

The VOICE OF ST. MARK LUTHERAN CHURCH

December 2024 / January 2025



From the Desk of Intentional Interim Pastor Steve

Greetings Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Happy New Year!

No, I haven't been in the communion wine! I'm just following the liturgical calendar. What I like about that is it reminds me we're not of the world. We don't share the values of me, me, me or materialism and consumerism that has engulfed the month of December. As followers of Christ, we have another set of values that the world doesn't know. To love God and all people because God first loved us.

Yes, it is the new year and we start with the anticipation of the return of Christ. We don't do it with fear and anxiety, but with joyful anticipation. It will usher in the complete reign of God, the implications of which is that death will lose its sting and be swallowed up by God. Grieving and tears will be no more. The old things will pass away, and God's reign will be fulfilled!

This is certainly to be anticipated with expectant joy!

Advent is the specific time set aside to expect Christ to return. The purpose is to remind us that expecting Christ to return is both a state of mind and a season to be celebrated.

Join me this year to lean forward and expect with joy, the new Jerusalem to come down, Christ's return, and God to dwell with His people.

God's peace,
Intentional Interim Pastor Steve

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ARTICLE DEADLINE

The deadline for the **February** edition of *The Voice* is **January 12th**. Please

Email articles to:

stmarkcommunications@gmail.com.



Christmas Services
Please join us to celebrate Christ's Birth on December 24th
4:00 & 8:00 PM



Order your Poinsettia by Sunday, December 8th! Order form can be found on page 15.

Advent Services

Join us on Wednesday, December 4th, 11th & 18th at 7:00PM following soup supper at 5:30PM



Join Us at Advent Worship

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Next Council Meeting: Tuesday, December 10th and January 14th @ 7:00PM

Next Committee Meeting: Tuesday, January 28th @ 7:00PM

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MISSOURI MUSINGS

BY BOB YARBROUGH

South Africa Update

On a regular basis, St. Mark contributes to pastoral training in South Africa. Former St. Mark Pastor Bill Shields and I travel there each October for seven days of intense activity.

On October 13, we began our approximately 14th pastor’s conference at the Simonsberg Christian Conference Centre, Stellenbosch. The sessions ran from 7 AM till 9 PM (14 hour days: they’re serious over there!). About 60 pastors and lay leaders attended. Our theme was “Heavenly Grace in an Unheavenly World.” Before, between, and after sessions, conversation was, of course, non-stop.

On Wednesday, October 16, we ended the conference and flew 800 miles to Johannesburg.

On Thursday I spoke all day (10 AM–4 PM) at Trinity Presbyterian Church, Pretoria, on “The Battle for the Bible and the Care of Souls.” There was an attentive audience of about 50. On that same Thursday Pastor Shields was at Johannesburg Bible College speaking on 2 Timothy to ministry students.

In all these conferences, we build on ten years of labor in Cape Town and Johannesburg-Pretoria. That history of connection and longer-term friendship provides a fruitful atmosphere for exchange, application, and mutual understanding.

Throughout the 10 days of travel and labor, I was most grateful for the support and prayers of St. Mark. Some areas where we felt answered prayer:

1. There were travel complications, but by God’s grace we surmounted them.
2. I preached or taught 17 times in seven days. Pastor Shields was also taxed to the max. Some of our sessions lasted for 90 minutes. On two of the days I spoke for over five hours. Would our voices hold up? We credit your prayers for no impediments or restrictions.
3. Our wives back in the US experienced no crises in our absence.
4. “Jet lag” was non-existent on both ends of the trip. Good thing: Bill arrived back on a Saturday evening and preached the next morning. That’s not easy with a seven-hour time adjustment.

This is my 35th year of overseas ministry. It is never easy but never grows old, even though I do (grow old), and nothing in this world lasts forever, I am aware. But church growth in Africa has exploded, and the need for pastoral teaching and encouragement is immense. It is a privilege to be part of the harvest that God is bringing about. And it is a double blessing to share God’s word on the wings of your prayers.

And so, Pastor Shields and I thank God. And we thank you, the body of Christ whom we represent!



Attention St. Mark’ians

Be on the lookout for our C/3 HS Mission Trip Fundraisers!!

“All systems are still a go” for our trip to the Blue Ridge Mountains of North Carolina in July – we can’t wait!!

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St. Mark Council News

To keep you better informed about Church Council decisions, please go to <https://smlc.info/minutes/> for Council and Committee minutes.

