

2nd Sunday of Epiphany <i>(special note: church service on Sat 1/15 at 4:00p.m.)</i>		
<p><i>Note:</i> No Sunday Worship on 1/16 No YOUTH groups Sunday evening</p> <p>HAPPY BIRTHDAY PASTOR VERN!</p>	<p>SUN 1/16 9:30</p>	<p>In prayerful consideration of an incoming winter weather front, worship will take place this Saturday, Jan. 15 at 4:00 p.m. in the sanctuary (we are hopeful we can livestream.)</p> <p>VIRTUAL CONNECT (see pg. 9 for link information)</p> <p>No Adult Sunday School today</p>
<p>Monday 1/17 *see note below</p>	<p>7:00-9:30</p>	<p>February MARKER submissions due Lake Norman Big Band rehearsal-FLC</p>
<p>Tuesday 1/18</p>	<p>5:00-7:30 7:00</p>	<p>Basketball (Fusion)-FLC Luther Ringers</p>
<p>Wednesday 1/19</p>	<p>10:00 6:00 6:30 7:00 7:00</p>	<p>Bible Study with Pastor Dave (zoom) Writing Group - FLC Your Turn with Pastor Vern (zoom) Basketball - FLC Chancel Choir</p>
<p>Thursday 1/20</p>	<p>canceled</p>	<p>Fellowship Group</p>
<p>Friday 1/21</p>	<p>5:00-9:00</p>	<p>FLC - Jr. Cotillion (Stephanie Mattingly)</p>
<p>Saturday 1/22</p>		
Sunday, January 23, 2022 – 3rd Sunday of Epiphany		
	<p>8:30 9:30 9:30 9:30 10:30 11:30/12:00 3:00 5:00</p>	<p>Worship In-Person & Livestream Adult Group I Bible Study (Don Mease)-conf. room CONNECT Faith Formation for all ages Adult Bible Study (Dave Wagoner)-FLC Worship In-Person Instrumental Ens (11:30)/Flute Ens (12:00) Alleluia Ringers (gr 3-6) – Main Bldg, lower level SEAS Youth (FLC)</p>

**Special Note: In observance of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, the St. Mark's church office and St. Mark's preschool will be closed tomorrow, Monday, January 17.*

From Pastor Dave and office staff: To be faithful, prayers should be fresh and active, and so we remind you to keep us informed of health situation changes at least every 30 days.

Please notify the office of any changes or updates to the prayer list to office@saintmarkslutheran.com or call the church at 704-664-5474.

Please remember all our homebound and nursing home residents; caregivers of those who are ill; those searching for employment; and all who serve in the military: Wyatt Leik & Dalton Leik grandsons of Janet & Mike Smeltz; Aaron Whitlow, Drew Jones, Erik Crowder, Matthew Barone.

Members: Sarah Breinich; Wendy Wenger; Ken Koehler; Jim Chelgren; Martha Scruggs; Brenda Joyce; Janet Frazier; Dovie Beaver; Guil Roy; Charlie Barone; and Lucile McDonald (mother of Judy Smidt); Dana Conklin; Drew Milholland

Friends & Family: David Priddy (cancer treatment, friend of Steve and Brenda Joyce); Bob Lyons (car accident, father of Tommy Lyons); David Martz (chemo, nephew of Carol Martz); Robert Dorroh (cancer, friend of Allen Sloop); John White (heart disease); Lisa Stowe (cancer, niece of Brenda Joyce); Susan Moore (chemo, sister of Liz Maurice); Brantley and Agnes Thompson (brother & sister-in-law of Robbie Pearson); Leon Campbell (heart condition), friend of Liz Whitlow; Joe & Leanna O'Hanrahan (wife tests), friend of Dave & Annette Relyea; Paul Burton, friend of John & Betsy Roseman/Mike & Betty Carter; Jeanne Coyle (COVID Critical Care/on ventilator in hospital); all who are sick with COVID and we pray for all who help care for the sick.

