Sheboygan Falls. The display will be open from 6pm to 7:30pm each evening beginning on Monday, December 26 through Friday, December 30. There will be three large rooms with nativity displays. Light refreshments will be served. There is no charge.

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."