## STUMP THE PASTOR HYMN SING—SUNDAY

**DECEMBER 3RD** On the piece of paper handed to you by the greeters, we are encouraging you to write down any Advent/Christmas hymns (hymn numbers 239-300) that you are hoping we sing. Papers with hymns numbers can be put in with the offering, small basket as you leave today or left in the church office. Then, on December 3<sup>rd</sup>, rather than singing 3 hymns plus the hymn sing, we are going to spread the hymn sing out. We will open the service with 1 or 2 hymn suggestions from the selections you give us today by pulling them from a bowl. Have the Bible readings. Sing a few more. have the Creed and prayers. Sing a few more, do the offering and Lord's Prayer. Finish out with a few to end the service. The idea is to sing some favorite or unusual songs, give Pastor a chance to flex his Bible muscles, and include more people.

#### **KITCHEN VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** I would like to



express my appreciation to all who are willing to help in the church kitchen by either working or making cake for our funeral meals or special occasions.

I realize the kitchen is used by many people. It would be greatly appreciated if before purchasing your food, for whatever your occasion may be, that you would check to see what is already available. Much food is being wasted by "out of date" or being put in the freezer and never used. It becomes freezer burnt. If you have something that you want to use for sure, please mark it as vours and date it.

I am putting a sign up sheet on the dreamboard, as you enter the sanctuary, for those who would be willing to help in the kitchen, make cakes, or both. Phone numbers would be a big help or you may contact me. Thank you for all you are willing to do regarding the church kitchen. Rita Adam



Forget Elf on the Shelf! This year we will join Mary and Joseph on their journey to Bethlehem. Each Sunday of Advent we will challenge you to spot the couple as they make their way throughout the church to the Manger

located in the Sanctuary. We encourage you to try this at home too. Start a new CHRISTmas tradition.

## ST. MARK'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

Prayer Request e-mail: <a href="mailto:stmprayer@stmarkslutheranvw.com">stmprayer@stmarkslutheranvw.com</a> Church Website: www.stmarkslutheranvw.com

Rev. William C. Haggis, II--Pastor

**CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY NOVEMBER 26, 2023** 

**Welcome and Announcements** 

"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" Prelude 8:00/10:30

**Choral Introit** (10:30 service)

Hymn "Jesus Shall Reign" # 434

**Kyrie and Hymn of Praise** (pages 98-100; 10:30 service)

**Prayer of the Day** 

Noah's Park Children's Church (10:30 service)

Ezekiel 34:11-16 and Psalm 95:1-7a (pg. 2 & 3 of bulletin)

**Ephesians 1:15-23 and Matthew 25:31-46** (pg. 3 & 4 of bulletin)

Message

"Jesus, Remember Me" (4 times) Hvmn

# 616

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

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

Choir (10:30 service)

Lord's Prayer (page 112)

**Blessing & Dismissal** (pages 114-115)

"Rejoice, for Christ is King!" Hymn # 430

**Doxology Sung by the Congregation HYMN #884** 

"Jesus Shall Reign!" **Postlude** 

Get to Know Us on:







#### **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.

Lord, open our hearts and minds C: 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.

#### Ezekiel 34:11-16

<sup>11</sup> "For this is what the Sovereign LORD says: I myself will search for my sheep and look after them. <sup>12</sup> As a shepherd looks after his scattered flock when he is with them, so will I look after my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places where they were scattered on a day of clouds and darkness. <sup>13</sup> I will bring them out from the nations and gather them from the countries, and I will bring them into their own land. I will pasture them on the mountains of Israel, in the ravines and in all the settlements in the land. <sup>14</sup> I will tend them in a good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel will be their grazing land. There they will lie down in good grazing land, and there they will feed in a rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. 15 I myself will tend my sheep and have them lie down, declares the Sovereign LORD. <sup>16</sup> I will search for the lost and bring back the strays. I will bind up the injured and strengthen the weak, but the sleek and the strong I will destroy. I will shepherd the flock with justice.



# **Breakfast at the Manger**

Saturday - December 9th 9:00—11:30 AM

St. Mark's Lutheran Church

Corner of N. Washington & W. Sycamore Van Wert

## FREE ANNUAL EVENT

**Breakfast Buffet - Christmas Crafts Family Photo Picture Booth Cookie Decorating** Info: 419-238-6336

www.stmarkslutheranvw.com

Christmas At The Barn With Van Wert Jazz at 7:30 PM on Tuesday, December 12th. The barn is located at Five Oaks Farms, 12200 Dustman Road, Van Wert. Bring a friend as we come together for worship with singing of Christmas carols led by Van Wert Jazz as well as partake of cider and hot chocolate with light snacks, all under roof in a clean, cement floor barn. Chairs will be provided and please dress for cold weather. For more information about Five Oaks Farms go to www.fiveoaksbnb.com.

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.



The Library Cart has new titles for your reading pleasure. Inspirational, study helps, novels and kids books. More will be added throughout the month.

