

Weekly Announcements  
November 10, 2024

ST. MARK'S LUTHERAN



In Christ, we Reach up,  
Reach out,  
Reach in

Service Times: Wednesday - 12:00 pm • Saturday - 5:00 pm  
Sunday - 8:30 am & 11:00 am • Sunday School 9:45 am (September - May)



### **NOVEMBER NOISY OFFERING - Salvation Army Red Kettle Campaign**

One of the most-recognized symbols of The Salvation Army is the bell ringer with a red kettle standing in front of a grocery store or shopping mall. The Red Kettle Campaign is The Salvation Army's largest fundraiser, contributing thousands to help those in need throughout the country with invaluable services for our youth, seniors, and individuals in need of food support and emergency assistance.

*The Noisy Offering for October totaled \$10,274. Proceeds benefit the Tanzania Internet Project for Kashasha School.*

### **JOIN THE CHRISTMAS INSTRUMENTAL ENSEMBLE**

Join the St. Mark's Christmas Instrumental Ensemble! All ability levels and ages welcome. Contact Josh soon in the church office 419-353-9305 or [josh@stmarksbg.org](mailto:josh@stmarksbg.org)

### **THANKSGIVING FOOD BASKETS - Donations Deadline: Sunday, November 17**

St. Mark's will once again be collecting donations to assist the BG Christian Food Pantry Thanksgiving Basket giveaway. St. Mark's has been asked to collect cake mixes, frosting, Jiffy mix and cereal boxes. More info on page 8.

### **COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE - November 24, 7:00 pm (at FUM)**

Plan on attending the Community Thanksgiving Service on Sunday, November 24, at First United Methodist Church in Bowling Green. Non-perishable food donations and monetary offerings will go to Bowling Green area food pantries.

### **CONGREGATIONAL MEETING - December 1, 10:00 am (in Sanctuary)**

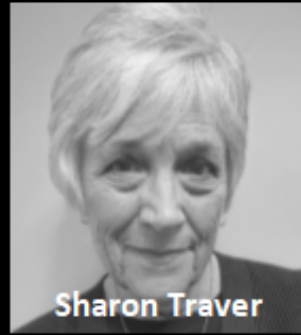
Please plan to join us on Sunday, December 1, for the Congregational Meeting at 10:00 am in the Sanctuary. The purpose of this meeting is to approve the 2025 Ministry Plan.

### **CHRISTMAS GIFT PROJECT - Donations Deadline: Sunday, December 8**

Help us send Christmas Cheer to Seniors in need. Take a paper ornament from the Angel Tree (across from the church office) and purchase a gift for a man or woman at Wood Haven Nursing Home. More info on page 5.



Brian Bushong



Sharon Traver



Craig McKibben

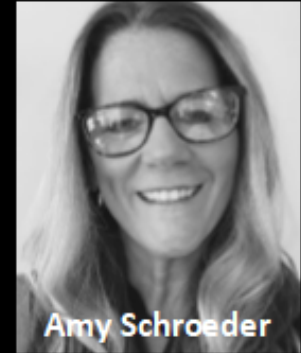


Josh Billnitzer



Pr. Robin Small

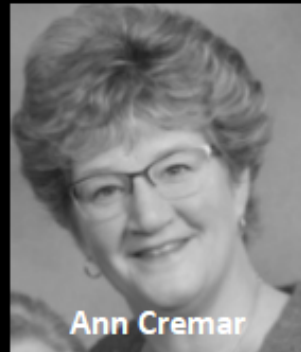
**St. Mark's Lutheran  
Church  
Care Team  
2024**



