

This Week at St Mark

December 9, 2018 – December 15, 2018

Sunday (12/9)

- 9:00 am Worship Service
- 10:00 am Set up tree
- 10:15 am Bible Study

Monday (12/10)

- 3:00 pm Lights on Tree
- 5:15 pm Trustees Meeting
- 6:00 pm Decorate Tree
- 6:00 pm Council Meeting
- 7:00 pm BOD Meeting

Tuesday (12/11)

- 8:30 am Quilt Group
- 10:00 am Bible Study

Wednesday (12/12)

- 9:00 am Parish Nurse in Office
- 11:30 am Daughter's Luncheon
- 5:00 pm Bells Rehearsal

Wednesday (12/12) Cont.

- 5:00 pm Soup Supper
- 6:30 pm Worship Service (w/HC)

Thursday (12/13)

- 5:15 pm Choir Practice
- No Church Service

Friday (12/14)

Saturday (12/15)

- 8:30 am Women's Discussion Group

Sunday (12/16)

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



Wednesday, December 5, 2018

Sunday, December 9, 2018

Second Sunday of Advent



Financial Information through 11/18/18

General Fund

	Attendance	Offering	Budget	% Met	Variance Amount
Weekly	87	\$2,823.00	\$4,658.00	60.61	(\$1,835.00)
Year to Date	5091	\$174,126.72	\$214,268.00	81.27	(\$40,141.28)

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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 12th - Mixed Bunch Cottage
December 19th - Men's Club

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.

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 Round-about 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 appreciate 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 Men's clothing especially coats, boots, pants, jeans and long sleeve shirts. The clothing will be collected through December 9th.

Remember, when you are in need of Pastoral care please contact either Pastor Matz or the church office at 458-4343.

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!

GriefShare a 13 week grief support group for those who have experienced the loss of a loved one will be starting Wednesday, January 9th at 10 am. It will be held in the upstairs adult education room. Each session includes a video, group discussion and a personal workbook to help you through the grief process. This is open to everyone, not just church members. Contact Carolyn Eiden, RN the Parish Nurse if you have questions or want to register. The cost is \$15 for the workbook which will be returned to you when you complete the program.

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!!

A very special Thank You to the people that did show up for pew polishing to make the church look nice for the Christmas season. Joe & Kelly Irwin, Lyle & Vicki Schultz, Pat Machut, Rob Sass, Dave & Ann Hilpertshauser, Stacey Falkenberg, Tom Kroll and Kathy Matz.

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.