

St. Mark's Lutheran Church News Notes

November-December 2021

Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

1 Thessalonians 5:16

All Saints Sunday **Sun., Nov. 7, 2020** **10:30 a.m.**

We will celebrate the lives of those of our St. Mark's family who have entered the Church Triumphant during the past year.

- Martha Spangler
- Lawrence Keller
- Geraldine Miller
- Other family members and friends

We hope you can be with us to celebrate with all the saints during this service of remembrance.

St. Mark's ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING *Nov. 7 (following worship service)*

WOLFVILLE COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE

Wednesday, Nov. 24, 2021
7:00 p.m.

St. Mark's will be hosting the community Thanksgiving service. Everyone is invited to join in this time of thanking God for our many blessings.

November Birthdays

- 2 – Charlotte Cristler
7 – Judy Routzahn
 Jamie Thomas
8 – Regina Harshman
9 – Diana Lewis
10 – Dennis Grove
 Breonah Lawyer
11 – Kristen Herr
16 – Lisa Lewis
20 – Kristen Chen
22 – Alex Njiomouo
23 – Chuck Brandenburg

November Anniversaries

- 1 – Brad and Lisa Burtner
18 – Floyd and Bonnie Cline
21 – Tom and Norma Day

St. Mark's Thursday Bible Study
10:00 – 11:30 a.m. (in person)
7:00 – 8:30 p.m. (in person and Zoom)
Everyone is welcome.

November – Finishing the video/discussion series

A Man Named Martin

No class Nov. 25

There will be a different study, still to be determined, through the Advent season.

It's Shoebox Time!

Since 1993, Samaritan's Purse has brought joy to millions of boys and girls around the world through Operation Christmas Child shoebox gifts. We will be collecting filled boxes and donated items through **Sunday, Nov. 21.**

Suggested Donations

Toys
Hygiene items
School supplies
\$ towards 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.

**St. Mark's
Communion and
Candlelight
CHRISTMAS EVE
SERVICE
Fri., Dec. 24
7:00 p.m.**

Everyone is welcome to come and join us as we celebrate the birth of our Savior.



December Birthdays

- 1 – Linda Buhrman
- 2 – Aaden Coblentz
- 3 – Sharon (Moser) Emmett
- 6 – Molly (Burtner) Yarrington
Melissa Rollison
- 7 – Joshua Wolf
- 12 – Kevin Gaver
- 13 – Joyce Erwin
- 14 -- Darla (Cartee) Benedum
- 18 – Jennifer Brandenburg
- 19 – Grace Smith
- 22 – Norma Day
- 26 – Ryker Wolf
- 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
- 22 – Jordan and Ali (Blickenstaff)
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- 26 – Gail and Joyce Guyton
- 27 – Ken and Ann Frushour

SING TO THE HOLY CHILD

A Christmas Concert of Worship and Praise

Sun., Dec. 19

7:00 p.m.

Special music by St. Mark's choir and handbell ringers, along with vocal and instrumental soloists plus many congregational carols.

Please join us as we lift our voices in song and celebration. Christ is born!

HOLIDAY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Middletown Valley People Helping People (MVPHP) is organizing an adopt-a-family program for families living in the Middletown School feeder area. Last year they were able to bring joy to over 200 local children.

Suggested donations:

- Gift cards – Kohl’s, Walmart, Target, Amazon
- Gift cards – Safeway, Weis, Giant Eagle
- For younger children – small toy

Please give donations to Lois by **Sun., Nov. 28** and she will deliver them to MVPHP.

Did You Know?

Advent begins Sun., Nov. 28. The word “advent” comes from the Latin word *adventus*, meaning coming or arrival.

During Advent, we celebrate Christ’s coming in several ways, including

- His birth in Bethlehem
- His Second Coming
- His coming into believers’ hearts

Advent has been celebrated since the later 5th Century. During those early years, monks were expected to fast each day in December until Christmas Day.

Purple or blue are the colors of Advent. Blue represents “hope”.

John 1:1-14

¹In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was in the beginning with God. ³All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being ⁴in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. ⁵The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. ⁶There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. ⁸He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. ⁹The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. ¹⁰He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. ¹¹He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. ¹²But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, ¹³who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. ¹⁴And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.