

# St. Mark's Lutheran Church News Notes

## November-December 2017

Give thanks in all circumstances, for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.  
(1 Thessalonians 5:18)

### *Did You Know?*

Did you know that 2017 marks the **170th** anniversary of our St. Mark's Lutheran Church building? In 1845, the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Wolfsville was organized under the leadership of Rev. Christopher Columbus Culler. Two years later, in 1847, the cornerstone of the church was laid. Land for the church was donated by the Marken family from the "Good Luck" homestead, located just north of Wolfsville.

To celebrate this anniversary year, a special worship service will be held.

Please join us

**Sunday, Nov. 12, 2017**  
**10:30 a.m.**

Celebrating 170 years of  
worshiping our risen Savior in "the  
little brown church in the vale"

***Please invite family members,  
neighbors, and friends to help us  
celebrate this milestone.***

*Note:* If you have any  
photos or other memorabilia that  
would add to our celebration,  
please bring them to church on or  
before Nov. 12.

### November Birthdays

**2** – Charlotte Cristler  
**7** – Judy Routzahn  
    Jamie Thomas  
**8** – Regina Harshman  
**10** – Dennis Grove  
    Breonah Lawyer  
**16** – Lisa Lewis  
**20** – Kristen Chen  
**22** – Alexander Njiomowo  
**23** – Chuck Brandenburg

### November Anniversaries

**1** – Brad and Lisa Burtner  
**18** – Floyd and Bonnie Cline

*For flowers that bloom about our feet;  
For tender grass, so fresh, so sweet;  
For song of bird, and hum of bee;  
For all things fair we hear or see,  
Father in heaven, we thank Thee.*  
-- Ralph Waldo Emerson

### **Wolfsville Community Thanksgiving Service**

Grossnickle Church of the  
Brethren will host this year's  
Wolfsville Community Thanksgiving  
service on **Wed., Nov. 22** at  
**7:00 p.m.** Please join our Christian  
community in praising God for His  
greatness and thanking Him for the  
many blessings He bestows on us.

## It's Shoebox Time!

Since 1993, Samaritan's Purse has brought joy to 146 million boys and girls around the world through Operation Christmas Child shoebox gifts. We will be collecting items and filling boxes through **Sunday, Nov. 19.**

### Suggested Donations

Toys  
Hygiene items  
School supplies  
\$ for shipping

**Please do NOT include:** candy, toothpaste, used or damaged items, food, liquids or lotions, breakable items

*For more information, check out the brochures in the Sunday School area.*

## CHRISTMAS SERVICES

**St. Mark's  
Morning Worship  
with Children and Youth  
Sun., Dec. 17  
10:30 a.m.**

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**A Child So Small  
St. Mark's  
Sun., Dec. 17  
7:00 p.m.**

Handbells, Choir,  
Congregational Carols

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**Parish Candlelight Service  
St. John's (Church Hill Rd.)  
Sun., Dec. 24  
11:00 p.m.**

### December Birthdays

**1** – Linda Buhrman  
**2** – Aaden Coblentz  
**3** – Sharon (Moser) Emmett  
**6** – Molly (Burtner) Yarrington  
**12** – Kevin Gaver  
**13** – Joyce Erwin  
**14** – Janet Hessong  
**18** – Jennifer Brandenburg  
**19** – Grace Smith  
**29** – Brent Michael  
Sharon Grove

### December Anniversaries

**1** – David and Debbie Axline  
Frank and Joyce Erwin  
**5** – Delphin and Betty Frushour  
**11** – Paul and Darlene Spangler  
**26** – Gail and Joyce Guyton  
**27** – Ken and Ann Frushour

## Country Churches Tour

St. Mark's will be participating again in the Myersville and Wolfsville area churches tour sponsored by the local Historical Society. This year's tour is

**Sat., Dec. 16  
1:00 – 5:00 p.m.  
(Snow date: Sun., Dec. 17)**

We will need folks to greet visitors, to prepare and to serve refreshments. Please consider helping out during this fun afternoon in which we open our doors to visitors from far and near.

For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life. **(John 3:16)**

## **Fall Hike to Black Rock**

We will be hiking to Black Rock on **Sun., Oct. 15** following the worship service and the social hour. Please bring along your walking shoes and join us as we witness the majesty of God's creation.

**Parish Joint Worship Service  
Sun., Oct. 29  
10:45 a.m.  
St. Mark's Lutheran Church**

To celebrate the Reformation and our unity as a three-church parish, a joint service will be held at St. Mark's. Please join us for this special worship service in which we focus on our Lutheran heritage, and God's faithfulness, mercy, and grace. A joint choir will share several anthems during the service.

### **Quotes from Martin Luther**

God does not need your good works, but your neighbor does.

Next to the Word of God, the noble art of music is the greatest treasure in the world.

Even if I knew that tomorrow the world would go to pieces, I would still plant my apple tree.