

## St. Mark Lutheran Church and School

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### This Week at St. Mark

- Monday - Worship Service 7:00 pm  
Wednesday - Children's Service 8:30 am  
- Choir practice 6:30 pm  
Friday - Snow Removal: Joshua Van Egmond  
Saturday - Church Cleaning: Sec. 1 Dorn Sec. 2 Drews  
Sec. 3 Drake

### "Mark Your Calendars"

January 11—Open Forum 10:20 am

January 18—Voters' Meeting 10:30 am followed by a potluck

Join Us at 10:20—11:10 am — Sunday School & Open Forum

**Birthdays**— Chelsea Thompson 1/14, Trenton Steinbach 1/17 **Anni-**  
**versary**- Dave & Alice Remmers 1/11

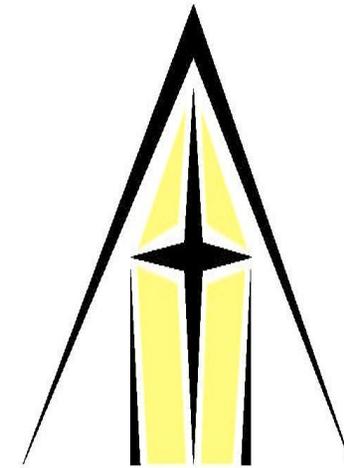
### **A Measure of Our Love for Our Lord**

Worship Attendance Last Week 82

Last Week's Thank Offering to our Lord

Home	\$2,698.45	Missions	\$212.00
Building Fund	5.00	NELHS Gen.	\$115.00

Total Offering— \$4817.60



# St. Mark

LUTHERAN CHURCH

Reach, Teach, Rejoice!



Ephiphany

January 11, 2015



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 use 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.



**BINGO!** St. Mark Lutheran School will host its second "Mustang Bingo Bash" on **Friday, January 23rd, 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!

**Call Information** St. Mark has extended a Divine Call to Pastor Joel Vogel from Marietta, Ohio, to become our pastor. Please remember to keep Pastor Vogel, his wife, and four children in your prayers as he deliberates this Call to serve as our pastor.

**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 20th 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!!

**Thank you,** to Rev. Norman Schell for his message this morning. Rev. Norman Schell retired from the active public ministry after serving congregations in Indiana, California and Wisconsin, including planting a new mission station. He also taught a variety of Practical Ministry courses at the Seminary, operated a church youth camp, and was involved in mission projects in Guatemala. During his tenure he developed multiple resources for Youth Ministry as well as Adult and Junior Confirmation instruction curriculum. He currently resides in Omaha, Nebraska, with his wife, Nadene.

## 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.

### Thank You for Serving!

**Elders:** Gus Stamps, Dave Remmers

**Usher:** Rich Beltz, Tom Bork

**Greeters:** Dwayne & Dorothy Burianek

**Organist:** Cindy Krushenisky

**Moving Expense Fund** In order for us to be prepared as possible for our new pastor, we ask you to consider a gift for the Moving Expense Fund. You may write "Moving Expense Fund" on the envelope and put this special gift into the offering plate.

**Voters' Meeting:** The voters' meeting will be on Sunday, January 18 at 10:30 am, followed by a potluck. It is strongly encouraged that all men of voting age (18 and up) fulfill their responsibility by serving God in this important manner.

**Flower Chart and Altar Duties:** There is a 2015 flower chart located on the door near the mailboxes. All members are invited to sign up to glorify our God by beautifying our altar with flowers. You may also sign up for a month of altar duty. It's easier than ever! Helpful instructions are now located on the bookshelf in the office. Sign up now to get the dates you want!

## GREETING

### HYMN 16

### ON JORDAN'S BANK THE BAPTIST'S CRY

## INVOCATION

**M:** The grace of our Lord (+) Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

**C:** **And also with you.**

## CONFESSION OF SINS

**M:** We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

**C:** **Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**

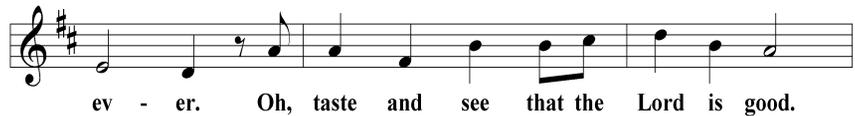
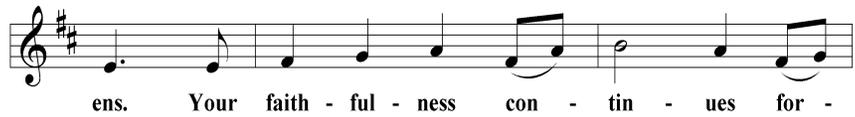
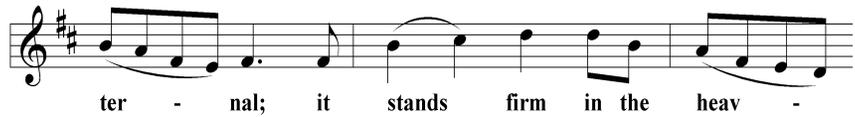
**M:** God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

