
ST. MARK'S MESSENGER

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It is 2017. I can't believe it is already 2017. There's something about a new year that feels hopeful and optimistic. I know that 2016 was a rough year for many people, but I think by the end of most years, we're all ready to move forward.

There is great excitement for me as 2017 is the year we launch our strategic plan here at St. Mark's. The leadership of the church has spent the last year putting together a plan about how our church can be about the mission of bringing about transformation through Jesus to this place in the coming years ahead. We believe God has some exciting times ahead of us. We believe this is a mission we are all called to join. **Our mission is to bring transformation in people, families, our community and the world through Jesus.**

We also believe this mission is what will keep our church healthy and alive. It does not matter if we have big ministries, large bank accounts, or growing worship attendance. If our church is not transforming lives, we're sick. Our church will only be healthy if we're living out our mission of bringing transformation to this place.

People who study churches say that often 20% of the people do 80% of the work. This means that there are people who are involved in the daily activity of a church and then there are people who aren't. If this is true of St. Marks, it means that our church is only functioning at 20% of its possibility. In our mission of bringing transformation to our community, we believe everybody is called to join us. It is not just a mission for the council or the pastors, but it is a mission all of us that consider ourselves a part of St. Mark's — every man, woman, and child — have been called to.

So, if you're like me, I've said we have a mission, but you're probably thinking, "*I have no idea where to start!*" As always, every spiritual journey that we take starts with our interior. Thus, I believe our first step in being active participants in the transformation of others is our own personal transformation. And I guess, it is only fair that God wants to first work in our lives before He uses us to work in the lives of others.

As we begin a new year of being a church on a mission, I'd like to offer a couple of New Years Resolutions for you. These are just a couple of options you could implement in your life this year as you pursue Jesus. These are just suggestions, and perhaps there are other things God places on your heart to pursue in 2017. Either way, I hope and pray you find ways to open your heart to God's work.

Schedule Regular Quiet time: One of the greatest downfalls in the life of Christians is that we spend so little time quieting our hearts, praying, and reading the Bible. Perhaps this means waking up 15 minutes earlier, dedicating drive time, or sacrificing in other areas in your schedule. While difficult, having regular quiet time is essential to the transformed life.

Work to mend the broken relationships in your life: The act of making peace with those who we are at odds with is something incredibly difficult to do. Yet, I would argue, it is one of the most important things we can do. We live our lives with the recognition that God has forgiven us, that he forgave and worked to make peace with us, while we were still living in our sin. Forgiveness is an essential part of the transformed life as it is at the core of Christ's work for us.

Attend an Alpha Course: Alpha is designed to help us begin to think/rethink about what it means to be a Christian. As we gather together and engage in what it means to be Christians, we believe God works in our lives, which is essential to the transformed life.

For His Kingdom,

Dan Bellinger
Family & Outreach Pastor

St. Mark's Culture & DNA

This new section of our newsletter is meant to be a source of education to help us better understand the culture, DNA, structure and ministry of St. Mark's. We hope you find this encouraging, informative, challenging and inspiring. It's critical as we develop a Kingdom Culture we have the same understanding, language and information, so we do encourage you to read this section each month.

Our DNA:

Each month in this section we highlight a key part of our DNA, or our common makeup as a church. While we are all unique and have our own unique DNA, we also as a church have a shared, yet unique DNA. The foundation of our church DNA and culture are our Core Values. We recently did a sermon series on these that you can listen to or watch online. St. Mark's Core Values are:

- Christ-Centered Faith
- Trust of the Holy Spirit
- Authority of Scripture
- Discipleship
- Focus on Mission and Service
- Church as Christian Community
- Our Lutheran Tradition

Our Vocabulary:

Most churches (along with other organizations) do not realize that the language and the vocabulary of the organization have great significance to the organization. The main underlying emphasis of our strategic plan for 2017-2021 is to continue to create a Kingdom Culture at St. Mark's, that is have a culture as a church that matches the Kingdom of God and the vision for the church cast by Jesus in the Bible. One of the cornerstones of any culture is language or vocabulary. As a part of our strategic plan we have developed a key vocabulary that we need to become a part of our church life and culture. Each month we will focus on different parts of our vocabulary in this section of the newsletter to help us develop a common cultural vocabulary here at St. Mark's.

