

# St. Mark's Lutheran Church

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## Upcoming Events

**Jan. 12 – 11 a.m. – Augie Kauffmann's Celebration of Life at St. Mark's.**

**Jan. 13 - Committee Leaders: Annual Reports due to the church office!**

**Jan. 14 – 7:00 p.m. - Council Meeting**

**Jan. 27<sup>th</sup> - Annual Congregational Meeting following a potluck luncheon after our worship service.**

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## Prayer Ministry

You are invited to participate in a prayer ministry. We meet on Thursdays at 5:30 p.m. in St. Mark's sanctuary. If you are unable to attend and have a prayer request you would like lifted, please contact the church office or feel free to place your written request in the prayer box located in narthex.

## Prayers Concerns

Please lift the following people up in prayer:

Little Leonard Akey  
Little Jackson Bywater  
Bob Meunier  
Diane France  
Karen VanDyke  
Lu Hayes  
John Christopher Motta  
Nathan Shoemaker  
Andre  
Family of Augie Kauffmann  
Family of Janet Kingsley Hallock  
Silas Flores

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## Council Members:

President - Marie Whittaker  
Vice President - Chris Cash  
Secretary - Lori Roney  
Treasurer - Debbie Palmatier  
Members - Jim Brigadier, Dennis Foland and Lisa Bartholomew.

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Council has adopted a policy for anyone that wishes to use the fellowship hall for an event. All requests are to be sent to Lisa Bartholomew. She can be reached at 231-9494. She will handle all the arrangements, scheduling, paperwork and payments. This will allow for a one point person contact rather than having too many people involved.

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## Happy Days !!!!!

### **Birthdays: January**

Jan. 4 – Brenda Vareella

Jan. 5 – Tom Nesbitt

Jan. 18 – Morgan Gordon

Jan. 18 – Ted Langenbahn

Jan. 20 – Lisa Bartholomew

Jan. 21 – Breanna Palmatier

Jan. 24 – Patty Turner

### **Anniversaries: January**

Jan. 2 – Dennis / Carrie Foland

Jan. 8 - Chris / Beth Cash

Jan. 17 – Tom / Sharon Nesbitt



"Here I am, Lord. A New Year. A fresh awakening. Ready to serve you with all my strength. Ready to wrestle with Satan. Ready to serve others and fight for right. Ready to win the lottery..."

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**Did you know St. Mark's offers the following opportunities for you and your family to participate?**

Phoebes - every Monday from 9-2 PM

Youth Sunday School - Held during the worship service message

Adult Sunday School - Sundays from 9:15 - 10 AM

Prayer Ministry - every Thursday night beginning at 5:30 PM

Men's Prayer breakfast - second Saturday of each month



## Worship

*"Where is He who has been born King of the Jews? For we have seen His star in the East and have come to worship Him."* Matthew 2:2

The dictionary defines worship as a verb: to honor or reverence as a divine being or supernatural power; to regard with great or extravagant respect, honor, or devotion and as a noun: reverence offered a divine being or supernatural power; an act of expressing such reverence; a form of religious practice with its creed and ritual; extravagant respect or admiration for or devotion to an object of esteem.

What does the Bible say about worship? The Bible speaks of worship 198 times, both how to and how/what not to do. In John 4:23-24 Jesus said: *"But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him. God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth."* This is referring to the verb sense of worship. To worship in Spirit is with our heart. Deuteronomy 6:5 *You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength.* Matthew 22:37 *Jesus said to him, 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.'* They are both saying this is personal; it is individual; that we are to worship God with our whole being is confirmed by the Apostle Paul. *Romans 12:1-2 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.* To worship in truth is with our mind. We are transformed when we renew our minds with the truth of God's word.

True worship is God-centered worship. It is our personal acknowledgement of God and of God's power and glory in everything that we do. God's word is the truth, the word became flesh and walked among us, and Jesus said *'I am the way, the truth, and the life'*. We are to know the truth, believe the truth, and love the truth. The highest form of praise and worship is obedience to God and God's word. True worship is an expression of gratitude and appreciation to God for what God has done for us.

A worship service (the noun), when we gather together, is made up of traditions, readings, music, singing, prayers, messages and offerings which are all good, and the Bible tells us that we should do them. When we do them, we are to be active which is to be in the verb sense of worship. We are to be there in spirit and truth. Putting our whole being, especially our heart and mind, into it. *Acts 17:24-25: God, who made the world and everything in it, since He is Lord of heaven and earth, does not dwell in temples made with hands. Nor is He worshiped with men's hands, as though He needed anything, since He gives to all life, breath, and all things.*

It is important that we gather together often, to grow spiritually and in knowledge of the truth. Worshiping together is an emotional experience that is very beneficial. We are able to comfort and encourage each other on our pilgrimage through this life.

We must remember though, that just being present and doing our duty is not true worship. True worship is personal, it is individual, and it is being all in. We find it easy to be appreciative and be grateful whenever someone does something for us. Let's see if this new year we can do the same for God every day, in every place, and at all times.

In God We Trust / Love and Prayers, Pastor Dave



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## Servers for Dec.

### January 6:

Candle Lighter - Dylan  
Ushers - Deb P. / Marie  
Reader - Sandi  
Greeter - Harry  
Prayer - Ginny  
Counter - Deb P.

### January 13:

Candle Lighter - Lisa  
Ushers - Maurice / Ginny  
Reader - Ted Langenbahn  
Greeter - Maurice  
Prayer - Ted Langenbahn  
Counter - Diane

### January 20:

Candle Lighter - Dylan  
Ushers - Denise / Deb R.  
Reader - Edna Lower  
Greeter - Gloria  
Prayer - Edna Lower  
Counter - Carrie

### January 27:

Candle Lighter - Lisa  
Ushers - Pat / Dennis F.  
Reader - Nannette  
Greeter - Pat  
Prayer - Georgia  
Counter - Deb P.

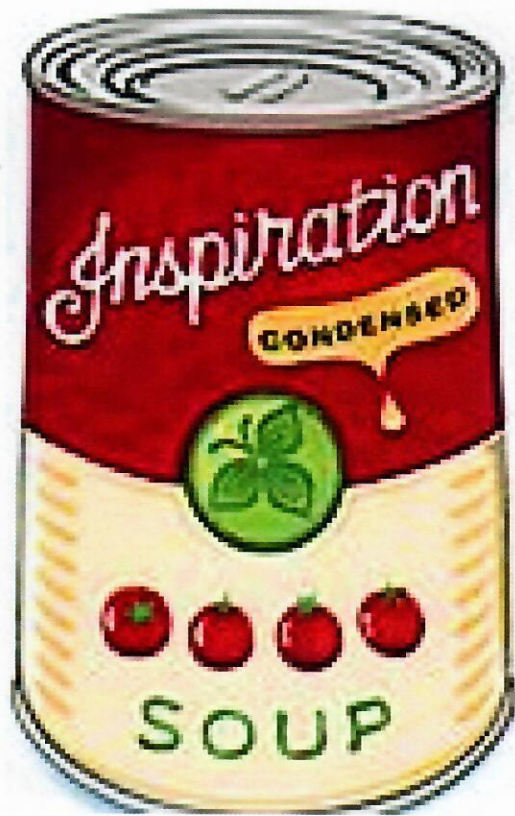
# HAPPY NEW YEAR!!

## THE FAMILY CIRCUS



"Yesterday's the past, tomorrow's  
the future, but today is a gift. That's  
why it's called the *present*."

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# **“Souper” Bowl Sunday for St. Mark’s Food Pantry February 3, 2019**

**It will be “souper” nice of you to  
help us fill our “souper” bowl can!**