

# YOUTH EVENTS

## SUNDAY COOL

Join us every Sunday @ 9:45 am in the Youth Room! All 7<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> graders welcome.

## SENIOR HIGH & JUNIOR HIGH

**Gifts & Games** – Wednesday, December 12<sup>th</sup>, from 5:30-7:30 pm. Come sort gifts for our SPEAR kids, play games, and eat snacks! Sign-up on the Youth Board and bring your Christmas cheer!

**Save the date – Rocky Rococo & Laser Quest!** Sunday, December 16<sup>th</sup>, from noon-3 pm. Sign-up on the Youth Board. We'll eat at Rocky Rococo's first and then walk to Laser Tag. Cost is \$12.

## TEC TEAM PLANNING MEETING

All 10-12<sup>th</sup> graders interested in being on TEC Team – come for a planning meeting at St. Mark's from 2-5:00 pm. We need you! It's an early release day for District 81. Contact Susan if you have questions. If you've been to TEC- you can be on the team!

## SENIOR HIGH

**Café Night** with party games is on Sunday, December 9<sup>th</sup>, from 7-9 pm. Come chill out after the smorgasbord!

### Worship Attendance

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| Saturday, November 24 | 5:30 pm  | 50         |
| Sunday, November 25   | 8:30 am  | 113        |
|                       | 10:45 am | <u>118</u> |
|                       | Total    | 281        |

# PRAYERS

This week we pray for those who are ill, in treatment, bereaved, \*deployed or in need of support

**Bill Thordarson**  
**Duane Little**  
**Leslie Rendle**  
**Chris Larson**  
**Leo Lang**  
**Ulla Przewolka**  
**Gloria Baker**  
**Don Spedden**  
**Bonnie Kinkel**  
**Arleen Libertini**  
**Terry Gillette**

\***Steve Brown**, son of Judy Rose  
**Norman Hagen**, father of Todd & Brett Hagen  
**Skip Patterson**, brother of Don Patterson  
**Art Berg**, brother of Patti Berg  
**Anne Guhlke**, great niece of Diana Pickering  
**Shelley Barnard**, daughter of Sue and Paul Luppert  
**Bent & Barbara Andersen**, parents of Dennis Andersen  
**Avery Cole**, grandson of Jim and Sharman Watson  
**Eleanor Larsen**, sister of Louis Larsen  
**Janet Mann**, sister of Carol Nelson  
**Stephanie Lanam**, daughter of Jon & Ursula Lanam  
**Lori McCallister**, daughter of Bernie Rodseth  
**Hartwig Vatheuer**, brother of Ina Goetzinger  
**Carolyn Turner**, mother of Brett Hauber  
**Cody Robertson**, grandson of Connie & Burt Finch  
**Bill Guhlke**  
**John Cleary**  
**Matt Williams**  
**Stacy Rizzo**  
**Evan**  
**Kirstie**  
**Marek**  
**Ihsan and family**

Blessings on the birth of **Micah Harvey Bray**, brother of Jonah Bray, son of Matt & Felicity Bray, grandson of Bob & Brenda Bray, and great grandson of Bill & Jackie Sachse.

Prayers for the the family of **Peggy Winegardner**, sister of Shirley Hanson.

Prayers for the family of **William Sagvold** at the time of his death.

Please notify us of any changes to our prayer list. Those on the prayer list will be removed after one month, unless there is a specific request to the church office to remain on.

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Service times: Saturday-5:30 pm, Sunday-8:30 and 10:45 am  
 Pastor Eric Dull ♦ Pastor Kate LePard ♦ Pastor Edwin Weber