Below are important decisions from the November 2024 Council meeting:

During a very short meeting, a presentation was made on the formation of a Communications/Media Committee. Documents were presented to enhance communications within the church and provide information to the community through press releases.

Cliff Notes

By Cliff Ewert



Celebrating the “Reason for the Season”

The most wonderful time of the year is Christmas. It’s a time to celebrate! For those with children or grandchildren there may be family parties, decorated homes, and a time to celebrate wonderful traditions with family and friends. Christmas is a celebration!

Sometimes; however, we forget the “Reason for the Season,” and get lost in the secular side of the holiday. As Christmas approaches, we see seasonal decorations, people pushing and shoving to purchase gifts and dealing with the stress of the Christmas season.

Gifts are wonderful. But the greatest gift, is Jesus! As you contemplate the “Reason for the Season,” rejoice with the knowledge that you know that He is our Lord! Why, “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believes in him should not perish, but have eternal life. (John 3:16)

As Christians, we know the real meaning of Christmas and the reason we celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ. If Jesus was not born, there would be no Christmas. We can reinforce the meaning of Christmas and share this wonderful event with love and traditional songs and greetings, “Joy to the World,” “Peace on Earth, Good Will to Men,” “Jesus Christ is Born Today,” “Go Tell It on the Mountain,” and “Merry Christmas.”

Christmas is only celebrated for a day so please share the joy of Christmas with others, especially with those who don’t know the blessing Jesus provides. Share the joy with family, friends, and anyone who will delight in the Christmas message.

I wish you, your family, children, grandchildren, and friends, God’s blessing as we celebrate the birth of Jesus during the Christmas season.

Cliff Ewert
President

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December of 2024: Sunday School at St. Mark



Wow, all the fall leaves are wonderful to see as our teachers and students walked over to church. It was awesome to see our students help other members of St. Mark pack boxes for children in need for Operation Christmas Child. As always, Cindy Zwicke will do an outstanding job from start to finish involving many of our students and teachers in this year's Christmas Program. As we look forward to taking down our Christmas trees in January. If anyone has an older artificial tree they would like to donate, it would be much appreciated for our Northwoods Vacation Bible theme this coming summer! Stay safe and warm as we look forward to 2025!

In the coming new year, we will have all Sunday school students actively learning about new prayers. Stay tuned for news regarding High School Sunday School. Our Parish Education Ministry Team is looking forward to working with II Pastor Steve, so that we can continue Sunday School with high school students. Lastly, Denise and I would like to thank all members of the Safety & Security Committee, as well as the Lake Villa Fire, and Police Departments for making improvements to our Sunday School safety procedures in the coming months.

Notes from the Webmaster

By Mel Ellingsen

A few days ago, the conversion of our new website was completed. Our site is still www.smlc.info. Technology improvements in website software dictated the change to a new robust platform, yet we are still with our previous website host, Ministry Designs. Sorry for that technobabble. Our new website is designed to attract new members to St Mark. Once viewing the Home page, we hope they will scroll down the page getting all their questions answered about St Mark. And we hope you will go back, time and time again learning more about what's happening at St Mark. One new feature in 'Events/Upcoming Events' is a filter to help you prioritize those events you are most interested in. Also, there is a button called "Add to Calendar" that will offer you a link to add the event to your personal calendar. Honestly, I'm still learning about 'events', so please bear with me. I welcome receiving your feedback and any ideas you have that will keep any potential new members looking at our website. Click on 'Webmaster' at the very bottom of any website page to reach me. I hope you enjoy our new St Mark website.



Your Safety & Security Team is looking for help from those of you who attend the Saturday night service OR the 8 am Sunday service.

The S & S Team needs some more people for St. Mark's "First Response" Team from these two services. This team has been put together to help in an emergency before the professionals get on site. To be a member of this "First Response" Team, you need to be certified in CPR/AED/First Aid. So if you would like to join, please let Melissa Grandt, Mike Mol, or Tim Rick know, and we'll sign you up for the class to be held as soon as possible.

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UPDATE

For those of you who don't know, St. Mark has sponsored two children through Compassion International for several years. We currently sponsor Ruma, a 15 year old girl from Bangladesh, and Wesley, a 19 year old young man from Brazil.

