# This Week at St Mark

December 2, 2018 – December 8, 2018

Sunday (12/2) Thursday (12/6)

9:00 am Worship Service (w/HC) 5:15 pm Choir Practice

10:15 am Bible Study No Church Service

Monday (12/3) Friday (12/7)

Tuesday (12/4) 8:00 am Pantry Workers

8:30 am Quilt Group 9:30 am Food Pantry

10:00 am Bible Study Saturday (12/8)

Wednesday (12/5)

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

9:00 am Pantry Sort & Store 9:00 am Worship Service (w/HC)

11:00 am Pastoral Care Meeting

10:00 am Set up tree
10:15 am Bible Study

5:00 pm Bells Rehearsal

5:00 pm Soup Supper

6:30 pm Worship Service

# THE MESSENGER Sharing the Love of Jesus

Thursday, November 29, 2018 Sunday, December 2, 2018

**First Sunday of Advent** 



# Financial Information through 11/11/18

#### **General Fund**

					Variance
	Attendance	Offering	Budget	% Met	Amount
Weekly	122	\$3,873.17	\$4,658.00	83.15	(\$784.83)
Year to Date	5004	\$171,303.72	\$209,610.00	81.72	(\$38,306.28)



The next St. Mark R & R luncheon will be at the Sheboygan Yacht Club on Wednesday, December 19th at 11:30am. For reservations contact Jim or Cherie Leonhardt at 453-0103.

### Please remember to check your mailboxes.

Advent is coming and so are the Soup Suppers.

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

December 5th - SonShine Cottage

December 12th - Mixed Bunch Cottage

December 19th - Men's Club

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 9th.



# Daughters Christmas Party

The Daughters of St Mark would like to invite all ladies and any guests to their annual Christmas Party. It will be held on Wednesday, December 12th at Jake's Roundabout Steakhouse at 11:30am. If you would like to participate in the gift exchange please bring a \$5.00 gift. RSVP to Sue Meyer (457-4329) or Gloria Metzner (452-3097).

A report from the LCMS Hispanic Outreach program which the church helps fund will be posted in the Narthex each month. Feel free to take a copy of the report if you are interested in what they are doing in the community.

We are reaching out to members who are interested in volunteering for all positions for the Christmas and New Years services.

We still need greeters, sound booth, projection and ushers to volunteer for Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, December 30th and New Years Eve services. Please sign-up on the sheets in the Narthex!



#### **Thrivent Choice Dollars**

Thank you Thrivent members for assigning your Choice dollars to St. Mark. The church has received \$6,058 in Choice Dollars grant funds this year. Last year our total was \$4,497. 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 bulletin board in the Narthex for the Youth Group still has envelopes on it. We would appreciated if you would take one and put the amount listed on it in the envelope or any amount you desire. This is a fundraiser for the Youth to pay for the National Youth Convention next year. Once all the envelopes are gone the board can come down.

#### Christmas Decorating Schedule

December 9th: Set up Tree
December 10th: Put lights on Tree
December 10th: Decorate Tree

December 22nd: Poinsettias delivered and placed

January 6th: Take everything down Every little bit of help is greatly appreciated!

# All donations need to be in to the church office by December 31st to be included for 2018.

The Evangelism committee is going to be collecting items for Open Door. The next two weeks (November 21st to December 2nd.) The items they are collecting will be nonperishable food items and snacks (canned items, mac & cheese, peanut butter, jelly, noodles, chips, pretzels, crackers, nutty bars, cereal bars, granola bars, etc.) Open Door is also in need of Men's clothing especially coats, boots, pants, jeans and long sleeve shirts. The clothing will be collected through December 9th.

### Oh come, let us adore Him

LHS Music Department Christmas Concert

Sunday, Dec. 9 at 6 pm at the Stefanie H. Weill Center

(Note the date & venue change this year) In celebration of our 40th Anniversary, Alumni and all friends of LHS are invited to join in the concert on stage during the traditional "Hallelujah Chorus" with the Konzertchor or play "Sleigh Ride" with the Symphonic Band!

Free and open to the public. A freewill offering will be collected during the intermission.

Please join us for what promises to be a wonderful night of music and fellowship in celebrating the birth of our Savior!

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Roadhouse will donate 10% of your total food purchase back to your church! Thank you to those that have used this wonderful program. The church has received \$49.40 so far this year. We also receive food from them for various events at the church.

The Men's Club would like to send a special Thank you to everyone who sold tickets, all those that worked on Saturday and Sunday. Those that baked desserts, those that stayed to clean up afterward and everyone who helped clean on Monday. The Supper was a huge success!!



Sheboygan Pops Concert Band Winter Concert Sunday, December 2nd @ 2:00pm at Trinity Lutheran Church. A free will donation will be accepted.

TRINITY GERMAN SERVICE: Trinity Lutheran Church, 824 Wisconsin Ave., Sheboygan would like to invite you to join us on Sunday, December 9 at 2:00 pm for our German Christmas Service. Rev. Donald Hougard is the guest preacher and the Concordia German Singing Society is the guest choir. A time of fellowship will follow the service. Service will be in German and English. Coffee, Hot Cider, Hot chocolate, German Christmas cookies, stolen and "Gemuetlichkeit" will be enjoyed by all after the Service. Bring your family, invite your neighbors, friends and acquaintances to celebrate and keep alive the German traditions (Holidays, family, church) in our hearts and our community.