

## This Week at St Mark

January 7, 2018 – January 13, 2018

### Sunday (1/7)

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 Trustee's Meeting  
 10:15 am Take down Christmas  
 Decorations

### Monday (1/8)

6:00 pm Council Meeting  
 7:00 pm BOD Meeting

### Tuesday (1/9)

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

### Wednesday (1/10)

9:00 am Parish Nurse in Office  
 10:00 am Griefshare

### Wednesday (1/10) cont.

4:00 pm Confirmation @ Immanuel  
 5:00 pm Bells Rehearsal

### Thursday (1/11)

7:30 am TOPS  
 5:15 pm Choir Rehearsal  
 6:30 pm Worship Service

### Friday (1/12)

### Saturday (1/13)

### Sunday (1/14)

9:00 am Worship Service  
 10:15 am Youth Bible Study  
 10:15 am Adult Bible Study



## THE MESSENGER

*Sharing the Love of Jesus*

**Thursday, January 4, 2018**

**Sunday, January 7, 2018**

### Baptism of Our Lord



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

#### General Fund

	Attendance	Offering	Budget	% Met	Variance Amount
Weekly	157	\$2,873.41	\$4,898.00	58.66	(\$2,024.59)
Year to Date	6736	\$198,826.19	\$249,798.00	79.59	(\$50,971.81)

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Pastor Brett Matz

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 by January 15th along with \$10.80 to cover the cost for the year.



Just a reminder that Sunday School meets on the 1st Sunday of the month.



Lent is around the corner and so are the Soup Suppers. The dates are February 21st & 28th, March 7th, 14th, 21st & 28th. This is something your group or cottage group could volunteer to do. Please contact the church office to let us know which date you would be willing to take.



We need volunteers for Greeting, Reading, Sound Booth & Ushers. Please contact the church office.

**Congregational Fund Members as of Jan. 1st**

Gary Leonhardt, Chair  
 Jerry Cramlet, Vice Chair  
 Bill Schultz, Fin. Sec.  
 Dennis Diener, Rec. Sec.  
 Scott Schramm, Mbr. at Large  
 Dick Warden, Mbr. Emeritus

The committee meets the 3rd Sunday of every month.

**Thrivent Choice Dollars**

Don't forget to allocate your Choice Dollars to St Mark. 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.

**Jesus' command is very clear, "go and make disciples" (Matthew 28:19). Easy for Him to say...hard for us to do. Well, no more. The Every One His Witness Lutheran evangelism program considers the real world context in which we find ourselves as witnesses of Jesus Christ. You and I will learn how to naturally share the Good News of Jesus Christ with the people whom God has placed in our everyday lives. Using LASSIE (Listen-Ask-Seek-Share-Invite-and-Encourage) we will gain the courage and training to "go and make disciples." All are invited and encouraged to attend. We will begin on Sunday, January 14th from 10:15am—11:15am.**

**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.**

**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.**

"Achtung!" Fröliche Weihnacht! Frohes Neues Jahr! The Sheboygan Area Chapter of the AHSGR will host their first meeting of the New Year on Saturday, January 13th, beginning at 1 pm at the Trinity Lutheran Ministry Center (824 Wisconsin Ave., Sheboygan, WI)! We will have an exciting program, great refreshments, and lots of information about research into your heritage. Please bring a friend and/or family member to celebrate our membership rally. See you there! If you have any questions please call Kevin R. Greatens, President at 920-207-0277."

Are you interested in a new volunteer opportunity? We are always looking for volunteers (male and female, must be at least 18) to dedicate their time to become role models for groups of children and adults dealing with a loss due to; the death of a loved one, divorce, separation, incarceration, or abandonment. Training will be held at the Reinl Center on January 9th from 5:30-9:00pm. Please call Michele @ 920-452-2838 or email: rainbowkids@excel.net to register.



The next St. Mark R & R luncheon will be held at the Bourbon Street Pub & Grill on Wednesday, January 17, 2018 at 11:30 am. For reservations contact Maggie Heschke 452-7188 or Herb Thiel 459-9863 .

**"Parenting with Patience (...and Prayer!)"**

A seven-week Christian parenting class to help parents create a more loving and positive home begins Tuesday, January 23, 2018 and runs for 7 weeks. The time is 6:30-8:30 pm at Trinity Lutheran Ministry Center in Sheboygan. The class will focus on using positive praise and reinforcement to encourage compliance and build self-esteem in children. Other skills taught include giving and removing rewards and privileges, ignoring, time-out, sticker charts, communication, problem-solving, allowances, household chores and many others, all from a Christian perspective. The cost is \$70 for a single parent, \$75 for a couple. The class is led by Dr. Darlene Mech, psychologist and pastor's wife. Please call her at Nett-Work Family Counseling for more information and to register: 451-3141, or email her at : dr.darlenemech@gmail.com.

Attend the Sheboygan Lutheran High School Open House coming up on Tuesday, January 30. 5<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> 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.