


TAKE HOME NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS!

Sunday, November 20, 2022 – Christ the King Sunday		
Liturgical color: White 	8:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 11:30 a.m. 11:45 a.m.-1:15 p.m.	In-person Worship w/ Holy Communion/Livestream Note: NO CONNECT Adult 1 Bible Study on Romans– conf. room In-person Worship w/ Holy Communion Instrumental Ensemble rehearsal – sanctuary Thanksgiving Feast (55 & over) – FLC (note: Rivers & Seas kids will be serving this meal)
Monday, 11/21		Lake Norman Big Band – NO rehearsal
Tuesday 11/22		The following activities will NOT be meeting: YTWPV HandsOn Handbells Worship & Music Committee (rescheduled for Tuesday, 11/29 at 6:30 p.m.)
Wednesday 11/23	CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE OPEN	No Choir Rehearsal Fellowship Basketball (TBD)
Thursday 11/24	CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED	No TOTS
Friday 11/25	CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED	
Saturday 11/26		
Sunday, November 27, 2022 – First Sunday of Advent		
	8:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 11:30 a.m.	In-person Worship w//Livestream CONNECT Adult 1 Bible Study – conf. room (<i>last class on Romans</i>) In-person Worship w/ Holy Communion Instrumental Ensemble rehearsal – sanctuary

Shepherd of the Week (11/20-11/26): Susan Haire

Nov Food for Days:
Fruit & Applesauce Cups

Pastor Vern will return from vacation Monday, November 21.

Today's altar flowers are given by Lisa Locklin in celebration of all of God's many blessings and in loving memory of her father, Ron Locklin.



Today we welcome the following new members to our St. Mark's church community:

Lisa Combs, Alice Farrell, Janine Hinz and Bill & Nancy Yeates. We are thankful for these people that have found a new spiritual home here at St. Mark's. May their lives be enriched through ministry and community; may they be blessed and may they each bring their gifts into your service.



Today we welcome to Lord's Table, Brenden & CJ Sifford, who will be receiving their First Communion at the 10:30 worship service.

PRAYER CONCERNS: 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.

We extend our **Christian Sympathy** to the family of Ken Koehler who died Wednesday night, November 16. Into your hands merciful God we commend your servant. Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Additional information will be communicated as it becomes available.

Members: Martha Scruggs; Janet Frazier; John Roseman; Ruth Wagoner; Viola Wenzel; Barbara Williams; Judy Smidt; Mark Brady; Chad Meadows; and Maggie Koehler.

Friends & Family: Dianne (sister of Michelle Kowatschitsch's friend); Laura (friend of Pastor Vern & Mandy); Sherry Roseman, nurse friend of Liz Whitlow; Dennis Abraham, cousin of Mitch Abraham; Ginger Damato (cancer; aunt of Candace Lagerhausen); Steve (father of a neighbor; Michelle Kowatschitsch); Tim Cook (friend of Barbara Erskine); family of Bobby James, cousin of Liz Whitlow; Alan Walthers, son of Ed & Gail Walther; Carol Woldmoe (friend/neighbor of Carol Martz); and IvaNell Monson (hospitalized; mother of Priscilla Abraham); David Martz (nephew of Carol Martz); Donald Kiker (sister-in-law's brother of Barbara Overcash); Donald Hepler (sister's husband of Barbara Overcash).

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

The **2022 (and 2023) Flower Chart** (hallway near the church office). Choose your own florist, use Clippers or even cut flowers from your yard (our sacristy has vases). Please deliver by 2pm on Fridays to the church)
Please email the church office by the Tuesday prior to your "flower" Sunday to darla@saintmarkslutheran.com if you have a sentiment note for the announcements.

Sunday morning nursery is open for young children from 8:15am-11:45am. In addition to Melissa Hinson, adult volunteers are always appreciated. To volunteer please contact Susan Uzarski at sbuzarski@yahoo.com.

