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FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT—2023
Saturday, December 2nd 5:00pm
Sunday, December 3rd 9:00am

THIS WEEKEND'S WORSHIP LEADERS
INTERIM PASTOR: *Pastor Kathy Brown*
SOUND/VIDEO: *Art Kotenko*
ASSISTING MINISTER: *Patricia Mason*

SATURDAY
PIANO: *Laurel Borter*
READER: *Pat Gallo*
COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: *Edie Iverson, Pat Gallo*
HOSPITALITY: *The VanBendegoms and/or The Zanins*

LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH (Sun) The DeFranco Family

SUNDAY
ORGAN/PIANO ACCOMPANIST: *Deb Black*
READER: *Di Michalski*
ADULT CHOIR: *Dr. Richard Sjoerdsma, Director*
JUBILATE! HANDBELLS: *Maddie Weirick, Director*
KIDS CONNECTION: *Pastor Kathy Brown*
COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: *Kay Manderfeld, Dave & Leslie Sandahl*
GREETERS: *Kay & Dave Manderfeld*
HOSPITALITY: *Brian & Patti Mason, Elizabeth & Brandyn Pettey*

WELCOME! WE ARE HAPPY YOU ARE HERE!
All are Welcome! We hope you feel welcome here and throughout the worship services this weekend!

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ST. MARY'S ANGEL TREE PRESENTS ARE DUE THIS WEEKEND—DECEMBER 2 & 3!
GIFT TAGS MUST BE ON THE GIFTS!
Thank you to everyone who participated this year.

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FOOD ON THE FIRST—RED BAG DROP OFF!
This is the first weekend in December, **FOOD ON THE FIRST**, and time to drop off your Red Bags filled with Non-Perishable Food for the Grace Welcome Center. The need remains great!

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SUPPER CLUBS ARE BACK FOR 2023
SIGN UP TODAY!

Sign Up Today

All are welcome to sign up for either the Home, which takes turns hosting a group for a meal (potluck) in their homes or Restaurant, which selects a restaurant and goes out to eat together. Either way Supper Clubs are a fun way to get to know NEW people on a personal and more relaxed basis, one meal at a time. You may sign up as a couple, single or two friends and will be randomly placed with others that you may not know. Each club will be made up of 7 or 8 people and you will remain with the same group for a year meeting as often as you like. If you cannot commit to a year, sign up as a substitute and join a group for a one-time meal. ***Look for Carole Scotese in fellowship hall (wearing the 'Ask me about Supper Clubs' nametag) TODAY thru Dec 17, 2023.***

Come up for Kids Connection—Sunday School meets during worship until 10:30am! Plus…This Sunday is Sunday School serving at The Shalom Center at 4pm!

Something to think about…

"This week we are reminded of Jesus' promise to us that he is always there. We are also reminded that loving each other and honoring him are what he seeks from us for our salvation. Consider how to show love for others this week and share this with your family.

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POINSETTIA & CHRISTMAS MEMORIALS—ABSOLUTE DEADLINE IS 12/6/23!
6-1/2" potted red poinsettia plant with gold foil & red ribbon 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 Center"***.
Last Day is Wednesday, December 6th!

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YOUTH RUMMAGE SALE 2024
Drop Off (only): December 30th: 9a-12p
January 1st: 4-7pm
SALE DAYS: January 6th 8a-3p and 4:30-6:30p
January 7th 8a-12p

Thank you to Christine and many busy decorators for the Greening and beautification of our church for Advent & Christmas! Thanks to Ralph Tollas for donating and hanging up the large real Christmas wreath again this year!

Thank you to Steve Hartfield for loading/ unloading the collection of food bags from our Thanksgiving Eve service! The Shalom Center food bank received 530 lbs. of food from you amazing St. Mary's Saints!

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Advent Book Study "Names of the Messiah" happens Sunday at 10:15am in the Lounge.

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December Council Connection is Lisa Zanin. Please contact her with any questions, or thoughts email lzanin1953@gmail.com or 909-1181.

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WORSHIP ATTENDANCE:
Thanksgiving Eve: 88
11/25: 30 & 11/26: 61

"Share the Warmth" is just what we need to do over the Holidays . For the next two weekends - through December17 we will be *COLLECTING HATS, GLOVES, MITTENS, SCARFS FOR THE ELCA OUTREACH CENTER*. These can be new or gently used. Check those closets at home! We all could part with a pair or two. Please bring to church and deposit in the box in the back of the sanctuary. Thrivent Action team will be purchasing gloves as well if you would like to donate cash. Thank you!

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Name / Giving # _____

Date / Occasion _____

Amount _____

The share of my treasure for the work of the Lord at St. Mary's Lutheran Church

RAISE SOME DOUGH—MOD PIZZA FUN-RAISER

St Mary's Lutheran Youth will receive 20% of fundraiser sales at MOD pizza on **MONDAY, DEC. 4, 2023.** You can order online using the code **MODGIVES20** or by visiting Pleasant Prairie's **MOD** location mentioning the fundraiser at checkout.

AND

Looking for a night to get Holiday things done distraction free? The Youth are hosting a Shop and Drop event on December 8th from 4pm-8pm at Lord of Life Lutheran Church Open to kids ages 3-12! Cost is a freewill donation to the youth programs!

Sign up using this link - http://bit.ly/shopanddrop128

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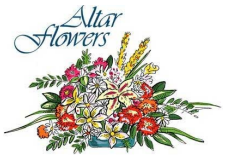

The altar flowers are given to The Glory of God by Bob & Sue VanBendegom.

2024 GIVING ENVELOPES

For our members who use envelopes for giving, we appreciate your patience and flexibility throughout 2023. The Finance committee has worked to provide a method of providing envelopes to you in a more financially and resource friendly way.

On the weekends of **Dec 9/10 and Dec 16/17** members who have historically used envelope giving will be able to pick up a large envelope with your name and giving number on it, volunteers will be available to give you the number of envelopes you need for 2024. If you give weekly, we will have a packet of 60 envelopes for you. If you give monthly, we will have a packet of 16 envelopes for you and if you give quarterly, sporadically, or for holidays, we will have a packet of 12 envelopes for you.

The envelopes you will be provided will have the following label for you to fill out your Name and/or Giving Number, the Date or Occasion (example: Lent / Thanksgiving / etc.), and the Amount.

Going forward, you will be able to pick up a new packet of envelopes when you need to replenish your supply. Remember, regular and special giving can also be made using the Tithe.ly application. ***If you have any questions about your envelopes or Tithe.ly, please contact the church office 658-3555 or Cari Richter, Financial Secretary 853-2359.***