Along with this sponsorship, a few of us have been in contact with Ruma and Wesley through the years. We are now looking for someone to be the new "Pen Pal" for Wesley. A wonderful St. Mark'ian has stepped up and "adopted" Ruma! Could anyone "adopt" Wesley??? St. Mark will continue to be the financial sponsor, but we are looking for a person, or family, to be the new writing correspondent. According to Compassion's website, your "job" of being a "Pen Pal" is:

You can write to the child you sponsor either through physical letters or online through our website or app. To begin, we encourage you to send the child you sponsor a personal or family photograph and a short letter of introduction. Our local staff will translate your letter and deliver it to the child you support. Sponsored children often keep their sponsors' photos and letters in their homes as treasured possessions. You may write to the child you sponsor as often as you like. When you write, your sponsored child will benefit from knowing that someone across the world really cares. Your words of encouragement will help them see that they matter and give them hope for the future.

If you or your family are interested in writing to Wesley, please contact Mike Mol. If you just have questions about Compassion International OR would like to sponsor a child of your own, please see their website at [Compassion International](https://www.compassion.org).



We still have some pads left from our PADS program. If you are interested in any, contact Laurie Kerns.

I want to thank you all for your texts, prayers, good thoughts, and hugs for my total hip replacement surgery.

I'm feeling really good so far. My surgery was at 7:00 in the morning, I was up and walking at 9:15 and was home at 11:00! I'm amazed by the skill of my surgical team and the technology used for these procedures. God is good all the time! Feeling very blessed! Thank you all again!

Patty Lindholm





Noah's Nursery News

Tis the season! I am hoping that everyone had a beautiful Thanksgiving filled with joy, love and gratefulness for all that we have!

As always, we remain busy covering the nursery during Sunday Worship Services and Sunday School hour, as well as hosting monthly

Parents' Morning Out events and our newly added..... Parents' Afternoon Out (PAO) event being held on December 7th!

Parents' Afternoon Out Details:

- Saturday, December 7th, 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM
- FREE TO PARTICIPATE!
- Children 12 years of age and under.
- Stories, games and indoor/outdoor activities. (Bring warm clothes!)
- Lunch of Cheese Pizza, snacks, beverages will be provided.
- Registration is required. Deadline is Wednesday, December 4th (Limited space.)
- Register at www.smlc.info.

Also, our next FREE PMO events are on Friday, December 27th and Friday, January 24th from 9 AM - 12:00 PM. Children ages 5 and under are welcome to join us. Activities and snacks will be provided. Registration is required for this event and can be found at www.smlc.info.

Perhaps your friends, neighbors, co-workers, or a family member needs a break and/or wants their child to socialize with other children in a safe setting. If so, St. Mark provides a FREE 3 hour break with an opportunity to safely play together in a fun, active and supervised setting! We look forward to seeing you and providing these amazing services for your child/children/grandchildren.

As you can see, we remain busy in the nursery on Sundays and our PMO/PNO/PAO events!

Christmas Blessings,

Deb Heide



If you or a family member are currently serving in any branch of our Armed Forces or any First Response Unit, would you please let me know. I would like St. Mark to honor them and pray for them by making a photo gallery that we all can see at St. Mark. Once you tell me who they are and how they serve, I will let you know how big of a picture I would like. Thank you and please thank them for their service.

Mike Mol

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At any point in life our burdens can become too great to bear alone. This is where a trained Stephen Minister can come alongside to help. Stephen Ministers are lay members of the congregation that have gone through extensive training to provide high quality, confidential, Christ-centered care to people who are hurting or overwhelmed by the burdens of life. You do not need to carry your burdens alone. If you—or someone you know—might benefit from the care of a Stephen Minister, please contact the church office and ask to be directed to the Stephen Ministry team.



Stephen Ministry

St. Mark's next packing session is scheduled for Saturday, December 7th, at 8:45 in the morning. Please use the following link to sign up: [December's Sign Up Link](#). As a reminder, there are sit down jobs, stand up jobs, and move around jobs needed each and every session! If you have any questions, please ask or contact Mike Mol. (Since this VOICE also covers January, here is [January's Sign Up Link](#). We will be packing January 2nd at 7 pm.)



If you aren't done with your Christmas shopping, we have some beautiful handmade items made by in country artisans. ([Christmas Items On Line or In Our Store](#))



Besides these other items, if you are able, for a donation of \$106 (which feeds a child a meal a day for a year – *can you feed your child a meal a day for a year for only \$106?*), you can take home one of these ornaments. The one on the left is made in Uganda and the one on the right is made in Eswatini.