Amy Schroeder



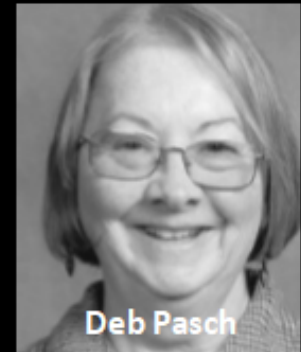
Mary Champion



Ann Cremar



Denise Kisabeth



Deb Pasch



Pr. Ken Pollitz



Pr. Jim Budke



Tim Billnitzer



Stella Miller

The St. Mark's Lutheran Church Care Team is a new ministry that provides support and care to congregation members experiencing difficult times or crises. They are trained to listen, care, and connect people with Christ's healing love. The focus of our Care Team is to assist the pastoral staff in responding to the spiritual, physical, emotional, and relational needs of the congregation and to engage in the ongoing expression of living faithfully within the Body of Christ. Would you, or someone you know, care to have a

# food for the soul...

*from Women of Faith*

Nest Gathering: November 24, 2024 ~ 6:30 pm

Multipurpose Room

**Upcoming themes for discussion:**

September 29

October 27

**November 24**

December 29

January 26

February 23

Godspace

You Are Contemplative

**Everyone Is In There**

Wilderness Guidebook

Sounds of Silence

We Are Changed



For information or to let us know you need child care, call Chris Budke (419-806-9886), or the church office (419-353-9305)

## AFTER SCHOOL TUTORING PROGRAM

**St. Mark's Lutheran Church  
after school tutoring  
program for all subjects  
grades 1st-5th.**

*Wednesdays 3:30-4:45  
315 S. College Dr.*

**You and your family are invited to our free  
community meal following tutoring.**

*If you are interested in bringing your child for tutoring,  
please contact Stella in the church office*

**419-353-9305**

St. Mark's Lutheran Church

# Thanksgiving Worship

Wednesday, November 27

12:00 pm

Enter His gates with thanksgiving, and His courts with praise!  
Give thanks to Him; bless His name!

*Psalms 100:4*

# Community THANKSGIVING SERVICE

Sunday, November 24, 2024 • 7:00 pm

First United Methodist Church

1526 E. Wooster St., Bowling Green

*Non-perishable food donations and monetary offerings  
will go to Bowling Green area food pantries.*

Sponsored by the Bowling Green  
Ministerial Association

Youth Group and Oasis



# Friendsgiving

DINNER - DEVOTION - GAMES

25 NOVEMBER | 6 PM - 8 PM

St. Mark's Multipurpose Room  
315 S College Dr.

Contact the church office with questions  
419-353-9305

## St. Mark's Lutheran Church 2024 Christmas Gift Project

*Sending Christian Cheer to Seniors in Need.*



### FIVE EASY STEPS!

- **Take A Paper Ornament From The Angel Tree**

There are two types of ornaments: some for a MAN and some for a WOMAN

- **Buy A Gift**

There are suggestions on the ornament

- **Drop Off**

Bring gift, with Angel Tree ornament attached, to St. Mark's no later than Sunday, December 8.

- **Pray!**

The most important step! "Pray without ceasing" (1 Thess. 5:17) for the man or woman who will receive your Angel Tree gift.

- **Have a Very Merry Christmas!**

Thank you for gifting others who may otherwise not receive gifts during this holiday time. The true meaning of Christmas is the gift of Jesus Christ. Your gifts are symbols of His love!



# St. Mark's Lutheran Academy

November 4-8, 2024.

Gobble gobble! We can't believe it's November already, but our students are definitely enjoying the new month and materials on the shelves. The weather this week has been amazing too, and we just couldn't stay inside when there are windy fall days to soak up outside! This week we welcomed back a student that has certainly experienced a miracle. God is so good, and our students got to see first hand the mercies of our Lord. Welcome back Simon!



## Coming Up:

- Nov. 21 - Book Share Day
- 26 - Class Thanksgiving Party
- 27-29 - NO SCHOOL/  
Thanksgiving Break

## Contact Us:

[academy@stmarksbg.org](mailto:academy@stmarksbg.org)

419-353-9305





# ST. MARK'S LUTHERAN

CHURCH & ACADEMY

## Staff Spotlight



**Gretchen Germann**  
SMLA Assistant Teacher

**Describe St. Mark's in five words or less:**

A wonderful place to worship.

