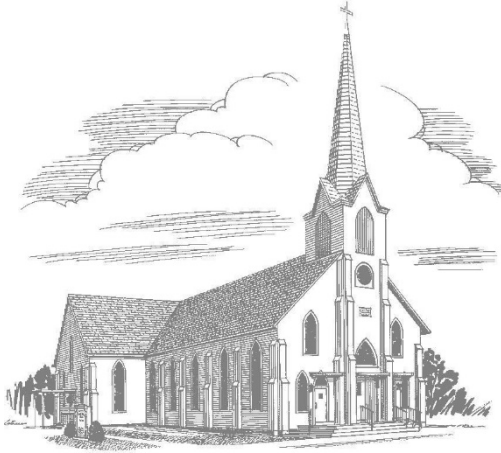


144th Year

January 12 & 13, 2019

BAPTISM OF OUR LORD



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Welcome, Guests!

*We have a gift mug for you available
at all three of our entrances.*

Please pick one up after the service.

We are glad to have you in worship today.

May God bless you with his love and grace.

--Board of Evangelism

Special Prayers

Continuing Prayer Concerns

Leslie Duvall	Elijah Rabacchi	George Salger
Debra Guebert	Norlyn Kingsten	Ali Gerlach
Alice Knop	Linda Ethridge	Delbert Koen
Julie Heil	Tiffany Troue Denyer	Jim Mevert
Connie Kirkland	Sondra Mahnken	Michael Vallett
Don Ritter	Delbert Joost	Judy Wedemeyer

Ann Vallett

Genna Biermann (Connie Kirkland's sister-in-law)

Andy Schorr (Carol Mayer's brother)

Roy Thornton (Vicky Potter's father)

Daniel Bell (Lisa Greatting's brother)

Robert Holley (Norlyn & Jane Kingsten's grandson)

Michelle Thies (Gerald & Ruth Ann Thies' daughter-in-law)

Care Center Residents

Delores Doss	Elizabeth Ernsting	Norma Wolters
Irma Wentz	Eileen Clements	Anita Rohlfling
Norma Rodewald	Judy Clasen	Lavera Biermann
Mildred Eggemeyer		Wayne Mueller

*We respect the privacy of our members and friends and will not pray for you
publicly unless it is requested, and we know we have your permission.*

Military Personnel & Their Families

Justin Asbury	Casey Vallett	Matt Kraus
Tim Eichenseer	Bill Ingles	Justin Parker
Andrew Grab	Cory Jeffers	Richard Thompson
Denny Ernsting	Kevin Kahre	Ethan Pierce
John Magelitz	Zach Mogavero	Rodney Anderson

Mission Prayer

Give thanks as you pray:

- That God would raise up indigenous pastors, deaconesses and other church leaders to reach out to their own communities and share His Word.

Informational Meeting

The Board of Christian Education has been exploring the possibility of a co-op in sports between St. Mark's Lutheran and Steeleville Public. They have set Tuesday, January 22nd to have an informational meeting at 7 pm in the school cafeteria to discuss any and all questions and concerns you may have. EVERYONE is encouraged to attend such as school families & congregational members!

Call Meeting—January 30 at 7:00 p.m.

Bible Study Opportunities

Wednesday @ 10:00 a.m. in Meeting Room

Sunday @ 10:15 a.m. in Fellowship Hall

Bible Readings

From *Lutheran Service Book* Daily Lectionary, pp. 299-304

1/20	Ezekiel 47:1-14, 21-23; Romans 9:19-33
1/21	Joel 1:1-20; Romans 10:1-21
1/22	Joel 2:1-17; Romans 11:1-24
1/23	Joel 2:18-32; Romans 11:25–12:13
1/24	Joel 3:1-21; Romans 12:14–13:14
1/25	Zechariah 1:1-21; Romans 14:1-23
1/26	Zechariah 2:1–3:10; Romans 15:1-13

Our Stewardship of Time & Talents

January 19/20

Organist: Carl Handel

Altar Guild: Brenda Parker, Christa Parker

Acolytes: *Sat.*—Logan Bartens, Evan Buch; *Sun.*—Cayton Cratch, Jaret Ehlers

Greeters: *Sat.*—Brenda Parker; *Sun.*—Rodney & Rhonda Wilson

Elders: *Sat.*—Rodney Wilson; *Sun.*—Alan Uchtman, Andy Gerlach

January 26/27

Organist: Carol Lowe

Altar Guild: Christa Parker, Marilyn Wente

Acolytes: *Sat.*—Brenden Lindenberg, Jackson Knop;

