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## ADVENT 2020

The season of Advent is the beginning of a new year on the church calendar. This new year gives us the year of the Gospel of Mark with lots of the Gospel of John. The four Sundays before December 25 provide us with readings about the coming of Jesus. The Advent wreath is a meaningful tradition practiced by many Christians. The custom is part of the spiritual preparations that believers make for the celebration of Christmas.

The wreath is a circular candle holder. Some people put evergreens around the four candles. Each candle represents an aspect of the spiritual preparation for the coming of the Lord, Jesus Christ. Week one has been designated "Hope", week two "peace", week three "joy" and week four "Love".

But to keep the spread of the germs that cause people to get sick due to COVID we have put restrictions on in person worship. That leaves us with how do we light candles on the Advent wreath when we are unable to gather together for worship in our beautiful worship room? Our answer is to spread the practice to each person's home. A circular candle holder and four candles has been given to each household so a daily candle can be lighted. On the Facebook page and on our Norwich Lutherans website the message for the day will be given by various members of St. Mark. Check out who is lighting candles each day. If you have not gotten your candle holder please call the church office and one will be delivered to you.



As our congregation gathers not in person but in worship in our homes during the season of Advent take advantage of the messages and prayers provided by our members to aid each of us as we make spiritual preparation before the celebration of Jesus' birthday.



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Pastoral Emergencies:  
860-326-1031

If you would like  
to make an appointment  
with Pastor Mary,  
please call  
the St. Mark office at  
860-887-6826.

### Morning Prayer

**by phone or  
Internet Zoom  
860-326-1031**

**Mondays and Fridays  
at 9:00 a.m.**

To join the Morning  
Prayer worship service  
use the pastor's phone  
number 860-326-1031  
or ask for a Zoom  
invitation.

### Pastor Mary's Thoughts

Advent -Arrival -Adventure seasons are upon us. Advent in our St. Mark community for years has meant we get out the advent wreath with four candles. Each Sunday for four weeks we have lighted another candle. Our acolyte has worried about which and how many candles they are responsible for on any Sunday. But this year there is no worry because there is no assigned acolyte. This year is different so the season of Advent will be different. It will still be four Sundays long. It will have the many readings about preparing for the return of Jesus. It will encourage us to get ready to celebrate the story of Jesus' birth. Christmas wreaths and trees will be decorated. There will be "in person" worship on the front lawn on those Sundays that are warm but I suspect that many Sundays we will be worshipping from each of our homes watching on our computer screens.

Christmas will arrive on December 25 same as other years. The gift catalogues have arrived at my home. Packages from many places with selected gifts for children and grandchildren are arriving daily. The birthday of baby Jesus will arrive. My prayer for the arrival of the second coming of Jesus the ruler of the universe is real during this Advent season.

Adventure is upon me this Advent season. I don't know what will happen next. I thought that St. Mark Lutheran Church would be in person worship in our beautiful nave. That is not part of my plans for 2020 Advent as I write this. I will ask Sandy Neuendorf to get out the large Advent wreath and Brian Armstrong can take pictures of it as the candles shine brighter each week. I will have the adventure of preaching "second coming" words. I don't know how or by what means you might receive them. Yet my adventure this year will have many surprises.

Adventure is upon St. Mark Lutheran Church. Adventure calls us to risk our old ways of doing church and adapt to new ways. Ways we could not have imagined even a year ago. When we moved our worship out to the front lawn last June we had no idea it could bring such joy. So many more people in Norwich know us as a lively out going worshipping community. The adventure of the past summer worship out in God's created spaces has fed my spiritual self. May the adventure of the coming winter months provide each of us with spiritual renewal and vigor to continue to proclaim Jesus' Advent.

### A note from the office

Currently, both the church office and the Pastor's office are open and functioning. Although indoor Sunday services have not resumed, we are conducting virtual worship every Sunday morning at 9:30.

**For office questions** you can reach Linda at st.marklutheran248@gmail.com or 860-887-6826.

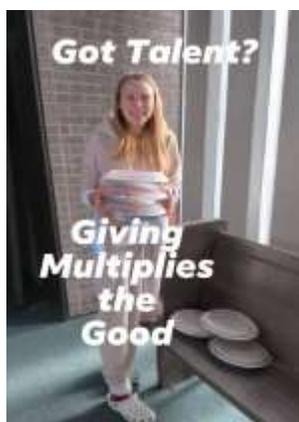
**For the Pastor** please call Pastor Mary Robinson at 860-326-1031.

