

Sunday January 9, 2022 Season of Epiphany - Baptism of Our Lord		
Installation of our 2022 St. Mark's Council will be on Sunday, 1/9 during both worship services	7:30	Lutheran Men in Mission Breakfast- FLC
	8:30	Worship In-Person & Livestream
	9:30	Adult Group I Bible Study (Don Mease)-conf. room
	9:30	CONNECT/Faith Formation for all ages
	9:30	Adult Bible Study (Dave Wagoner)-FLC
	9:45-10:15	Confirmation Student/Parent Mtg-Pr Dave (sanctuary)
	10:30	Worship In-Person
	11:30/12:00	Ensembles: Instrumental Ens(11:30); Flute Ens (12:00)
	5:00	Seas/Rivers Youth - FLC
Monday 1/10 <i>Ruth Circle canceled</i>	6:30	Church Council Meeting-conference room
	7:00-9:30	Lake Norman Big Band rehearsal-FLC
Tuesday 1/11 <i>Hands On canceled (see pg 10)</i>	5:00-7:30	Basketball (Fusion)-FLC
	7:15	Luther Ringers
Wednesday 1/12 <i>Ladies Lunch Bunch canceled</i>	10:00	Bible Study with Pastor Dave (zoom)
	6:00	Writing Group - FLC
	6:30	Social Ministry Meeting – conference room
	6:30	Your Turn with Pastor Vern (zoom)
	7:00	Basketball - FLC
	7:00	Chancel Choir
Thursday 1/13	7:00	Beer & Bible w/ Pastor Vern- Salty Caper
Friday 1/14	5:00-9:00	FLC - Jr. Cotillion (Stephanie Mattingly)
	5:00-9:00	Council Retreat
Saturday 1/15	8:00-1:30	Council Retreat
Sunday, January 16, 2022 – Epiphany 2		
NOTE: NO YOUTH this evening	8:30	Worship In-Person & Livestream
	9:30	Adult Group I Bible Study (Don Mease)-conf. room
	9:30	CONNECT Faith Formation for all ages
	9:30	Adult Bible Study (Dave Wagoner)-FLC
	10:30	Worship In-Person
	11:30/12:00	Instrumental Ens (11:30)/Flute Ens (12:00)

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; John Roseman

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; Matthew Steinert (flu/COVID), son of Darla Steinert; Paul Burton, friend of John & Betsy Roseman/Mike & Betty Carter; all who are sick with COVID and we pray for all who help care for the sick.

We also extend our Christian Sympathy to the family of Brandon Wehrung, nephew of Dawn & Charlie Barone. Brandon passed away on December 30.

Address for Guil Roy: Ole Knox Commons, 13825 Hunton Lane, Room 611, Huntersville, NC 28978. God's Peace, Sharon Roy

A happy grandmother, Treva Frankos, called to let us know her grandson, Maverick Joshua Frankos, newborn son of Joshua & Holly Frankos, was born January 5, 2022, at 6:32 p.m. He is 19 ½" long and weighed 8 lbs. 5.3 oz. We welcome another little lamb into God's flock.

SHEPHERD OF THE WEEK: Gail Walther

Today's ALTAR FLOWERS:

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

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 can use any florist of your choosing choose (*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.

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.



Church Council INSTALLATION

Today, January 9, we install the 2022 St. Mark's Council. Thanks be to God for their faithful service and prayerful leadership.

David Wagoner (President/Property)
Bill West (V-P & Admin/Personnel/Preschool)
Susan Uzarski (Secretary/Faith Formation)
Susan Bostian (Stewardship/Volunteers)
Mark Relyea (Finance)
Terrie Tidwell (Youth)
Mara McCann (Youth representative)
Donna Enroth (Evangelism)
Alison Joy (Communications & Technology)
Colin Davis (Social Ministry)

The next Council meeting will be held Monday, January 10.

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.

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.

January Sermon Series will center around the spiritual gifts or gift of the Holy Spirit that are prayed for in Holy Baptism (based on Isaiah 11:2):

“the spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the spirit of counsel and might,
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord,
the spirit of joy in the Lord's presence, both now and forever.”



We will also hear readings on Sundays January 16, 23, and 30 about the spiritual gifts listed in First Corinthians chapters 12 and 13.

What are your greatest spiritual gifts?

January CONNECT sessions:

January 9 - Pastor Vern will lead a session on “Spiritual Gifts”

January 16 - Pastor Vern/Pastor Dave will lead a session on “Spiritual Gifts”

January 23 – 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)

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.

Rehearsals begin on Wednesday, January 19 from
6:00 to 6:30 p.m.
in the Handbell Room, Main Bldg., Lower Level

To sign up please contact Caroline Tyree:
carolinytyree.lizy@yahoo.com



THE SEASON OF EPIPHANY

After 12 days of Christmas we entered the Church Season of Epiphany on January 6. The term *epiphany* means "to show" or "to make known" or even "to reveal." It remembers the coming of the wise men bringing gifts to visit the Christ child, who by so doing "reveal" Jesus to the world as Lord and King. On the Sundays of Epiphany Jesus is revealed as the Christ, the Son of God, through his Baptism, through turning water into wine, and other epiphany-type events.

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.*



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 to like 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

It's easy to join in:

-  **Bring your favorite chili**
-  **Be a taster**
-  **Vote for your favorite**

Prizes include:

-  **Best overall Chili**
-  **Best vegetarian Chili**
-  **Most creative Chili**

Chili Cook-Off!



Mark your January 2022 calendar and get your recipes ready!! Join us at St. Mark's on **Saturday, January 29** at 6:00 p.m. in the Family Life Center for a

CHILI COOKOFF!!

There will be trivia games and prizes too!



Article and calendar submissions for the 2022 February edition of the MARKER are due to Darla Steinert at darla@saintmarkslutheran.com by the end of the day on Monday, February 17. This is necessary so we can publish the MARKER the last week of January.

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 November 2021	Year to Date November 2021
Budgeted	\$ 56,465	\$ 621,115

Giving (offering)	\$ 49,467	\$ 525,636
Expenses	\$ 48,662	\$ 559,727
+Giving less Expenses	\$ 805	\$ (34,091)



St. Mark's Giving Code



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