On Going Opportunities for Prayer at St. Mark Church

- **Pray the Call Committee Prayer** and for the new pastor.
- **Knowing the Importance of Prayer in God's Eternal Work...**Appealing to the Holy Spirit 24/7 see Prayer Table for prayer guide and St. Mark website: [smlc.info](#) under the Prayer Tab.
- **2024 Three Days of Prayer Brochure for St. Mark Church, 2024 Prayer Guide, Youth Prayer Guide and a Children's Prayer Guide** on the St. Mark website under Prayer, [smlc.info](#). Copies are also available at the Prayer Table in the Narthex.
- ***Praying God's Promises for Israel*** see Prayer Table for prayer guide and St. Mark website: [smlc.info](#) under the Prayer Tab.
- **Continue Praying for America's National Repentance.** See Prayer Table for *National Repentance* by Dr. Glenn Sunshine.



Opportunities to Pray with Fellow Members

- **St. Mark Prayer Chain**, a wonderful group of fellow Christians, praying for all prayer requests and praising God for His listening to our petitions, thanksgivings and praises for His responses. Email requests and praises to smlcprayers@gmail.com. Please share with the Prayer Chain; how God has responded to your prayer request. Check with Connie Saunders, if you want to join.
- **ZOOM Weekly Prayer Meeting** - Come, pray and be blessed. Currently Tuesdays, until further notice from 6:30 to 7:10 pm. we will be meeting on Zoom praying over the previous week of Prayer Chain requests, St. Mark Church and each other. Contact Person: Pam Burke and Barb Ewert for Zoom link.

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CHRISTMAS PROGRAM & FAMILY PARTY!



On December 8th at 4:00 our Sunday School will be bringing the true meaning of Christmas to our church with a nativity program. Immediately following there will be fun family events and pizza for everyone. Please invite your families and friends to join us as we celebrate the joyous occasion of our Savior's birth.

Parents of play participants, please remember practice dates of Sundays, November 24, December 1 and 8 at 9:00 before Sunday School.

There is still time to volunteer to help to make everything run smoothly for the Christmas celebration. More helping hands lighten the load. Please sign up to help on the volunteer board located in the Narthex or contact Cindy Zwicke or members of Parish Education Ministry team.



True Community

What kind of fellowship does God Intend for the Body of Christ? Fellowship among believers is more than just talking over coffee after the church service. Biblical fellowship in New Testament

times—or koinonia—had rich and varied meanings, including covenant relationship, partnership in the gospel, communion with God and others, and the sharing of earthly possessions.

In True Community, bestselling author Jerry Bridges guides you through koinonia and its implications for today's church. With discussion questions at the end of each chapter, this book will help you dig deeper into what Christian community in the twenty-first century should look like. You will come away with a new appreciation for fellowship, the church, and what God intended the body of Christ to be. You can find this book under call number 262.23.



Knowing Importance of Prayer in God's Eternal Work Appealing to the Holy Spirit 24/7



7 If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you. 8 By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit; so you will be My disciples. John 15: 7-8

Much has transpired both within and outside of the walls of St. Mark Lutheran Church. But one characteristic has not, Prayer. The church has been, remains and reaffirmed, that prayer is her primary vision. We are a house of Prayer. Based on this acclamation and as a reflection of our obedience to seek the will of the Father through prayer, please join your fellow members, leaders and Council in participating in our LCMC 10th year of *Three Days of Prayer* from Tuesday, January 7 - Thursday, January 9, 2025 and the rest of 2025.

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What has **C/3** been up too?

Thanks for asking – after our pumpkin carving contest, we have (or will have):

1. Helped decorate the Operation Christmas Child boxes.
 2. Met (hopefully) 4 times – twice in December and twice in January.
 3. Ate a lot of chocolate.
 4. Gone Christmas Caroling.
 5. Had a Christmas Party with a White Elephant Gift Exchange.
 6. Had a lot of laughs.
 7. Continued our study of the book – “A Student’s Guide to Culture”
 8. Ate more chocolate, laughed some more, and prayed A LOT!
- ♦ If you are a high school student, please join us!!
 - ♦ If you are a parent of a high school student and would like to help, we’d love to have you!!
 - ♦ For any questions and/or suggestions, please talk to Mike Mol and/or Debbie Gass



Maybe one good thing that came out of Covid was that we started our Helping Hands Ministry.

Even though we haven’t been as busy as we started out, we are still receiving calls for help every now and then. With that being said, I would like to ask you two things:

- 1) If you are willing to be a “helping hand”, please let me know. The time commitment for this ministry is not a lot and the work is not that hard. You just need to be willing to help people from St. Mark or the community.
- 2) I have been leading this ministry from the beginning but now would like to step down from that position. I would be more than willing to help you “learn the ropes” of what this position entails and would stay on as a helping hand. Please pray about this role and if you have any questions, please feel free to ask me.

