

ST. MARY'S LUTHERAN CHURCH – ELCA 2001 80th Street, Kenosha, WI 53143 (262)658-3555 www.stmaryslutheran.org *info@stmaryslutheran.org* 

ST. MARY'S IS A RECONCILING IN CHRIST CHURCH . 2018 St. Mary's Lutheran Church is a Reconciling in Christ congregation. We welcome into our full life and ministry people of any sexual orientation, gender identity, age, occupation, ability, nationality and race.



Christmas Eve—Saturday, December 24th

- ◆5:00pm & 8:00pm
- Traditional Candle Light Service
- Families & All Are Welcome at Both
- Christmas Day—Sunday, December 25th
- ♦9:00am "From Heaven Above" Worship
- New Year's Eve—December 31st
- ♦ 5:00pm Lessons & Carols
- New Year's Day 2023—January 1st
- ♦9:00am Lessons & Carols

All services in person in our sanctuary and live streamed online and saved on YouTube

After these special services, there will not be any hospitality provided. Join us in the New Year starting with Saturday, January 7th & Sunday, January 8th immediately following worship for Coffee Kringle Mingles! Individuals, Small Groups & Ministries Please Sign up in Fellowship Hall.

All are Welcome! We are happy you are here! Please know that St. Mary's Lutheran Church celebrates Holy Communion for ALL! This is Christ's table and His invitation. You do not need to be a Lutheran, or a member of our church to participate. Also, if you wish to come up for only a blessing, please tell us when you approach, and we will bless you! If you are unable to come up for communion, tell the usher that you would like to receive communion at your seat, and someone will bring it to you. We hope you feel welcome here and throughout the worship services this holy Christmastime!

Don't forget—if you haven't worshiped with us in a while, would you please fill out a Communion Card and give to usher? Thank vou!



**December Council** 

Connection is Christine Johnson. Please contact her with any questions, thoughts, or suggestions email chris.johnson1800@gmail.com\_or (262)818-8879.

> IN-PERSON WORSHIP ATTENDANCE: Advent 4 12/17 & 12/18: 132

There is No Sunday School on 12/25 or 1/1/2023. And, there will **NOT** be any Fish or Fusion Youth Group during Winter Break, BUT... All youth are excited about.... ANNUAL YOUTH RUMMAGE SALE 2023!



Drop Off December 31<sup>st</sup> 9a-11a January 2<sup>nd</sup> 4p-7p We will take anything except TVs and Clothing

SALE DAYS January 7<sup>th</sup> 8a-3p & 4:30p-6:30p January 8<sup>th</sup> 8am—Noon All proceeds collected from this sale go to benefit

St. Mary's Youth Ministry & its active mission work in Kenosha & across the country!

We extend our deepest sympathies to the family of Dr. Robert Smick, and Dawn, his wife of 71 years. Dr. Smick passed away on Sunday, December 18<sup>h</sup>. Funeral arrangements are



pending due to the schedule of Veteran's cemetery. May he rest in peace with this Lord. ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~

## 2023 OFFERING ENVELOPES—2022 YEAR END GIVING

Our order for 2023 Offering Envelopes has been received and is among the many to hopefully be ready soon! Until they arrive, please use your envelopes, the ones in the pews or drop a check with name and envelope number in the plate. Any questions? Call the church office (262)658-3555 or email info@stmaryslutheran.org. Plus, any year end giving needs to be postmarked by 12/31/22 to be included in your year end giving statement!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY



## <u>2022 Christmas Memorial</u> <u>Poinsettias and Monetary</u> <u>Donations</u>



Poinsettias can be picked up after worship this weekend or during office hours. Thank you for adorning our altar with these beauties from our local Anton's Greenhouses.

## Looking Ahead to 2023...

- The January Spirit Newsletter will be emailed and uploaded to the website on Thursday, Dec. 29th. Printed Copies available at church that weekend.
- January Council Connection is Dana Larsen Ph: 414-748-0448
  E: mailto:dana.larsen.wdc@gmail.com

From the entire staff of St. Mary's Lutheran Church—

We want to wish you all the very merriest of Christmases! May God bless you and the ones you love in the new year! Christ the Savior is Born!

Deborah Black, Organ & Accompanist Laurel Borter, Piano & Accompanist Pastor Kathy Brown, Interim Pastor Beth Kerscher, Administrative Assistant Sondra Kuro, Bookkeeper Nurse Sue Q, Faith Community Nurse/Care Ministry Coordinator Dr. Richard Sjoerdsma, Adult Choir Director Kristofer Twadell, Sound & Video Technician Madeline Weirick, Handbell Choir Director

| SUNDAY 25th  | MONDAY 26th | TUESDAY 27th  | WEDNESDAY 28st | THURSDAY 29nd | FRIDAY 30rd  | SATURDAY 31st   |
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| 9:00am<br>Christmas<br>Morning<br>Worship!<br>Jesus Christ is<br>Born this Day!<br>6:00pm Southport<br>12x12 |             | 6:30am—6:00pm<br>Kids Castle<br>Winter Break (D)<br>8:00am Women's<br>Prayer Breakfast<br>(Hillcrest)<br>9:00am-3:00pm<br>Office Open | Kids Castle    |               | 9:00am-12:00pm<br>OFFICE OPEN<br>6:00pm BSA<br>Troop/Den/<br>Pack 533<br>LOCKIN until<br>6:00am<br>Saturday!<br>(G, D) | 9-11a YOUTH<br>RUMMAGE<br>SALE DROP<br>OFF (Gym, West<br>Entrance)<br>5:00pm Lessons<br>& Carols<br>Worship in<br>Sanctuary |

-in memory of Glen Harris

<u>Monetary Gift to ELCA Outreach Center</u> Lisa Rasmussen-Zanin & Mark Zanin

Lisa Rasmussen-Zanin & Mark Zanin - in memory of Berger & Jo Rasmussen <u>Christmas Poinsettias</u> Alice and Peter Schwalbe in memory of Alfons & Elisabeth Schwalbe, Josephine Geiger and Laura Wilson. Jubilate! Handbell Choir -in honor of Maddie Weirick, Jubilate! Handbell Choir Director. Steve & Debbie Hartfield - in honor of our new granddaughter, Celine. Julie, Mike & Alyssa Schmit - in memory of Janet Ruefer, Lee Schmit The Raskiewicz Family - in memory of David Munchoff The Weipert Family - in memory of David Munchoff Corinne & Lary Nelson - in memory of Herbert & Hazel Kellor; Elizabeth, Phillip and Kathleen Kellor Bob & Gue Van Bendegom - in honor of our 3 grandchildren: David II, Evalyn Irene, & Rylee Kay and in honor of our 3 children: Ken, David and Mindy Gretchen Rasch - in honor of my family William A. Hafke Family - in memory of Fred & Frieda Hafke, and Kate V. Hafke Marlene Principe -in memory of loved ones

Lorraine Harris