Prayer of the Month:

Prayer of St. Francis

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace

Where there is hatred, let me sow love

Where there is injury, pardon;

Where there is doubt, faith;

Where there is despair, hope;

Where there is darkness, light;

Where there is sadness, joy;

O divine Master, Grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled, as to console,

To be understood, as to understand

To be loved, as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive;

It is in pardoning that we are pardoned;

It is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

Culture Question of the Month:

What do you see God doing in your life right now?

Why do we???....

This is the fifth in a new series of articles we will publish in our newsletter every other month or so. It is an opportunity to look at the 'why' of what we do. So often, in the church, whether it is something new or something that has been done for years, we do not realize why we are doing it. The meaning and purpose behind what we do is far more important than the action itself.

Why do we??... Have a Montessori Preschool?

Our Montessori preschool has been open for a year and a half now and with some time and space it is easy to forget why we have the preschool, why we started it and what we hope to accomplish with it. Here are the main reasons we started and have a Montessori preschool.

There exists a need and we had the ability to meet the need. While we have many preschools and childcare centers in the area, there continues to be a need for high quality early childhood education. This is demonstrated by the lack of Kindergarten readiness in our county, region and state. It was also demonstrated through the market study the Lutheran Foundation funded for us. Early childhood education is essential for the success of students in a school setting. We all know that success in school has a tremendous impact on adulthood. Given that there was a need, we had an underutilized facility, and the support of the Lutheran Foundation, we knew this was one of the ways God was calling us to consider serving our community and meeting an important need. Quality education is essential!

The Montessori education works well and is developmentally appropriate. The Montessori model, though different from traditional models is excellent and effective with children. In fact, we have one older preschool student already doing multiplication tables! The reason the model is so successful is that it is based on learning and development and not just memorization and information. It has a uniform, high standard that has been proven. We have continued to learn in education that the more developmental our approach is in nature, the more successful it will be in both the long and short term. We also do not have any Montessori schools in DeKalb County, so we were excited to provide one.

We want to serve and reach our community. One of our main areas of focus as a church (and as it should be for any church) is to serve and reach those in our community. God has allowed and continues to allow St. Mark's to exist in Auburn, Indiana for a reason. One of those reasons is to seek to discover in every season how we can serve and reach our community with the good news of Jesus.

Our preschool has been going well and is a great gift to St. Mark's and our community. Please continue to keep our preschool in your prayers, spread the word and consider volunteering in our preschool as well. We are blessed to have a fantastic director, Linda Vandemark to lead our preschool!

Dates and Notes

January Birthdays

3 — Tyler Harrell, Tammy O'Malley
5 — Peter Jungk, Morgan McCollough
12 — Ron Marhenke
14 — Wayne Wyss
15 — Barb Capen
16 — Alex Leslie
20 — Kaitlin Gobrogge
22 — Alden Swenson
24 — Richard Barkman, John Crager
27 — Maxine Mason
30 — Cindy Reese
31 — Kathy Bergdall

January Anniversaries

Ron and Connie Dicke
January 5, 2008

Rex & Vicki Bergdall
January 6, 1996

John & Jane Foell
January 22, 1999

Save the Date

Jan 3-5 — LCMC Days of Prayer
Jan 8 — Baptism Sunday
Jan 15 — Acolyte Training
Jan 29 — Art Prize
Feb 12 — First Communion Class
Mar 4 — Family Game Night
April 15 — Easter Fun Day
April 16 — Easter!

Introducing Jon Hunter



Esther and I are excited to join you at St. Mark's in the New Year! We can't wait to join into what God is already doing through St. Mark's. As a former DeKalb high school graduate this feels like a homecoming. We have already felt warmly welcomed and are looking forward to getting to each and every one of you! I wanted to write a little more about myself and Esther, so you can get to know us!

After graduating from Trine University in Angola, I joined a discipleship school in Sheffield, England. The church I was involved in is where Esther and I first met and got married. I ended up serving that church in Sheffield for six years discipling college students. Then Esther and I went to Malaysia where we worked as teachers in an international school and led a

youth group at church for 2 years. We love traveling and enjoy different cultures and international food! I love football and basketball and wear the craziest socks! Esther speaks French and English fluently and has a real gift of hospitality. We both have a passion to reach new people for Jesus!

Prayer Requests

Church Members

The Kaduk family, Jim Friend, Ruby Tuttle, Sue Brown, Joyce Springer, and Kathleen Lutz, our missionary in Kenya.

