

## BullSt. Mark's Presents 30 day challenge:

When you want your faith to grow, you start by spending more time with God. There's prayer, there's Bible study and there's worship. We believe today's Christian music encompasses all three! What could your faith habits look like in a month, if you spend 30 minutes listening to Christian music each day? We believe the words in Christian music have the power to heal, to change hearts and relationships, and brings significant encouragement into your life!



St. Mark's Presents  
**30 Day Challenge**

IT TAKES ABOUT A MONTH TO BUILD A HABIT. THE 30 DAY CHALLENGE IS A SIMPLE WAY TO RE-CENTER YOUR FAITH AS YOU START A NEW YEAR!

WHAT IS THE CHALLENGE? TRY LISTENING TO ONLY CHRISTIAN MUSIC FOR 30 DAYS AND SEE WHAT GOD DOES IN YOUR HEART AND YOUR LIFE!

CHECK OUT THIS COLLECTION OF CHRISTIAN RADIO:  
ROCK: [WWW.WAYLOUD.ROCKS](http://WWW.WAYLOUD.ROCKS)  
POP AND HIP-HOP: [WWW.NGENRADIO.COM](http://WWW.NGENRADIO.COM)  
CHRISTMAS MUSIC: [WWW.KSBJ.ORG](http://WWW.KSBJ.ORG)  
POSITIVE AND ENCOURAGING: [LISTEN.KLOVE.COM](http://LISTEN.KLOVE.COM)

**5 MINUTES A DAY. 5 DAYS A WEEK.** That's all it takes to go through the New Testament, Matthew to Revelation, in one year. Read it or listen to it. Free copies of the 2025 New Testament Reading Plan are available on the Gathering Place information table.

**Year End Statements are Ready!** The 2024 year end statements are done and can be picked up at the table in the Nursery hallway. If you have any questions about your statement, please call Elaine Rhoades at 419-203-6296.

## ST. MARK'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

Pastor: Rev. William C. Haggis, II

Prayer Request e-mail: [stmprayer@embarqmail.com](mailto:stmprayer@embarqmail.com)

Church Website: [www.stmarkslutheranvw.com](http://www.stmarkslutheranvw.com)

**SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY**

**JANUARY 19, 2025**

Prelude "Cwm Rhondda"

Welcome and Announcements

Hymn "I Will Sing of the Mercies of the Lord" see insert

Prayer of the Day

Noah's Park Children's Church

Isaiah 62:1-5 and Psalm 36:5-10 (page. 2 & 3 of bulletin)

1 Corinthians 12:1-11 and John 2:1-11 (page 3 & 4 of bulletin)

Message

Hymn "The Trumpets Sound, the Angels Sing" # 531

Apostle's Creed, Intercessory Prayers, The Peace (pages 105-106)

Offering: offering boxes, website, text 419-273-9947

Holy Communion (pages 107-109)

Lord's Prayer (page 112)

Blessing & Dismissal (pages 114-115)

Hymn "Jesus Shall Reign" # 434

Doxology Sung by the Congregation HYMN #884

Postlude "Strong Praise!"

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on:



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## Prayer of Illumination

R: Before reading from the Bible,  
we seek the illumination of the Holy Spirit that  
we become receptive to the life-giving Word  
which comes to us through both  
the reading and proclamation of Scripture.

C: **Lord, open our hearts and minds  
by the power of your Holy Spirit,  
that as the Scriptures are read  
and your Word is proclaimed, we may hear with joy  
what you say to us today. Amen.**

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## Isaiah 62:1-5 Zion's New Name

<sup>1</sup> For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, for Jerusalem's sake I will not remain quiet, till her vindication shines out like the dawn, her salvation like a blazing torch. <sup>2</sup> The nations will see your vindication, and all kings your glory; you will be called by a new name that the mouth of the LORD will bestow. <sup>3</sup> You will be a crown of splendor in the LORD's hand, a royal diadem in the hand of your God. <sup>4</sup> No longer will they call you Deserted, or name your land Desolate. But you will be called Hephzibah, and your land Beulah; for the LORD will take delight in you, and your land will be married. <sup>5</sup> As a young man marries a young woman, so will your Builder marry you; as a bridegroom rejoices over his bride, so will your God rejoice over you.

