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#### **Congregation Council**

<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2025</u>			
Terry Hefner	Hilka Cox	Jean Cloninger			
Denise Arndt	Kendra Hendren	Blake Sigmon			
Marlene Epps	Aaron Carpenter	Jonathan Ray			
Carol Schaefer	Bill Dotson	Nicky Setzer			
The year denotes rotation off Council.					

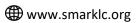
Congregation Council meets on January 22nd at 6:30pm The next newsletter mailing will be December 27, 2023

#### **Church Office Hours**

Monday - Thursday, 9:00am—2pm

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To Proclaim the Gospel
To Make Disciples
To Embody Christ's Love

# ST. MARKS NEWSLETTER December 13, 2023

# OPPORTUNITIES TO GATHER AT ST. MARK'S

Sundays—Worship

10:00 Service in Sanctuary

9:00am Sunday Morning Learning

10:00 Drive-Up in Front for Radio broadcast on FM 101.5

#### **Anytime—online**

www.smarklc.org YouTube.com Facebook.com - Links

#### Media

Christ in our Home devotional *Please call the church office.* 

#### A NOTE ON OUR WORSHIP

**TOGETHER IN THE NAVE** 

#### **MASKS ARE OPTIONAL**

WE ASK THAT YOU OBSERVE SOCIAL DISTANCING FOR THE SAKE OF YOURSELF AND YOUR NEIGHBOR.

#### **PLEASE NOTE:**

Worship times and places are subject to change for the sake of safety due to COVID-19

You may view our services live on St. Mark's Lutheran Church's

YouTube page. Become a subscriber by going to the page and clicking on the subscribe button. The service will remain there after each service for later viewing.

"We know love by this, that Jesus laid down his life for us— and we ought to lay down our lives for one another." 1 John 3:16

WORSHIP SCHEDULE							
	Greet & Usher	Read Lessons	Carry Cross (Youth or Adult)	Acolyte (Youth of Adult)	Assisting Minister		
Dec. 17th @ 10:00am	Matthew Watkins Kendra Hendren	Jonathan Ray	Kermit Nash	Please call Ted to volunteer 252-675-5936	Dale Sherrill		
Dec. 24th @ 10:00am	Blake Sigmon Dottie Isenhour	Carol Schaefer	Marcheta Campbell	Silas Carpenter	Linda Hewitt		
Dec. 24th @ 4:00pm	Marlene Epps One more needed	Bill Hollar	David Theisen	Haddley Theisen	Rachel Theisen		
Dec. 24th @ 8:00pm	Wayne & Leanne Smith	Linda Hewitt	Rev. Dr. Ted Rust	Silas Carpenter	Please call Ted to volunteer 252-675- 5936		
Dec. 31st @ 10:00am	Marlene Epps Judy Carpenter	Tim Carpenter	Rev. Dr. Ted Rust	Beverly Rust	Tim Carpenter		
Jan. 7th @ 10:00am	Blake Sigmon Matthew Watkins	Carol Schaefer	Please call Ted to volunteer 252-675-5936	Denise Arndt	Kermit Nash		

#### MEMORIAL/HONORARIUM GIFTS RECEIVED TO THE GLORY OF GOD

**For St. Mark's:** In memory of Harley Brown given by Celia Hollar, Peggy Miller, Sue Karen Falls, Barbara Moser, Richard Wike, Ken & Dotty Isenhour, Paul & Kathy Gibson

In memory of Exie Little given by Paul & Kathy Gibson, Kermit Nash and Newton Vision Center

#### THOSE PERSON AND FAMILIES WHO ARE GRIEVING, NAMED AND UNNAMED.

Family of Exie Little wife of Rudy Little

Family of Diane Dotson niece of Bill Dotson

#### PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING WITH ACUTE HEALTH CHALLENGES

(Those with ongoing health challenges and extended friends and family members of St. Mark's are listed weekly in our Sunday worship bulletin.)

Mike Benfield
Gary Carpenter
Jan Carpenter
Betty Cloninger
Chris Cloninger
Eva Cloninger
Keegan Dixon
Alanna Dotson

Jerry Herman
Jo Marilyn Hewitt
Celia Hollar
Tammie Hoyle
Rudy Little
Gaye Morrison
Glenn Morrison

George Setzer Carolyn Sherrill Brenda Sigmon Hal Sigmon Johnny Sigmon Ryan Sigmon Dee Stewart Please pray for COVID victims.

Please pray for all front line Covid caregivers.

Please pray for all those isolated, and those in Assisted Living Homes.



#### **December Altar Guild**

Ken & Dotty Isenhour



#### **December Tabulators**

Hilka Cox, Elaine Simmons & Jan Carpenter

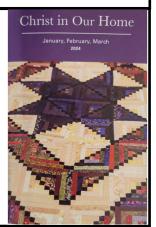


#### **December Ushers**

Kyle Sigmon Nicky Setzer

"We do not remember days, we remember moments." Cesare Pavese Christ in Our Home available for pick up.

Please call the office if you need one mailed to you.

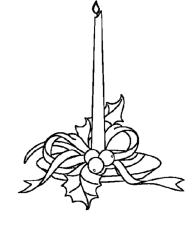


## Word Search Puzzle

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LIGHT	BELIEVE	MESSIAH	TESTIFY	NAME

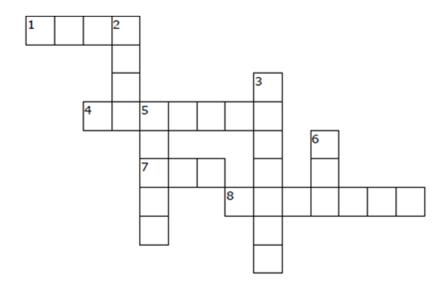




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### Children's Ministry Page

## Crossword Puzzle



#### **ACROSS**

- 1. The man sent from God to tell about Jesus (John 1:6)
- 4. To have confidence that something is true (John 1:7
- 7. The creator of heaven and earth (John 1:6)
- 8. A person who has personal knowledge of something (John 1:8)

#### **DOWN**

- 2. What a person, place, or thing is called (John 1:6)
- 3. To tell others about what you have seen or heard (John 1:7)
- 5. Something such as the sun, a flashlight, or lamp that allows you to see (John 1:8)
- 6. An adult male person (John 1:6)

BELIEVE	MAN	TESTIFY	LIGHT
JOHN	WITNESS	GOD	NAME



#### **Christmas Eve Worship**

4:00 pm will be our Children Friendly Service with Communion and Candle lighting.



Our Traditional Christmas Eve Service will be at 8:00 pm with Communion and Candle lighting.

Ushers and Worship Assistants are needed for both.

Catawba Valley Community Chorus did a tremendous job singing for us Sunday December 3rd. Thank you for coming.



Spending time with the children at St Mark's Preschool is always a great experience. Today, during chapel time, we talked about the different symbols on the Chrismon tree.









From the Staff of St. Mark's Lutheran Church





Bell Tower has been repaired and once again playing

beautiful music for the community to hear.





To everyone who made the children's Christmas play and congregational Christmas dinner a success.

The young people did a great job in the play and everyone enjoyed the crafts and gingerbread house decorating.

Wendy

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My Offering

Offering envelopes are ready for pickup in the sanctuary.

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