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# St. Mark Memo



December 2021 Newsletter



## St. Mark Lutheran Church Christmas Concert

*Musical Director: Ian Frenkel*

*Vocal and Instrumental Christmas Music*

*Saturday, December 18, 2021, 7:00 p.m.*

*St. Mark Lutheran Church, 248 Broadway, Norwich, CT*

[st.marklutheran248@gmail.com](mailto:st.marklutheran248@gmail.com)

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*Admission: FREE*

## Pastor Mary's Thoughts



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### Morning Prayer

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

Morning Prayer is  
held in the chapel.

**Phone or  
Internet Zoom  
860-326-1031**

“Good morning Lord, It’s a beautiful day. Good morning Lord, I am going your way. Open my eyes so I can see someone who needs a friend like me. I know that I can surely be loving, caring, always sharing. Good morning Lord, I am going your way.”

It is with joy that I sing this song. It is with joy that I am teaching this song to all the children who come to Sunday school. Yes, St. Mark does have Sunday school. Each Sunday I rush to take off my Alb, hang up my stole, and put my cross into a safe place so I can be with the children in Memorial Hall. I am aware that some adults who have been in worship will want to have a conversation but I think I need to rush to Memorial Hall for the Sunday school time. Please know that adults are also welcome in Sunday school. At present the number of children attending is rather small but the excitement among the children and parents make it a joy.

I have been reading a book about the ministry of teaching entitled, Happiness Is a Teacher. The author John Stevens Kerr begins his writing with a chapter *The teacher is a lover who is called to love... to reach out to them in a relationship that holds delighting in it because it is an expression of exuberant childhood*.

I ask, “Is St. Mark filled with members who show love?” We show love in our various ministries like collecting food for St. Vince De Paul, collecting clothing, sponsoring vaccination clinics, giving Christmas concerts, serving meals, and giving to the larger church through the New England Synod but sharing the good news of the gospel is a foundational kind of loving. *Sharing the good news is loving, which is why we say bluntly that a teacher is a lover*.

I talk with many St. Mark members about Sunday school because it is so vital to the health of the congregation. Right now there are two teachers beside myself. If God has called you to take part in this ministry of teaching please let me know.

## DECEMBER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sundays - 9:30 a.m. - Worship  
Mondays & Fridays - 9:00 a.m. - Morning Prayer  
Thursdays - 9:00 a.m. - Walking Worship  
Saturdays - 5:30 p.m. - Dinner Church Worship  
at the Place on Broadway

## Vicar Eric's Thoughts



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Advent is upon us. Advent means, "is coming". As Christians, of course it is a time to prepare for the coming of Christ into the world. We celebrate this every year and for me like many folks I talk to it seems the coming of Christmas is quicker and quicker every year. That is because it seems the older, I get, the faster time moves.

I have also noticed Christmas decorations going up on homes, in stores, and the general community earlier and earlier each year. I have noticed Christmas lights on homes along my commute as early as November 13 this year. So, with time going by quicker than it ever did for me and with folks decorating for Christmas earlier in the year than ever. What should I make of all of this?

I like to think it is folks wanting to live in a world that is more Christ-like. I notice that during advent and Christmas, folks seem to be kinder. The lights on homes are like the candle's that are lit on advent wreaths. As we get deeper into the season there are more candles lit on wreaths and more lights on homes. The lights on the wreath can be considered to be the light of Christ and as we get closer to Christmas the light of Christ shines brighter. I think as we get deeper into the season folks see the joys of kindness and peace that Christ models for us. With less time each year between taking Christmas lights down and putting them up, perhaps we as a society are yearning for Christ all year long.

Let's consider the words of Jesus in the Gospel of John.

John 8:12- "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in the darkness but will have the light of life."