Thank you for your gifts given to your synod, received by ELCA World Hunger in September 2023. We are all enriched by the sharing of God's love, justice, and generosity. Through your gifts you share God's generosity and abundance with a world who longs for God's justice and love. Your generosity is getting at the root causes of hunger and poverty in over 60 countries, including the United States. It provides access to clean water, health care, agriculture, livestock, education, and peace and justice. Through your gifts you join the whole church in working toward a just world where all are fed. May the God of all good gifts continue to work among you all, In Christ,

Amanda White, Director Congregational Generosity

**Reminders:** Bulletin deadline is Wednesday by 1:00 p.m. AND deadline for January newsletter is December 14<sup>th</sup>.

## Oodles and Oodles of Noodles: Yep it's that



time again and we have noodles again. The Salvation Army Christmas Meal Baskets are getting ready to be filled. We are in need of <u>450 bags</u> by <u>December 10<sup>th</sup></u> (last day to collect). *Our current count as of November* 

21st is 233. We are a little over half way done. This provides a Christmas meal for so many. Thank you for your generosity.

Our sympathy to the family and friends of Mark Hoaglin who passed away on Friday, November 17, 2023.

If you know anyone that would appreciate a card, to let them know we are thinking of them, please let me know. You may call or text me at 419-771-0795 or email me at <a href="mailto:ahickerson55@gmail.com">ahickerson55@gmail.com</a>.



**Card Shower:** Milo Wyandt will turn 99 years old on December 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023. We are having a card shower for him in celebration of this birthday. If you would like to send a card please mail it to:

Milo Wyandt, 1037 Woodland Avenue, Van Wert, OH 45891.

#### Psalm 95:1-7a

R: Come, let us sing for joy to the LORD; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.

C: Let us come before him with thanksgiving and extol him with music and song.

R: For the LORD is the great God, the great King above all gods.

C: In his hand are the depths of the earth, and the mountain peaks belong to him.

R: The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands formed the dry land.

C: Come, let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the LORD our Maker;

R: for he is our God and we are the people of his pasture, the flock under his care.

## Ephesians 1:15-23 Thanksgiving and Prayer

and your love for all God's people, <sup>16</sup> I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers. <sup>17</sup> I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better. <sup>18</sup> I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people, <sup>19</sup> and his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is the same as the mighty strength. <sup>20</sup> he exerted when he raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, <sup>21</sup> far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every name that is invoked, not only in the present age but also in the one to come. <sup>22</sup> And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church, <sup>23</sup> which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way.

R: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

## **Gospel Acclamation (10:30 service)**

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 Matthew's Gospel.

C: Glory To you O Lord!

### Matthew 25:31-46 The Sheep and the Goats

<sup>31</sup> "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on his glorious throne. <sup>32</sup> All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate the people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. <sup>33</sup> He will put the sheep on his right and the goats on his left. <sup>34</sup> "Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. <sup>35</sup> For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, <sup>36</sup> I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.' 37 "Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? <sup>38</sup> When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? <sup>39</sup> When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?' 40 "The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.' 41 "Then he will say to those on his left, 'Depart from me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. <sup>42</sup> For I was hungry and you gave me nothing to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, <sup>43</sup> I was a stranger and you did not invite me in, I needed clothes and you did not clothe me, I was sick and in prison and you did not look after me.' 44 "They also will answer, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or needing clothes or sick or in prison, and did not help you?' 45 "He will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did not do for one of the least of these, you did not do for me.' 46 "Then they will go away to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life."

P: Word of God. Word of life.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

#### **CHURCH SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26--CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY

8:00 a.m. Holy Communion Service

9:00 a.m. Coffee Hour

9:15 a.m. Sunday School & Choir 10:00 a.m. Children's Choir Rehearsal

10:30 a.m. Worship Service 10:40 a.m. Noah's Park

## MONDAY—OFFICE CLOSED

#### **TUESDAY**

9:00 a.m. Piecemakers

9:00 a.m. Property/Christmas Decorating

10:00 a.m. A. J. Bible Discussion Meeting at Tom Rhoades

3:30 p.m. Handbell Choir Rehearsal

#### WEDNESDAY

6:00 p.m. Supper

6:30 p.m. The Anchor

6:30 p.m. Catechism

6:30 p.m. Kid Min

## **DECEMBER 3, 2023—FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

#### STUMP THE PASTOR HYMN SING

8:00 a.m. Worship Service with Children's Sermon

9:00 a.m. Coffee Hour

9:15 a.m. Sunday School & Choir 10:00 a.m. Children's Choir Rehearsal 10:30 a.m. Holy Communion Service

10:40 a.m. Noah's Park

#### THE ALTAR FLOWERS

are given to the Glory of God in memory of Dorothy Weis by her loving family.

## **ASSISTING MINISTERS THIS WEEK**

Greeters (8:00) ....Kathy Van Eman
Lector (8:00) ....Warren Bowery
Greeters (10:30) ....Gregory Pancake
Lector (10:30) ....Sharon Blank
Acolyte (10:30) ....Colson Army
Communion Servers (8:00) ....Jana Ringwald &

Coffee Hour.....Miller

## St. Mark's Lutheran Church Corner of North Washington and Sycamore Streets

