St. Mary's Lutheran Church
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The mission of St. Mary's Lutheran Church is to be a fellowship of believers, called by God and empowered by the Holy Spirit, to bear witness to Jesus Christ in the community and in the world. We equip ourselves for our mission by: Prayer, Worship, Education. Enabling us to witness through: Evangelism, Service, Stewardship. We are God's people, Followers of Jesus Christ. Gifted by the Spirit. Go Pray. Go Love. Go Serve.

WELCOME TO WORSHIP
Saturday, November 11th at 5:00pm
Holden Evening Prayer
Sunday, November 12th at 9:00am
Contemporary

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All are welcome!

St. Mary's practices open Holy Communion for all. This is Christ's invitation. This weekend we will be serving communion through Intinction at the altar steps. Ushers will direct you forward to receive the bread (gluten-free wafers available upon request). Dip it in either the red wine or white grape juice cup. If you are unable to come forward, tell the usher and communion will be brought to you in your seat. If you wish for a blessing, come forward with your arms across your chest.

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OUR SERVICE STEWARDS OF TIME & TALENT:

Pastor Kathy Brown—*Interim Pastor*
Di Michalski—*Assisting Minister*
Art Kotenko—*Sound and Video Technician*
Pat Gallo & Christy Burmeister—*Sacristy Volunteers*
Nurse Sue Q—*Temple Talk*

SATURDAY NIGHT

"Holden Evening Prayer" by Marty Haugen.
Laurel Borter —*Pianist*
Lisa Zanin—*Reader*
Lisa & Mark Zanin—*Communion Assistants*

SUNDAY MORNING

Contemporary Style Worship:
Jeff Mitka - *drums* * Grant June - *guitar* * Patty Mason - *vocalist* * Jennifer Zillmer - *vocalist* * Kip Cushing - *vocalist* * Bjorn Hanson - *guitar* *
Kendra Richter & SMLC Youth—*vocals*
Art Kotenko - *sound & projection*
Laura Miesbauer—*Reader*
Stephanie Raszkiewicz—*Kids Connection*
Leslie & Dave Sandahl, Cheryl Hayes
— *Communion Assistants*
Margaret VanBoven—*Greeter*
Ann Johnson, Judy Reynolds—Coffee

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HOLY SCRIPTURE READINGS **Pew Bible Page**

First Reading: Amos 5:18-24 (pg. 747)

In the days of Amos, people thought that the day of the LORD would be a time of great victory, but Amos announced that it would be a day of darkness, not light. He said liturgy is no substitute for obedience. The LORD demands justice and righteousness in the community.

Word of God. Word of Life.
Thanks be to God.

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 (pg. 960)

Some of the Thessalonians are worried that dead Christians will be excluded from the resurrection to eternal life when Christ comes again. Paul reassures them with the word of hope that all Christians, living or dead, will be raised into everlasting life with Christ.

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PLEASE STAND

The holy gospel according to Matthew.
Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel: Matthew 25:1-13 (pgs. 806-807)

Jesus tells a parable about his own second coming, emphasizing the need for readiness at all times.

The gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Receive our prayers, O God.
Your mercy is great.

We offer our spoken prayers and those held in our hearts trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

This weekend, Saturday night and Sunday morning, prior to worship, you will be greeted and handed a piece of colored paper. *This paper color corresponds to the room location of your Worship, Music and Arts discussion.* There will be coffee, water and snacks available in each room. If you were given a **GOLD** piece of paper, you will be in the **FELLOWSHIP HALL**. GREEN paper holders will be in the CHAPEL LOUNGE and **BLUE** paper holders will be in the **LIBRARY**. The information received at this group discussion will be valuable to the Worship, Music and Arts ministry team as they discern our worship needs going forward. A recommendation will be made to the council and voted upon. *Please prayerfully consider your responses and join us so your voice may be heard.*
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Sunday School MEETS DURING WORSHIP. Come up for Kids Connection!

Something to Think On…

How many of you are early Christmas decorators this year? This week's lesson is about being prepared for Jesus. Think about how you are making space for Jesus as we move into this time of thankfulness.

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SpiritAlive! is partnering with St. Mary's Lutheran Church on our youth programs! Monday nights: **Fish (Middle Schoolers) is from 6:00-7:30 p.m. and Fusion (High Schoolers) runs from 7-8:30 p.m.** All youth will meet downstairs in the Youth Room! You do not need to be a member of any church to attend.

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The altar flowers are given to the Glory of God by Bob & Sue VanBendegom with "Thanks to All Our Veterans" & in loving memory & "Happy Birthday" to Ken & Shirley Schaufel

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THIS IS WELCA THANKOFFERING WEEKEND!

Women of the ELCA

Your generosity in the past has be unsurpassed—so let's see if we can surpass last year!

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THE FRIENDLY CENTER MEETS IN OUR FELLOWSHIP HALL **THIS WEDNESDAY**—CHECK IN AT 10:45AM. Reserve your catered lunch from Yee's Oriental Inn with The VanBendegoms and/or The Pfeiffer's! $12 each.

Faith & Fellowship

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TRADITIONAL ANGEL TREE CHRISTMAS 2023

ANGEL TREE
A Program of Prison Fellowship

It is a blessing to participate in the traditional Angel tree once again. St. Mary's Angel Tree Tag registration will take place before and after services on the following weekends: **November 18/19 & 25/26 & December 2/ 3*** (*12/3 is the gift return deadline.) *Contact Christy Burmeister 705-3985 or Kathy Neururer 694-0632.*

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Last Week's Worship Attendance: 136
November 4: 32 & November 5: 104
Council Connection for November is Christine Johnson chris.johnson1800@gmail.com or 818-8879

Nicole (Lachman) Visintainer is having a toy drive in Lily's memory. The toy drive will run from ***November 1 to the 30th*** and all donations will be delivered to ***Ronald McDonald on December 1st.*** Looking for brand new toys for baby to teen. Gift cards for teens preferred. Also looking for self care items for parents, if possible! Click on the Amazon Wishlist Link for all the details. Call the church office with any questions. Thank you!

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SURVIVING THE HOLIDAYS GRIEF SHARE

St. Mary's Lutheran is hosting the grief event here on **SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2** 9:30AM – 11:30AM IN OUR CHAPEL LOUNGE.

Please contact the church office to reserve your spot. **Deadline is Friday, November 24th.**

Pastor Debbie & Nurse Sue

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ORDER YOUR CHRISTMAS MEMORIAL POINSETTIAS OR MONETARY DONATIONS

6-1/2" potted red poinsettia plant with gold foil for $14.00. Forms in the east Narthex. Fill out today! Cash/check payable to "St. Mary's Lutheran Church (memo: poinsettia)" or bring a monetary donation that will support the ELCA Outreach Center made out to "ELCA Outreach". Last Day to Order is Wednesday, December 6th!

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St. Mary's Lutheran Church has set up a number of ways to make it easy to give! For a one-time online giving or for your regular weekly offering, scan this QR Code! We thank all who support the mission and ministry our church & programming.

SCAN ME

*For a full calendar of events, please go to our church's website and click on **"CALENDAR".** Room usage and reservations required.*

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 22 @ 7:00PM
THANKSGIVING EVE WORSHIP & PIE FELLOWSHIP