### Midweek Bible Study

Jeune Jhony, is inviting each of you from St. Mark to a "Zoom" Bible Study Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. He has chosen John as his beginning place for this study group. Each and anyone who wants to learn about what John wrote just call him at 929-218-8291 for more information.

### Annual Committee Reports

In order to have the committee reports ready well in advance of the annual meeting, they need to be in the church office before December 13, 2020. Please email, mail or leave these in the church office. Thank you!



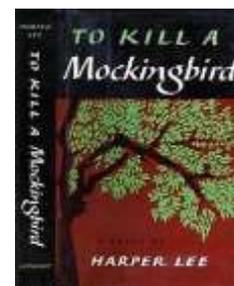
### Thanksgiving Baskets - Thank you!!

Many thanks go out to everyone who helped out with the Thanksgiving baskets. The home baked pies this year prepared by Lily Armstrong looked delicious and added a very special touch to the baskets. Thank you Lily! Thanks go to Sue Underhill, Sandy & Rick Neuendorf, Your hard work is greatly appreciated! We were able to provide baskets to 7 families.



### Book Club - Tuesdays

The Book Club will get together by Zoom on Tuesday mornings at 10:00 a.m. Use your tablet, phone, or computer. You can also conference call with Pastor Mary at 860-326-1031. The Book Club is currently reading *To Kill a Mockingbird* by Harper Lee.



## Congregation Council Members:

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## CALLING A CONGREGATIONAL BUDGET MEETING - December 13th

In order to approve the budget for 2021 before that year begins, we are calling a Congregational Meeting to be held solely for the purpose of approving the proposed budget on **Sunday, December 13th** at 11:00 a.m. via Zoom or phone. Copies of the proposed budget for 2021 will be made available by mail or email prior to and at the meeting so that you will have a chance to look it over and respond. Don't miss this important opportunity to share your ideas about our ministry as we plan for the next year. See how to attend and vote at this meeting on page 8. If you don't have a computer you can call in to Pastor Mary.

## CONGREGATIONAL MEETINGS

There will be two congregational meetings. The budget meeting on December 13 and the annual meeting on January 24. Both meetings will be conducted virtually on Zoom because we will not be asking anyone to risk the infection by being in person. Some of us are not familiar with interaction virtually this seems very strange. Here is your announcement about the meetings virtually in this emailed Memo. For the persons who do not receive e mail and want to attend the meetings please use your phone to call the church to attend the meeting on your phone.

**Budget meeting** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84528472601?>

**Annual Meeting** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86972168516?>

**See page 8 for Zoom downloading and use directions.**



### Thank you to Sandy and Joe!

Many thanks to Sandy Quarto and Joe Churney for their faithful devotion to St. Mark over the past years. We know they will continue to support and encourage the ministry of St. Mark as new people become a part of the Congregation Council.



## Congregation Council

There are 4 council seats available. If you are interested or would like more information please contact Pastor Mary or Sandy Quarto.

## Following our Constitution

“We baptized members of the Church of Christ, responding in faith to the call of the Holy Spirit through the Gospel desiring to unite together to preach the Word...do hereby adopt the constitution.” We know about the constitution of our congregation. Many of us have copies of it and have read at least parts of it. The constitution is the basic outline of St. Mark Evangelical Lutheran Church. The outline gives us guidance in the how of how we tell the Gospel. “The Congregation Council shall have general oversight of the life and activities of this congregation and in particular its worship life.” There are duties carried out by the council. Our council is made up of the pastor and not more than 11 nor fewer than 7 members of the congregation. Joe Churney, Sandy Quarto, Brian Armstrong and Joan Seidel have given six years of learning about the congregation, six years of ministry, and six years of imagination service. They have found joy in serving but the by-laws clearly state that 6 years is the limit. It is now time for them to step aside so an additional 4 members can be elected to the council. We expect that these four members will continue to find joy in serving in the many ways they have. By moving off the council they are creating space for an additional four people. Many thanks to Sandy Quarto, Joe Churney, Brian Armstrong and Joan Seidel for their faithful devotion. We can be assured that they will continue to faithfully serve. They are just that kind of people.

