

## TAKE HOME NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS!

<b>Sunday, November 27, 2022 – First Sunday of Advent</b>		
Liturgical color: Blue	8:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 11:30 a.m.	In-person Worship w/ Holy Communion/Livestream CONNECT Adult 1 Bible Study on Romans– conf. room In-person Worship w/ Holy Communion Instrumental Ensemble rehearsal – sanctuary
Monday, 11/28	9:00-10:00 a.m. 7:00-9:30 p.m.	Martha Circle – conf, room Lake Norman Big Band – FLC
Tuesday 11/29	12:30 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	HandsOn - FLC Worship & Music Committee –conf. room Your Turn w/ Pastor Vern (via zoom) Handbell rehearsal
Wednesday 11/30	7:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal Fellowship Basketball - FLC
Thursday 12/1	12:00-1:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	TOTS - FLC Beer & Bible w/ Pastor Vern- new location will be announced via email
Friday 12/2		
Saturday 12/3	9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Serving Our Seniors Work Day ( <i>see back side</i> ) St. Luke’s Greek Bakers - FLC
<b>Sunday, December 4, 2022 – Second Sunday of Advent</b>		
<b>4:00 p.m.</b> <b>CHRISTMAS</b> <b>CAROLING, soup</b> <b>and a bonfire!</b>	7:30 a.m. 8:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 11:30 a.m.	Lutheran Men in Mission (LMM): breakfast & annual meeting -FLC In-person Worship w//Livestream CONNECT Adult1 Bible Study (new class –Book of Job) conf room In-person Worship w/ Holy Communion Instrumental Ensemble rehearsal – sanctuary

**Shepherd of the Week (11/27-12/26): Dawn Barone**

**Nov Food for Days:**  
Fruit & Applesauce Cups

**Dec Food for Days:**  
Vienna Sausages



**CAROLING Sunday, DEC 4!**

**3:45 pm** Meet at the FLC  
**4:00 pm** We will walk or drive to homes

**5:30 pm** Soup Supper in FLC. *If you are able, please bring a crock pot of soup to share.*

**6:00pm** Bonfire outside of FLC with s'mores and more caroling!



**The First Church**

**Season, Advent.** The Church Year begins with Advent (from Latin “adventus” for “coming into”) a 4-week period of preparation before Christmas. The story of Jesus during Advent is the story of hope *coming into* the world. When the time was right, God sent His Son, Jesus, into the world. The Advent season teaches us to prepare to receive Jesus, the hope of the world, in faith today and in looking ahead to the time when “*Christ will come again to judge the living and dead*” (Apostles’ Creed). Advent is marked by **the color blue** that moves from a darker blue to a lighter blue, like the morning sky moves from darker to lighter as the sun comes. Blue also symbolizes hope and anticipation. The **Advent Wreath’s** candles mark the 4 weeks of Advent with 3 blue candles and 1 pink candle (the *Mary* candle, which is lit on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent).

**Today’s altar flowers** are given in honor of David Keck, Sr.’s birthday and to the glory of God from his family.

**PRAYER CONCERNS:** Please notify the office of any changes or updates to the prayer list to [office@saintmarkslutheran.com](mailto:office@saintmarkslutheran.com) or call the church at 704-664-5474.

**Members:** Martha Scruggs; Janet Frazier; John Roseman; Ruth Wagoner; Viola Wenzel; Barbara Williams; Maggie Koehler; and Malinda Little

**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); and Lynn Decarlo.

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](mailto: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](mailto: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? Please visit our angel tree in the narthex. 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 December 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.



**Special reminders for our upcoming December SUNDAYS:**

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

**Ladies Lunch Bunch for December:**

When: Wednesday, December 14 at 11:30 a.m.  
 Please RSVP by Monday, December 12 to Mary Ann Barbee at [mabarbee@gmail.com](mailto:mabarbee@gmail.com) or at 703-926-1563.  
 Where: Jeffrey’s Restaurant located at 117 Trace Court, Mooresville 28117  
 Bring your **Jingle** and your **Jolly** and join in the fun, great food and lovely company of *angel ladies!*



**Preschool registration opens up to church members on December 1<sup>st</sup>!** 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](mailto:mattinglysk920@gmail.com). We hope to see several St. Mark's families join our amazing preschool.

**Serving our Seniors!** Community Ministry Annual Fall work day for seniors in our church **Saturday, Dec 3!** 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](mailto:cvdavis02@gmail.com) or complete the form and place in the offering plate on Sundays or contact the church office.

**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](http://www.saintmarkslutheran.com).



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