Sun.—Kathrine Pierce, Summer Hassebrock

Greeters: *Sat.*—Connie Kirkland; *Sun.*—Linda Mulholland

Elders: *Sat.*—Mark Troue, Mike Mayer; *Sun.*—Brian Smith

Attendance

Worship, 1/12-13; *Sat.*: 43; *Sun.*: 75

Bible Study: *Sun.*: 14; *Wed.*: 5

Wurstmart Report

Deposits: \$ 8,047.30

Expenses: \$ 2,177.58

Profit: \$ 5,869.72

Christmas Committee Fund Report

Beginning Balance: \$ 2,576.75

Deposits: 1,278.00

Expenses: \$ 2,330.82

Ending Balance: \$ 1,523.93

ST. MARK'S LUTHERAN SCHOOL NOTES

Our 3rd and 4th grade classes will be presenting chapel on Wednesday, January 23, 2019. Our offering will be designated to the Lutheran Hour Ministries. Everyone is invited to attend our weekly chapel service that begins around 8:25 am at the church weather permitting.

Information was sent home with the students about a fundraiser for the school called, "Clear Water Collection" & "Today's Favorites". This is something new we are trying to see if there is interest in these products. Looking at the catalog it does appear to be an upgrade from the previous company. Hint: I can say the breakfast pizzas are really good! Customers can shop online where there are additional items not included in the brochure and pay via credit card. Our school online code is: STMA92 (shop.clubschoicefundraising.com). There is also a catalog in the school office. **Payment is due with the order forms on Tuesday, January 29th. Please make checks payable to St. Mark's.** If you have any questions call the school at 965-3838. Mrs. Kayla Arndt is chairperson of this fundraiser.

The St. Mark's Players are planning the production of "Return to Calamity Gulch" by Whitney Ryan Garrity. This is a sequel to last year's play. Performance dates are March 15, 16 & 22, 23. All proceeds will go towards computer technology for the classrooms. If you would like to join the fun and help make this a huge success there is a meeting/read through **Monday, January 21 at 6:00 pm** in the school cafeteria. Even if you are not comfortable with a speaking part, we can use help with advertising, stage props, costumes and much more so hope to see you there! If you have any questions please give Sandy Fortner a call at 618-615-7466.

There will be no school on Monday, January 21, 2019 in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. Classes will resume on Tuesday, January 22nd.

St. Mark's Lutheran School received the first check from Dave's Food Center for their Support Our School program and all the receipts saved for our school. The check was \$701.87!! Wow, that's great! If you happen to see Dave or Lari Mulholland or Kory Bockhorn please thank them for all they do for St. Mark's!

St. Mark's Panthers claimed the Okaw Valley Conference Championship Thursday, January 10, in Red Bud by defeating Steeleville Public by the score of 42-36. These proved to be a very exciting games since the two teams are considered town rivals. The first team the Panthers faced in Conference Tournament play was Evansville whom they defeated 48-18. Their next opponent was Coulterville which proved to be a bit more of a challenge but at the end sound of the buzzer the Panthers were on top 48-37. These two wins propelled them to Conference Championship play on Thursday. Congratulations on a job well done!

St. Mark Sports

Sat., Jan 19 – B BB @ St. Mark's ALT vs Unity Lutheran
Home 7:00 pm

Sun., Jan 20 – B BB St. Mark's 53rd ALT continues at Steeleville High School starting at 1:00 pm

Thurs., Jan 24 – SIJHSAA B BB Regional @ St. John, Chester
Away 6:00 pm

Fri., Jan 25 – SIJHSAA B BB Regional Championship game at St. John, Chester Away 6:30 pm

Blanket Makers meet each week on Tuesday from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in the Ladies Aid room on the second floor of the school.

The blanket makers are in need of bed sheets or donations to purchase them. The sheets are used for the back of their quilts. They could also use information about a sewing machine repairman.