*Dear Parishioners,*

*In January I will be stepping down as Council President along with three other Council members who have served the maximum terms allowed by our Constitution--Joe Churney, Brian Armstrong and Joan Seidel. Their support has been immeasurable, always rising to any task or request I or others have made of them, and I cannot thank them enough. We have been blessed with a strong and committed Council. It has also been a joy working with our tireless, patient, inspirational and deeply caring Pastor Mary. Since almost half of the nine Council members will be stepping down, it is time for other St. Mark members to step up. I am asking each of you to give careful consideration to serving on the Council, as Council members will be calling on you in weeks ahead.*

*The Council meets via zoom each month, but Council members can also call in to meetings. Since we are not using our building until the pandemic subsides and it is safe to do so, involvement is more limited. I am blessed to live near the church and to be retired, but your situation may be different. Serving on the Council need not be an overwhelming or time consuming endeavor and should be undertaken with enthusiasm and a joyful willingness to serve. You will find it very rewarding knowing that you have a role in decision making and the inner workings of St. Mark. Please consider becoming part of the leadership of our small but mighty congregation.*

*In closing, I would like you to know how proud I am of St. Mark's continued efforts to serve our community. While many churches have quietly stepped back and may not even have services due to the pandemic, we have remained strong and involved, with Sunday worship, twice weekly morning prayer, a Book Club, a Concert series, a huge food collection, and continuous support of the St. Vincent DePaul Soup Kitchen and the neediest in our community. It has been a privilege and a joy to serve on our Council with a number of dedicated, caring St. Mark members over the years. I can only say THANK YOU and please continue to do the good work you are doing.*

*I hope you will consider serving on the St. Mark Church Council. I know you will want our church to continue serving God with strong leadership.*

*Peace,  
Sandy Quarto*

# PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 2021

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<u>Income Accounts</u>	<u>Actual Total 2019</u>	<u>Actual YTD Oct. 2020</u>	<u>Estimated Total 2020</u>	<u>Approved Budget Total 2020</u>	<u>Approved Budget Total 2021</u>
4010 - Weekly Envelopes	\$ 74,080	\$ 60,218	\$ 72,600	\$ 70,000	\$ 70,000
4011 - Simply Giving	9,470	9,350	11,220	10,300	11,500
4030 - Loose Collection	2,203	1,439	1,638	2,000	1,500
<b>Total 4000 - Total Weekly Giving</b>	<b>\$ 85,753</b>	<b>\$ 71,007</b>	<b>\$ 85,458</b>	<b>\$ 82,300</b>	<b>\$ 83,000</b>
4050 - Thrivent Choice Funds	\$ 701	\$ 266	\$ 400	\$ 1,000	\$ 400
4220 - Cornerstone City Church	\$ 16,500	\$ 11,150	\$ 16,500	\$ 16,500	\$ 16,500
4051 - Memorial Hall - K-009 Barbershoppers	\$ 1,250	\$ 250	\$ 250	\$ 1,000	\$ -
4070 - Memorial Hall - Other Hall Users	5,780	2,000	2,000	5,000	2,500
4150 - Memorial Hall - AA	780	455	650	700	650
<b>Total 4100 - Memorial Hall</b>	<b>\$ 7,810</b>	<b>\$ 2,705</b>	<b>\$ 2,900</b>	<b>\$ 6,700</b>	<b>\$ 3,150</b>
4230 - PPP Loan / Grant Funds	\$ -	\$ 12,777	\$ 12,777	\$ -	\$ -
4210 - Gifts and Bequests	\$ 400	\$ 50	\$ 50	\$ -	\$ -
<b>Total Operating Income</b>	<b>\$ 111,164</b>	<b>\$ 97,955</b>	<b>\$ 118,085</b>	<b>\$ 106,500</b>	<b>\$ 103,050</b>
<u>Expense Accounts</u>	<u>Actual Total 2019</u>	<u>Actual YTD Oct. 2020</u>	<u>Estimated Total 2020</u>	<u>Approved Budget Total 2020</u>	<u>Approved Budget Total 2021</u>
5220 - Confirmation & First Communion	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 250	\$ 250	\$ 250
5240 - Sunday School	234	-	234	250	150
5260 - Word in Season	187	228	300	400	400
<b>Total 5200 - Christian Education</b>	<b>\$ 421</b>	<b>\$ 228</b>	<b>\$ 784</b>	<b>\$ 900</b>	<b>\$ 800</b>
5020 - Stewardship Activities	\$ 220	\$ 248	\$ 400	\$ 400	\$ 400
5040 - Evangelism Activities	2,636	66	500	4,000	2,500
5065 - Evangelism Consultant	-	400	2,000	4,800	2,500
<b>Total 5000 - Stewardship &amp; Evangelism</b>	<b>\$ 2,856</b>	<b>\$ 714</b>	<b>\$ 2,900</b>	<b>\$ 9,200</b>	<b>\$ 5,400</b>
5430 - Pastor's Professional Education	\$ -	\$ 150	\$ 150	\$ -	\$ -
5435 - Pulpit Substitute	424	-	1,500	1,500	1,500
5445 - Pastor Mary Robinson Leadership	20,800	17,600	20,000	16,200	19,200
5450 - Pastoral Internship	-	-	-	9,500	9,500
<b>Total 5400 - Ministry</b>	<b>\$ 21,224</b>	<b>\$ 17,750</b>	<b>\$ 21,650</b>	<b>\$ 27,200</b>	<b>\$ 30,200</b>
5610 - Benevolence Synod	\$ 4,800	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,800	\$ 4,800	\$ 6,000
5650 - Community Outreach	158	-	200	200	2,400
<b>Total 5600 - Outreach</b>	<b>\$ 4,958</b>	<b>\$ 4,000</b>	<b>\$ 5,000</b>	<b>\$ 5,000</b>	<b>\$ 8,400</b>

