

St. Mark Lutheran Church and School

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This Week at St. Mark

- 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 - No School—NELHS Basketball Tournament
 - Snow Removal: Ben Schroeder
 Saturday - Church Cleaning: Sec. 1 Drews
 Sec. 2 Duffield Sec. 3 N. Flood

Bowling If you enjoy bowling and Christian fellowship please join us on Saturday, March 8 at Sun Valley Lanes. We have two lanes reserved from 2:45 pm until 4:45 pm. There is a sign up sheet on the ushers table if you are interested.



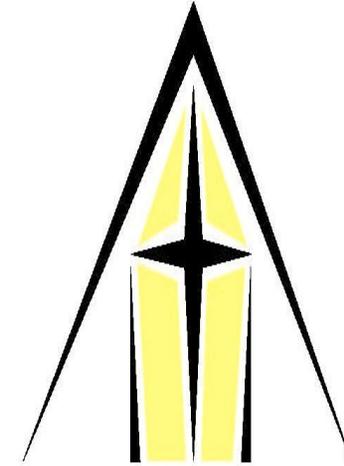
MISSING COAT - One of our members is missing a women's black light-weight coat. It disappeared on Jan. 26th. A similar coat, one with a hood, was left behind and is hanging in the coat room.

A Measure of Our Love for Our Lord

Worship Attendance Last Week 186

Last Week's Thank Offering to our Lord

Home	\$2822.25	Missions	\$311.00
Building Fund	\$67.00	NELHS General	\$65.00
Tuition	\$870.00	Sunday School	\$4.00
Artwork	\$150.00		
Total Offering— \$4,289.25			



St. Mark

LUTHERAN CHURCH

Reach, Teach, Rejoice!



Epiphany 7

February 23, 2014

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. If you have questions please ask.

 Please remember to turn off your cell phone.

Prayer Upon Entering Church Oh Lord—our Maker, Redeemer, and Comforter—we are assembled in your presence to hear your holy Word. We pray that you would open our hearts by your Holy Spirit, that through the preaching of your Word we may repent of our sins, believe in Jesus, and grow day by day in grace and holiness. Hear us for Jesus’ sake. Amen.



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 use 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. Ask an usher to lead you to the nursery. The service can be watched on a television there. If you need a private place to feed your baby, there is a chair downstairs in the women’s restroom along with a changing table. 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.



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. Christ brings us peace, hope, joy and purpose for our lives.

Bible Study, Thursday morning at 6:30 am. Please join us. February 27—Be the Captain of Your Household.

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

February 23 — 1 Corinthians: Practical Solutions to Persistent Church Problems —Hey! That Offends Me!

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

Birthdays—Ethan Riegsecker 2/23, Heather Wathor 2/25, Suzi Vanchoiack 2/26, Payton Mackenzie 2/27, Margaret Everts 2/28, **Anniversaries** -Harold & Sharon Klein 2/24, Gordon & Shirley Zacherson 2/25, Gary & Joan Mundt 2/25

Bird-watching in the Park on Saturday, March 8th, Jeremiah Drews will be leading a bird-watching walk at Pioneers Park Nature Center. The walk will start around 9:00 a.m. What you need is a good pair of shoes, a water bottle, and even a field guide to birds and binoculars if you have them! Spring Migration is just around the corner. Come out and enjoy the gift of birds in God’s creation.

THANK YOU FOR SERVING

Elders: Nate Workentine, Ben Schroeder

Ushers: Rainer Gartzke, Rich Beltz (E), Brian & Trevor Wiles (L)

Greeters: Carol Hans (E) Noel Lee (L)

Organist: Eva Van Egmond

Campus Ministry Fellowship "We are getting back together for the spring semester for spiritual encouragement and Christian fellowship. Please join us on Monday, February 24th at 6:00 PM at St. Mark Lutheran Church. Feel free to message Brittany Hodges at (402) 802-6471 if you need a ride! We look forward to seeing you all! "

as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.

BENEDICTION

M: May the grace of the Lord Jesus sanctify us and keep us from all evil; may Christ drive all hurtful things far from us and purify both our souls and bodies; may Christ bind us to himself by the bond of love; and may his peace abound in our hearts. The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.

C: Amen.

HYMN 490 s. 1 LOVE IN CHRIST IS STRONG AND LIV- ING

Please remember in your prayers...



- Lila, Cindy and Nate Wilke
- Hilma Bork
- Darvin Raddatz, Pastor Raddatz's father
- Wendy Hall, Jeremiah Drews's mother
- Alida Freese, Julie Nelson's mother
- Mary Bush

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.

GREETING

HYMN 494

BLEST BE THE TIE THAT BINDS

INVOCATION

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

C: Amen.

M: In the morning, O LORD, you hear my voice;

C: in the morning I lay my requests before you and wait in expectation. *Psalm 5:3*

M: We do not make requests of you because we are righteous,

C: but because of your great mercy. *Daniel 9:18*

M: May the favor of the Lord our God rest upon us;

C: establish the work of our hands for us—yes, establish the work of our hands. *Psalm 90:17*

M: Let me live that I may praise you,

C: and may your laws sustain me. *Psalm 119:175*

CONFESSION OF SINS

M: Brothers and sisters in Christ, we turn to our God for mercy, confessing our sins.

C: Almighty God, merciful Father, I, a troubled and repentant sinner, confess that I have sinned against you in my thoughts, my words, and my actions. I have not loved you with my whole heart; I have not loved others as I should. I am distressed by the sins that trouble me and am deeply sorry for them.

M: Jesus says to his people: "If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven." His death paid for the guilt of your sins and the sins of the whole world. Do you believe this?

C: Yes, I believe.

M: Because of the promise of our Savior Jesus Christ and by his command, I forgive you all your sins. Be assured that you are a dear child of God and an heir of eternal life.

HYMN 234 PRAISE TO THE LORD, THE ALMIGHTY

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.

C: Gracious Father, keep your family, the Church, always faithful to you, that we may lean on the hope of your promises and be strong in the power of your love; 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 1 Samuel 26:7-25

PSALM OF THE DAY PSALM 103 PAGE 105

**EPISTLE LESSON ROMANS
12:9-21**

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.

**He descended into hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father
almighty.
From there he will come to judge the living and
the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

HYMN 492 SON OF GOD, ETERNAL SAVIOR

**SERMON MATTHEW 5:38-48
JESUS TEACHES US THE KIND OF LOVE THAT GOD REQUIRES**

**HYMN 536 LORD JESUS CHRIST, THE CHURCH'S
HEAD**

OFFERING
We ask everyone present to please fully complete the friendship cards located in the hymn racks. Thank you.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

LORD'S PRAYER
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;