

## This Week at St Mark

December 3, 2017 – December 9, 2017

### Sunday (12/3)

9:00 am **Worship Service (w/HC)**  
 10:15 am Sunday School  
 10:15 am Youth Bible Study  
 10:15 am Adult Bible Study  
 2:00 pm Sheboygan Pop's Band  
 5:00 pm Youth Group Meeting

### Monday (12/4)

5:15 pm Trustees Meeting  
 6:00 pm Council Meeting  
 7:00 pm BOD Meeting

### Tuesday (12/5)

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

### Wednesday (12/6)

9:00 am Parish Nurse in Office  
 10:00 am Griefshare  
**10:00 am Worship Service**  
 11:00 am Pastoral Care Meeting

### Wednesday (12/6) cont.

4:00 pm Confirmation @ Immanuel  
 5:00 pm Bells Rehearsal  
 5:00 pm Soup Supper  
**6:30 pm Worship Service**

### Thursday (12/7)

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

### Friday (12/8)

### Saturday (12/9)

8:30 am Women's Discussion Group

### Sunday (12/10)

**9:00 am Worship Service**  
 10:15 am Youth Bible Study  
 10:15 am Adult Bible Study  
 10:15 am Set up Christmas Tree

### Financial Information for the week of 11/12/17

#### General Fund

	Attendance	Offering	Budget	% Met	Variance Amount
Weekly	127	\$3,676.00	\$4,898.00	75.05	-\$1,222.00
Year to Date	6022	\$179,374.75	\$225,308.00	79.61	-\$45,933.25



**Thursday, November 30, 2017**

**Sunday, December 3, 2017**

**First Sunday in Advent**



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Pastor Brett Matz

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
  - 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 6th - SonShine Cottage
- December 13th - Cottage 12
- December 20th - Mixed Bunch Cottage

**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 6th at Riverdale 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).

**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.**

Our Friends at Greater Love Faith Home have made some beaded items for St Mark church. They are gifts to us. **Each family can choose one item.** These items will be on tables in the Narthex on Sunday, December 3rd.

Thank you to the following people who helped with the Fall Clean-up; Ann Hilpertshauer, Gary Leonhardt, Lyle Schultz, Jim Meyer and Jerry Cramlet.

Thank you to the following few people who helped with Pew polishing; Diana Hahn, Lyle & Vicki Schultz, Dave Hilpertshauer, Kelly Irwin and Rob Sass.

*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 19<sup>th</sup> of December.*

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](http://www.stpaulfalls.com) for a complete job description and application or call 920-627-6847.



**Sheboygan Pops Concert Band Winter Concert**  
**Sunday, December 3rd @ 2:00pm**  
**at St Mark Lutheran Church**  
**A free will donation will be taken**