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6075 - Accounting and Auditing	\$ 1,620	\$ 1,400	\$ 1,680	\$ 1,680	\$ 2,040
6005 - Copier	1,662	1,090	1,700	1,700	1,700
6020 - Bank Service Charges	108	99	120	120	200
6025 - Insurance - Workmen's Compensation	630	1,022	1,022	700	678
6035 - Telephone and Internet Services	1,516	1,619	1,800	1,800	1,850
6045 - Postal Cost	513	417	550	550	575
6055 - Insurance - Church Building	4,176	4,512	5,275	5,275	5,968
6056 - Office Expenses	-	47	47	150	75
6060 - Office Supplies	1,567	874	874	800	1,000
6065 - Computer	1,044	956	1,000	1,000	1,000
6070 - Synod Assembly and Convocations	1,075	107	107	1,100	1,100
<b>Total 6000 - Administration</b>	<b>\$ 13,911</b>	<b>\$ 12,143</b>	<b>\$ 14,175</b>	<b>\$ 14,875</b>	<b>\$ 16,186</b>
6340 - Organist Substitute	\$ 450	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 700	\$ 700
6345 - Musicians	400	3,550	4,500	4,500	5,200
6360 - Worship Supplies	1,273	967	1,100	1,100	1,100
<b>Total 6300 - Worship and Music</b>	<b>\$ 2,123</b>	<b>\$ 4,517</b>	<b>\$ 5,600</b>	<b>\$ 6,300</b>	<b>\$ 7,000</b>
6415 - Natural Gas - Church	\$ 13,079	\$ 10,791	\$ 13,000	\$ 14,000	\$ 14,000
6420 - Lawn Mowing and Hedge Trimming	2,933	2,160	2,500	3,500	3,500
6425 - Maintenance - Church	7,446	3,118	4,000	5,000	5,000
6435 - Organ / Piano Tuning	780	520	1,300	1,300	1,300
6455 - Snow Removal - Church	2,200	-	2,200	2,200	2,200
6465 - Water / Sewer - Church	1,293	441	700	1,000	1,000
6475 - Electricity - Church	4,256	2,871	3,500	5,000	5,000
<b>Total 6400 - Property and Maintenance</b>	<b>\$ 31,987</b>	<b>\$ 19,901</b>	<b>\$ 27,200</b>	<b>\$ 32,000</b>	<b>\$ 32,000</b>
6530 - Organist	\$ 18,200	\$ 14,923	\$ 18,600	\$ 18,600	\$ 18,975
6570 - Administrative Assistant	12,209	9,705	11,000	12,550	12,800
6593 - Administrative Assistant: Summer Hire	761	553	553	1,200	1,000
6580 - Sexton	7,794	6,521	7,950	7,950	8,110
6590 - Social Security Church	2,922	2,399	2,900	3,200	3,000
<b>Total 6500 - Payroll Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 41,886</b>	<b>\$ 34,101</b>	<b>\$ 41,003</b>	<b>\$ 43,500</b>	<b>\$ 43,885</b>
<b>Total Operating Expense</b>	<b>\$ 119,366</b>	<b>\$ 93,354</b>	<b>\$ 118,312</b>	<b>\$ 138,975</b>	<b>\$ 143,871</b>
<b>Operating Income less Expense</b>	<b>\$ (8,202)</b>	<b>\$ 4,601</b>	<b>\$ (227)</b>	<b>\$ (32,475)</b>	<b>\$ (40,821)</b>