# St. Mark's Lutheran Church

The First Sunday in Advent

December 2, 2018

## WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

|                             |  |
|-----------------------------|--|
| Preaching Minister          | Eric Dull                                      |
| Presiding Ministers         | Kate LePard & Edwin Weber                      |
| Assisting Minister          | Kurtis Shipman (8:30)                          |
| Acolytes                    |  |
| 8:30                        | Jamie & Katherine Fitzgerald                   |
| 10:45                       | Jackie & Valerie Hanes                         |
| Greeters                    |  |
| 8:30                        | Jim & Wendy Fitzgerald                         |
| 10:45                       | Barry & Karen Fisher                           |
| Ushers                      |  |
| 8:30                        | Carolyn Ebey<br>Haskins Family                 |
| 10:45                       | John & Michelle Phelan<br>Cliff & Donna Fender |
| Lector                      |  |
| 5:30                        | Steve Nash                                     |
| 8:30                        | Wilma Flanagan                                 |
| 10:45                       | Randy Belstad                                  |
| Creed & Prayers             |  |
| 8:30                        | Kimberly Manz                                  |
| 10:45                       | Barb Belstad                                   |
| Sound                       | Steve Somers                                   |
| Altar Guild                 |  |
| 5:30                        | Randy Darst                                    |
| 8:30                        | Cynthia Moore                                  |
| 10:45                       | Anne Nanni                                     |
| Bread                       | Hulda Bridgeman                                |
| Music Director/Choral       | Debbie Hansen                                  |
| Music Director/Organist     | Carol Miyamoto                                 |
| Director of Children's Arts | Ann Benson                                     |

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## TODAY'S MUSIC

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### Prelude

*For Advent*

Benoit

### Chancel and Alleluia Choir

8:30 & 10:45

*Climb to the Top of the Highest Mountain* Carolyn Jennings

### Postlude

*Mosso*

Walczynski

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## TODAY

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**WELCOME VISITORS!** It is a pleasure to have you worship with us today. Please fill out a worship attendance card located in the pew and place it in the offering plate. All are welcome to the Lord's Table for communion. For information on St. Mark's go to [www.stmarks-spokane.org](http://www.stmarks-spokane.org) or you may pick up a brochure in the narthex.

**Large print worship folders**, loaner reading glasses and hearing devices (our facility is equipped with a hearing assistance system) are available in the narthex. Gluten-free wafers are available on a small table by the communion rail.

**Busy Bags** for kids during worship: Young children may pick up a "busy bag" from the yellow poles in the narthex. Please return the bag after worship to the basket under the poles. Worship bulletins are also available for older children who are pre-readers or readers.

**Our Nursery**, open during worship times for children age infant up to kindergarten, is at the top of the stairs on the right. Pagets are available for parents. Please, no food in the nursery.

**Alleluia Choir** is today at 8:30 am for first through sixth graders. This is a fantastic opportunity for kids to deepen connections to friends at church, become confident singers, and get a glimpse into what it's like to give your music as a gift to the church. For more information contact Ann Benson at 954-9819 or [annmbenson@gmail.com](mailto:annmbenson@gmail.com).

**Godly Play Sunday School:** All ages go to the sanctuary for Christmas Pageant practice at 9:45 am.

**Poinsettia Envelopes** are located in the pews. If you would like to purchase a poinsettia the **deadline is Sunday, December 17**. Plants are \$15 each.

**Empty Nesters** This group is for **parents who have young adults** recently out of high school or who will be flying the nest in the next year or two. We all bring an appetizer and beverage of choice to share. Join us today from 4:00 to 6:00 pm at John and Michelle Phelan's home (909 Golden Hills Dr in Cheney).

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## THIS WEEK

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**Scripture and Coffee** is Tuesday, December 4, at 10:30 am in the conference room. This group meets for a Bible-based conversation with one of the pastors to study the scripture texts for the following Sunday. This week's readings are **Malachi 3:1-4, Philippians 1:3-11; Luke 3:1-6**.

**Eat, Pray, Laugh** will meet on Tuesday, December 4, at 7:00 pm in the Parish House. All women are invited to this women's fellowship group for food with conversation, laughter, and prayer.

**Compline at St. Mark's Lutheran Church-** Take a break this Advent. On Wednesdays, December 5, 12, & 19, at 7:00 pm, we will be using the service of Night Prayer also known as Compline. This worship service lasts between twenty and thirty minutes. Following our worship time we will serve wine, juice, crackers and cheese for a brief fellowship time.

**Chancel Choir** practice is on Thursday, December 6, at 7:15 pm in the music room. We would love to have you! Contact Debbie Hansen at 710-1334 if you are interested in singing in the choir.

