

## This Week at St Mark

December 1, 2019 – December 8, 2019

### Sunday (12/1)

9:00 am **Worship Service** (w/HC)  
10:15 am Bible Study  
10:15 am Hang Wreaths

### Monday (12/2)

6:00 pm Game Night

### Tuesday (12/3)

8:30 am Quilt Group  
10:00 am Bible Study  
6:00 pm Deacon's Meeting

### Wednesday (12/4)

9:00 am Parish Nurse in Office  
9:00 am Pantry Sort & Store  
10:00 am GriefShare  
11:00 am Pastoral Care  
5:00 pm Bells Rehearsal  
5:00 pm Soup Supper  
6:30 pm **Worship Service**

### Thursday (12/5)

5:15 pm Choir Rehearsal  
**No Church Services**

### Friday (12/6)

8:00 am Pantry Workers  
9:30 am Food Pantry

### Saturday (12/7)

8:00 am Confirmation Class  
8:00 am Pew Polishing

### Sunday (12/8)

9:00 am **Worship Service**  
10:15 am Bible Study  
10:15 am Put up Christmas Tree



**Just a  
reminder...**

We have services on  
Thursday night at 6:30pm  
if you can't attend on  
Sunday morning.

# THE MESSENGER

*Sharing the Love of Jesus*

**Wednesday, November 27, 2019**

**Sunday, December 1, 2019**

**First Sunday in Advent**



*The altar flowers this week are provided by  
Maggie Heschke in loving memory of  
Gerald Heschke's Birthday.*

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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.



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

#### 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 11th at El Camino at 11:30am. If you would like to participate in the gift exchange please bring a \$5.00 gift. RSVP to Sandy Hotz (457-2588) or Lorena Tislau (467-9118).

**Our Food Pantry is in a constant need of the following items:  
Jelly and Jam**



Thanks to everyone who helped with the Pancake Supper. We fed over 400 hungry souls.



St Mark R & R December luncheon will be at the Yacht Club on Wednesday, December 18th at 11:30am. All retirees and friends welcome. RSVP to Pat Machut (254-7225) or Jim Rose (457-3414).

Please join us on December 8th as we celebrate the quarterly birthdays (October—December) and new members with cake & coffee after church. If your birthday is during one of the quarters please try to come for the celebration.

**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 and New Years Eve services. Please sign-up on the sheets in the Narthex!**



**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 4th - Youth Group  
December 11th - Men's Club  
December 19th - Open

#### Thrivent Choice Dollars

**Thank you** Thrivent members for assigning your Choice dollars to St. Mark. The church has received \$7,460 in Choice Dollars grant funds this year. Last year our total was \$6,071. 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](http://Thrivent.com/thriventchoice) and follow the prompts. Please contact Bev Sorenson at 458-4279 to let her know where you want to designate the funds at St. Mark.

#### EVERYONE LIKES SOMETHING FOR NOTHING

We're starting to clean out storage rooms in the church and have found a wealth of Sunday school and religious books and supplies which we would like to make available to our members at no cost. Many of the books would be great Christian reading and training for your family and grandchildren.

Cherie Leonhardt will be available in the church basement before and after church on Sundays to give you an opportunity to take a look at what's available and pick up what you and your family can use.

A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO OBTAIN SOME WONDERFUL CHRISTIAN MATERIAL AND YOU CAN'T BEAT THE PRICE!!

**This Christmas season, Meals On Wheels will again be delivering boxes of home made cookies to our clients. For some, this will be the only gift they receive this Christmas. The boxes have been donated, and some very talented local youth groups have decorated them, so now all we need are the cookies! Please consider donating some of your home-baked specialties to our project. We have set up cookie drop off sites in both Sheboygan and Plymouth and will be packaging the cookies Tuesday, Dec. 17. For more information, or to be added to the list of cookie donors, please call Maureen or Amy at Meals On Wheels at 920-451-7011. Thank you for making our clients' holidays a little brighter!**



Sheboygan Pops Concert Band  
30th Anniversary Concert  
Sunday, December 8th @ 2pm  
Zion ECC  
1125 N 6th St.  
Sheboygan, WI

Free Admission with reception to follow.

***All donations need to be in to the church office by December 31st to be included for 2019.***

St Mark Game Night is December 2nd at 6pm

You bring the game and your friends  
We'll supply the snacks, soda and PRIZES



#### Christmas Decorating Schedule

December 1st @ 10am: Hang Wreaths  
December 7th @ 8am: Pew Polishing  
December 8th @ 10am: Set up Tree  
December 9th @ 6pm: Decorate Tree  
December 21st @ 9am: Poinsettias delivered and placed  
January 5th @ 10am: Take everything down

**LHS Christmas Concert:** Sheboygan Lutheran High School is hosting their annual Christmas Concert on Sunday, December 15th at 6:30pm at the Weill Center in Sheboygan. The performance, entitled "How Greatly God Must Love Thee", will feature the Symphonic Band, Chamber Choir, and Konzertchor, and Jazz Band. Featured this year will be the premier of a beautiful Christmas Cantata for choir and strings composed by David Von Kampen with lyrics by Paul Gerhardt. Also, returning this year will be the traditional singing of the Hallelujah Chorus. Parents, alumni, friends, and supporters of LHS are all invited to join in singing the piece with the Konzertchor (music will be provided for you.) There is no cost for admission, however a freewill offering will be collected during the concert. Please join us for what promises to be a wonderful evening of music and fellowship.