## Vicar Eric is Starting an Evangelism Team

The purpose of the team will be to make sure that any visitors to the church are welcomed by persons other than the pastor and the vicar. Additionally it is important that visitors are followed up with after a visit to worship or any other function at St. Mark. Vicar Eric also wants to reach out to persons in Norwich. One way is to use local property transfers as a way to identify people to approach to invite to St. Mark. Vicar Eric envisions a committee that will stop by the homes of both visitors to the church and new property owners with a welcome gift and packet. If you are interested in joining this team and doing this work contact Vicar Eric, via email at [vicaronbroadway@gmail.com](mailto:vicaronbroadway@gmail.com) or call the church office.



### A note from the office

The office is open 9-Noon  
Monday-Thursday

For office questions you can reach Linda at 860-887-6826 or [st.marklutheran248@gmail.com](mailto:st.marklutheran248@gmail.com) Linda will be out of the office December 20 and returning on January 2.

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

For the Vicar please call Vicar Eric Heinrich at 860-371-5969.

### Worship Schedule

**Saturdays - 5:30 p.m.**

**Sundays - 9:30 a.m.**

Worship on Facebook / YouTube

YouTube channel: [ThePlace.stmark](#)

Links found on Facebook: NorwichLutherans

*You have a choice:*

*Worshipping in person or virtual*

Morning Prayer

Mondays & Fridays - 9:00 a.m.

Thursdays - 9:00 a.m. Walking Prayer



### Saturday Dinner Church Worship at The Place

Saturday Worship at the Place is at 5:30 pm. Each Saturday the doors are open to welcome anyone who wishes to praise God and pray with others.

A complete meal is prepared and served by those who come to worship. Since we are eating the meal as part of the service itself, worship is in

Memorial Hall because the dinner tables are already in place.

### Indoor Worship

We are now worshipping indoors for the winter months. You may enter from the large doors off Broadway and make your way to a pew safely distancing from others. Masks are a good protection from spreading the virus and are encouraged. If you enter the door from the parking lot please be aware that others might be near and be patient to keep all safe from the spread of the virus.

### Midweek Messages

There is an opportunity to share your thoughts about your spiritual life. You are invited to write one or more of these midweek messages. Call or email the church office for more information.

## Advent

Advent is so often just a time of waiting for Christmas. Others use the four weeks of Advent as a calm prayerful time before the on slot of Christmas feasting. The lighting of a weekly candle on the Advent wreath is beautiful to behold. The ever-green wreath proclaims life even in winter's cold barren nature. The candles move us into the future one week at a time. The color of the season of Advent is deep blue of a confident and embodied hope in God's future now.



## **Christmas Worship Services**

Christmas Concert	December 18th	7:00 p.m.
Dinner Church Worship	Christmas Day, December 25th	5:30 p.m.
Christmas Pageant	December 26th	9:30 a.m.



### Taking Part in Worship

There are many opportunities for individuals to get involved in worship at St. Mark. Each Sunday, we need volunteers to be assisting ministers, readers, kyrie singers, ushers, altar guild members, cameramen, and audio techs. These roles are vital to our worship, and it is easy to join the volunteer schedule and learn how to do them. If you are interested in helping with any of these roles, please call the office or speak with Linda Mandel. Pastor Mary, along with our audio-visual personnel, are happy to train new volunteers.

### Congregation Council Members:

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Other Officers: Financial Secretary, Rick Neuendorf

### CALLING A CONGREGATIONAL BUDGET MEETING

In order to approve the budget for 2022 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 19th* at 11:00 a.m. in Memorial Hall. Copies of the proposed budget for 2022 will be made available by mail or email prior to the meeting with the bulletins 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.

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### Congregation Council

There are open council seats available. If you are interested or would like more information please contact Linda Mandel or Sandy Quarto who are the nominating committee.