## How to download Zoom on your PC

1. Open your computer's internet browser and navigate to the Zoom website at <https://zoom.us/>
2. Scroll down to the bottom of the page and click "Download" in the web page's footer.
3. On the Download Center page, click "Download" under the "Zoom Client for Meetings" section.
4. Save Zoom on your computer and double click on zoom app to begin installing
5. The Zoom app will then begin downloading.
6. When it is time for your Zoom Meeting, Morning Prayer, or Worship service; find the invitation in either your email or online at Facebook (@Norwichlutherans), click on that link and Zoom will automatically open for you when the meeting is available by the hostess, or host.

## Outdoor Worship

**Outdoor worship is suspended until the warmer weather comes.**

**Please join us live  
on Facebook Sunday mornings at 9:30,  
feel free to type 'hello' to people as you see them during the service. If  
you cannot make it online at 9:30,  
we save the recording for you to watch whenever you would like.  
Worship will be available on YouTube after 11:30.**



**YouTube channel: ThePlace.stmark**

**<https://www.facebook.com/NorwichLutherans/posts/4728598127211906>**





## The Giving Tree

The family of St. Mark is adopting four children to buy gifts for Christmas. The list is below. If you can please let Linda know what you're buying so that we can keep the list updated. Either email

[st.marklutheran248@gmail.com](mailto:st.marklutheran248@gmail.com) or call Linda at 860-334-1260.

We're asking that you bring your unwrapped gift along with a note specifying the child's number and drop it at St. Mark **before December 10.**

If you would rather donate money towards a gift put it in the mail, make a donation on our website, or drop it in the mail slot here at St. Mark.

If you write a check please make it out to St. Mark and note adopt a family in the memo line.

### Family A

**Boy – 11 years old**

**Shirt - size 2X men's**

**Jeans - size 44 men's**

**Hoodie & sweat pants - size 2X men's**

**Art supplies - paints, brushes, markers,  
sketch pads, etc.**

**Legos**

**Nerf guns**

### Family B

**Girl - 8 years old**

**Shirt and pants - size 10**

**Play kitchen stuff**

**Play kitchen**

**Boy - 7 years old**

**Pajamas - size 8/10**

**Shirt and pants - size 8/10**

**Big stuffed puppy**

**Wooden toys**

**Girl - 6 months old**

**Wooden toys**

**Learning toy**

**Light up stuff**



## Poinsettias



Now is the time to order a poinsettia, either as a memorial, honor or a donation. Cost is \$14.95 each. The sign up sheet is available in the Gathering Room. Make checks payable to St. Mark. **Deadline to sign up - December 16<sup>th</sup>.**

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**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**In (Memory/Honor ) of:** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**# Plants ordering:** \_\_\_\_\_

## Birthdays



Happy Birthday!  
To those celebrating their  
Birthday in December



- |                      |                       |
|----------------------|-----------------------|
| 1 - Ellen Hanley     | 24 - Melissa Withbroe |
| 10 - Janice Silva    | 27 - Linda Andrews    |
| 13 - Jim Quarto      | 29 - Sandy Quarto     |
| 16 - Debbie Andrews  | 30 - Lili Rafeldt     |
| 23 - Barbara Deshefy |                       |

***If you are celebrating your birthday, and you don't see your name here - please call the church office at 860-887-6826 so we can add it to our records.***

## Concert Series



We are proud to present a virtual concert arranged by our music director, Ian Frenkel, who will be joined by our own Mark McCormick on bass and Chris Odell on drums. Special guest Robert Tolppi will also perform on the piano. Go to our website [norwichlutherans.org](http://norwichlutherans.org) and click on the concert series link.

Don't Miss the



### January Monthly Memo News Articles

Please send your articles for the **January Monthly Memo** to [st.marklutheran248@gmail.com](mailto:st.marklutheran248@gmail.com) by Thursday, **December 16th**. Thank you.

## Community Luncheon Grab and Go

Beginning December 1st the Community Luncheon Grab and Go will be held at St. Mark. This will take place by people entering the handicap door on the side of the building. There will be tables set up with food for them to take with them. They will go straight out the Memorial Hall Door to the parking lot.