Blake Lee Ferden arrived January 5! He arrived at 9 lbs. 6 oz. and was 21" long. Blake is already filling hearts with love of his parents, Jeremy, Megan and his big brother Jacob. We welcome you as one of Jesus' little lambs.

Guil has been moved to Mitchel hospice house. The address is 1325 Mecklenburg Hwy. Here in Mooresville. Hope to see you Sunday. God Bless. Sharon Roy

We extend our Christian Sympathy to the family and friends of Andrea Botelho, especially her husband Jim and sons Trent and Grayson. The Botehlos were very active members of St. Mark's before moving west. Andrea died January 8. Her funeral will be January 23rd in Puyallup, Washington. For further information please contact Sandie Lown.

SHEPHERD OF THE WEEK: Sharon Gombotz

This week's ALTAR FLOWERS: given by Kurt and Cathy Quade in memory of their granddaughter, Charleston Knox.

ALTAR FLOWERS for Sunday, January 23: Mary Ann Barbee

The **2022 Flower Chart** is available in the hallway near the church office. Please consider signing up to donate altar flowers in celebration and/or memory of loved ones a special event and/or simply to the glory of God. You may use any florist of your choosing (they would need to deliver by 2:00 p.m. on Fridays to the church) or you can buy or cut flowers from your yard and put them in the clear vases in the sacristy. We also use Clippers Florist on N. Main Street in Mooresville.

JANUARY FOOD FOR DAYS: Chewy Granola Bars (*our box needs your help*)

COVID UPDATE

In the past week, our community and state has seen a rapid increase in the transmission of COVID-19. In following the current CDC recommendation, ***we are again strongly recommending masks be worn by all who are on our St. Mark's campus when you are inside.*** We remain united in our prayerful hope for continued progress in this shared fight against COVID.

HOLY COMMUNION UPDATE

We will celebrate Holy Communion today, this festival Sunday of the Baptism of our Lord, around the chancel rail. Those desiring to come forward may do so. There are also the options of choosing not to receive communion today, or to pick up the pre-packaged elements from the table near the steps. Christ and his grace are fully present in, with, and under the bread and/or the wine.

Adult I Sunday School Class is resuming! This group will meet on Sundays at 9:30am in the Conference Room led by Don Mease with a study on Second Corinthians. **(Special note: will not meet Sunday, 1/16)**

Are you interested in becoming a St. Mark's member? Please contact Pastor Dave at dave@saintmarkslutheran.com or call the church office at 704-664-5474.

Sunday, January 16 - Pastor Vern/Pastor Dave will lead a session on "*Spiritual Gifts*" **(ZOOM)** + **CONNECT WILL BE VIRTUAL** - CONNECT *will* take place virtually for all who would like to participate Sunday morning at 9:30 a.m. **Join us for some time together on Zoom as we continue our conversation of Spiritual Gifts.** This week, the topic is "Spiritual Gifts: My Gifts and do they Matter?" Use this link to access the CONNECT Zoom conversation Sunday morning at 9:30 a.m.:
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85720071380?pwd=UXZqcTJSVFN4YWpFMk1UcVhRY0VxUT09>



January Sermon Series AND CONNECT conversations: Spiritual Gifts as

revealed through 1 Corinthians 12 and 13. In chapter 12 we are reminded about the gift and gifts of the Holy Spirit that inhabit the body of Christ, the church, you and me. In this section of the letter to the Christians in Corinth, written around year 54, Paul calls for spiritual gifts that are doctrinally sound and communally supportive. At the beginning of a new calendar year, it is good to hear this list of the gifts that together build up the body of the church.

1 Corinthians 12:4 - *Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit;* and
Chapter 12:7 - *To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.*

Members of the Body of Christ:

In 1 Corinthians 12, St. Paul reminds us that we do not exist to serve ourselves. Instead, we exist for the greater good of the whole body. Our God-given Spiritual gifts, and our natural gifts, are to be used for the glory of God, and in love of neighbor. A church by definition is a body of believers who function for the greater good of the congregation and community. Lord, open my eyes to the needs of others. Show me how to live more like your Son, who always put others' interests first. And especially show me that attitude as I serve in my church.