Friends of St. Marks

Jake Jacobsen (Mary Heyse's daughter-in-law's father) ... John Ford (father-in-law of Mike Muzzillo) ... Olivia Gadabu (friend of Peggy Badenhop) ... Teri Fritch (friend of Jane Foell and Peggy Badenhop) ... Leonard Hines (Mary Heyse's brother-in-law) ... Diana Raney (Cindy Warstler's sister) ... Ronda Clayton (friend of the Muzzillo family) ... Mungumio Vine (Kristen Konieczki's sponsored child) ... Bill Gulish (co-worker of Rex & Vicki Bergdall) ... Judith Berry (Sue Brown's sister) ... Bob Friend (cousin of Marge Norris & Marilyn Myers) ... Jimmy & Jan Robison (Jimmy is a friend of John Foell from work) ... Cynthia Iravoga and Joshua Okenda (Kris Gartner's sponsored children in Kenya) ... Rosie Reade (friend of Marilyn Myers)

Shut-ins and Homebound Members

Alden Swenson...Joanne Ruger...Mildred Kruse...Marilyn Imus...Evelyn Jungk...Dolores Souder, Thelma Myers, Richard Bowerman, Eleanor Thomas, Joyce Bidlack, Paul Lutz, Betty Saunders, Sandy Muckenfuss, Arnold Krumma, Ella McClellan

**Prayer Requests will be kept on this list for two months, unless otherwise requested. If you would like to add a new request or update us on the status of a person currently on the list, please contact Kathy Fribley in the office.*

In Memory of those who passed away in December

Betty Bueker

Tim Lowder, Nila Muzzillo's son-in-law

Dale Hammond, Marilyn Imus' brother

**If you have a family member or friend who has passed away and would like to include their name in the newsletter, please let the office know.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Baptism Sunday

On Sunday January 8, as we celebrate the Baptism of Jesus in worship, we will have a focus on baptism in general. It will be a great Sunday for those of any age who have not been baptized to be baptized. If you are interested in being baptized, please contact the church office as soon as possible.

Acolyte Training

On Sunday January 15 we will be having a training for all children and youth who are currently acolytes or may be interested in being acolytes. The training will happen after the service and is not expected to be long. Children and youth must be in grades 3-11 to serve as acolytes.

Art Prize 2017 - I Am Making All Things New

Mark your calendars! On Sunday, January 29, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m., we will be hosting an annual event called Art Prize. Normally church involves us sitting in a pew and listening. Art prize is a chance we get to come and express ourselves. This year our theme is Rev. 21:5, *He who was seated on the throne said, "I am making everything new!"* ... Also, we are asking people to bring garbage with them (dry garbage, no food please) to help in the making of our art this year.

2017 Council Council Members:

Here are the members of our council for 2017, officers are noted with parentheses.

1. Rod Knox (President)
 2. Brian Moeller (Vice-President)
 3. Bill Hathaway (Secretary)
 4. Marilyn Myers (Treasurer)
 5. Rev. Marcus J. Carlson (Senior Pastor)
 6. Rev. Dan Bellinger (Family & Outreach Pastor)
 7. Connie Myers
 8. Mason Reese
 9. Linda Wolf
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First Communion

We will be having a first communion class for all children and youth in grades 3 and above who have not had a first communion class in the past 3 years. Even if your child is already taking communion, we encourage you to be a part of this class after worship on February 12. Please contact the church office to sign up.

ALPHA

We are asking everyone at St. Mark's (Grade 6 and above) to participate in a new ministry that we are launching called ALPHA. ALPHA is an internationally renowned study of the basics of the Christian faith. We are asking everyone at St. Mark's to go through it so that we can experience it together, learn together, and have another opportunity for community. It has, can, and will be, an incredible ministry to the community, those we are trying to reach, those new to the church or faith, as well as those willing or interested in exploring Christianity. Again, we cannot encourage you enough to find a way to participate in one of the three offerings of ALPHA over the next year. If you have any questions, please speak to one of the pastors.

ALPHA Opportunities for the Congregation

Winter 2016-2017 [Sunday AM]

December 11-March 19, 11am-Noon
(no meetings Dec. 25 & Jan. 1st)

Winter/Spring 2017 (Thursday PM)

February 16-May 18, 7-8pm
(no meeting April 16)

Spring 2017 (Sunday AM)

March 5-June 4, 11am-noon
(no meeting, April 16)

*Childcare will be provided by request.