**What is your favorite part about your position?**

Being able to teach tiny humans about Jesus.

**How long have you been attending St. Mark's?**

Lifetime member

**How long have you been employed by St. Mark's?**

3 years

**If you could have one superpower, what would it be?**

Read minds, so I can understand my kids better.

**What is your dream vacation?**

Hawaii

**What is your favorite meal?**

Mexican Food

**What is your favorite musical artist or song?**

Country music, but my favorite artist is Luke Combs.

**Did/Do you play any sports and/or musical instruments?**

In High School, I was part of the Bowling Green Swim and Dive team.

**Tell us about one hobby that you have:**

Flowers, crafting, camping, going kayaking. I enjoy hanging out with friends and family.

**Tell us one fact about yourself that others may not know:**

I started competitive swimming at the age of three.



# Thanksgiving FOOD BASKETS

Please help the BG Christian Food Pantry and St. Mark's collect the following items for this year's Thanksgiving Food Basket Giveaway.

- St. Mark's has been asked to collect:**
- 150 Cake Mixes
  - 150 Frosting
  - 150 Jiffy Mix
  - 150 Cereal Boxes

Please bring your donations into the church and place them on the food table across from the Welcome Center.

**Collection Deadline: Sunday, November 17**

All items collected will be delivered immediately following the 11:00 am worship service on November 17.

# HEY!!!!!!

## DO YOU PLAY AN INSTRUMENT?!

Join the St. Mark's Christmas Instrumental Ensemble!

### REHEARSALS STARTING THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 7 @ 6:00 PM

ALL ABILITY LEVELS AND AGES WELCOME!  
COME HAVE FUN WITH US!

**CONTACT JOSH BILLNITZER TO GET REGISTERED! JOSH@STMARKSBG.ORG**

# Upcoming Youth Events



NOV  
**10**

**EVENING PRAYER  
7:00PM**

Enjoy evening prayers, devotion, and meditation via Zoom.

DEC  
**01**

**EVENING PRAYER  
7:00PM**

Enjoy evening prayers, devotion, and meditation via Zoom.

NOV  
**25**

**FRIENDSGIVING  
6:00PM**

We will have thanksgiving dinner at the church.

DEC  
**15**

**CHRISTMAS PARTY  
12:30PM**

We will have a meal together at the church and games.





Hello  
*Winter*

Winter will be here before we know it, so we're planning now. The church is looking for able-bodied and willing volunteers to remove snow around the church property this winter season. It would be a weekend (Saturday/Sunday) commitment.

Please contact the church office for additional information (419)353-9305.



**Church  
office  
closed**

**Closed for**  
***Thanksgiving***  
**Thursday/Friday**  
**November**  
**28 & 29, 2024**

**Have You Directed Your  
2024 Thrivent Choice Dollars?**

The Thrivent Choice program encourages benefit members to recommend where *Thrivent Financial* distributes an amount of its charitable grant funds. Members make this recommendation by directing Choice Dollars to enrolled nonprofit organizations, including churches.



**Log in to your account and direct your 2024 Thrivent Choice Dollars to St. Mark's today!**



*Coffee Hour*  
**Table Talk**

**Sunday, Nov. 17** 10:00 Family Life Center

Join us in the Family Life Center between services and find out what is happening at St. Mark's...

# Mary-Martha Circle

Mary-Martha Circle will be  
**Tuesday, November 12,**  
 at 1:30 pm in the  
 Multipurpose Room.

Please join us for a thought-  
 provoking topic, fellowship,  
 and dessert! All women are invited!

