



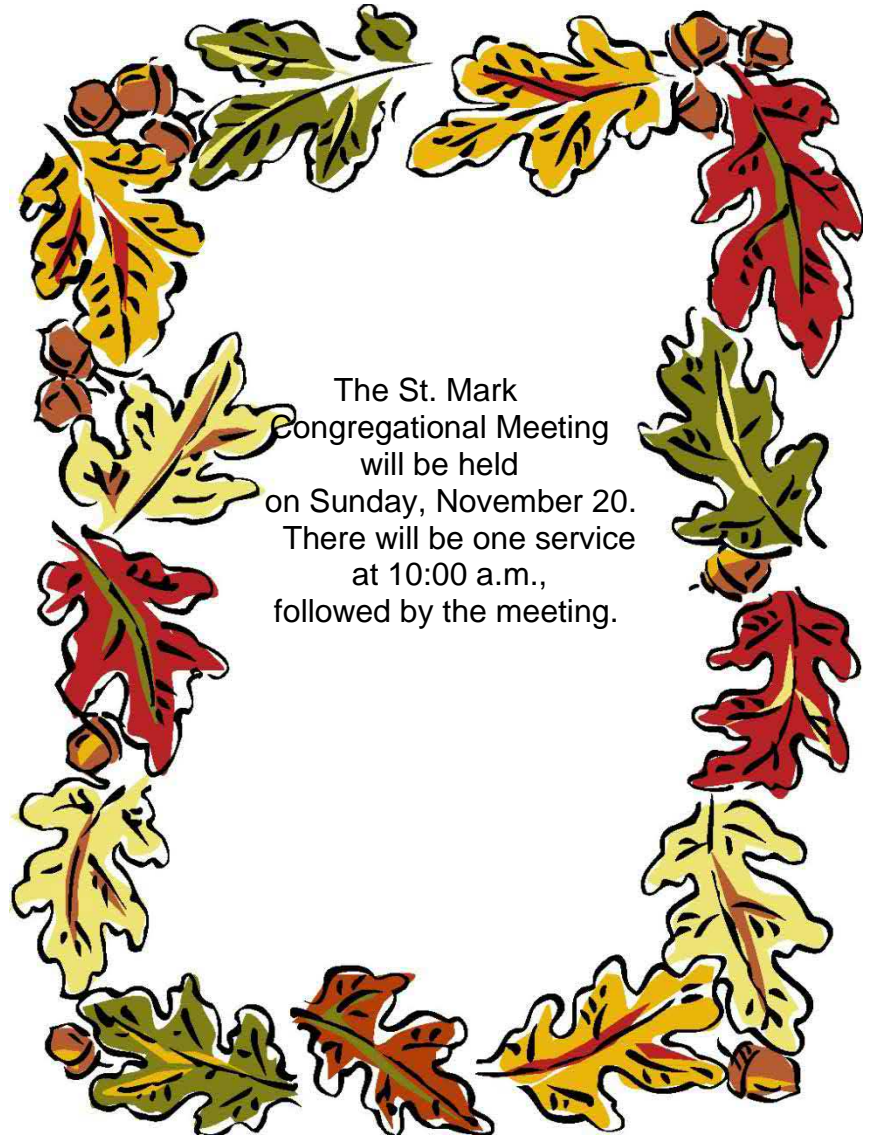
The Light

St. Mark Lutheran Church



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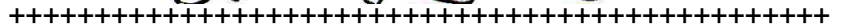
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The St. Mark
 Congregational Meeting
 will be held
 on Sunday, November 20.
 There will be one service
 at 10:00 a.m.,
 followed by the meeting.



Remember to set your clocks **BACK**
 ONE HOUR when you go to bed on
 Saturday, November 5.



VISION STATEMENT

St. Mark Lutheran Church glorifies God and makes disciples by making caring connections with the people of our community.