Mike Mol

Advent is a State of Mind and a Season to be Celebrated.

Advent is about the conscious and intentional expecting and even anticipating for the return of Christ with joy.

One of the most recognizable images is the advent wreath.

In the Lutheran tradition we light a candle every week in the anticipation of the return of Christ. We will be exploring what God expects us to be doing while we wait!

God has a plan for each and every one of us, and God has a plan for our collative community, and the entire world. Part of that plan is that we are called to care for the earth, and each other, with the gifts God gave to us.

One action item we're excited about is this Advent is that we will be asking everyone to complete a time and talent survey. This will be for the eaders of the ministry teams and for yourselves. They ultimately answer the question, "what gifts do I have to contribute to the body of Christ as we wait for the fulfillment of the Kingdom of God in the return of Christ?"

We're looking forward to spending time in real anticipation and expectation of Christ's return, while looking at the practical things we can be doing in this time of patiently waiting...

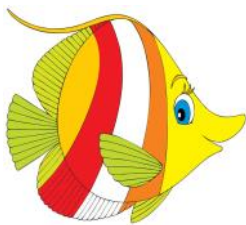
The Stewardship Ministry team,

Laurie Kerns, Carl Norlin, Intentional Interim Pastor Steve



**Every Month - 2nd Saturday /
7:00am Breakfast /
8:00am Training / 9:30am Adjourn**

Join in person or via zoom on the 2nd Saturday of the month (Men age 15+). Become part of something good and GET PLUGGED IN. We always have room for one more man. Send your contact information to Ministry2EveryMan@gmail.com or text Jerry Doran at 847-271-8632.



Fin Facts

Did you know?

As of October 31st St. Mark had \$437,859 in checking and savings accounts as well as \$60,000 in the contingency account. The cash balance has decreased over last month. Instead of the anticipated loss of (\$63,269) in the budget through the end of October, the church has a gain of \$92,325 through the first ten months of the fiscal year, in spite of an average \$ 8,185 per month decline in budgeted general tithing. The gain is due to staff vacancies, a government pandemic subsidy of over \$19,000, and careful spending.

At the 2023 Annual Meeting the Congregation stepped out in faith and approved an anticipated loss of \$35,850 for this fiscal year. A gain of over \$50,000 **is now anticipated if we meet holiday giving projections.**

	<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>Actual</u>	
	<u>Unrestricted Offerings</u>	<u>Unrestricted Offerings</u>	<u>Over/Under</u>
Month of October 2024	\$ 50,110	\$ 46,779	(\$ 3,331)
2024 Fiscal Year (Jan.– October)	\$ 527,480	\$ 445,632	(\$ 81,848)

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Lay Reader List for December/ January



If you are unable to read or be the Media Assistant on a specific Sunday, please switch with someone on the list **and notify the office**. Readings for both Saturdays and Sundays will be out the week before you read.

Sunday, December 1 st	8:00 AM	II Pastor Steve	Saturday, January 4 th	5:30 PM	Johnna Morton ?
	10:30 AM	Kristi Knull			
Saturday, December 7 th	5:30 PM	II Pastor Steve	Sunday, January 5 th	8:00 AM	Cliff Ewert
				10:30 AM	Deb Zuchowski
Sunday, December 8 th	8:00 AM	Carl Norlin	Saturday, January 11 th	5:30 PM	II Pastor Steve
	10:30 AM	Rhonda Doran			
Saturday, December 14 th	5:30 PM	Lynn Johnson	Sunday, January 12 th	8:00 AM	Lynn Wetterberg
				10:30 AM	Bill Blecke
Sunday, December 15 th	8:00AM	Jim Schranz	Saturday, January 18 th	5:30 PM	Lynn Johnson
	10:30 AM	Kevin Graul			
Saturday, December 21 st	5:30 PM	Kathy Kurth	Sunday, January 19 th	8:00 AM	Bonnie Millsop ?
				10:30 AM	Jerry Gass
Sunday, December 22 nd	8:00 AM	Cliff Ewert	Saturday, January 25 th	5:30 PM	Kathy Kurth
	10:30 AM	Deb Zuchowski			
Saturday, December 28 th	5:30 PM	Lynn Johnson	Sunday, January 26 th	8:00 AM	Betty Osterle
				10:30 AM	Gary Olson
Sunday, December 29 th	8:00 AM	Bonnie Milsop			
	10:30 AM	Jerry Gass			