*We look forward to seeing you there!*



# NOVEMBER Birthdays

1 Shirley Wilford	19 Jim Woelke
3 Jane Wood	19 Ella Sommerfeld
4 Tim Westhoven	20 Mary Gwin
4 Chris Blake	20 Lori Long
8 Karen Johnson	21 Michele Dewese
8 Angie Blake	21 Jim Amspoker
8 Angie Adams	22 Simon Budke
9 Paul Neal	23 Andrew Nelson
10 John Frobose	24 Joel Hiltner
11 Cindy Hollinger	24 Tim Barnhisel
12 Deb Bowe	24 Atonn Smeltzer
12 Doug Pendleton	24 Asa Lanning
13 Taylor Barnhisel	25 Lauryn Biegel
13 Brandon Bowe	25 Max Maurer
13 Tessa Meyer	25 Joey Budke
14 Kayla Carpenter	27 Linda Gray
18 Kim Warnke	27 Lona Leck
18 Jenifer Reynolds	27 Larissa Leck
18 Cole Christensen	29 Scott Gerwin
18 Chelsey DeVore	29 Micah Hickman
19 Mark Woelke	30 James Turnow

# St. Mark's Quilting Ministry

Our next gathering will be

**Tuesday, November 12 at 10:00 am**  
 in the Family Life Center



*Come join us!*  
*All are welcome!*



**KROGER  
 COMMUNITY REWARDS**

This program makes it easy to donate to St. Mark's  
 based on the shopping you do every day. Once you  
 link your card, all you have to do is shop at Kroger  
 and swipe your Shopper's Card. Here is how it  
 works:

- 1) Create a Kroger digital account
- 2) Link your Kroger Card to St. Mark's Lutheran Church
- 3) St. Mark's Earns! (All proceeds will benefit the Mission Fund: local, domestic and international)

**Click this link for step by step instructions:**

<https://www.kroger.com/i/community/community-rewards>

## St. Mark's Dartball

**Hosts BG Nazarene**

**Monday, Nov. 11 (7:30 pm)**

*Contact the church office for  
 more information (419-353-9305)*



**DARTBALL**

*Come out and support your St. Mark's Team!*

## Online Worship

If you wish to watch online, click on this link:

**YOUTUBE LIVE STREAMS:**

**Sundays: 8:30 & 11:00 am**

Remember to contact the office if  
 you are having difficulty connecting.

*We are happy to help!*



# Christmas Gift Ideas

## St. Mark's Apparel



**Available Items:**

- Cotton T-Shirt
- Long Sleeve Cotton T-Shirt
- Core Fleece Sweatshirt
- Core Fleece Hooded Sweatshirt
- Soft Ring Spun Fleece Hooded Sweatshirt
- Lightweight Snag-Proof Polo
- Ladies Lightweight Snag-Proof Polo
- Core Fleece Quarter Zip Sweatshirt
- Core Fleece Full Zip Sweatshirt