Monthly Discussions on Social Issues

Have you ever wondered what the Lutheran response is to the hot topics of today? Have you ever wondered *how* you might *find* that information? Join us each month as we dive into a social topic and explore what the Lutheran church has to say about it. These discussions are open to the public so bring a friend and join us as we explore the boundaries between the church and state.

November 13 @6-8pm: General discussion on the Christian response to social issues.

January 8 @6-8pm: Critical Race Theory



NEWS AND NOTES ABOUT THE CONGREGATION (AND BEYOND!)

From the Newsletter Editor

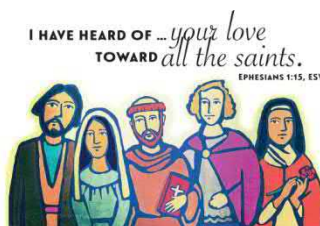


As we continue to come, ever so slowly, out from under the COVID pandemic, we realize the importance of staying connected with friends and family. Here at St. Mark, we have emails (thank you to **Kim Ryan and Chris Meister** for getting FYIs and prayer requests out in a timely manner), live streaming of services and other gatherings (thanks to all who organize these), and postings on Facebook (thanks to **Debbie Turk** who handles our electronic messaging).

And we have this newsletter. It is still a lighter version of *The Light*, but I hope it has continues to be valuable for gathering news into one place where all of our members can see what is happening at St. Mark. Thanks to all who submit articles; this would be nothing but blank pages without your contributions. And thanks to **Kelvin Bauermann** for taking the copy I send to him and the monthly calendar supplied by Kim and turning them into one document that can be sent out electronically each month.

-- the church elf

- Boise Bouton School in Haiti
- Building Hope in the City
- Joshua Burke, studying at Bowling Green
- Donna Cartwright (mother of Diana Monaghan)
- Todd Chambers
- Dan Cicchella
- Tamela Cook
- Jeff Croucher, son of Ron and Pat Croucher
- Ardis Danicic
- Dawn Dean
- Carol Deau
- Tracy Deets
- Ruthann Dular
- Dale and Bobi Fellingner
- Grace School in Haiti
- Jennifer Hanson
- Ted Holt
- Nancy Johnson
- Betty Judkins
- Lois Locher
- Love and Hope Children's Home
- Susan Matzke (mother of Pr. Mark)
- Ron Meister
- Ministry in Mission
- Stan Moczulski
- Diane Molnar
- Glenn Moore (son of Bonnie Moore)
- Janie Palmer
- Beth Reksten



- Annie Ryan, continuing her studies at Concordia, Wisconsin
- Steppin Out Missions
- Trinity Lutheran, Ohio City
- Capt. Matt Webb, continuing his residency in neurosurgery
- Grace Wright, studying at Edinboro College
- WomenSafe



On October 9, we welcomed **Hendryx Carmelo Paterniti**, infant son of **Dustin and Cortney Paterniti**, into the family of God through the waters of Holy Baptism. Welcome to the family!



For All the Saints

All Saints Sunday will be observed on November 7, and we will be remembering our loved ones on that day. If you have somebody that you would like to include in our tribute, please let us know! There are paper forms on the welcome table that can be turned in to the office, or you can go to bit.ly/StMarkSaints and fill it out online!



Church Secretary Position Opening

Our church secretary, **Kim Ryan**, is pursuing a new career in nursing. Therefore, we are looking for someone to fill her shoes. Let **Dave Toth** know if you are interested, or if you know some that might be. This is a part-time position of 20-25 hours per week.



Card Donations Accepted Again

If you have cards starting to arrive again this year, we'll gladly take them off your hands! Any greeting card, calendar, gift wrap, or other items you can't use will be gratefully accepted by the library for resale in our church. Please drop them off in the library, on the table near the door.



Time to Feed the Fish

The gold fish in the narthex had a full belly - \$108, all but \$19 in coin. So the fish was full! With that great news comes the fact that the fish is hungry again! **Lee Stone** got a report from Nora and she said the price gouging for food and gas were out of sight in Haiti. But at least the crime and killings aren't happening on the island of Il-a-Vache.

