

St. Mark Lutheran Church and School

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This Week at St. Mark

- Sunday - Voters Meeting 2:00 pm
- Monday - Worship Service 7:00 pm
- Wednesday - Bible Class Lexington Assisted Living Center 3:30 pm
 - Catechism 6:00 pm
 - Choir 7:30 pm
- Friday - Snow Removal: David Beach
- Saturday - Church Cleaning: Sec. 1 Workentine Sec. 2 Wilkinson
 Sec. 3 Green

Birthday— Jeremiah Drews 1/19, Meredith Hawkins 1/20, Katey Rehm 1/21, Bill Ellsworth 1/22, Harold Rank 1/24, Jacob Ripa 1/25

The Ladies Aid meeting for February will be on Sunday, February 9th at 2:30PM at church. There will be a very short business meeting followed by a presentation by Monica Stohlmann, RN at St. Elizabeth Hosp. (Elfe Lees' daughter). Ladies, do you know what to do if your husband keels over? Come and find out what our first response should be. All ladies are invited to attend this informational talk on basic first aid and CPR.

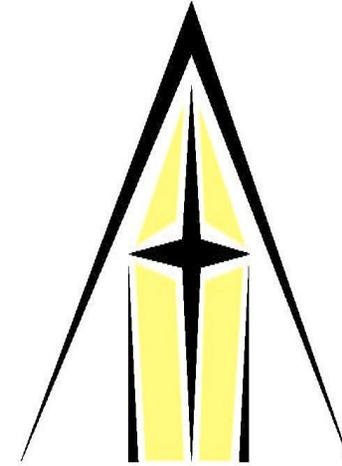
NELHS Basketball - The Knights play College View Academy Thursday, Jan. 23rd here in Lincoln. The JV boys play at 5:15 pm, girls varsity at 6:15 pm, and boys varsity at 8 pm. Go Knights!

A Measure of Our Love for Our Lord

Worship Attendance Last Week 195

Last Week's Thank Offering to our Lord

Home	\$2,740.00	Missions	\$186.00
Building Fund	\$10.00	NELHS General	\$110.00
Audio / Visual	\$100.00	Tuition	\$140.00
Sunday School	\$4.00	Forward in Christ	\$20.00
St. Mark School	\$10.00		
Total Offering— \$3,320.00			



St. Mark

LUTHERAN CHURCH

Reach, Teach, Rejoice!

WELCOME

REMEMBER YOUR BAPTISM. YOU ARE A CHILD OF GOD.

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Baptized into Your Name Most Holy

Baptized into your name most holy,
O Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
I claim a place, though weak and lowly,
Among your saints, your chosen host,
Buried with Christ and dead to sin.
Your Spirit now shall live within.

M: I tell you the truth, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless he is born of water and the Spirit.

C: **Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit.**
(John 3:5,6)

M: Surely we were sinful at birth, sinful from the time our mothers conceived us. (Psalm 51:5)

C: **But we were washed, we were sanctified, we were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.**
(1 Cor. 6:11)

My loving Father, there you took me
To be henceforth your child and heir.
My faithful Savior, there you let me
The fruit of all your sorrows share.
O Holy Spirit, comfort me
When threat'ning clouds around I see.

M: As baptized children of God, we confess our sins.

C: **Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

My faithful God, you fail me never;
Your promise surely will endure.
Oh, cast me not away forever
If words and deeds become impure.
Have mercy when I come defiled;
Forgive, lift up, restore your child.

THANK YOU FOR SERVING

Elders: Gus Stamps, Dave Remmers

Ushers: Jared Schwede, Todd Blome (E), Ken Holm, Al Wattles (L)

Greeters: Dorothy & Dwayne Burianek (E) Lisa & Payton Duffield (L)

AV Team: Detlef Gartzke, Amy Gartzke, Logan Flood, Dave Dahlke

Organist: Cindy Krushenisky

Join Us in Studying God's Word at 9:20 am

January 19—1 Corinthians: Practical Solutions to Persistent Church Problems- What Kind of Pastor Do You Want?