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### The Story of the Bible

**This course about the world's most famous, most read, and most debated book the Bible.** These classes on Saturdays at 10:00 a.m. will be presented by the renowned scholar Luke Timothy Johnson. The classes will illuminate for us the remarkable and complicated process by which the Bible came into being. Tracing the development of the biblical texts across millennia, Professor Johnson takes us on a journey from the farthest reaches of ancient history through antiquity and the middle ages up to the present. We will learn about the many forms the Bible has taken and the ways history, scholarship, and technology have helped **shape the Bible's powerful influence on human history and culture.**

### Confirmation Instruction



Attention Families with 12 year olds or youth who have not been confirmed.

Confirmation class for St. Mark youth has begun. Vicar Eric will be collaborating with Pastor Heidi at St. Luke in Gales Ferry to teach confirmation. Their first study is of the Old Testament texts.

Class will be held at St. Luke on Sundays starting at 10:45ish-12:00.

## 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 20, 2021. Please email, mail or leave these in the church office. Thank you!



## Stewardship

In this season we are exploring together what it means to be connected to Christ the vine. Our individual lives and our life together as a community of faith thrive and bear fruit because Jesus fills us with new life again and again. In the midst of a pandemic, in a divided culture, in the face of fear and anxiety, our source of life has kept us going. We are pausing to become

more aware of all those ways that God is at work filling our community with life. Thank you! Thank you for all that you give of yourselves and your gifts of every kind that make our community possible. Thank you for being an important part of this growing, living community rooted in Christ.

As we look to the ways we are rooted and growing and bearing fruit in Christ, we invite you to consider your financial commitment to our shared ministry for this coming year. Please fill out the pledge card you have received. There will be a final collection of cards on December 12th during worship as we dedicate our pledges to the finances of St. Mark. Praise be to God for you, for your gifts, for all you bring to our ministry, and to Christ our vine!



## Choir

If you like to sing and have ever considered being part of a choir NOW is the time. St. Mark's choir will be preparing for a Christmas Concert. No auditions are necessary, and the ability to read music is not required. All voices are welcome - we especially need altos. Music, fellowship and the opportunity to praise God through song are there for you. Come and join us on Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m.



## Bible Study

Bible study is offered on Fridays at 10:00 am. Pastor Mary guides the members in reading and interpreting the texts from the Bible which will be read at the Saturday and Sunday worship that week. Come at 10:00 or remain following Morning Prayer. Coffee will be ready for you to pour yourself a cup. The conversation includes a reading from the Bible and our understanding of just what was intended for our sense of purpose. Come once or come often. Bring your favorite translation or use one of the Bibles already here at the church.



The following gifts to our Memorial & Congregational Funds have been gratefully received and acknowledged with thanks

In Loving Memory of  
Frank Socha  
by  
Virginia Maloney

Communion and Devotionals  
During Advent:

If you would like to receive communion during Advent and can't make it to worship please call the church office and it will be delivered to your home. If you haven't received the Advent Devotional calendar please let the church office know and we'll get it to you.

Lets Walk!

Need a little more exercise? Enjoy walking? Join Vicar Eric on Thursdays at 9 am in the parking lot for a walk at a comfortable pace, enjoying the neighborhood and surrounding area. We will allow an hour but you can walk as long as you like.



Decorating Our Worship Space  
for Christmas

We will be decorating our worship space at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 16<sup>th</sup>  
We will put up our trees, wreaths and arrange poinsettias  
Please join us!



Poinsettias

Now is the time to order a poinsettia, either as a memorial, honor or a donation. Cost is \$16.95 each. Make checks payable to St. Mark. Deadline to sign up - December 12<sup>th</sup>.

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

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

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## 2022 ELCA Youth Gathering

Every three years, 30,000 high school youth and their adult leaders from across the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America gather for a week of faith formation known as the ELCA Youth Gathering. Through days spent in interactive learning, worship, Bible study, service and fellowship, young people grow in faith and are challenged and inspired to live their faith in their daily lives.

**St. Mark's youth will be attending the Youth Gathering in Minneapolis in 2022. These**

gatherings are an experience like no other. If you are eligible to attend (anyone in high school including rising freshman and seniors who have just graduated), do not pass up the opportunity! We will be fundraising from now until next July to ensure that the costs of the trip are covered.