So please continue feeding the fish each Sunday as you go by it. We need to fill him up again! For questions call Lee.

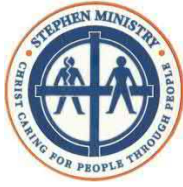


Trinity Food Pantry Non-Perishable Items

The Thanksgiving holiday is at the end of month and there may be a shortage of food in some families' pantries. Let's help them out by donating canned vegetables, canned fruits, soups, stews, pastas, and mac 'n' cheese.



GROUP HAPPENINGS



Control: To exercise direction influence, power, and authority over conditions.

Humans like to be in control, having the power to choose exactly what is going to happen and when. Unfortunately, life isn't like that – we only think we're in control. So when something happens and we realize we're not in control, we feel lost, overwhelmed, angry, even terrified. Stephen Ministers are trained to help when things are out of control. They provide support and encouragement while helping a person put faith and trust in God.

To find out more about Stephen Ministry, or to receive a Stephen Minister's care, contact **Ron Croucher, Sue Matzke or Pastor Matzke**. Please do not report a friend's need without first asking his or her permission to do so.

When I said, 'my foot is slipping', your love, O Lord, supports me." Psalm 94:18

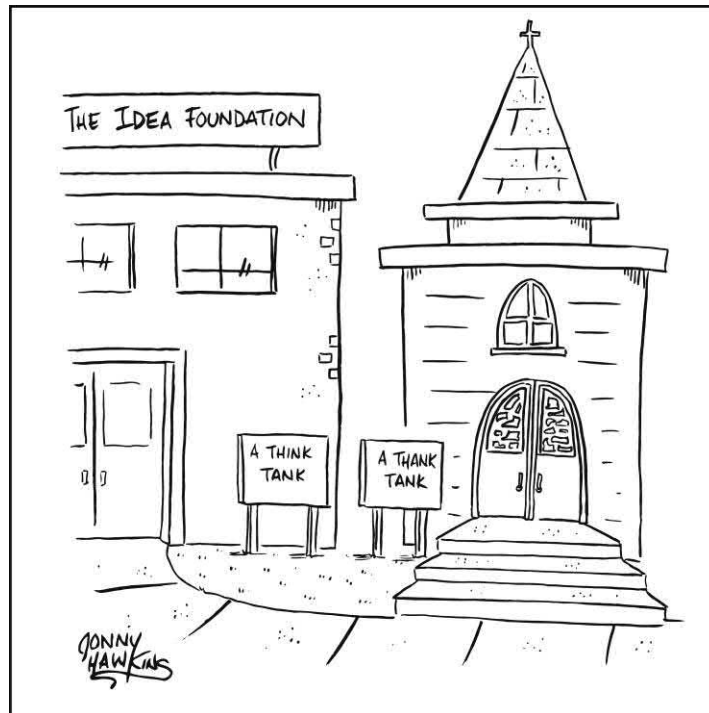
Women's League News

Christmas Boutique

Calling All Crafters! We need you. Our "Gift of the Magi" boutique will be here in just a few weeks. We would love donations of all kinds – ornaments, wreaths, centerpieces, sleds, and old ice skates. The week of the boutique we can use tons of live pine branches, candy, and baked goods. If you have any questions, please text **Marilyn Meyerholt or Nancy Seabrook**.

The Gently Used Shop

The library is collecting gently used holiday items (any holiday!) and unused "regiftables" that can be sold at the boutique on November 11-12. Donations will be accepted until Sunday, November 5. Our Gently Used room is one of the most popular features of the Boutique. Be part of the fun with your donations and your participation at the event itself! If you have any questions, contact **Lori Cudnik**.