Sunday Morning Adult Bible Study

The Sunday Adult Bible study group will be joining the Alpha course on Sunday mornings in December through March. We will start our next Bible Study book on April 9.

Pastor's Bible Study

Pastor's Bible Study continues every Thursday at 10:00 a.m. Bring your Bible and join us!

Strategic Plan Update

Our 2017-2021 Strategic Plan is complete. To get a print or electronic copy of either the full strategic plan or the summary version, contact the church office.

Upcoming Sermon Series

Below are the topics for our upcoming sermons. We encourage you to read the passage for each week the Thursday, Friday, and Saturday before worship and the Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday after worship as a way to further prepare for, reflect on, and listen to God as we look to the Bible together.

Miracles of Jesus Series [Jan 1—Feb 5]

For the start of the year, our sermon series will be on the miracles of Jesus from the Gospel of John. It's going to be a great sermon series and we hope you can join us for it!

January 1	—	Water to Wine
January 8	—	Lazarus Raised
January 15	—	Paralytic Healed
January 22	—	Feeding of 5000
January 29	—	Walking on Water
February 5	—	The Blind Man

Proofreaders

I want to thank Joyce Springer & Trisha Wilhelm for volunteering to proof the bulletins. I also want to thank Jessica Carlson for proofing the newsletters. Your help is greatly appreciated.
Kathy Fribley

Counters

We are currently adding to and restructuring our counting team at St. Mark's. The counting team counts and records the offering. Our goal is to have two teams of two counters who spit up the year between the two teams. We also have substitutes available and will have a training. Counting occurs on Sunday or on Monday morning, depending on what each team decides. If you are good with counting, numbers and details and are a person of high integrity and have interest in serving in this way, please contact the church office. If we have more interest than needed, we may develop more than two teams to share the load.

Automatic & Online Giving Now Available

We now have the option and opportunity to engage in online and automatic giving through an arrangement by Thrivent. Individuals and families can now have one time or ongoing donations set up from their checking or savings account as well as credit card. Donations can be specified to a number of categories in addition to giving to the general fund. Individuals can now set up their giving for the year and it will happen automatically, no checks, envelopes or having to remember when you miss church! We are encouraging members to sign up for this program as it will help us to have an accurate and consistent pattern of giving for our budget. We encourage you to use your checking or savings account as we do incur a charge on the credit card transactions, though there is an option for you to help cover that fee. You can make a one-time donation or set up your regular giving by clicking the link at the bottom of our website. If you prefer to do a paper form, please contact the church office. You will be able to change or modify your ongoing giving as needed either online or through the church office. This program has been very beneficial to Lutheran congregations across the country. Please let us know if you have questions.

Funding Our Future Summary

As a reminder, Funding Our Future is our three-and-a-half-year campaign (July 2014 to December 2017) to help propel St. Mark's into the future God has for us. Each year the Council approves projects as a part of Funding Our Future. These projects include things that help us discern, live into, or move forward into our future. Building projects, ministry initiatives, staffing, learning experiences, and other items that are important to our future are considered. No project is started until funding is completely secured. Funding is not limited to the Funding Our Future account as grants are utilized as well as gifts from Memorials and the Endowment Fund. When appropriate, budget or building funds may also be utilized. We are thankful to the many who have given regularly of varying amounts to this fund in addition to their regular giving. We would not have been able to move forward without you. We are also thankful to the St. Mark's Endowment Fund and the Lutheran Foundation for all that they have and continue to do for St. Mark's as we move into the future.

As a reminder, our 2014 Funding Our Future projects were the hiring of Pastor Dan and the installation of our screen. The 2015 Funding Our Future projects included carpeting on the main level, launching the preschool (all grant money except required match funds per grant), and the installation of the chair rail lift.

Our 2016 projects include the England immersion trip, the Eagle Scout project to build a tech room in the balcony, the Willow Creek Leadership Summit, strategic planning expenses (retreat, resources, training), the US immersion experience, the LCMC National Gathering, a day of service, boiler work, the pastor spouse retreat, signage work, and finally a sound and video upgrade. All of this work is completed or in progress except for the work on the boiler.

The 2017 projects and plans will be based on the strategic plan, grant availability, and the status of the Funding Our Future Account. We will let you know when those projects are developed.

Important Financial Note

We were in the negative for November, but giving was up for November, and December has started well. Thank you for your continued support as we continue to close the budget gap for 2016 and 2017. As mentioned in the annual meeting, our assets remain solid, and our main challenge is meeting our budget through general fund giving.