January 26—1 Corinthians: Practical Solutions to Persistent Church Problems- So! You Want to Sue Me...

Sunday School Children ages 3-14: 9:20 am

Bible Study We are starting a new Bible Study on Thursday mornings at 6:30 am for 5 weeks. The first one will be on January 30 in the church basement. Please join us.

- January 30—Leaders Are Always Growing Closer to Christ
- February 6—Building a God-Pleasing Home Life
- February 13—Be a Counselor in Your Home
- February 20 — Be a Model Your Family Looks Up To
- February 27—Be the Captain of Your Household

WELS Hymnal Committee will conduct a survey every week for the next three years. We will be evaluating our worship service. If you have any comments about any aspect of the worship service, please email Pastor Raddatz by Monday morning, as the synod will be working on putting together its next hymnal.

3rd Annual Cake Challenge St. Mark Lutheran School will be hosting the third annual Cake Challenge. This competition is open to St. Mark school families, members of St. Mark and Mt. Olive, and friends of St. Mark Lutheran School. The challenge will take place at St. Mark Lutheran School on **Friday, February 21st at 7:00 p.m.** The Cake Challenge will be divided into two divisions (Preschool-8th & High School-Adult). Prizes will be awarded to the most creative cake and best tasting cake in each division. Registration forms can be found in the Church foyer. Contact Mr. Drews for more information. May the best cake baker win!!

St. Mark News and Notes

St. Mark Evangelical Lutheran Church exists to make disciples of Christ Jesus, the only Savior from sin and eternal death. We thank you for joining us in worshiping our Savior Jesus Christ and we invite you to join us again. Christ brings us peace, hope, joy and purpose for our lives. If you need any assistance, please speak with one of the ushers.

Welcome in the name of our Savior Jesus Christ. *We love our Savior for he sacrificed himself for us. We love because He first loved us. Our love for God shows itself in a love of His Word and a love for our fellow man. We welcome all visitors into our midst. If you have questions about our beliefs or God's Word, please ask.*

Nursery At St. Mark, we love children and encourage their worship, too! In the foyer, we have some children's busy bags hanging from hooks that you are most welcome to make use of in church. If your child becomes restless during the service and you feel you both could just use a little break, you're welcome to make use of our nursery. Most of us have or have had young children, so you're with caring people who understand what it's like to have little ones.

Bible Study: "I'd like to study my Bible but..." Mark your calendars and plan to participate in the next interactive Faith Bible study. "I'd like to study my Bible but..." led by WELS President Rev. Mark Schroeder. In the study Schroeder will provide practical helps for people to study God's Word on their own with confidence and understanding. The Bible study will stream online live each Wednesday-Feb. 5 through Feb. 26 at 7:30 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. (Eastern Time).

Interactive Faith **online Bible studies** www.wels.net/adult-discipleship/online-bible-studies are held twice a year. Led by a pastor or professor, these one-hour studies are broadcast live via the internet. If a group would like to meet at church for now, please talk with Dave Remmers. The last Interactive Faith online Bible study was streamed to more than 2,000 computers from 40 different countries.

BINGO BASH! St. Mark Lutheran School will host its second "Mustang Bingo Bash" on **Friday, January 31st, from 6:30-8:00 p.m.** Bingo Cards are \$0.50 buy-in per card. The proceeds for the Bingo Night will go towards the "St. Mark Lutheran School Wish List." Snacks and drinks will be provided by the St. Mark PTO. If you love to dot those "Bingo" cards, then come support the education at your school!

M: Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word, and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless (Eph. 5:25-27) Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

C: *(spoken)* Amen.

All that I am and love most dearly -
Receive it all, O Lord, from me.
Let me confess my faith sincerely
And help me your own child to be!
Let nothing that I am or own
Serve any will but yours alone.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.