If you have any questions or would like more information about the gathering, feel free to ask

Vicar Eric, who is coordinating registration for the gathering.



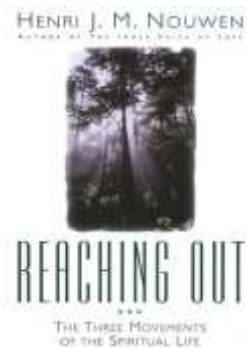
## Christmas Wreaths

Thank you to all who bought Christmas wreaths to support the Youth Group. They were able to raise just under \$500 towards the Youth Fund.



### Book Club - Mondays

The Book Club is reading *Reaching Out* by Henri J. M. Nouwen. With the clarity and depth characteristic of the classics, this spiritual bestseller lays out a perceptive and insightful plan for living a spiritual life and achieving the ultimate goal of that life — union with God. Book Club meets Monday mornings at 10:00 a.m. in the Gathering Room. Discussions are lively, and anyone is welcome to participate. Come join the reading community at St. Mark!



### Homeschoolers

The Thames Valley 4-H Homeschooling group began meeting on Friday September 3, at St. Mark and will continue on select Fridays through December 17. They are here 8:30-2:30. We welcome their return and look forward to continuing our relationship with this group of leaders and children. It's always nice to hear children's voices at St. Mark!



### Homebound Ministry

The very vital ministry of connecting with our homebound members and friends of St. Mark Church who are not able to come to worship will continue in the months ahead. No instruction is necessary on how to visit. If you would like to join this team of people, please speak to Pastor Mary Robinson or call the church office.

***We are also in need of containers to put the flowers in. If you have 2lb plastic containers or 1/2 gallon plastic milk or juice containers please bring them in.***

### Clothing Shed Ministry

Used clothing can be dropped off in the shed in our parking lot. This ministry will help us function in a more environmentally sound way by diverting clothes away from landfills. There are donation receipts available for tax deductions in the box on the clothing shed.

We are also in need of volunteers to sort through clothing donations. Many of the clothes are in great condition to be given to members of the Norwich community at least 3 people who are homeless have received clothing. The volunteers would look through the donations to find clothes that could be distributed as part of the Community Luncheon, and they can even take clothes for themselves or others in their lives. If you are interested in sorting through donations or helping to find a home for these clothes, please email or call the church.





## The Giving Tree - Adopt-a-Family

Thank you to everyone who donated gifts to our adopted families.  
The gifts were greatly appreciated.

Special thanks to Sandy Neuendorf making the lists and tags.

## Advent Wreath Making



## Event Cancellation / Snow Policy for St. Mark



Winter weather in New England can be unpredictable. Because of that, there may come a time when events at church may need to be cancelled out of concern for the safety of our members.

The process for the cancellation of activities due to inclement weather or other emergencies is as follows: Cancellations will be listed in several different places:

- 1) On TV. Check WFSB, channel 3 for most of the Norwich Area.
- 2) On the church website and facebook pages.

## Piano

Thank you to Linda Mandel for the donation of the piano in Memorial Hall.



## December Volunteer Schedule

*These assignments are made based on past willingness to serve.  
If this is a problem please contact the church office. Thank you.*

Date:	December 5	December 12	December 19	December 26
Assisting Minister	Christine Kuzmenko	Sandy Quarto	Virginia Maloney	Robin Slane
Lector	Dale Eichholz	Tom Tolppi	Megan Armstrong	Virginia Maloney
Ushers	Robin Slane Tom Tolppi	Chuck Anadore Sandy Vanase	Joan Seidel Linda Stewart	Richard Russ Sandy Quarto
Altar Guild	Sandy Neuendorf C. Kuzmenko	Sandy Neuendorf Ursula Chartier Linda Stewart	Sandy Neuendorf Virginia Maloney	Sandy Neuendorf Sandy Vanase Linda Stewart

If you are unable to serve on your assigned dates, please let Linda Mandel in the office know who your replacement will be by Wednesday evening so that the changes can be put into the Sunday bulletin.  
[st.marklutheran248@gmail.com](mailto:st.marklutheran248@gmail.com) or 860-887-6826 Thank you!