Service Project

In January we will be collecting any can good.

Boiler, Budget & Financial Update

We are thankful for the continued positive response of the congregation to our budgetary needs as well as providing additional support for the replacement of the boiler. The boiler will be replaced and will provide updates on that as well as the budget outlook periodically through the newsletter and other means. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to speak to a Pastor or Council Member. We are confident the boiler will be funded and have made some progress on our budget shortfall, but do have additional progress to make in order to be in the black for 2017 without dipping into savings/reserves.



January Loft Schedule

Jan 08 — Loft Gathering
Jan 22 — Loft Gathering
Jan 29 — Art Prize

St. Mark's Financial Update

We are currently revising the information we list in the newsletter as well as how we list our financial information in the newsletter. If you have questions or comments, do not hesitate to let us know. Each month we will provide a budget snapshot and then at least once a quarter we will provide an overall picture of the finances of St. Mark's. Due to timing of bank statements, reconciliation and council meeting schedules, we will always be presenting information from the end of the month occurring two months before the date of the newsletter.

Budget Snapshot

General Fund/Budget

Through November 30, 2016

	Income	Expense	Net
Budget	\$248,173.75	\$248,173.75	\$0
Actual	\$222,955.52	\$233,250.94	-\$10,295.42
Difference	-\$25,218.23	\$14,922.81	-\$10,295.42

Financial Picture

Through November 30, 2016

Assets

Total of all Accounts \$552,289.52

Restricted/Designated Accounts

Building Fund \$39,645.91
Memorial Fund \$9,662.91
Youth Group \$9,148.60
Funding Our Future (\$101,000 earmarked) \$103,391.17
Preschool \$50,585.42
Grants \$27,533.00
Endowment Fund (investment held at Lutheran Foundation) \$161,407.87
Funding Our Future Reserve (investment held at Lutheran Foundation)
\$101,000.00
Other Restricted Designated Accounts \$21,085.35
Total Restricted/Designated Accounts \$523,459.48

Other

Bills to be Paid (Accounts Payable) \$1,783.01

Total Unrestricted Cash Available* **\$27,085.56**

**this is essentially our undesignated savings*

Questions? Contact a Council Member or Pastor.



Our classroom has been transformed into a room full of exploring the holiday season. Our shelves are full of Christmas ornaments to sort and count, a tree to decorate, candy canes to crush and a beautiful Nativity Scene to tell the story of the birth of Jesus. We have been making ornaments and with some help from John and Kathy Fribley the kids made gingerbread houses.

The kids are super excited about our Polar Express Christmas Party on the last day of school before break. This is going to be a fun filled day of crafts, baking, reading the book Polar Express and then watching the movie in our pajamas of course!

I would like to welcome Susie Pociеча to St. Mark's as our part-time assistant two days a week. Susie has been a wonderful addition to our class and we enjoy having her with us!

Thank you to all the wonderful ladies from the church that have made work for our class, cut magazines, donated items for our Practical Life area, ordered books from the Scholastics book club and supported us over the past year. I truly appreciate all of your continued support and prayers as we continue to grow! We would like to wish all of you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Merry Christmas,

Linda Vandemark
St. Mark's Early Learners Director



LCMC UPDATE

Article by Mark Vander Tuig, Service Coordinator

A New Paradigm

We recently held our 16th Annual Gathering and Convention in Denver, Colorado. I always look forward to these events, even though there are times when we are led into difficult discussions. I see these gatherings as a family reunion—and families don't always see everything in exactly the same way. Our differences may simple be growing pains, which would make sense because we continue to grow.

Congregations from many church bodies want to be a part of what the Lord is doing in LCMC for at least two reasons: our strong stand on the authority of God's Word, and our structure. When we formed, we did not want to create just one more bureaucracy, but something more streamlined, less "top down", more "bottom up." Many never thought it would last, but it's been 16 years ad we are going strong. We continue to have interest from around the world. This year we will have pastors and members from Myanmar, South Africa, South Sudan and many other nations. But growing through transfer is simply swapping fish in different fish bowls, so we are planting churches as well. In the last 36 months, we have planted 63 new congregations.