CELEBRATIONS

NOVEMBER Birthdays

- 1 Eric Stendalen
- 2 Paityn Brenkus
Alvin Large
- 3 Ryan Dvorak
Grace Large
- 5 Gabriella Atwara
Marie Bartels
- 6 Jeff Atchley
- 8 Pastor Matzke
- 9 Bill Dvorak
- 11 Erma Mabel
- 12 Carol Kiminecz
- 14 Eloise Cavalier
- 15 Erik Hanson
Linda Hickey
Don Lombardy
- 16 Beth Brown
- 17 Kathy Dvorak
- 18 Chad Murawski
- 19 Howard Hanna
Bethany Hyde
Thomas Meyer
Alec Wright
- 20 Janet Vesbach
- 23 Hildred Tornberg
- 24 Patti Lombardy
Leah Spisak
Jessie Wilson
- 25 Pete Bucci
Colm Dugan
Mark Percassi
Byron Whitney
- 26 David Carney
Bonnie Coleman
- 27 Erika Ruedin
- 28 Zola Douglas
Leonard Lowe
Marsha Olsen
Alexandra Roth
- 30 Carly Gessel
Mike Lee
Jennifer Schneider

NOVEMBER Baptisms

- 1 Beth Reksten
- 4 Dick Christopherson
- 8 Kaitlyn Larrick
- 9 Julie Wallenhorst
- 10 Nancy Powell
Brad Coppock
Anna Zimmerman
Erika Ruedin
Kirsten Zimmerman
- 11 Alec Lawlor
- 12 Gerald Dixon
- 13 Madilyn Atchley
- 14 Gayle Tomko
- 15 Griffin Reksten
- 16 Carol Deau
- 20 Kimberly Palivec
- 21 Michael Repas
- 24 Kim Craig
- 25 Cody Paterniti
- 26 Pastor Matzke
- 27 Eric Stendalen
- 29 Klevi Rybak

NOVEMBER Anniversaries

- Pastor Ken and Gay Welsh
November 6, 1976
- Mark and Shawn Ziccarelli
November 9, 1985
- Daniel and Jennifer Civitarese
November 16, 2019
- Charles and Jamie Nicoletti
November 20, 1982
- Michael and Julia Stanley
November 21, 2015
- David and Robin Carney
November 26, 1986
- Ron and Pat Croucher
November 26, 1960 (62 years)
- Ray and Ellen Gilbert
November 26, 1966 (56years)
- Myron and Linda Bliss
November 27, 1965 (57years)
- John and Sue Robinson
November 28, 1964 (58 years)
- Rick and Cathy Huston
November 29, 1980
- Chris and Debbie Turk
November 29, 1996

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| 6 8am - Traditional Worship 9am - Choir (Women) 9am - Life with God class 9:15am - Education Hour 10:15am - Blended Worship 11:20am - Announcements | 7 9:30am - Devotions online 7pm - Elders' Meeting | 8 9:30am - Prayer Group 11am - Bible Study 6:30pm - Confirmation Class 7pm - Handbell Rehearsal | 9 9:30am - Children's Chapel online | 10 9:30am - Devotions online | 11 7pm - Boutique Preview Party 7:30pm - @ the Cross online | 12 8:30am - Men's Breakfast @ 9am - Christmas Boutique |
| 13 8am - Traditional Worship 9am - Choir (Men) 9:15am - Education Hour 10:15am - Blended Worship 11:20am - Announcements 11:30am - Council Meeting 6pm - Social Issues Discussion | 14 9:30am - Devotions online | 15 9:30am - Prayer Group 11am - Bible Study 6:30pm - Confirmation Class 7pm - Handbell Rehearsal | 16 11am - Free Lunch | 17 | 18 7:30pm - @ the Cross online | 19 2pm - Trinity Lutheran Outreach |
| 20 8am - Traditional Worship 9am - Choir (All) 9:15am - Education Hour 10:15am - Contemporary Worship 11:15am - Announcements 12pm - Congregation Meeting 5pm - Newsletter Due | 21 9:30am - Devotions online | 22 9:30am - Prayer Group 11am - Bible Study 6:30pm - Confirmation Class | 23 9:30am - Children's Chapel online 7:30pm - Thanksgiving Eve | 24 Office Closed Thanksgiving Day 9:30am - Devotions online | 25 7:30pm - @ the Cross online | 26 |
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