HARVESTING GENEROSITY 2023 – If you were not here last Sunday, please turn in your Time and Talent Cards (Feed Each Other and Feed Community) & your Intent Card (Feed Generosity) by submitting them on line (links in the weekly emails) or completing a card that can be found in the narthex and putting it in the offering plate. More volunteers equals easier scheduling. We would love to have more nursery workers, church closers, and 10:30 AM service ushers. Let's all get involved to successfully feed our community, one another and the church.

COMMUNITY MINISTRY 2022 ANGEL TREE: There is nothing like a child receiving a wrapped gift. Are you interested in giving a child in need from South Elementary School a special Christmas? If so, please visit our angel tree in the narthex. The angels will be on tree in Narthex on November 14th. Select an Angel or two. Purchase the items. Please wrap the gift and secure the Angel to the gift. **All gifts must be returned to Narthex by December 11th in order for the child to receive on Dec. 19th. You will make some child very happy this year. Thank you!**



Red Angel: Girls clothes / **Blue Angel:** Boys clothes / **Yellow Angel:** Educational Items / **Green Angel:** Toy

CHRISTMAS MEAL GIFT CARDS – Our Community Ministry Group will provide hats, gloves & scarves to children in need at Park View Elementary this year. **We are asking for a monetary gift from the 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. **Donations must be received by December 4th.** Please use a pew envelope and check *Special Offering* and then write **“Christmas Meal Gift Card”** on the address line and place in the offering plate. Thanks for caring for our community children.

Serving our Seniors! Community Ministry is organizing our annual Fall work day for seniors in our church **on Saturday, December 3** (tentative date). Our group is here to help those with “things around the house” before winter: raking leaves, light household projects, ensuring your smoke and/or carbon monoxide detectors are functional, gutter cleaning (first story), changing light bulbs, etc. Signup sheets will be in the narthex & side office hallway (or call the church office). Contact Colin Davis at 704-650-1451 or cvdavis02@gmail.com or complete the form and place in the offering plate on Sundays or contact the church office.



Special reminders for our upcoming December SUNDAYS:

- Dec 4: 4:00 p.m. Christmas caroling followed by soup and a bonfire
- Dec 11: 8:30 and 10:30 a.m. Choir carol service with Harp
- Dec. 11: 3:30 p.m. Lake Norman Big Band Holiday Concert in the sanctuary
- Dec. 18: 4:00 p.m. Charlotte Bronze Handbell Concert in the Family Life Center

The results of the Annual Congregation Meeting held Sunday, November 13, are as follows:

- Roger Barbee, Jessica Fitzgerald and Jeanne Proefrock were elected to Council.
- The 2023 Budget passed with 76 “yes” votes, 6 “no” votes, and 3 abstaining.
- The Columbarium project plan was approved with 77 “yes” votes, 2 “no” votes, and 6 abstaining.

Based on the results of the meeting and the vote, the Congregation Meeting is now adjourned.

David Wagoner, Congregation President



Preschool registration opens up to church members on December 1st! Spaces fill up quickly so please contact Stephanie by her cell phone number or email to get your child registered (704-609-6244) or mattinglysk920@gmail.com. We hope to see several St. Mark's families join our amazing preschool.

Members of the Body of Christ: In 1 Corinthians 12, St. Paul reminds us that we do not exist to serve ourselves. Show me how to live more like your Son, who always put others' interests first. Thank you for your gifts to God through St. Mark's by your intentionality to give financially. God has blessed us richly in the sharing of our time and talents in our ministry, faith formation, and in service and caring for/to so many lives and souls. Thank you for your faithfulness and stewardship. Financial information is posted in the monthly MARKER.

St. Mark's has an App! Receive messages and important information! You can download the app in the following ways: 1) Search for it in the Apple or Android app store; 2) Click the link on the home page of our website; or 3) www.saintmarkslutheran.com.



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