### Unitarian Universalist Church

The Unitarian Universalist Church is worshipping on Sundays in the Chapel. They will worship at 10:00 a.m. We welcome them and look forward to sharing our building with their congregation.

### Prayer Chain



A prayer Chain is a group of persons linked together who take up their responsibility to pray, in their own time and place, for certain persons or concerns made known to them by the prayer chain leader who receives the prayer requests.

The prayer chain here at St. Mark is a means by which we live out our God-given mandate **“to pray for one another”**. It lets immediate confidential prayer support begin at the time it is needed. Those who have been identified as links in the chain are linked together by phone or email.

Joy Bachand is the Prayer Leader and can be reached at [joybachand@yahoo.com](mailto:joybachand@yahoo.com) or 860-564-7333. She will make sure prayer needs are sent out to those who chose to be a link in the chain. If you want to become one of the links contact Joy.

### Old Batteries?

If you have batteries that need recycling bring them to church. There is a pail in Memorial Hall for you to recycle your old batteries.

### 2022 Flower Chart



The Flower Chart for 2022 is posted in the Narthex  
Reminder:  
The cost is \$30.00 per Sunday.



## Calendar of Events - December

### **Wednesday, December 1**

12:00 p.m. NACA

7:00 p.m. Choir practice

### **Thursday, December 2**

9:00 a.m. Walking

7:00 p.m. AA Meeting - Gathering Room

### **Friday, December 3**

9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer

10:00 a.m. Bible Study

8:00 p.m. AA Meeting - Memorial Hall

### **Saturday, December 4**

10:00 a.m. Seminar

5:30 p.m. Dinner Church Worship

### **Sunday, December 5, Advent 2**

9:30 a.m. Worship

10:00 a.m. Unitarian Universalist - Chapel

10:30 a.m. Sunday School

11:00 a.m. Cornerstone

1:00 p.m. Community Luncheon - Memorial Hall

### **Monday, December 6**

9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer

10:00 a.m. Book Club

### **Tuesday, December 7**

6:30 p.m. Cornerstone - Gathering Room

### **Wednesday, December 8**

7:00 p.m. Choir practice

### **Thursday, December 9**

9:00 a.m. Walking

5:30 p.m. Finance Committee

7:00 p.m. AA Meeting - Gathering Room

### **Friday, December 10**

8:30 a.m. Homeschoolers

9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer

10:00 a.m. Bible Study

8:00 p.m. AA Meeting - Memorial Hall

### **Saturday, December 11**

10:00 a.m. Seminar

5:30 p.m. Dinner Church Worship

### **Sunday, December 12, Advent 3**

9:30 a.m. Worship - *Stewardship Sunday*

10:00 a.m. Unitarian Universalist - Chapel

10:30 a.m. Sunday School

11:00 a.m. Cornerstone

1:00 p.m. Community Luncheon - Memorial Hall

### **Monday, December 13**

9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer

10:00 a.m. Book Club

6:00 p.m. Helping Parents Heal - Gathering Room

### **Tuesday, December 14**

6:30 p.m. Cornerstone - Gathering Room

### **Wednesday, December 15**

7:00 p.m. Choir practice

### **Thursday, December 16**

9:00 a.m. Walking

6:00 p.m. Decorating our Worship Space for Christmas

7:00 p.m. AA Meeting - Gathering Room

### **Friday, December 17**

9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer

10:00 a.m. Bible Study

8:00 p.m. AA Meeting - Memorial Hall

### **Saturday, December 18**

10:00 a.m. Seminar

5:30 pm. Dinner Church Worship

7:00 p.m. Christmas Concert

### **Sunday, December 19, Advent 4**

9:30 a.m. Worship

10:00 a.m. Unitarian Universalist - Chapel

10:30 a.m. Congregational Budget Meeting (Memorial Hall)

