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News and Notes

FRIENDSHIP REGISTRY

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.

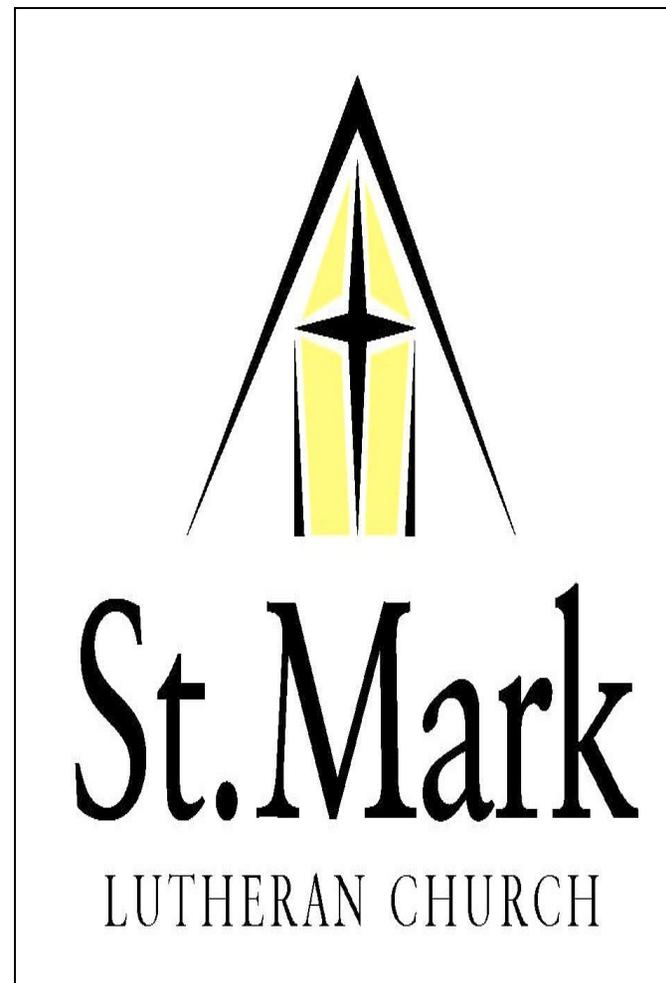
We would ask that all guests and members fill out the friendship cards that can be found by the Bibles in your pew. Thank you!

This Week at St. Mark

- Monday - Worship Service
- Wednesday - New Year's Eve Service 7:00 pm
- Thursday - New Year's Day Service at Mt. Olive 9:00 am
- Saturday - Church Cleaning: Sec. 1 Colson Sec. 2 Dahlke
Sec. 3 Cepek

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Birthdays—Noel Lee 12/28, David Beach 12/28, Mallorie Meyer 12/28, McClain Meyer 12/29, Ben Riegsecker 1/1, Kristine Dorn 1/3 **Anniversary**- Harold & Verna Rank 1/1



Reach, Teach, Rejoice!

A Measure of Our Love for Our Lord

Worship Attendance Last Week 153; Advent Wednesday 263

Last Week's Thank Offering to our Lord

Home	\$3,011.50	Missions	\$210.00
Building Fund	\$12.00	NELHS Gen.	\$50.00
Total Offering— \$3,283.50			

PRESERVICE MUSIC

WELCOME

HYMN 41 Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son + and of the Holy Spirit.
C: (spoken) Amen.

CONFESSION OF SINS

M: Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

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.

LORD, HAVE MERCY

M: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. 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.

LORD, HAVE MERCY

Kyrie

Lord, have mer-cy on us. Christ, have mer-cy
on us. Lord, have mer-cy on us. A - men.

OFFERING

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH (see powerpoint)

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;
and forgive us our trespasses,
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.

HYMN 50

Once in Royal David's City

Almighty God, grant to your Church the Holy Spirit and the wisdom that comes from above. Let nothing hinder your Word from being freely proclaimed to the joy of edifying of Christ's holy people, so that we may serve you in steadfast faith and confess your name as long as we live, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: (spoken) Amen.

M: 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: (spoken) Amen.

HYMN 329

Lord Dismiss Us With Your Blessing

Thank You for Serving!

Elders: Jarod Wilkinson, Jeff Schmidt

Usher: James Mullen

Greeters: Nate & Katie Flood, Noel Lee

Organist: Cindy Krushenisky

PRAYER AND PRAISE

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 366 O Jesus So Sweet, O Jesus So Mild

SERMON

Luke 2:25-40

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.

M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

GLORY TO GOD

Gloria in Excelsis

Glo - ry to God in the
 high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.
 Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and
 Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we
 praise you for your glo - ry! Glo - ry to God in the
 high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.
 Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly
 Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God,
 Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
 world; have mer - cy on us.

You are seat - ed at the right hand of the
 Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer, re -
 ceive our prayer. Glo - ry to God in the
 high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth. For
 you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the
 Lord, you a - lone are the Most High,
 Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it in the
 glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. Glo - ry to God in the
 high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.
 Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

M: Let us pray.

Almighty God, in mercy you sent your one and only Son to take upon himself our human nature. By his gracious coming deliver us from the corruption of our sin and transform us into the likeness of his glory; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever

C: A-men

THE WORD

FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 45:20-25

PSALM 111

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SECOND LESSON

Colossians 3:12-17

VERSE OF THE DAY

Alleluia! Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts. Alleluia!
 (Colossians 3:15a)

GOSPEL

Luke 2:25-40

After the announcement of the Gospel, the congregation sings:

Glo - ry be to you, O Lord! Glo - ry be to you, O Lord!

After the Gospel, the congregation sings:

Praise be to you, O Christ! Praise be to you, O Christ!