Things are changing for the church in the U.S. We can no longer do church the way we once did—we need a new paradigm. This is not about worship style or what happens on Sunday morning or Wednesday night, it is about what is going on in the hearts and minds of our people. We must learn once again to see ourselves as missionaries on the mission field—in our neighborhoods, places of work, businesses, schools and recreational activities. Learning how to once again speak the name of Jesus in ways that are normal and natural, inviting and encouraging is our greatest challenge. We are still surrounded by people who have big questions and real concerns, and who are looking for genuine mercy. That is ours in Jesus—we just need to tell them about Him.

How does this get done, this paradigm shift? Every great revival has been preceded by a time of prayer, and I think it's time for us to pray to the Lord of the harvest that each one of us might become the laborers He is calling to our nation. When I began this work, I believed, then as now, we need to become more and more a people of prayer. I believe the church will never rise up until it first gets to its knees.

Join with us for the 5th Annual 3 days of Prayer on January 3-5 and let the revival begin!

Worship Assistant Schedule: January 1, 2017-March 15, 2017

	January 1	January 8	January 15	January 22	January 29	February 5	February 12
Preaching	Pastor Dan	Pastor Marcus	Pastor Marcus	Pastor Marcus	Jon Hunter	Pastor Dan	Pastor Marcus
Assist. Minister	Pastor Marcus	Brian Moeller	Pastor Dan	Jane Foell	Diann Hines	David Hines	Pastor Dan
Children's Time	Jessica Carlson	Pastor Marcus	Rod Knox	Kristen K.	Pastor Dan	Jon Hunter	Pastor Dan
Call to worship	Pastor Marcus	N/A	Pastor Dan	N/A	Pastor Dan	Pastor Marcus	N/A
Acolyte	Abby C.	Alexander K.	Morgann Leslie	Camden K.	Tyler W.	John M.	Micah C.
Lector	Bill Hathaway	Sue Brown	Peggy B.	John Foell	Jane Foell	Marge Norris	Marilyn Myers
Communion Asst.	Foell	Rex & Vicki B	Connie & Janice	Peggy & Glenn	Rod & Marge	Pastor Marcus & Diann	Foell
Ushers	Rex, Jerry, Rod, Tina	Jerry, Glenn, Janice, Art	Rex, Jerry, Jeff, Vicki B	Rex, Jerry, McClellan	Rex, Jerry, Stan, Tony	Rex, Jerry, Mason, Jarrett	Rex, Jerry, Russ, Carolyn
Greeters	Rod & Barb Knox	Marge & Marilyn	Reese	Hines	Kathy G & Vicki B	Bozarth	Aldrich
Nursery	Laker	Jessica & Kaitlyn	Carol & Linda		Jessica & Judy	Alison	Jessica & Kaitlyn
Sunday School							
Tech	Barry & Micah	Jeff & Connie	Mason & Barry	Connie & Jarrett	Barry & Alex	Connie & Micah	Justin & Connie
Coffee							
Altar	Phyllis G.	Phyllis G.	Phyllis G.	Phyllis G.	Phyllis G.	Peggy B	Peggy B
Other	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Worship Assistant Schedule: January 1, 2017-March 15, 2017

	February y 19	February 26	March 1- Ash Wed.	March 5	March 8- Wed.	March 12	March 15-Wed.
Preaching	Pastor Marcus	Pastor Marcus	Pastor Marcus	Pastor Marcus	Pastor Dan	Pastor Marcus	Pastor Marcus
Assist. Minister	Rod Knox	Brian Moeller	John Foell	Kristen K.	Jane Foell	Pastor Dan	Diann
Children's Time	Jon	Pastor Marcus	N/A	Kristen K.	N/A	Rod Knox	N/A
Call to worship	Jon	N/A	N/A	Pastor Dan	N/A	N/A	N/A
Acolyte	Alex Kaduk	Tyler W.	Abby	Camden	Micah	Ashlyn	Abby
Lector	Mary H.	Alison	Sue Brown	Kathy G.	Jayne McClellan	Lora K.	Micah
Communion Asst.	Marge & Vicki B.	Connie & Janice	Foell, Diann, & Peggy	Rod & Pastor Dan	Glenn & Pastor Marcus	Diann & Marge	Pastor Dan & Rod
Ushers	Rex Jerry, Randy, Jeff	Rex Jerry, Tina, Mason	Glenn & Rod	Rex Jerry, Art, Stan	McClellan	Rex Jerry, Glenn, Tony	Russ & Janice
Greeters	Wyss	Tilghman	Heye	McClellan	Knox	Linda W & Tina M	Foell
Nursery	Carol & Linda		N/A	Laker	N/A	Jessica & Kaitlyn	N/A
Sunday School							
Tech	Mason & Connie	Justin & Barry	Jarrett & Barry	Alex & Connie	Micah & Barry	Jeff & Barry	Micah & Connie
Coffee							
Altar	Peggy B	Peggy B	Cindy Warstler	Cindy Warstler	Cindy Warstler	Cindy Warstler	Cindy Warstler
Other			Ashes-Dan & Marcus				

