

December 24, 2017

St Mark Lutheran Church, Yorktown  
Weekly News and Prayer Concerns



“Get Mark and bring him with you, for he is useful in my ministry.”  
—2 Timothy 4:11b

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**Warm Hands and Hearts Tree:** We need your help decorating our tree mittens, gloves, scarves, hats, and socks. The tree is now in the narthex. Items will be distributed to clients at York/Poquoson & Newport News Social Services, THRIVE Peninsula, and Family Focus.

**Cookies for Christmas Eve Receptions:** Sign up at the Narthex Kiosk to bring a few dozen homemade cookies for the Christmas Eve Receptions. Deliver to Café by 5 PM on Christmas Eve! Thank you!

**SMLC Christmas Ornaments:** We have a few ornaments left, come see Megan in the office if you'd like to grab one!

**Bless His Little Heart:** the congregation is invited to bring the Baby Jesus from your home nativity scenes to be blessed as part of our 5:00 PM service for families on Christmas Eve.

**Christ In Our Home:** We now have these devotional booklets in the office for January, February and March of 2018. Please stop by and pick one up!

**Join us for our Christmas Eve Services Later Tonight:**

*5:00 postmeridian:* Divine Service of Holy Communion for Families at Christmas

*7:30 postmeridian:* Divine Service of Holy Communion with Candlelight & Festival Music

*11:00 postmeridian:* Divine Service of Holy Communion with Candlelight & Festival Music

**Join us for our Christmas Day Service Tomorrow:**

*10:00 antemeridian:* Divine Service of Christ, Carols & Holy Communion

(In the joy of this relaxed morning service of worship, please come as you are.)

**Please remember these recent St Mark prayer requests**  
(Prayer requests will generally be listed for 2 weeks at a time.  
Please re-add names after two weeks, if needed):

**Members in our Prayers**

**Healing:** Nancy Head, Sandy, Aaron Taminger, and Stephen Robinson  
**Safety:** Andrew Robinson (and all troops)  
**Discernment:** Associate Pastor Call Committee

**Friends and Family in our Prayers**

**Healing:** Delbert, Joanne, Barbara, Roy, Sarah, David, Gary, Jerry, Charlan, Gloria, Charlotte, and Robert  
**Peace:** James  
**Strength:** Arthur

**Congregations in our Prayers**

Trinity, Newport News; Zion Prospect Baptist Church; Advent St Nicholas Lutheran Church, Quito

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**Calendar at a Glance:**

**Sunday 12/24**

8:00 AM Holy Communion with Sung Liturgy (Sanctuary)  
9:30 AM Holy Communion with Narrative Lect. (Sanctuary)  
11:00 AM Holy Communion with Sung Liturgy (Sanctuary)  
5:00 PM Divine Service of Holy Communion for Families (Sanctuary)  
6:15 PM Light Reception (Narthex)  
7:30 PM Divine Service of Holy Communion with Candlelight for the Christ Mass (Sanctuary)  
8:45 PM Light Reception (Narthex)  
11:00 PM Divine Service of Holy Communion with Candlelight for the Christ Mass (Sanctuary)

**Monday 12/25**

Office Closed  
10:00 AM Worship with Carols (Sanctuary)

**Tuesday 12/26**

Office Closed

**Wednesday 12/27**

Office Closed

**Thursday 12/28**

Office Closed

**Friday 12/29**

Office Closed

**Saturday 12/30**

No Scheduled Activities

**Sunday 12/31**

8:00 AM Holy Communion with Sung Liturgy (Sanctuary)  
9:00 AM Café Coffee and Pastries  
9:30 AM Holy Communion with Narrative Lect. (Sanctuary)  
9:30 AM Sunday School  
11:00 AM Holy Communion with Sung Liturgy (Sanctuary)

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**To sponsor** communion elements, altar flowers, or bulletins, please sign up on the Narthex kiosk.

*Today's Christmas Eve 5 PM **Bulletins** are given by Sue Anker in memory of her husband, Joe Hughes.*

*Today's Christmas Eve 7:30 PM **Bulletins** are given by Pat & Dan Silvis in honor of their daughter, Diana Lee's Birthday.*

*Today's Christmas Eve 11 PM **Bulletins** are given by Carlton Hardy in memory of Bruce & Virginia Hardy.*

*Today's Morning Christmas Eve **Communion Elements** are given by Joan & Ray Farr in honor of their 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.*

*Today's Christmas Eve 11 PM **Communion Elements** are given by Carlton Hardy in memory of Uncle Carlton.*

*Today's Christmas Day **Communion Elements** are given by Joan & Ray Farr in honor of their 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.*

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**Readings for December 31, 2017**

**8:00 and 11:00:** Isaiah 61:10-62:3; Galatians 4:4-7

**9:30:** Unless otherwise noted, same as 8 & 11 for Christmas

**All:** Psalm 148; Luke 2:22-40