

December Newsletter

December 2018

The small church with a BIG heart.



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Important Dates

Bible Study Tuesday—December 4th, 11th, 18th @ 9:00 am

Quilting Tuesday—December 4th, 11th, 18th @ 10:00 am

WELCA Wednesday—December 5th @ 10 am

Church School Wednesday—December 5th, 12th @ 6 pm

Confirmation Class Wednesday—December 5th, 12th @ 7:00 pm

Christmas Program Sunday—December 16th

Alzheimer's Group Wednesday-December 19th @ 9:30 am

Food Shelf December 5th 8-10 am, 11th 5-6:30 pm, 18th 4-5:30 pm, 26th 9-11 am

Newsletter Deadline Tuesday—December 18th



Congratulations to our newest Member!

Case John Pressnall son of Bryce and Kristine Pressnall
was Baptized on Sunday November 4th.

Prayer Requests

Maxine Sunde, Kelli Dibble, Tom Otte, Joyce Nuehring
(Lucinda's aunt), Dan Deike (Kathy Motz' father), Bob Fleskes,
Gloria Dubbels, Kay Molstrom (Tony Price's mom), Craig Kolstad,
Regan Nordling and family, Paul Hunsaid, Luke Nassif, and
Glen Holz.

Please keep all our seniors in your prayers, especially:

Arnie Felton, Rosella Davisson, Maxine Sunde, Eleanor Ohmann, Norma Taylor,
Ray Ohmann, Leatrice Taylor, Robert & Margaret Hayes,
and Marie Norstad.



Pastor's Message

Greetings Saint Mark's Lutheran,

This Advent and Christmas season are upon us and once again, if you are anything like me, we are caught up in the busy holiday schedules with hardly any time to slow down and relax. Nowadays, our responsibilities and expectations push us to keep moving and doing while slowing down and taking a break are put in the back burner. It is not surprising that during the holiday seasons, stress is at an all time high.

Although we are tempted to act otherwise, this Advent and Christmas season is the time for slowing down and coming together. Imagine what it would be like if we cleared our busy schedules, turn off the television, put away our phones, and gather with friends and family. Perhaps, we may discover that we don't need the latest and greatest gadget to experience joy and feel loved. Maybe we find out that spending time with loved ones is more important than material possessions and experience the real meaning behind this Christmas season.

In the dark winter months, we need one another and we need to be reminded that the sun and the Son, will come again - bringing life to our lives and the dark and dormant land. This is why we gather each week to hear God's word that does not pass away. In our brokenness, God fulfilled his promise through his Son, *Immanuel*.

During the month of December, as we await the arrival of God's love and fulfillment, please come join us at Saint Mark's. Come and be part of our community and our family, as we gather in love and fellowship. And join us, as we worship with thanksgiving and joy for the coming of the baby Jesus. God's grace and peace be with you.

For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace (Isaiah 9:6).

Merry Christmas,
Pastor Lue Moua



Happenings at the Church



Hayride Christmas Caroling

Sunday December 16, 2018
Time: 6:30 pm

Meet at the North Parking Lot
at the school.

We will be riding around Randolph
singing Christmas Carols.

Please let Dixie know if you will
attend so we have enough seating.

Christmas Angels

We're helping some families in need this
Christmas.

You can pick out a Christmas Angel with a
gift listed on it then purchase that item,
return the angel with the
unwrapped gift to the Church by
Sunday, December 16th.

If you have any questions please contact
Beth Bester



Mission "WARM" Donation Box

If you have warm outer layers you are
looking to donate,
St Mark's Church has just the box for you.
Please place your clean hats, mittens,
warm jackets and boots
in the collection box in the church's
Narthex.

Thank you

A big thank you to everyone who
helped make the 'Ol Country Bazaar
another wonderful church and
community event.

It wouldn't happen without all the
help from so many.



Happenings at the Church

Craft Weekend

Friday 12/7 - 5:00 pm to 11:00 pm-\$5
Saturday 12/8 - 9:30 am to 10:30 pm-\$20

Have your own table or 2 to craft, sew,
make cards, get stuff organized.
You can sit in peace or visit,
whatever moves you.