JANUARY 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9:30 AM Worship Service with Communion 6:00 PM The Loft Gathering	2 Church Office closed Pastor Dan's Day Off 9:00 AM Staff Retreat	3 LCMC 3 Days of Prayer	4 LCMC 3 Days of Prayer	5 LCMC 3 Days of Prayer 10:00 AM Pastor's Bible Study 5:30 PM Celebrate Recovery 7:00 PM Executive Council Meeting	6 Pastor Marcus' Day Off	7
8 Baptism Sunday 9:30 AM Worship Service with Communion 11:00 AM ALPHA 11:00 AM Confirmation 11:00 AM Sunday Morning Adult Bible Study 12:00 PM Take down Church decorations	9 Pastor Dan's Day Off	10	11 9:30 AM Pastors Meeting 4:30 PM Preschool Board Meeting	12 10:00 AM Pastor's Bible Study 5:30 PM Celebrate Recovery 7:00 PM Church Council Meeting	13 Pastor Marcus' Day Off	14
15 9:30 AM Worship Service with Communion 11:00 AM Acolyte Training 11:00 AM ALPHA 6:00 PM The Loft Gathering	16 Pastor Dan's Day Off	17	18 8:00 AM All Staff Meeting 9:00 AM Pastors Meeting 12:00 PM Genealogy Group 12:00 PM Senior's Luncheon	19 10:00 AM Pastor's Bible Study 5:30 PM Celebrate Recovery	20 Pastor Marcus' Day Off	21
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Notes

Dear Members of St. Mark's Lutheran Church:

Thank you for the paper products for the Community Center of Caring Food Pantry. Remind your congregation of our "Share the Warmth " program. If people need coats they can come in Mondays from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m., Tuesdays from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., or Wednesdays from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. until the end of January. We also take good used coats for infants thru adults for anyone to get. We also need adult gloves and kids mittens. If you have any questions, call RSVP at 925-0917.

Shirley Johnson, Program Coordinator RSVP

St. Mark's Congregation:

Thank you for the generous donations of hats, mittens, gloves, and scarves! I'm sure that it will be very appreciated by the organizations that they will be provided to! Thanks for helping to share the warmth with our community.

Vicki Marhenke

Thanks to those of you who donated to our seniors who are homebound and those who live in assisted living/and or nursing care facilities. Christmas gifts: Kathy Bergdall for the hand lotion, Vicki Bergdall for the Christmas boxes, and the McClellans for the Christmas cakes. And a special thanks to our elf delivery service: Jayne McClellan, Cindy Warstler, Joyce Springer and Marge Norris. We greeted many smiling faces and wished them a Merry Christmas from St. Mark's.

Judy Bozarth

On behalf of our adopted family, we want to thank all of you who took part in the Angel Tree project this year. Know that you and your generosity helped put some extra "merry" in Christmas for three little boys this year.

Thank you, Marge Norris

St. Mark's Congregation,

Thank you for your generous gifts to us this holiday season. We consider it to be an incredible honor and a great joy to be your pastors. We love you and are grateful for the gift of your love for us and our families! We are thankful for all the ways we were able to minister with you in 2016, and are excited for what God has for us in 2017!

Marcus and Dan

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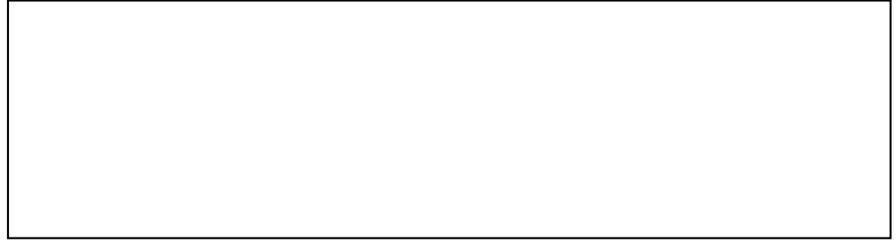
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