

Sunday, November 28, 2021		
<i>Special On-line Advent Calendar (see below)</i>	8:30	Worship In-Person & Livestream
	9:00	Alleluia Ringers (<i>rehearsal in Handbell room</i>)
	9:30	CONNECT Faith Formation for all ages
	10:30	Worship In-Person
	11:30	Instrumental Ensemble rehearsal (<i>sanctuary</i>)
	12:15	Flute Ensemble rehearsal (<i>sanctuary</i>)
Monday 11/29		
Tuesday 11/30	12:30	Hands On (FLC)
	7:00	Luther Ringers
Wednesday 12/01	10:00	Bible Study with Pastor Dave - zoom
	6:30	Social Ministry Meeting – <i>conference room</i>
	6:30	Streams: Your Turn with Pastor Vern - zoom
	7:00	Basketball
	7:00	Chancel Choir
Thursday 12/02	all day	St. Luke's Baking Day - FLC
	7:00	Beer & Bible with Pastor Vern at the Salty Caper
Friday 12/03		
Saturday 12/04		
Sunday, December 5, 2021 Advent 2		
Note: no instrumental or flute rehearsal	7:30	Lutheran Men in Mission Breakfast (FLC)
	8:30	Worship In-Person & Livestream
	9:00	Alleluia Ringers
	9:30	CONNECT Faith Formation for all ages
	10:30	Worship In-Person
	4:00	Hanging of the Greens service
	5:00	Soup Supper in the FLC (<i>following 4:00 worship</i>) <i>Youth will meet after the meal-FLC</i>

PRAYER CONCERNS: We change the prayer list each month with updates and changes 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 ffice@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; Betty Greenhill; Joan Rinehardt; Wendy Wenger; Carol McManus; Ken Koehler; Jim Chelgren; Martha Scruggs; Brenda Joyce; Herb Marks; Janet Frazier; Dovie Beaver; and Guil Roy

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); Andy Dallaire (brain cancer, grandfather of Holly Frankos); Lisa Stowe (cancer, niece of Brenda Joyce); Susan Moore (chemo, sister of Liz Maurice); Michael Barone (brother of Charlie Barone); Melissa (daughter of Betty Greenhill; hernia surgery); family of Mike Voleck (friend of Herb Marks); Brian Whitlow (son of Liz Whitlow)



SYMPATHIES: in Christian Sympathy we pray for
-the family of Joan Rinehardt, who passed away Tuesday, November 23
-the family of Debbie Rice at the death of her mother Pat Rice
-the family of the family of Wayne Westmoreland at the death of his sister, Emily Iller

SHEPHERD OF THE WEEK – Susan Suther

Today's ALTAR FLOWERS - given by Phil Osborne to commemorate the wedding anniversary of Phil and Jeanette Osborne (*November 28, 1970*).

DECEMBER FOOD FOR DAYS: Vienna Sausages

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.

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.



Our Lutheran Men in Mission is supporting a coat drive through 12/31/2021. Initially, the gently used or new for men, women and children (*of any size*) will be donated to Christian Mission (*Note: another agency to be determined*). A box for the coats is located in the hallway by the office/sacristy area. If you have additional questions, please contact Don Mease.

Special Advent Calendar provided by NC Synod. The on-line calendar will become active on November 28, the first Sunday of Advent at <https://tuerchen.com/1bb60e2f>

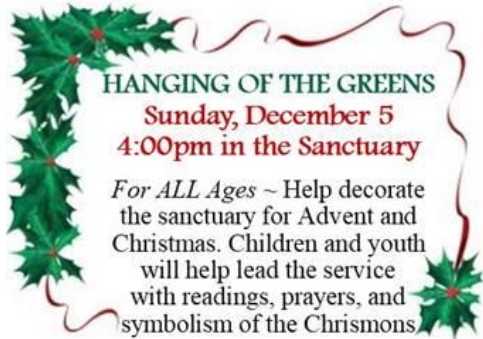


Advent Welcome to the Church Season of Advent, the first season of the Church Year. Advent is always among us as we wait and watch for God's presence among us, and as we wait "for Christ to come again to judge the living and the dead." **Advent is about waiting – and doing so in hope** – hope for peace, for joy, for the restoration of all that is broken, for the fulfillment of all things in Christ. We know about waiting – for vaccines, for a new normal, for Christmas. Waiting can be a challenge.

It requires a level of patience that we may or may not have (Galatians 5 "fruit of the Spirit" includes "patience"). Yet, we wait... and we hope... and we worship... and serve and continue on and who knows, maybe in all that and more, God's presence is revealed.

Hope is no longer something we see but rather something we practice, something we live, something we advocate, something we plant. At times when we feel as if the world must be coming to an end tomorrow, our call is not to wait, not to cry, nor to surrender.

Rather, . . . [we] go out today into our garden, into our society, and plant olive trees." Rev. Mitri Raheb, Pastor at the Evangelical Lutheran Christmas Church in Bethlehem, Palestine. Quote from his book, Bethlehem Besieged: Stories of Hope in Times of Trouble. Minneapolis: Fortress, 2004. Page 157.