The Community Luncheon supported by the Norwich Area Clergy Association provides a take-out lunch each Sunday. There is a free breakfast and lunch, Monday through Saturday given by St. Vincent De Paul but Sunday had no opportunity for those in need to have food. Many years ago the NACA began the practice of giving the meal on Sunday to those who live on the streets and those who have no other means of securing food. St. Mark has been involved with this important ministry from the beginning so many years ago. Lately the meals have been distributed from the parking lot of St. Vincent De Paul. St. Mark has joined with other congregations here in Norwich in providing for the needy. If you would like to be involved please talk to Ines Kallmeyer, Pastor Mary or call the church office.

## Cereal Ministry

***We'll continue to feed the people for St. Vincent de Paul Place:*** During the COVID pandemic it has become more difficult to shop for groceries. To simplify giving to St. Vincent de Paul Place you can drop off your cereal at St. Mark or send a check (or drop it in our mail slot) with St. Vincent de Paul in the memo section. We will send the money and cereal to them once a month.

***Alternatively, you can call Pastor Mary at 860-326-1031 or Linda Mandel at 860-887-6826 to arrange for drop off at St. Mark.***

If you would like to give to this ministry, any donation would be appreciated. This is our opportunity to still safely support an outreach ministry.



## Prayer List

### We include in our prayers:

**Homebound members:** Betty & Bob Schmidt, Bruce Ashline, Hazel Lotring, Laura Nagel, Shirley Eliasson, Martha Johnson, Irene Signorino.

**Clergy:** For Elizabeth and Jim, our Bishops; for Mary, our Pastor.

**We pray for the sick especially:** Edith Stankiewicz, Jim Quarto, Charlene Seltz, Dan Tracy, Mary Elizabeth Lang, Clarice Martin, Don Paulison, Rob Peterson, Frank Socha, James Signorino, Christina McCann, Lina McCann, Hope McCann, Yvonne Scott, Sarah Sullivan, Parker Churney, Jennifer Bedell, Charles Peters, Jennifer Stark, Janet Hatch, Gary Ogren, Betty & Bob Schmidt, Bruce Ashline, Hazel Lotring, Laura Nagel, Shirley Eliasson, Martha Johnson, Irene Signorino.

**We pray especially for:** Those with addictions, their families & friends. Children being sexually abused, adults healing from abuse, the homeless, all persons living with HIV/AIDS, those who have been affected by COVID-19. Those who are out of work or looking for work; those with a mental illness, the families and friends who support them.



### Prayers Needed:

We have received a letter from Mission of the Good Shepherd Church in Belize, Central America asking only for prayers for special children in need especially Susie Westby, Myrtle Tracey, Ashanti Obrien, Orlando Jackson and Stephanie Logan. We will be including all children at this church in our prayers at St. Mark at morning prayer on Monday and Friday and at our church services on Saturday and Sunday. We ask you to include these children in your daily prayers as well. These children have very immediate needs that only God can help with.

### If You or a Loved One Go to the Hospital

- \* Call the church office as soon as you know you will be admitted.
- \* When asked if you are part of a local faith community answer YES, and tell them where you are a member. ***If you are not asked tell them.***
- \* When asked if you want your name released to representatives of your church say YES. If you say no, or if you do not give our church's name the hospital will not be able to release your name to us.

*Note: L & M Hospital is the only hospital that notifies us when our parishioners are hospitalized.*

### Facebook Page

We have increased our social media presence with an additional FB page:

#### **ThePlace.StMark**

This page is intended to share with the community the number of ways they can be fed at The Place, a place we all lovingly refer to as St. Mark Lutheran Church. A place for people to be enriched by diversity of religious traditions, to be in community, to be fed, to find music for all, to find peace, to find worship, to find book clubs, to be welcomed.



St. Mark is on Instagram

**Check us out on Instagram - @ThePlace.StMark**

NEWSLETTER OF  
ST. MARK LUTHERAN  
CHURCH

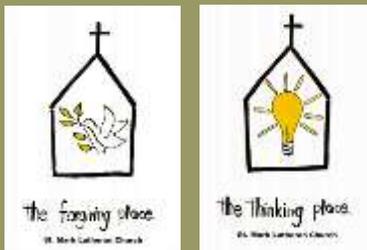


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