



BIRTHDAYS in DECEMBER

Tom Murray	Dec. 1
Lila Kuerschner	Dec. 3
Autumn Stiker	Dec. 6
Jim Koehler	Dec. 12
Randy Lusty	Dec. 16
Holly Schulz	Dec. 17
Scarlett Derler	Dec. 18
Lori Gruell	Dec. 23
Becky King	Dec. 30

2024 October -40 per week



Pastor Paul	920-246-7759
Barb Dochow	262-377-3069
Julie Egerer	262-285-3035
Holly Winker	262-227-4670
Ruth Kleinschmidt	262-285-3253
Pat Pritzlaff	262-285-3854
Tricia Hausner	262-758-0824
Melissa Kuerschner	262-957-4885
Pastor King	414-429-5962
Jan Huber	414-807-3805
Holly Schulz	414-482-2556
Becky King	414-429-5983
Donna Theisen	262-692-6071
Megan Ramthun	262-388-5200
Art Froemming	920-918-9800
Shirley Froemming	920-889-1558



In DECEMBER

Holly & Tom Winker, 47 yrs on Dec. 3
 Tricia & Corey Hausner, 6 yrs. on Dec. 13
 Olivia & Justin Stiker 7 yrs. on Dec. 31



FLOWER CHART

The new 2025 Flower Chart is available for you to enter a day when you would like flowers put on the altar for a special person or occasion. Fill in your name and indicate if you want Julie to make a bouquet for you. Please pay Julie at the time of sign up.



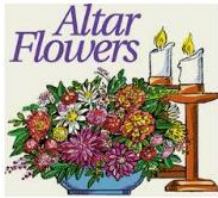
PRAY FOR THOSE IN NEED

Josh, Carol, LaVerne, Jan, Bob, Cindy, Danielle, Mike Grisolono, Kathy, Vicki, Andy, Renea, Jan, Holly and Wally



Average Attendance

Sign your name to the Flower Chart if you wish to have flowers put on the Altar in honor of or someone special or to remember or congratulate someone on a special occasion. Julie Egerer will be happy to make an arrangement for you with the cost being \$20/arrangement. You can pay Julie direct or put your money or check in the Flower Box.



December 1 Given by Holly & Tom Winker in honor of their 47th wedding anniversary on December 3.

December 8 Given by Tricia & Corey Hausner in honor of their 6th wedding anniversary on December 13.

December 15 OPEN

December 22 Given by St. Mark members in honor and blessings as they celebrate the birth of our Lord.

December 29 Poinsettias from members



Volunteers are needed to serve on to different boards: **Altar Guild** is looking for 1 or 2 more people to prepare communion the **Board of Education** is in need of a couple of people to help with Sunday School and Elders would like another person or 2. If you willing and able to volunteer, call the church office or contact Pastor Paul to fulfill some of these opportunities to serve our dear Lord..



In December the Church Council will offer treats after services. Join us immediately for some tasty treats and a time to greet your fellow members and welcome new members and visitors.



Call/Search Committee

Nate Kuerschner and Jim Koehler, from our Search/Call Committee met with Pastor Frisque and an Elder from St. John, Fredonia to initiate a discussion on establishing a “partnership with St. John and St. Mark” whereas we would share a pastor between the 2 churches. A meeting of members from St. John was held and resulted in approval to proceed with the partnership. A new Call List was requested which will include names of two pastors who have been recommended to us.



Holiday Baskets

We will be accepting non-perishable goods to fill our Holiday baskets. You can bring your donations to church at any time and place them in the food baskets in the narthex. We will also accept cash and gift cards.

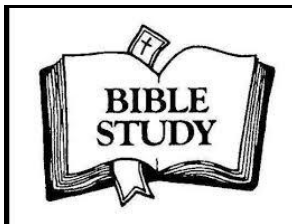
COMPASS STUDY

The Church Council has decided to work through the COMPASS process with Rev. Dr. Nathan Meador, Mission Executive of the South Wisconsin District, to do a study of St. Mark congregation. The process will take 3 to 5 months and involve the members of the congregation. It will include an overview of our Belgium community. Key words in the process are WHY, HOW, and WHAT regarding the purpose and mission of St. Mark Lutheran Church. You will be hearing more about the COMPASS in the near future.



Be Prepared: Advent begins the first Sunday in December. We will not be offering mid-week Advent services.

**Christmas Eve Service, Dec. 24 at 5:00 pm
Christmas Day Service, Dec. 25 at 9:00 am**



Wednesday Bible Class

Class meets on Wednesday mornings at 10:00 am with 10-14 people attending most weeks. They have been studying the Book of *Ezekiel*. Feel free to join in at any time. Art Froemming has again volunteered to be our leader.

RMD's & QCD's

Some of you have annuities and retirement accounts, that if you are over the age of 73, you know that by year end you need to take a Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) from that account or pay a penalty. But did you know that there is a way you can exclude all or a portion of your RMD from income and not have to pay taxes on it. You take a Qualified Charitable Deduction from your account and it is not income and thus not directly from your account to the charity you designate and not to you. St. Mark Lutheran Church would be a qualified charity for your gift.

By taking a Qualified Charitable Deduction (QC)D you can meet the Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) guidelines. To take a QCD, contact the manager of your annuity or retirement account and ask them to make the gift to the charity or church of your choosing. If you have any questions or concerns, you can speak to Pastor Paul.

Annual Belgium Christmas Parade



Activities to follow at Belgium's Village Square. Live music by CGBHS Choir and Band members.

GOSPEL OF LUKE FOR 24 DAYS

I share an invitation to you for the season of Advent. Let us read together the Gospel of Luke. This year Advent begins on December 1st and continues to Christmas Eve on December 24th. The Gospel of Luke is 24 chapters long. So let us read a chapter of Luke each day. We will begin with Jesus coming down from heaven to be born in Bethlehem. And then after journeying with Him through His earthly ministry and eventual sacrifice for our sin, we will end with His return to heaven from whence He came. The reading of Luke will be appropriate preparation for our celebrations of Jesus' birth.