

Weekly Announcements
December 29, 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)

... for my eyes
have seen your
salvation

that you have prepared in
the presence of all peoples,
a light for revelation to the
Gentiles, and for glory to
your people Israel.

Luke 2:21-38



DECEMBER NOISY OFFERING - Habitat for Humanity

Habitat for Humanity partners with people in our community, and all over the world, to help them build or improve a place they can call home. Habitat homeowners help build their own homes alongside volunteers and pay an affordable mortgage. With your support, Habitat homeowners achieve the strength, stability and independence they need to build a better life for themselves and for their families.

The Noisy Offering for November totaled \$955.39. Proceeds benefit the Salvation Army Red Kettle Campaign.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST - Sunday, December 29 (between services)

Our Outreach Team would like you to join us for a thank you pancake breakfast, to show their appreciation for all your support in our efforts to raise money to serve our local community, as well as, domestic and global missions.

FAITH & FAMILY at BGSU BASKETBALL - Friday, January 3 (6:00 pm)

Join us for Faith & Family Night at the BGSU Men's Basketball game on Friday, January 3. See page 4 for more information and to purchase tickets. Contact Stella or the church office if you have additional questions.

MISSION TRIP DEADLINE - Monday, January 6

If you want to go on the Hurricane Relief Mission Trip (June 22-27), please have your \$50 non-refundable deposit to the church office no later than January 6 to reserve your spot. Ages 14+ are welcome!

TANZANIA TALKS - Sundays, January 12, 19, 26 (between services)

Join the Mission Team in the Multipurpose Room to hear stories and next steps where they feel God is calling them.

St. Mark's Lutheran Academy

December 23-27, 2024.

*"For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given:
and the government shall be upon his shoulder:
and his name shall be called Wonderful,
Counselor, the Mighty God, the Everlasting
Father, the Prince of Peace."*

Isaiah 9:6



Contact Us:

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419-353-9305

YOUTH GROUP SCHEDULE



JAN 03

Faith and Family BGSU Basketball

JAN 03-04

Lock-in: Following the basketball game through Saturday morning

FEB 07-09

Confirmation Retreat

FEB 16

Zoom Evening Devotion

FEB

Bowling Fundraiser

MAR 15

Hot Dog Fundraiser Downtown BG

MAR 23

Youth Group at the Church

APR

Devotion and Game Night

APR 13

Zoom Evening Devotion



Thank You
COOKIE WALK
Outreach Fundraiser

Thank you to those who donated cookies and those who bought cookies! Your support is appreciated and helped us raise over \$1,300!

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FREE ENTRY

FAITH & FAMILY

BGSU MENS BASKETBALL

OPEN FOR ALL FAMILY AND FRIENDS

JAN 03 6PM

ADMISSION \$7 PER PERSON

STROH CENTER

Scan the QR code to prepay for tickets. Tickets can also be purchased at the game.

CHRISTMAS

Church Office Hours

Mon., Dec. 23	8:00 AM - 4:30 PM
Tue., Dec. 24	8:00 AM - 12:00 PM
Wed., Dec. 25	CLOSED
Thur., Dec. 26	CLOSED
Fri., Dec. 27	8:00 AM - 12:00 PM
Mon., Dec. 30	8:00 AM - 12:00 PM
Tue., Dec. 31	8:00 AM - 12:00 PM
Wed., Jan. 1	CLOSED
Thur., Jan. 2	CLOSED
Fri., Jan. 3	8:00 AM - 12:00 PM

EXPERIENCE MISSION

HURRICANE RELIEF MISSION TRIP

January 6 | \$50

Non refundable deposit

If you want to go on the mission trip from June 22-27 for hurricane relief, please have your deposit to the church no later than **January 6** to reserve your spot. Ages 14+ are welcome!

Tanzania Talks

Join the Mission Team in the Multipurpose Room to hear stories and next steps. The Mission Team has spent time to reflect on their experience and where they feel God is calling them.

Schedule

January 12: Kashasha Village and School

January 19: Hekima Girls Secondary School

January 26: Clinic and ELCT

Hekima Girls
Secondary
School →

Mission Team in
front of
Kashasha School
↓ sign



The Mission
Team met with
an ELCA
Missionary ↓



YOUR YEAR-END

GIVING

MAKES A DIFFERENCE

Contributions must be received in the church office, or postmarked no later than December 31, to be recorded on your year-end contribution statement for tax purposes. Please contact the church office if you have any questions.

GriefShare®

GRIEFSHARE ALL ARE INVITED

GriefShare is a friendly, caring group of people who will walk alongside you through one of life's most difficult experiences. You don't have to go through the grieving process alone. Please feel free to call the church office for more information at 419-353-9305.

Questions can be directed to one of the facilitators:

Jan Ruffner - (419) 308-4072

Joan Staib - (419) 308-1134

The next series: January 13-April 7, 2025
each Monday 1:00-3:00 pm.

The only cost is \$20 for the workbook. Participants may join at any time.

It hurts to lose someone. Find help at GriefShare.

St. Mark's Inclement Weather Policy



Level 3

If there is a Level 3 snow emergency, the church building and all scheduled activities will be cancelled.

Level 2

If there is a level 2 snow emergency on Saturday or Sunday, the service(s) scheduled for that day will be cancelled.

All other activities may continue if the organization/individual wishes.