**SIZES AVAILABLE VARY FROM 2T AND YOUTH TO ADULT 5XL • VARIOUS COLORS**

**ORDER BEFORE DECEMBER 1 TO  
RECEIVE BY CHRISTMAS!**



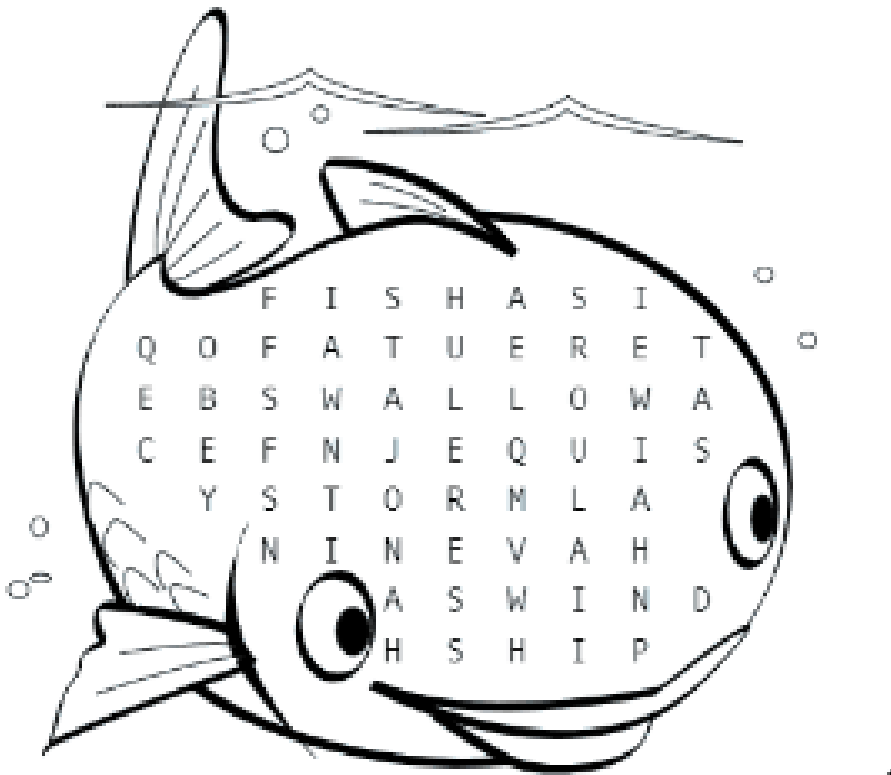
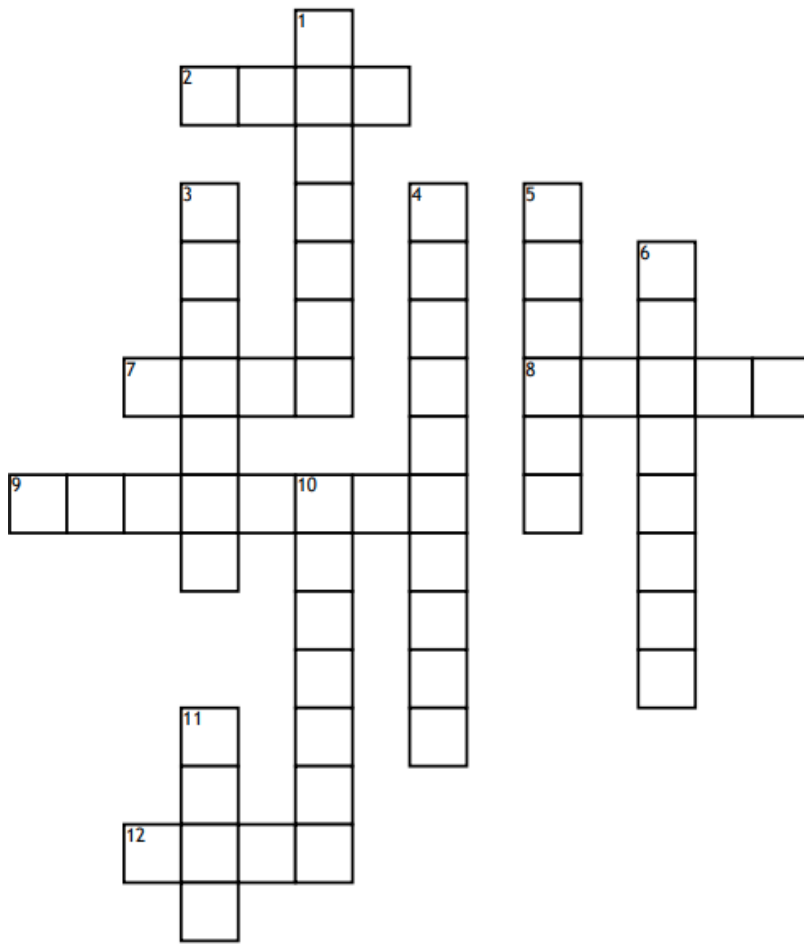
Delivery Options to your Home (shipping fees)  
or Pickup at Church Office (free)

