

January 19, 2025

St Mark Lutheran Church, Yorktown
Weekly News and Prayer Concerns



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1:00pm Pack 595 Meeting

Monday 1/20—Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Office Holiday
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GPS & First Things First Bible Studies resume Jan. 27

Tuesday 1/21

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Friday 1/24

No Scheduled Events

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Boy Scouts Pinewood Derby
9:30am Book Club

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