**C:** **Amen.**

## PRAYER AND PRAISE

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

## OH TASTE AND SEE



## PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: We join together in praying the prayer of the day.

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 for ever. Amen.**



## Please remember in your prayers...

- Roma Martin, Tyson Martin's grandmother, who had surgery this past week
- Dave & Alice Remmers who celebrate with thanksgiving God's grace of 40 years of marriage
- Pastor Joel Vogel is presently holding the divine Call to serve St. Mark as our next pastor.
- Jacob Kander, Jean & Denny Riegsecker's nephew
- Hilma Bork
- Alida Freese, Julie Nelson's mother

## THE WORD

### 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 193

### COME, NOW, ALMIGHTY KING

M: O Lord God, our heavenly Father, pour out the Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep us strong in your grace and truth, protect and comfort us in all temptation, and bestow on us your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

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.



### HYMN 371

### OH, LOVE, HOW DEEP

### FIRST LESSON

ISAIAH 49:1-6

### PSALM OF THE DAY

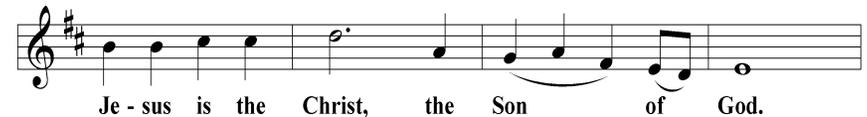
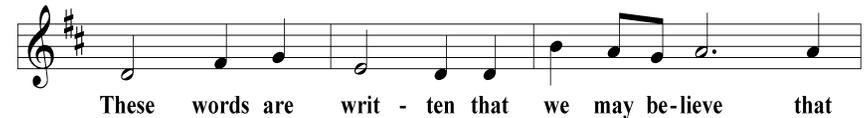
PSALM 2 (CW P. 65)

### EPISTLE LESSON

Acts 16:25-34

### VERSE OF THE DAY

M: Alleluia. You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased.  
Alleluia. (Mark 1:11b)



### GOSPEL

MARK 1:4-11

AFTER THE GOSPEL, THE CONGREGATION SINGS:



## HYMN 89

## TO JORDAN'S RIVER CAME OUR LORD

## SERMON

Mark 1:4-11

"Identity Crisis"

## 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.

BE SEATED

## THANKSGIVING

### 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

- M:** Lord God, our maker and preserver, we praise and thank you for all that you give us day after day.
- C:** **We are not worthy of all the mercies you show us.**
- M:** You have given us your precious Word to nourish our souls and to protect us from the temptations of the devil, the world, and our sinful nature.
- C:** **We thank you for those who teach and preach your saving truth at this place and everywhere. Grant them a rich measure of patience, wisdom, and love.**
- M:** Heavenly Father, we pray that you shield us from every kind of danger: sudden catastrophe, terrors of crime, and the pain of disease. Watch over those who travel by land, sea, and air. Keep our loved ones from whatever perils may threaten them.
- C:** **Heal those who are sick, cheer those who are sad, calm those who are distressed, and comfort all who are old and infirm.**
- M:** Bless our land, our people, and those who hold offices of high trust. Keep our government and schools upright and strong for the advancement of good citizenship and useful vocations, that we may enjoy your gifts of peace, security, and well-being.
- C:** **Grant your blessing to every nation on earth. Where there are wars, may there be peace. Where there is hatred, let it be healed. Where there is poverty, danger, or disaster, come with your almighty power to help and restore.**

*Special prayers and intercessions may follow.*

**M:** Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

*Silent prayer.*

- M:** We bring these requests before you in the name of Jesus our Lord, and ask you to hear us. Take all that we have, our bodies and minds, our time and skills, our ministries and offerings, and use them to your glory.
- C:** **We give ourselves to you that we may serve you in whatever way is pleasing in your sight. Amen.**