***SCAN ABOVE QR CODE TO ORDER, OR GO ONLINE...***

**[https://store.ortinauart.com/st\\_marks\\_church/shop/home](https://store.ortinauart.com/st_marks_church/shop/home)**

# J O N A H

## and the Big Fish



FISH  
JONAH  
NINEVAH

OBEY  
SEA  
SHIP

STORM  
SWALLOW  
WIND

### Across

2. The people of Nineveh turned away from their \_\_\_\_ ways? Jonah 3:8

7. A great \_\_\_\_\_ swallowed up Jonah. Jonah 1:17

8. How many days was Jonah in the whale? Jonah 1:17

9. What did jonah do inside the whale? Jonah 2:1-2

12. The mariners \_\_\_\_\_ jonah into the sea. Jonah 1:15

### Down

1. Where did the Lord tell Jonah to go? Jonah 1:2

3. The Lord spoke to the whale and it \_\_\_\_\_ Jonah on dry land. Jonah 2:10

4. Why did the Lord want Jonah to go to Nineveh? Jonah 1:2

5. what did the people of Nineveh do when they heard Jonah? Jonah 3:5

6. Where did Jonah flee to instead of Nineveh? Jonah 1:3

10. There was a mighty \_\_\_\_\_ in the sea. Jonah 1:4

11. What did the shipmaster want Jonah to do? Jonah 1:6

# Thank You VOLUNTEERS

<b>SAT/SUN VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE:</b>		
<b>Roles</b>	<b>Saturday, Nov. 9</b>	<b>Saturday, Nov. 16</b>
<b>5:00 PM Worship Team</b>	<i>Communion</i>	<i>Communion</i>
Scripture Reader	Mercer, Yarin	Pasch, Deb
Worship Assistant	Laube, Denny	Mercer, Sophia
Worship Assistant	Philo, Jodee	Mercer, Yarin
<b>Roles</b>	<b>Sunday, Nov. 10</b>	<b>Sunday, Nov. 17</b>
<b>8:30 AM Worship Team</b>		<i>Communion (stations)</i>
8:30 - Greeters	Kallenbach, Belva	Neal, Paul
	Kallenbach, Gerry	Neal, Sarah
	McKibben, Craig	Sergent, Barb
	McKibben, Robin	Sergent, Roger
8:30 - Ushers	Germann, Jody	Ashenfelter, Bob
	Germann, Tricia	Heilmeier, Brian
	Wobser, Greg	Heilmeier, Eric
	Wobser, Sue	Small, Tim
8:30 - Assisting Minister	Holcomb, Jeff	Johnson, Hobie
8:30 - Acolyte	Klotz, Ryan	Heilmeier, C/Lawrie, A
8:30 - Crucifer	Klotz, Ethan	Budke, Adam
8:30 - Communion Server	-	Garnder, Sandy
	-	Herringshaw, Darlene
	-	<b>Volunteer Needed</b>
8:30 - Communion Set-Up/Clean-Up	-	<b>Volunteer Needed</b>
8:30 - Stream Operator	Wobser II, Gregory	Ruffner, Reese
<b>11:00 AM Worship Team</b>		<i>Communion (stations)</i>
11:00 - Greeters	Digby, Robin	Crawford, Mary Beth
	Vollmar, Barb	Crawford, Mike
	<b>Volunteer Needed</b>	Nelson, Mark
	<b>Volunteer Needed</b>	Nelson, Rebecca
11:00 - Ushers	Ducat, Coann	Boswell, Eric
	Hansen, Bob	Montague, Jeff
	Herber, Patti	Montague, Rhonda
	-	Nester, James
11:00 - Assisting Minister	Klotz, Sue	Bushong, Brian
11:00 - Acolyte	Ashman, Lyndsay	Boswell, Gracelyn
11:00 - Crucifer	<b>Volunteer Needed</b>	Nester, Emma
11:00 - Communion Server	-	Johnson, Betsy
11:00 - Communion Set-Up/Clean-Up	-	<b>Volunteer Needed</b>
11:00 - Stream Operator	Jenny, Josh	Boswell, Cole
<b>Hospitality Team</b>		
Coffee Hour Host	Nelson, Mary	Tyrrell, Cindy
<b>Nursery Team</b>		
Nursery Attendant	Blake, Natalie	Blake, Natalie
	Bowe, Morgan	Bowe, Morgan
<b>Money Counter Team</b>		
Money Counters	Digby, R/Hoverson, L	Jennings, K/Woelke, M