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## Psalm 36:5-10 God's Love and Righteousness

R: Your love, LORD, reaches to the heavens,  
your faithfulness to the skies.

C: **Your righteousness is like the highest mountains,  
your justice like the great deep.  
You, LORD, preserve both people and animals.**

R: How priceless is your unfailing love, O God!  
People take refuge in the shadow of your wings.

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**Offering Envelopes for 2025:** The table by the Nursery has the new 2025 offering envelopes available to be picked up anytime. Additionally, giving records are done by numbers so even if you give online, please pick up your box.

**ONLINE GIVING REMINDER:** If you do online giving and you have made any changes to your pledge, you will need to update the St. Mark's online banking information to reflect your change. Elaine Rhoades

**The ELCA 2025 Churchwide Assembly** will be held July 28 – August 2 in Phoenix, Arizona. One item in particular to be voted on will be to update the language of the “Human Sexuality: Gift and Trust” social statement that the ELCA adopted at the 2009 Churchwide Assembly. Known as ‘Reconsideration #1’ the editorial changes being recommended reflect ELCA policy, civil law, and expanded definition of marriage based on the 2015 Supreme Court of The United States decision. A public feedback portal is open through January 31, 2025. Go to [www.elca.org/reconsiderations](http://www.elca.org/reconsiderations) to learn more about the process leading up to this point, the task force members involved, past documents, etc. To voice your opinion to Reconsideration #1, once you have opened [www.elca.org/reconsiderations](http://www.elca.org/reconsiderations), scroll down the page to the “Resources” section, click on the ‘survey response form’ link, and enter your response. If you have additional questions, feel free to contact Pastor Will.

**The Outreach Committee** will be seeking input from the congregation regarding potential recipients of Outreach Funds for hunger programs locally, nationally and globally. This will take place in the near future so please begin thinking of suggestions you can make to the committee. If you have questions about possible ideas, please talk to Council Representative Karen Etgen or contact the church office. For national and global ideas, some suggested websites are (but not limited to): [www.elca.org/hunger](http://www.elca.org/hunger), [www.elca.org/disaster](http://www.elca.org/disaster), [www.elca.org/globalmission](http://www.elca.org/globalmission), [www.lwr.org](http://www.lwr.org), & [www.elca.org](http://www.elca.org)

**Wednesday, March 5<sup>th</sup> is Ash Wednesday,  
the beginning of Lent.**

7:00—9:00 AM **Ashes 2 Go.** Parking lot between  
Collins’ Deli and St. Mark’s  
Noon & 7:30 PM **Holy Communion Service**

**Reminders:** *Bulletin deadline is Wednesday by 1:00 p.m.*  
*AND The deadline for February newsletter is **January 22<sup>nd</sup>**.*

**Attention New Visitors to St. Mark’s:** Located in the pews are blue Welcome Cards for our new guests. Please fill out this card and leave it on the pew when you leave the sanctuary. Greeters will be around to collect them after the service. This information is only to keep you informed of activities at St. Mark’s and does not leave the office. We hope you will continue to join us for services and we are so glad you came to St. Mark’s. We hope to see you again next Sunday.

**HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH FRIED PIES:** Our first round of Cash and Carry Sales for Fried Pies will be this coming Sunday, January 19 between services and after late service.



Cash and carry sales will be every 3rd Sunday between January and April. Pie flavors will vary each month and are **\$3.00 per pie OR 6 for \$17.00.** They freeze well so you can stock up!

**Hearth & Home Free February Thankful Lunch:**  
The monthly Hearth & Home drive-thru meal is on Thursday, February 6<sup>th</sup>, between 12:00—1:00 PM. We are serving shredded chicken sandwiches, chips and a strawberry dessert. All collected donations go to St. Mark’s Blessing Box program. See the flyer on the table in the Gathering Place for more information and food items to be collected. Thank you, Cris at Hearth & Home

**C: They feast on the abundance of your house;  
you give them drink from your river of delights.**  
**R:** For with you is the fountain of life; in your light we see light.  
**C: Continue your love to those who know you,  
your righteousness to the upright in heart.**