January CONNECT sessions:

January 23 – Pastor Vern/Pastor Dave will conclude their session on “*Spiritual Gifts.*”

January 30 -The topic will be “Sunday for Service” and will be led by

Guest Speaker: Bonnie Battalia (*from FeedNC*)

(Note: the scheduled “Rule of Love” CONNECT sessions have been postponed)



“Rediscovering Our Spiritual Gifts” by Charles V. Bryant.

Coming the first Sunday in March (3/6/2022) –

Faith Formation in Lent

“*Rediscovering Our Spiritual Gifts*” by Charles V. Bryant will be led by Mary Ann Barbee during Faith Formation time in Lent. The first session will be held on the First Sunday in Lent, March 6. Mary Ann has taught at several churches. More details coming soon in the February MARKER.



HANDS ON- special January note from Shelby Westmoreland:

The Hands On group will “work from home” the month of January.

If you need supplies please contact Shelby by phone or text at 704-662-4630.

You can also email her at Shelbyw1952@gmail.com. We will evaluate our returning to our normal, in-person gathering for February in late January.



VALENTINE CARDS FOR PARKVIEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL:

Yes, we know it is early to think of Valentines- but, in order to provide them to our local school children, we need to start now. Starting Sunday, January 16, we will have a box in the Narthex. Your valentines can be for either a boy or girl. We would like to provide valentines for about 26 -30 children.

The last day for collection will be January 30th.

This will give time for them to be in “quarantine” (untouched) before distribution. Thank you for bringing a smile to a little child’s face. Many thanks for your love of the children in our community! -Social Ministry



Due to the on-going COVID concerns and community protocols the decision has been made to postpone the **Saturday, January 29 CHILI**

COOKOFF!! The committee will communicate a secondary date when a safer gathering decision is made.



ALLELUIA RINGERS - CHILDREN’S HANDBELL CHOIR

All children in grades 3 through 6 are invited to join ALLELUIA RINGERS, our children’s beginner handbell choir.

UPDATED REHEARSAL DAY/TIME

**Rehearsals begin on Sunday, January 23 from 3:00 to 3:30
in the Handbell Room, Main Bldg., Lower Level**

To join Alleluia Ringers please contact Caroline Tyree
carolinetyree.lizy@yahoo.com

2022 REGULAR GROUP/COMMITTEE MEETING TIMES/ ROOM USE:

If you have not done so already, please email Darla Steinert at darla@saintmarkslutheran.com to confirm your 2022 standard meeting (weekly and/or monthly) times/day of the week schedule so we can effectively build our facility/room use calendar. *And please kept Darla abreast of new calendar events as needs arise and/or change.*

MARTHA CIRCLE special January note: with sincere and heartfelt thoughts, **Patty Schmid** has decided to **CANCEL** the Martha Circle scheduled for Monday, January 24. When it is safer to meet in person Patty will communicate the next in-person gathering.



SPECIAL STEWARDSHIP NOTE:

Thank you for your gifts to God through St. Mark’s by sharing your time and talents as well as your intentionality to give financially. Thank you to everyone who contributed in 2021. With your help, ministry, faith formation, service and caring in Christ’s holy name blessed many lives and souls. God has blessed us richly and so we return our thanks and praise to God. We ask for God’s favor continue upon us, and through us, in 2022. *A gift is of no value until it is shared.*

	Month of December 2021	Year to Date December 2021
Budgeted	\$ 56,465	\$ 677,578
Giving (offering)	\$ 69,385	\$ 595,021
Expenses	\$ 73,894	\$ 632,371
+Giving less Expenses	\$ (4,509)	\$ (37,350)



St. Mark's Giving Code



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