**Walking Circle** is on Friday, December 7, at 10:00 am. The group will meet at the church and go down to the Davenport to walk around Christmas Tree Elegance. All women are welcome. Contact Martha Harvie 279-3599 with questions.

**Lefse Time** –on Saturday, December 8, at St. Mark's at 9:30 am. Please consider making a batch of dough the day before; the St. Mark's recipe is on the Smorgasbord sign-up area in the narthex. We'll have extra rollers and griddles to share. If you have questions, please contact Randy Belstad at 954-8093.

**Shalom Ministries Benefit Christmas Concert** is on Saturday, December 8, at 7:00 pm at Moran United Methodist. Contact Deidre Jacobson at 710-0204 or [healingpen@comcast.net](mailto:healingpen@comcast.net) for tickets or information.

### SUNDAY SCHOOL KIDS! ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PAGEANT!

All Sunday School kids are involved in the annual Christmas Pageant. It's a great way to bring the Christmas story to life for them. We try to keep it as low-key as possible, doing most of our preparations during Sunday School. You won't want to miss it, so put it on your calendar now!

**Rehearsal #1:** Sun., Dec. 2, at 9:45 am DURING SUNDAY SCHOOL.

**Rehearsal #2:** Sun., Dec. 9, at 9:45 am DURING SUNDAY SCHOOL.

**Dress Rehearsal:** Sunday, December 9, at 3:40 pm. Parents: Bring your kid to church; go enjoy the Smorgasbord at 4:00 pm. We'll feed them dinner after rehearsal and then you're all set to enjoy the...

**Christmas Pageant Performance:** Sunday, December 9, at 5:00 pm. Any questions or interested helping out? Contact Ann Benson at [annmbenson@gmail.com](mailto:annmbenson@gmail.com) or 954-9819.

**Get Excited!** Our annual **Smorgasbord** is on Sunday, December 9 at 4:00 pm or 6:00 pm. There is information about how you can help on the sign-up sheet in the narthex.

**Sankta Lucia Brides** – If you are in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade or older and enjoy singing or want to try something new, please sign-up to be a Sankta Lucia Bride for our Smorgasbord on Sunday, December 9, starting at 3:00 pm. You'll be fitted for a robe, then learn and practice the song in the choir room. The "brides" sing and serve cookies at **both seatings** of the Smorgasbord, usually at 4:20 pm and 6:20 pm. Many girls sing and participate in the pageant, so you can be a star all evening long!

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## COMING SOON

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**Lutheran Campus Ministry at EWU and Lutheran Community Services NW** are having a benefit showing of Elf the Musical at the Spokane Civic on Wednesday, December 12. The social hour begins at 6:00 pm with the curtain going up at 7:30 pm. For more information or to purchase tickets contact Christie McKee at 343-5020 or [cmckee@lcsnw.org](mailto:cmckee@lcsnw.org).

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## INFORMATION

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**Social Ministry** – St. Ann's church in the East Central neighborhood is taking up a collection of **hats, gloves, and warm socks** as a small gift to the adults who enjoy a meal there. These need to be at the church by Saturday, December 22. If you would like to contribute, a basket will be labeled in the narthex. These items are really appreciated by those who receive them.

**A Proper Study:** Join us every week Sunday morning at 9:45 am to read and study next Sunday's readings (or propers). Contact Sandra Davis at 747-7408 for more information.

**LCS and SPEAR wish tags are here!** Take a tag from the tree and return the gift wrapped with the tag attached by **December 9<sup>th</sup>**. It's a quick turnaround but gifts need to be processed in time for the LCS & SPEAR Christmas parties. Contact Susan Hagen if you are interested in a Nike employee discount. There are several requests for Nike shoes and clothes. We have a couple St. Mark's members willing to order items with their discount. Thanks in advance for your generosity!

**Stewardship Drive:** Pledge cards are in the pews. Feel free to fill them out and put them in the offering plate or return them to the office at your convenience. Thanks for your support!

**2019 Flower Chart** is up in the narthex. Sign-up to bring flowers for 2019!

### Mission Statement –

To share the gospel through worship and service.  
To be an inclusive community for justice and  
peace among diverse peoples.