**1 Corinthians 12:1-11 Concerning Spiritual Gifts**

<sup>1</sup> Now about the gifts of the Spirit, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. <sup>2</sup> You know that when you were pagans, somehow or other you were influenced and led astray to mute idols. <sup>3</sup> Therefore I want you to know that no one who is speaking by the Spirit of God says, “Jesus be cursed,” and no one can say, “Jesus is Lord,” except by the Holy Spirit. <sup>4</sup> There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them. <sup>5</sup> There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. <sup>6</sup> There are different kinds of working, but in all of them and in everyone it is the same God at work. <sup>7</sup> Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good. <sup>8</sup> To one there is given through the Spirit a message of wisdom, to another a message of knowledge by means of the same Spirit, <sup>9</sup> to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by that one Spirit, <sup>10</sup> to another miraculous powers, to another prophecy, to another distinguishing between spirits, to another speaking in different kinds of tongues, and to still another the interpretation of tongues. <sup>11</sup> All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and he distributes them to each one, just as he determines.

**R:** The word of the Lord.  
**C: Thanks be to God.**



**Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.  
Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

P: The Good news of John's gospel.

C: **Glory To you O Lord!**

**John 2:1-11 Jesus Changes Water Into Wine**

<sup>1</sup> On the third day a wedding took place at Cana in Galilee. Jesus' mother was there, <sup>2</sup> and Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. <sup>3</sup> When the wine was gone, Jesus' mother said to him, "They have no more wine." <sup>4</sup> "Woman, why do you involve me?" Jesus replied. "My hour has not yet come." <sup>5</sup> His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." <sup>6</sup> Nearby stood six stone water jars, the kind used by the Jews for ceremonial washing, each holding from twenty to thirty gallons. <sup>7</sup> Jesus said to the servants, "Fill the jars with water"; so they filled them to the brim. <sup>8</sup> Then he told them, "Now draw some out and take it to the master of the banquet." They did so, <sup>9</sup> and the master of the banquet tasted the water that had been turned into wine. He did not realize where it had come from, though the servants who had drawn the water knew. Then he called the bridegroom aside <sup>10</sup> and said, "Everyone brings out the choice wine first and then the cheaper wine after the guests have had too much to drink; but you have saved the best till now." <sup>11</sup> What Jesus did here in Cana of Galilee was the first of the signs through which he revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

P: Word of God. Word of life.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**CHURCH SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 19, 2025**

- 8:00 a.m. *Worship Service with LPE*
- 9:00 a.m. Coffee Hour in the Gathering Place
- 9:00 a.m. *Fried Pie Sales for Dom. Republic Mission Trip*
- 9:15 a.m. Sunday School
- 10:00 a.m. **NO** Children's Choir Rehearsal
- 10:30 a.m. Holy Communion Service
- 10:40 a.m. Noah's Park
- 11:30 a.m. *Fried Pie Sales for Dom. Republic Mission Trip*
- 11:40 a.m. *Worship & Music Committee Meeting*

**TUESDAY**

- 9:00 a.m. Piecemakers
- 3:30 p.m. *Handbell Choir Practice*
- 6:00 p.m. *Church Council By-laws Meeting*
- 7:00 p.m. *Church Council Meeting*

**WEDNESDAY**

- 1:30 p.m. *Worship Service at Homestead @ Town Center*
- 6:00 p.m. Supper
- 6:30 p.m. **The Anchor**
- 6:30 p.m. Catechism
- 6:30 p.m. Kid Min

**THURSDAY**

- 7:00 p.m. *Investment Committee Meeting*

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 26, 2025**

- 8:00 a.m. Holy Communion Service
- 9:00 a.m. Coffee Hour in the Gathering Place
- 9:15 a.m. Sunday School & Choir Rehearsal
- 10:00 a.m. **NO** Children's Choir Rehearsal
- 10:30 a.m. Worship Service
- 10:40 a.m. Noah's Park

THE ALTAR FLOWERS

are given to the Glory of God by James & Karan Ottenweller in loving memory of Arthur & Betty Shook and departed loved ones.

**ASSISTING MINISTERS THIS WEEK**

- Greeters ..... Marc Grubaugh
- Lector ..... Lori Snyder
- Acolytes..... Emmalynn Conley
- Communion Servers..... Monica Campbell & Eric Overholt