Media Assistant for December / January



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	10:30 AM	Jerry Gass			
Saturday, December 7 th	5:30 PM	Taylor Houser	Sunday, January 5 th	8:00 AM	Mel Ellingsen
				10:30 AM	Jerry Gass
Sunday, December 8 th	8:00 AM	Charlie Burke	Saturday, January 11 th	5:30 PM	Taylor Houser
	10:30 AM	Rich Sidley			
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Support St. Mark & Local Businesses



Second Tuesday Each Month

CARRY OUT, PICK UP or DELIVERY!
Be sure to bring your coupon and mention it at time of payment!

Present this certificate at the time of payment and **15%** of your order, excluding tax and tip, will be donated to **St. Mark Lutheran Church**.
Certificate must be presented at time of payment.
Not to be used with any other coupons or discounts.

Share with your friends and family.

LINDENHURST LOCATION ONLY

12:00 - 9:00 PM

Visit www.antiochpizzashop.com for full menu.

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1856 E. Grand Ave., Lindenhurst

DATES: Second Tuesdays
12/10/24, 1/14/25, 2/11/25



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DRIVE THRU Anytime that day! Be sure to bring your coupon! (paper or electronic)

Show your support for St. Mark Lutheran Church

Stop into **Wendy's® Lindenhurst** anytime on the **Third Thursday** of each month and **30%** of qualifying sales will be donated to **St. Mark Lutheran Church**.

DATE: Every Third Thursday
12/19/24, 1/16/25, 2/20/25

TIME: All Day (Breakfast until Close)

LOCATION: 370 S US Highway 45, Lindenhurst

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December 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 8:00AM Worship 9:20 Sunday School AND Confirmation 10:30 Worship	2 10:00AM AL-Anon 6:30PM Divorce Care	3 8:30AM Men's Group 10:00AM Bible Study Ed. Center 6:00PM Choir Practice	4 9:30AM Women's Bible Study 5:30PM Soup Supper 6:30PM Confirmation 7PM Advent Service	5 9AM Quilters 7:00PM Arise Practice 7:00PM Adult Bible Study	6	7 7:00AM Men's Group 5:30PM Worship 1PM Parents After- noon out
8 8:00AM Worship 9:20 Sunday School AND Confirmation 10:30 Worship 4PM Christmas Play/Party	9 10:00AM AL-Anon 6:30PM Divorce Care	10 8:30AM Men's Group 10:00AM Bible Study Ed. Center 6:00PM Choir Practice 7:00PM Council Mtg Antioch Pizza Tuesday	11 9:30AM Women's Bible Study 5:30PM Soup Supper 6:30PM Confirmation 7PM Advent Service	12 6:00PM Stephen Min. 7:00PM Arise Practice 7:00PM Adult Bible Study	13	14 7:00AM HIS Ministry 5:30PM Worship
15 8:00AM Worship 9:20 Sunday School AND Confirmation 10:30 Worship 6:30PM Youth Group	16 10:00AM AL-Anon 6:30PM Divorce Care	17 8:30AM Men's Group 10:00AM Bible Study Ed. Center 6:00PM Choir Practice 7:00PM Council Mtg	18 9:30AM Women's Bible Study 5:30PM Soup Supper 6:30PM Confirmation 7PM Advent Service	19 9AM Quilters 7:00PM Arise Practice 7:00PM Adult Bible Study Wendy's Thursday	20	21 7:00AM Men's Group 5:30PM Worship
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Order Your Poinsettia Plant Today



I/We would like to order _____ (quantity)
RED POINSETTIA plant(s) at \$12.00 each for the
2024 Christmas Eve Worship Services

PLEASE PRINT ALL INFORMATION!

Name: _____
(Please Print Clearly)

Phone: _____
(Please Print Clearly)

Plant(s) are given:

___ To the Glory of God

___ In Honor of _____
(Please Print)

___ In Memory of _____
(Please Print)

___ In Celebration of _____
(Please Print)

___ I will pick up the plant(s) after the 8 pm Christmas Eve Service.
(Plants must be picked up by Friday, 12/27/24)

___ I would like the plant(s) taken to someone who is ill or shut-in.

PAYMENT MUST ACCOMPANY ORDER

I have enclosed my payment of \$_____
(Please make checks payable to St Mark Lutheran Church
and put Poinsettia in the memo field.)

Deadline for ordering plants is Sunday, December 7th

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