Door Offering

Next weekend we will have a door offering to support the work of the Steeleville Christian Community Aid Alliance. The Alliance works in conjunction with the Steeleville Food Pantry to provide emergency assistance to those in need in our community.

Voters' Meeting

A Voters Meeting has been scheduled for Wednesday January 30th at 7:00 pm. to extend a Call for a Pastor. Information regarding those under consideration has been mailed to all households. Copies are also available in the narthex. Additional information will be shared at the meeting. All communicant members are eligible to vote.

Greeters Needed

Looking for greeters on Saturday evenings and Sunday mornings. If you are interested in helping St. Mark's on either day, please contact Rose Bartens (618) 965-3731 or Sheila Alms (618) 615-1957. The job is simple: Be at church twenty minutes prior to start to welcome members and guests and give out the bulletins.

Thank You

Series of six presentations on Luther's Small Catechism

Come join us as we explore the Christian Faith. St. John's Lutheran in Ruma and St. Peter's Lutheran in Evansville will host a series of six presentations in February covering Luther's Small Catechism. More details to follow.

Christ Our Savior Lutheran High School

Thank you for supporting the Soldiers! The Basketball Club has two more away games scheduled: On January 31, they will be playing Twin City in Festus at 6 pm. On February 8, they are tentatively scheduled to play Christian Fellowship in DuQuoin at 6 pm.

Annual Trivia Night: The annual *COS* trivia night will be this Friday, January 25, 2018 at 7 pm. Trivia questions will cover a wide variety of topics to appeal to trivia players of all ages and abilities. The cost is \$12 per person with a limit of eight to a table. Students in 8th grade or under may attend for \$6 each. Reserve your table by calling 618-853-7300.

Help us promote *COS*: Stop by *COS* and pick up a free yard sign to put in your yard or business.

Do you know a high school student looking for a change? *COS* is accepting transfer students for the spring semester as well as scheduling shadow days for incoming freshmen. Come see for yourself what makes *COS* a great high school experience.

Early Registration Discount: The *Christ Our Savior* early registration deadline for 2019-2020 is January 31, 2019. The discounted rate is \$150 for those who register and pay the fee before the deadline.

Scholarships Available: The cost of attending *COS* can be offset by scholarships. Scholarships are available based on financial need as well as academics and service. For more information, call *COS* or visit our website: www.coslhs.org.

St. Mark's Weekly Calendar

<i>Sat., Jan. 19</i>	6:00 p.m.	Worship Service
<i>Sun., Jan. 20</i>	9:00 a.m. 10:15 a.m.	Worship Service w/Communion Bible Study
<i>Mon., Jan. 21</i>	<i>No School—Church Office Closed</i>	
<i>Tues., Jan. 22</i>		
<i>Wed., Jan. 23</i>	8:25 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	School Chapel Bible Class Adult Choir
<i>Thurs., Jan. 24</i>		
<i>Fri., Jan. 25</i>		
<i>Sat., Jan. 26</i>	6:00 p.m.	Worship Service w/Communion
<i>Sun., Jan. 27</i>	9:00 a.m.	Worship Service

Card Shower

Ruth Zeidler will be 100 years old on January 23. She has been a member of St. Mark's Lutheran Church all of her life. If you would like to send her a birthday card, please send it to 507 West South St., Steeleville, IL 62288. Thank you.

Thank You!

A huge thank you to Carol Hamilton, Shirley Kuhn, Rosemary Leonhardt, Donna Rice, Jean Schroeder and Linda Stegmann for helping to serve the luncheon for the friends and family of Bill Knop. Your help is always appreciated.

MISSION STATEMENT

Our mission is to proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ, through worship, education, outreach, fellowship, and service.



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Saturdays @ 6:00 p.m.

Sundays @ 9:00 a.m.

Accessible Service @ 10:00 a.m. on 2nd Thursdays

HOLY COMMUNION

Holy Communion is celebrated every weekend, the first, third and fifth Sundays of the month at the 9:00 a.m. service and at the 6:00 p.m. Saturday evening service before the second and fourth Sundays of the month.

ST. MARK'S IS A MEMBER CONGREGATION & SCHOOL OF



THE
LUTHERAN CHURCH
MISSOURI SYNOD

We believe and confess the doctrine of the Evangelical Lutheran Church is faithful and true to the Bible and we strive for a balanced Law/Gospel practice of same.