HANGING OF THE GREENS
Sunday, December 5
4:00pm in the Sanctuary

For ALL Ages ~ Help decorate the sanctuary for Advent and Christmas. Children and youth will help lead the service with readings, prayers, and symbolism of the Chrismos.




SOUP SUPPER
Sunday, December 5, 5pm, FLC
 following Hanging of the Greens

Join us for soup and fellowship!

Three ways to volunteer to bring soup, bread, or dessert:

- ◆ Online Signup in Weekly Email
- ◆ Signup Sheet in Narthex
- ◆ Email: robbie@saintmarkslutheran.com



CONNECT DURING ADVENT
"Why This Jubilee?"
for adults, elementary, and preschool

Worship Music and Arts will be leading a special Advent series during CONNECT on November 28, December 5, 12, and 19. Please join us to reflect on a different familiar carol each week.

On November 28, the First Sunday in Advent, our carol will be *O Little Town of Bethlehem*, and adults will discuss and reflect on:

- ◆ God's language of "Silence"
- ◆ Bet Lehem (Hebrew for Bethlehem) which means House of Bread.
- ◆ Hopes and Fears

The children will begin each week with the adults to sing the carol and light the Advent candle. They will then have their own lesson about the carol with games and age-appropriate activities.

Alleluia  **Handbell Choir for 3rd through 6th Graders**

Ringers **Sundays 9:00 to 9:30am, Handbell Room, Nov 21—Dec 19**
Will play on Dec 19 at 8:30am & Dec 24, at 5:00pm

Pre-School request to use sanctuary to prepare for their December Program.

Their dates/times needed are:

Rehearsal/Practice times: November 29 – December 7 from 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Program Dates: Wednesday, December 8 & Thursday 9 from 9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

January 2022 MARKER newsletter submissions: Darla Steinert, our Administrative Assistant, is asking you to *submit your articles for the January 2022 MARKER by MONDAY, December 13.* December always sets up as a “shortened” month due to the Christmas holiday and numerous bulletin preparations. If you have questions and/or submittals please contact Darla Steinert at darla@saintmarkslutheran.com. Please accept Darla’s “thank you” in advance for the timely submission of your content for the Marker.



**SOCIAL MINISTRY OPPORTUNITY:
ANNUAL SERVING OUR ST. MARK’S SENIORS
FALL WORK DAY! SATURDAY, DECEMBER 4TH**

Social Ministry is organizing the annual fall work day for seniors in our church. We will be available to assist those who may need help with things around the house before winter. We can rake leaves, clean gutters (one-story houses), perform light household projects (e.g. change light bulbs) and make sure smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors are working properly.

Sign up cards are in the Narthex and side hallway or you may call the church office, 704-664-5474, to request help. The workday is scheduled for Saturday, December 4. If you are interested in helping on the workday, please contact Colin Davis at 704-650-1451 or cvdavis02@gmail.com.

HANDS ON meeting schedule:

Tuesday, November 30 – YES, will meet at 12:30 in the family Life Center

December: will not meet the entire month

All are welcome, no specific talent needed. Questions, contact Shelby Westmoreland, 704-662-4630 or shelbyw1952@gmail.com.



ANGEL TREE update: There is nothing like a child receiving a wrapped gift. Are you interested in giving an in need child from South Elementary School a special Christmas. Please return all gifts to the Narthex by December 12 so the children can receive their gift on Dec. 14. Please note: all the angel ornaments have been taken. However, the social ministry wants you to know that:

CHRISTMAS MEAL GIFT CARDS *are still needed-*

Our Social Ministry will provide hats, gloves and scarves to the in need children at Park View Elementary this year. *We are asking for a monetary gift from congregation in order to purchase Food Lion Gift Cards for each in need family.* Please help us make sure these families have a better Christmas meal this year. We must receive the donations by December 5. *Please use a pew envelope and indicate on the envelope and your check “Christmas Meal Gift Card” Thanks for caring for our community children.*

St. Luke Greek Orthodox Church’s annual Greek pastry sale fundraiser. Orders must be placed by Dec. 6 online at GreekPastries.org. Holiday pastry options include baklava, kourabiethes, finikia, paximadia, koulourakia, toffee, plus gift boxes with an assortment of pastries. Prepaid orders will receive priority and must be picked up Dec. 11 from 3-6 p.m. or Dec. 12 from noon to 3 p.m. at the church, 134 Talbert Pointe Drive, Suite A, Mooresville. Orders will not be shipped. **You can order online and/or we have some order forms in the narthex and on the church office hallway bulletin board.**

	Month of October 2021	Year to Date October 2021
Budgeted	\$ 56,465	\$ 564,648
Giving (offering)	\$ 41,617	\$ 476,169
Expenses	\$ 55,226	\$ 511,065
+Giving less Expenses	\$ (13,609)	\$ (34,896)



St. Mark's Giving Code



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