During the week, if there is a level 2 snow emergency, the church is open and activities will continue. If the responsible party for an event would like to cancel an event, it is their responsibility to cancel and let participants know.

Closing information will be announced on the following Toledo television stations:

WTOL (CBS, Channel 11 and Fox 36)

WNWO (NBC, Channel 24)

WTVG (ABC, Channel 13)

Cell phone numbers listed in Breeze may also receive a text alert indicating a closure.

The Executive Team may choose to cancel events before snow emergency levels are announced if conditions warrant.



1	JoAnne Martin-Reynolds	19	Clayton Tyrrell
1	Kay Marten	19	Everett Sayre
1	Kara Kellermeier	20	Paul Maekask
1	Elizabeth Gerken	20	Bethany Emmerich
2	Kevin McGill	20	Noah Lanning
2	Gracelyn Boswell	21	Ethan Klotz
3	Tricia Germann	21	Emma Nester
4	Jean Lewis	21	Charlotte DeVries
4	Shannon Weihl	22	Vicky Smith
5	Nicholas Herringshaw	22	Ann Cremar
6	Don Morlock	22	Tom Gerken
6	Inge Klopping	22	Neema Kamala
6	Jennifer Van Vorhis	23	David Hollinger
7	Kathy Westhoven	23	Kent Stambaugh
7	Cheryl Kurfess	23	Terri Henning
8	Larry Fruth	23	Conner Ashman
8	Kelly Jennings	24	Carla Gonyer
9	Susan Gilders	24	Sadie Meyer
9	Randy Abke	26	Nancy Cessna
9	Theresa Calcamuggio	26	Amy Emmerich
10	Dennis Ebka	26	Randy Schmeltz
10	Robert Grove	27	Todd Waggoner
10	Sophia Mercer	27	Garrett Germann
13	Terri Cromley	28	Scott Blake
14	Carrie Fernandez	28	Adam Budke
15	Jane Clinard	29	Michael Bowers
15	Susan Swegan	29	Darlene MAuk
16	Jim Cessna	30	Andy McKee
16	Luana Hess	30	Traudy Pool
16	Suzanna Eberly	30	Easton Meyer
16	Collin Henning	31	Gary Swegan
18	Amelia Van Vorhis	31	Christy Brewster
19	Steve Ashman	31	Chris Dudics
19	Braden Perry		

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!

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!



Thank You VOLUNTEERS

SAT/SUN VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE:		
Roles	Saturday, Dec. 28	Saturday, Jan. 4
5:00 PM Worship Team	<i>Communion</i>	<i>Communion</i>
Scripture Reader	<i>Volunteer Needed</i>	<i>Volunteer Needed</i>
Worship Assistant	Mercer, Sophia	Mercer, Yarin
Worship Assistant	Mercer, Yarin	<i>Volunteer Needed</i>
Roles	Sunday, Dec. 29	Sunday, Jan. 5
8:30 AM Worship Team	<i>Communion (stations)</i>	<i>Communion (stations)</i>
8:30 - Greeters	Neal, Paul	Herringshaw, Darlene
	Neal, Sarah	Melcher, Carol
	Sergent, Barb	Melcher, Dale
	Sergent, Roger	North, Marlene
8:30 - Ushers	Ashenfelter, Bob	Baden, Glenn
	Heilmeier, Brian	Herringshaw, Gary
	Heilmeier, Eric	North, Chris
	Small, Tim	Woelke, Jim
8:30 - Assisting Minister	Johnson, Hobie	<i>Volunteer Needed</i>
8:30 - Acolyte	Heilmeier, C/Lawrie, A	DeVries, A/Kellermeier, K
8:30 - Crucifer	Klotz, Ethan	Kellermeier, Wes
8:30 - Communion Server	-	Gardner, Sandy
	-	Thorpe, Julie
	-	Woelke, Martha
8:30 - Communion Set-Up/Clean-Up	-	Woelke, Martha
8:30 - Stream Operator	Billnitzer, Josh	Klotz, Ethan
11:00 AM Worship Team	<i>Communion (stations)</i>	<i>Communion (stations)</i>
11:00 - Greeters	Crawford, Mary Beth	Ebka, Bonnie
	Crawford, Mike	Ebka, Denny
	Nelson, Mark	Fruth, Barb
	Nelson, Rebecca	Fruth, Larry
11:00 - Ushers	Boswell, Eric	Champion, Mary
	Nester, James	Champion, Roy
	<i>Volunteer Needed</i>	Miller, Weston
	<i>Volunteer Needed</i>	<i>Volunteer Needed</i>
11:00 - Assisting Minister	Billnitzer, Tim	<i>Volunteer Needed</i>
11:00 - Acolyte	Boswell, Gracelyn	Fletcher, Jacob
11:00 - Crucifer	Nester, Emma	Fletcher, Eric
11:00 - Communion Server	-	<i>Volunteer Needed</i>
11:00 - Communion Set-Up/Clean-Up	-	Champion, Mary
11:00 - Stream Operator	Miller, Weston	Miller, Weston
Hospitality Team		
Coffee Hour Host	Nelson, Cathy	Tyrrell, Cindy
Nursery Team		
Nursery Attendant	Germann, Gretchen	Blake, Natalie
Money Counter Team		
Money Counters	Jennings, K/Woelke, M	Jennings, K / Klotz, S