11:00 a.m. Cornerstone

1:00 p.m. Community Luncheon - Memorial Hall

### **Monday, December 20**

9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer

10:00 a.m. Book Club

### **Tuesday, December 21**

6:30 p.m. Congregation Council - virtual

6:30 p.m. Cornerstone - Gathering Room

### **Wednesday, December 22**

7:00 p.m. Choir practice

### **Thursday, December 23**

9:00 a.m. Walking

7:00 p.m. AA Meeting - Gathering Room

### **Friday, December 24—Christmas Eve**

9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer

10:00 a.m. Bible Study

8:00 p.m. AA Meeting - Memorial Hall

### **Saturday, December 25—Christmas Day**

5:30 p.m. Dinner Church Worship

### **Sunday, December 26, Christmas 1**

9:30 a.m. Worship—Christmas Pageant

10:00 a.m. Unitarian Universalist - Chapel

11:00 a.m. Cornerstone

1:00 p.m. Community Luncheon - Memorial Hall

### **Monday, December 27**

9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer

10:00 a.m. Book Club

### **Tuesday, December 28**

6:30 p.m. Cornerstone - Gathering Room

### **Wednesday, December 29**

### **Thursday, December 30**

9:00 a.m. Walking

7:00 p.m. AA Meeting - Gathering Room

### **Friday, December 31**

9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer

10:00 a.m. Bible Study

8:00 p.m. AA Meeting - Memorial Hall

### Birthdays



*Happy Birthday!  
To those celebrating their  
Birthday in December*




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|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| 1 - Ellen Hanley      | 18 - Nathan Briggs    |
| 8 - Connie Berglund   | 23 - Barbara Deshefy  |
| 10 - Janice Silva     | 24 - Melissa Withbroe |
| 13 - Jim Quarto       | 27 - Linda Andrews    |
| 15 - Archer Caulfield | 29 - Sandy Quarto     |
| 16 - Debbie Andrews   | 30 - Lili Rafeldt     |

*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.*

### Community Luncheon

**St. Mark will be providing food for the luncheon being held on December 12. If you want to help prepare the meal please talk to Sue Underhill or Sandy Neuendorf**



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News Articles

Please send your articles for the  
**January Monthly Memo** to  
st.marklutheran248@gmail.com  
by **Monday, December 13**. Thank you.

### Community Luncheon Grab and Go

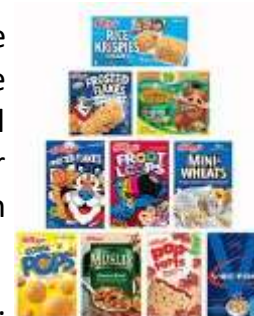
The Community Luncheon Grab and Go is being held at St. Mark. People enter through the Memorial Hall door and exit through the handicap door on the side of the building. Tables are set up with food for them to take.

The Community Luncheon, 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 Norwich Area Clergy Association 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. 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, Sue Underhill or call the church office.

### Cereal Ministry

**We continue to feed people:** 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. They are accepting other non-perishable food items as well. We will send the money and cereal to them once a month.

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, Martha Johnson, Irene Signorino, Debbie Andrews, Irene Toscano.

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

**We pray for the sick especially:** Lisa Carr, George Carr, Sr., Lydia Tibbals, Jim Quarto, Jan Stewart, Robert Clapp, Carl Sadosky, Grady Sadosky, Claire Shaffer, Bob Weaver, Kathy Yarger, Charlene Seltz, Mary Elizabeth Lang, Rob Peterson, James Signorino, Christina McCann, Lina McCann, Hope McCann, Yvonne Scott, Sarah Sullivan, Parker Churney, Charles Peters, Jennifer Stark, Janet Hatch.

**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

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