ST. MARY'S LUTHERAN CHURCH – ELCA
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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.

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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. ***All are Welcome! We hope you feel welcome here and throughout the worship services this 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 you!

Confessing my sin to God, believing in Jesus Christ as my Savior, desiring to live a new life in Christ, and accepting the real presence of Christ in the Sacrament, I hereby express my desire to partake of the Lord's Supper.

MEMBER COMMUNION REGISTRATION

Name _____

Address _____

Date _____

St. MARY'S Lutheran Church

Kenosha, Wisconsin ELCA

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Prayer Request (See Back) ☐

Pastoral Visit ☐

Worship With Us!

Saturday, December 23rd—Advent 4

- 5:00pm

Sunday, December 24th—Christmas Eve

There is no morning worship

- 5:00pm & 8:00pm
- Traditional Candlelight Service
- Everyone & Families Welcome at Both

Christmas Day—Monday, December 25th

- 9:00am *"From Heaven Above"* Worship

Saturday, December 30th

- 5:00pm Lessons & Carols

Sunday, December 31st—New Year's Eve

- 9:00am Lessons & Carols

All services in person in our sanctuary and live streamed online/on-demand on YouTube.

No Coffee Kringle Mingles during these holiday services. However...please join us in the New Year starting with Saturday, January 6th & Sunday, January 7th immediately following worship! ***Individuals, Small Groups & Ministries Please Sign up in Fellowship Hall.***

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2024 OFFERING ENVELOPES—2023 YEAR END GIVING *Offering envelopes are available in the Narthex, please find the large envelope with your name on it. If you need more envelopes throughout the year, please pick them up in the church office. Any questions? Contact the church office 262-658-3555 or Cari Richter 262-853-2359.* ***Thank you for your generosity!***

Notable News:

- *Worship Attendance: Advent III—12/16: 25 & 12/17: 103=128*
- The deadline to submit anything for the January Spirit Newsletter has been extended until 12/26. The Spirit will be emailed and uploaded to the website by Friday, Dec. 29th.
- January Council Connection is Markie Hylinski. Ph: 515-3032 and hylinskim@gmail.com
- Church office will be closed on Monday, December 25th & January 1, 2024 in observance of the federal holidays.

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Youth News

There is No Sunday School on 12/24 or 12/31/23. And, there will **NOT** be any Fish or Fusion Youth Group during Winter Break, But WE are excited about our…

Youth Rummage Sale

ANNUAL YOUTH RUMMAGE SALE 2024!

Drop Off only: Saturday, December 30th 9a—12p & Monday, January 1st 4p-7p

We will take anything except TVs and Clothing

RUMMAGE SALE DAYS

January 6th 8a-3p & 4:30p-6:30p &
January 7th 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!

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!

- *Deb Black, Organ & Accompanist*
- *Laurel Borter, Piano*
- *Pastor Kathy Brown, Interim Pastor*
- *Pastor Debbie Hartfield, Associate Pastor*
- *Beth Kerscher, Administrative Assistant*
- *Art Kotenko, Sound & Video Technician*
- *Sondra Kuro, Bookkeeper*
- *Nurse Sue Q, Faith Community Nurse*
- *Kendra Richter, Youth Director*
- *Dr. Richard Sjoerdsma, Adult Choir Director*
- *Madeline Weirick, Handbell Choir Director*

2023 Christmas Memorials

Monetary Christmas Memorials – given to the ELCA Outreach Center

Judy LaCombe - $50 gift in memory of Gordon LaCombe

Lisa Rasmussen-Zanin & Mark Zanin – $50 gift in memory of Berger & Jo Rasmussen

Bob & Sue Van Bendegom – $50 gift in memory of our parents

The Raszkiewicz Family – $25 "Just Cuz They Rock!"

Christmas Poinsettias

Steve & Debbie Hartfield—*in honor of our granddaughter, Celine.*

Julie, Mike & Alyssa Schmit—*in memory of Janet Ruefer, Lee Schmit*

The Raszkiewicz & The Weipert Families—*in memory of David Munchoff*

Bob & Sue Van Bendegom—*in honor of our 3 children and in honor of our grandchildren*

Gretchen Rasch—*in honor of my family*

William A. Hafke Family—*in memory of Father & Mother, Fred & Frieda Hafke, and my late wife, Kate V. Hafke*

Marlene Principe – *in memory of loved ones*

Lorraine Harris—*in memory of Glen Harris from his family*

Kirsten Miller—*in memory of James Miller by his family*

Markie Hylinski—*in honor of Nanette Hylinski and in memory of Karen Ebner*

Carol Shadduck—*in memory of Jim Shadduck*

Jo Ann Taube—*in memory of James Taube*

Inez Lemnus—*in memory of Roger Lemnus*

Patricia Mason—*in honor of Edith Schlater and in memory of Betty Schlater*

Judy LaCombe—*in memory of Gordon LaCombe*

Dick & Mary Sjoerdsma—*"Merry Christmas"*

Zanin, Higgins & Romano Families—*in memory of Berger & Jo Rasmussen*

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

SUNDAY 24TH	MONDAY 25TH	TUESDAY 26TH	WEDNESDAY 27TH	THURSDAY 28TH	FRIDAY 29TH	SATURDAY 30TH	SUNDAY 31ST
NO Morning Service Christmas Eve Worship 5:00pm Candlelight & Kids Connection 8:00pm Candlelight & Special Music	9:00am Christmas Day Worship Merry Christmas CHURCH OFFICE IS CLOSED TODAY	6:30AM-6:00PM KIDS CASTLE WINTER BREAK (D) 8:00AM WOMEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST (HILLCREST) 9:00AM-3:00PM OFFICE OPEN	6:30AM-6:00PM KIDS CASTLE WINTER BREAK (D) 7:00AM MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST (MARINA GARDEN) NOON-6:00PM OFFICE OPEN 	6:30AM-6:00PM KIDS CASTLE WINTER BREAK (D) 9:00AM-3:00PM OFFICE OPEN	6:30AM-6:00PM KIDS CASTLE WINTER BREAK (D) 9:00AM-12:00PM OFFICE OPEN 7:00PM BSA TROOP/DEN/PACK 533 LOCKIN UNTIL 7:00AM SATURDAY! (G, D)	9-NOON YOUTH RUMMAGE SALE DROP OFF (Gym, West Entrance) 5:00PM Lessons & Carols Worship in Sanctuary Boy Scouts OVERNIGHT Adventure	9:00AM Lessons & Carols Worship in Sanctuary HAPPY NEW YEAR Welcome 2024!