Friday supper you are on your own
Saturday soup lunch is provided &
Saturday night is potluck

RSVP
Stephanie Krueger
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Missing Items from the Church

2 Collapsible & adjustable 6' tables
were removed from one of the church
school rooms.

A 3-hole punch from a classroom.

A Large roaster or 2

A metal liner for a large roaster

Please return these items if you
borrowed them or if you know where
they might be please contact the
Church office.
(507) 263-9182

College Student Food Shelf Invite

The Food Shelf is inviting any College Student to come and get some supplies from the food shelf. We want to help with your expenses during these years. Please come at 9 am before Church on Sunday or contact Karen Otte at (507) 645-8895.



Community Food Shelf

Here at Saint Mark's Lutheran, we try our best to serve our neighbors. One of the many ways we help is by providing food to our local communities. St Mark's Lutheran would like to thank you for your generosity in supporting our food shelf.

If you know anyone that could benefit from receiving some extra food please let them know we're here. Check the calendar on the 1st page for dates and times.

All cash donations are used to buy healthy perishable food items.

WELCA November Meeting Highlights

- Finalizing Bazaar event
- Letters sent to Food Shelf customers offering a Thanksgiving Dinner
- Update on Museum Display Case
- Sponsoring Christmas Families this year.
- Thanks you cards read from Life Choice and Sue Taylor

Service Information

Greeters

12/2 Ann Weckop
 12/9 Tara & Steve Dahlen
 12/16 Arlene Ringeisen
 12/23 Tim & Carla Skog
 12/24 Jodi & Todd Staub
 12/30 Bill & Jodi Taylor

Ushers

12/2 Marc & Karen Slininger
 12/9 Matthew & Samantha Peterson
 12/16 Ashley Gergen
 12/23 Bob & Clay Romanoski
 12/24 Tony & Lisa Price
 12/30 Rob & Kelly Tate

Readers

12/2 Sofie Engler
 12/9 Mason Lorenzen
 12/16 Church School
 12/23 Coran Meier
 12/24 Cami Thompson
 12/30 Page Ford

Acolytes

12/2 Jacob & Nathan Weckop
 12/9 Abby & Joel Gehrke
 12/16 Church School
 12/23 Mason Lorenzen & Marly Monson
 12/24 Chuck Gustafson & Caden Kranz
 12/30 JoJo and Josh Taylor

Communion Servers

12/2 Trevor Preston & Gianna Betzold
 12/16 Church School

Service Group C (4)

Co-Chairpersons

Chicky Otte

Karen Engler

First Last


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| Doug & Jeannette | Bakken |
| Kelly & Jay | Banaszewski |
| Keith & Kathy | Bey |
| David & Marge | Blank |
| Debbie | Chavis |
| Lisa & Jonas | Chavis |
| Jim & Katie | Creighton |
| Larry & Karen | Engler |
| Chad & Laura | Felton |
| Adam | Hegland |
| Bob & Cyndi | Holm |
| Carolyn | Horsch |
| Dean | Jahnz |
| Orv & Sharon | Kappedahl |
| Clarice & Chico | Krenik |
| Brian & Mary | Kriesel |
| Grant & Stephanie | Krueger |
| Andrew & Shelby | Kuhn |
| Cory & Keri | Lorenzen |
| Michael & Amanda | Loritz |
| Todd & Rachael | Maxwell |
| David & Patty | McKinley |
| Dan & Kathy | Motz |
| Robert & Carol | Nassif |
| Patty | Olson |
| Blake & Chicky | Otte |
| Derek & Amy | Otte |
| Tyler & Kelsey | Otte |
| James & Sara | Otto |
| Phil & Joanie | Peterson |
| Robert & Traci | Roberge |
| Lori | Schiller |
| Karen & Marc | Slininger |
| Leatrice | Taylor |
| Kristina | Thomsen |
| Dorry & Jeff | Waloff |
| Ann | Weckop |



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Sunday Worship 10:00 am
Fellowship following the service

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We're on the Web
& Facebook

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Rob Tate
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