HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

ST. MARY'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

Welcome! We are happy you are here! Please know that St. Mary's Lutheran Church celebrates Holy Communion for ALL! You are welcome as this is Christ's table and His invitation. May God bless you during this worship service.

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Happy 150th Anniversary, St. Mary's Lutheran Church! This is a very special worship service today and we are blessed to have Bishop Paul Erickson join us in celebrating our sesquicentennial achievement! This service is blessed with many participants and we thank each and every one of you for being here today.

Join us here on **Wednesday, NOVEMBER 27TH AT 7:00PM - THANKSGIVING EVE WORSHIP!** *This is the first Lay Led/Pastor Supported service and it's all about a worshipful experience of giving praise and thanksgiving to God!*

- holy scriptures
- joyful hymns of thanksgiving
- Willy at the piano
- new Youth Choir will sing
- share peace & an offering
- bags of non-perishable food for The Shalom Center and...don't forget
- PIE FELLOWSHIP AFTERWARDS!

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Pastor Cliff is connecting with everyone who is interested in church membership with **St. Mary's. New members will be NEXT Sunday, December 1 during 9:00am worship**—Call the office or Call Pastor Cliff directly.

Altar Flowers this Sunday

The centerpiece arrangement is given in loving memory of our brother, SSG James VanBendegom by Bob & Sue VanBendegom. The two side altar arrangements are given in honor of each person who ***IS*** *St. Mary's by Inez Lemnus.*

November's Council Connection is Stephanie Raszkiewicz stephrz01@yahoo.com or 945-7519.

CHRISTMAS MEMORIALS—orders due by NEXT SUNDAY, 12/1

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".**

The annual collection for the **WELCA Thankoffering will still happily take your contribution for this year.** You can mail a donation check payable to ***"WELCA" St. Mary's Lutheran Church. Memo: Thankoffering***

Angel Tree Christmas 2024

As a faith community we can strengthen relationships between incarcerated parents and their children. Your love and generosity can be a life-changing ministry to families in our community. **St. Mary's Angel Tree Tag registration will take place before and after services on the following weekends: November 24 & Saturday, November 30 & December 1** *(*12/1 is the gift return deadline.) Contact Christy Burmeister 705-3985.*

Sunday School all 3-year-olds—5th graders! Sunday School takes place within the 9:00am service until 10:30am. Contact Joan—Coordinator of Children's Ministry at KidMin@stmaryslutheran.org

Something to Think About… "Jesus is the King of all, although he was a different kind of King. He wasn't rich. He didn't wear a crown of jewels. Jesus humbled himself and wore a crown of thorns because he wanted to show us what his kingdom - the kingdom of truth - looks like, so our sins would be forgiven. This is what made him a different kind of King. Jesus' kingdom is filled with grace, truth, and love. What kind of King would you be? What kind of King are you right now?"

SCAN ME

For one-time online giving or for your regular weekly offering, scan this QR Code! We thank you to all who support the mission and ministry of St. Mary's Lutheran Church.

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Refer to the Spirit Newsletter, bulletin boards, social media and the church's website for reminders of your group's or committee's monthly meetings.

Here are notable reminders:

1) **Church is closed on Thursday, 11/28 & Friday, 11/29 for the Thanksgiving Holiday.**
2) Saturday, November 30th & Sunday, December 1st—Advent 1 w/Pr Cliff
3) ***Sun., Dec. 1st will have 2 showings of "Joseph and the Technicolor Dreamcoat" from August, 2009. 2pm & 6pm in Chapel Lounge.***
4) **Friday, December 6th—5p-8pm** here at church—Holiday Drop and Shop! Click the **link** to sign up!

Time to Decorate the Church!!

Christmas decorating after worship on Sunday, Dec. 1st. We need help with bringing up items from the basement and assisting the lead people: Kathy B, Gonnie T, Chris J. Please contact Chris during coffee hour or email chris.johnson1800@gmail.com, call 262-818-8879.

URGENT NOTICE—A CALLING FOR ALL NATIVITY SETS—we'd like to have your special set decorate the Narthex this Advent/Christmastime. Smaller sets are perfect for the display case. Put your name on the set & a short note as to why this nativity set is special to you! ALL MUST BE TO US BY SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1ST!!

ADVENT BOOK STUDY BEGINS DECEMBER 1ST!
Contact Andrea Beer w/questions...Order your book here: Heaven and Earth by Will Willimon (Author)

"Watch out. God is on the way […] What we need is a God who refuses to be trapped in eternity, a God who not only cares about us but is willing to show up among us and do something with us, here, now. [,…] In Advent we celebrate and anticipate the earth-shaking, life-transforming good news that God is coming to us. Watch out. Get ready. God is on the way."

"I want to say 'Thank You' to all the wonderful people of St. Mary's who stepped up in a variety of ways to make this 'Day of Celebration & Luncheon' happen, as well as all the other parts of this 150th milestone year! I was blessed to be involved and I hope that we can continue this energy as we move into our 'Future with Hope.'"

Beth Kerscher, 150th Coordinator

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Reconciling in Christ Church
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. We love and pray for all God's people. Loving all people, just as we love ourselves, reflects our love of God as seen in the Holy Scriptures. We strive to serve all people. As a community of faith, we affirm the diversity of God's beautiful creation and continue to rely on the Holy Spirit to guide us, as we grow and learn what it means to be fully inclusive and reconciling in Christ.
Adopted our welcoming statement on Sunday, April 15, 2018.