C: Father in heaven, at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan, you proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit. Keep us who are baptized into Christ faithful in our calling as your children and make us heirs with him of everlasting life; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 42:1-7

PSALM 45

CW p. 83

SECOND LESSON

Acts 10:34-38

VERSE OF THE DAY

Alleluia. "You are my son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased. Alleluia. Mark 1:11b

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 3:13-17

After the announcement of the Gospel, the congregation sings:



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NICENE CREED

(Public confession is faith's response to God's saving Word. Christians composed the Nicene Creed in the fourth century to defend the Bible's teachings that both Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit are true God, equal to the Father in one eternal, undivided Trinity.)

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is,
seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, be-
gotten, not made,
of one being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,
and became fully human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scrip-
tures.

He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,

SONG OF SIMEON

Nunc Dimittis



M: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

C: And his mercy endures forever.

M: We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this holy supper. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

M: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.

C: Amen.

299 All Who Believe and Are Baptized

Please remember in your prayers...



- Darvin Raddatz, Pastor Raddatz's father
- Wendy Hall, Jeremiah Drews's mother
- Alida Freese, Julie Nelson's mother
- Mary Bush

709 Christ, Your Footprints Through the Desert



1 Christ, your foot - prints through the des - ert Led to
 2 Christ, you heard the stir - ring sum - mons As by
 3 Son of God, the road from Jor - dan Led at
 4 God, in Bap - tism you have made us One with



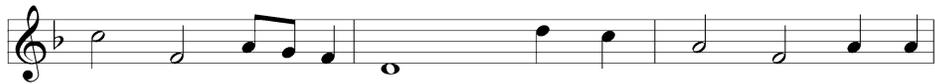
Jor - dan's flow - ing stream. There you heard the
 Jor - dan's bank you stood; Bathed, though sin - less,
 last to Cal - v'ry's hill. There up - on the
 Christ, our ris - en Lord; Freed us, claimed us,



her - ald cry - ing Is - rael's old pro - phet - ic
 with your peo - ple In the riv - er's cleans - ing
 cross for - sak - en, You ful - filled the Fa - ther's
 cleansed, for - giv - en Through the wa - ter and the



dream: "He is com - ing! He is com - ing! He will
 flood. High a - bove, the heav - ens o - pened; Came the
 will. Lamb of God, we see you dy - ing, Sin - less,
 Word. Help us hear your ur - gent sum - mons, Call - ing



cleanse the earth with flame! Sin - ners, plunge be - neath the
 Spir - it as a dove; Spoke a voice be - yond all
 yet for sin - ners slain. But where death rose up to
 us to serve you now. Send us forth, your sons and



wa - ters! Wash a - way your guilt and shame!"
 hear - ing: "See my Son, the one I love!"
 tri - umph, You be - gan your glo - rious reign!
 daugh - ters, With the cross up - on our brow.

This hymn not only underscores the significance of our Lord's baptism in his work of salvation but also demonstrates the intimate connection between his baptism and our own.

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 Tune: BEACH SPRING (87 87 D) *The Sacred Harp*, Philadelphia, 1844

who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.
 We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.
 We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
 We look for the resurrection of the dead
 and the life of the world to come. Amen.

HYMN 88 To Jordan Came the Christ, Our Lord

SERMON Titus 3:4-7 Saved by Christ Through Baptism



Cre - ate in me a



pure heart, O God, and re - new a right spir - it with -



in me. Do not cast me a - way from your



pres - ence or take your Ho - ly Spir - it from



me. Re - store to me the joy of your sal - va - tion, and up -



hold, up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

After the sermon, the congregation sings:

OFFERING PRAYER

Please fill out the friendship cards that are located in the hymn racks. We ask that all members and non-members fill them out in full. Thanks for your help.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

LORD'S PRAYER

M: The Lord be with you.
C: And also with you.

M: Lift up your hearts.
C: We lift them up to the Lord.

M: Let us give thanks to the Lord.
C: It is good and right so to do.

M: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, (proper preface) Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Sanctus

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er,
God of might: heav'n and earth are full of your glo -
ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless -
ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san -
na in the high - est. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

Words of Institution

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my (+) body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

M: Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my (+) blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

M: The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C: Amen.

O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD

Agnus Dei

O Christ, Lamb of
God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of
God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of
God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
grant us your peace. A - men. A - men.