

Weekly Announcements  
January 5, 2025

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)



Everyone who  
heard him was  
amazed at his  
understanding  
and his answers.

Luke 2:47

### **JANUARY NOISY OFFERING - St. Mark's Quilting Ministry**

The January Noisy Offering proceeds will go toward the St. Mark's Quilting Ministry, which has been quilting since February 1996. Quilts are donated to Lutheran World Relief with remainder going to Wood County Children's Services and the BG Fire Department. The materials for the quilt tops are mostly donated, with the materials for backing and batting purchased by the quilters.

### **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.

### **B4 WORK MEN'S BIBLE STUDY—Resuming Tuesday, January 7**

Pastor Ken is resuming the B4 Work Men's Bible Study this Tuesday (January 7) at 7:00 AM in the Multipurpose Room. The study will continue for eight weeks following the Gospel of Luke.

### **"ALL THINGS NEW" - The Revelation to John Bible Study—Tuesday, January 7**

"Blessed is the one who reads aloud the words of the prophecy, and blessed are those who hear and who keep what is written in it; for the time is near." And so, the Revelation to John opens and we are all invited to be blessed as we encounter this powerful word! Join us on Tuesday, January 7 at 5:30 PM in the Multipurpose Room.



# B4 Work Men's Bible Study

7:00 AM ~ Tuesdays  
January 7-February 25, 2024

St. Mark's Lutheran Church

Contact Pastor Ken for more information.  
[pastorken@stmarksbg.org](mailto:pastorken@stmarksbg.org)



## “ALL THINGS NEW”

### A 7-WEEK STUDY ON THE REVELATION TO JOHN

### TUESDAYS AT 5:30 PM

Contact the church office  
for more information and  
study schedule.

Joy of Discovery in Bible Study will meet on Thursday mornings at 9:00 am.

Bed Head Bible Study Resumes on Wednesday, Jan. 8 at 7:00 am via ZOOM.

# *St. Mark's Lutheran Academy*

*December 30-January 3, 2025.*

*HAPPY  
NEW YEAR*

*Happy New Year!*

*We hope your family has a happy and  
healthy 2025, and may God's blessings fill  
your life with joy!*

# **2025**

*Upcoming Dates:*

*January 6 - School Resumes  
15 - Class Outside Day  
(at St. Mark's)  
16 - Book Share Day*

*Contact Us:*

*academy@stmarksbg.org  
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



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



## 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.



## GRIEF SHARE 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.**

# JANUARY Birthdays

1	John Kunstmann	15	Melanie Miller
1	Sophia Spohn	17	Cynthia Barnett
2	Von Graffin	17	Sean Blanchard
2	Jill Gross	17	Addison Ruffner
2	Melanie Haack	17	Kelcie Kellermeier
3	Cindy Gerken	18	Steve Bowe
4	Sue Shank	20	Fran Weiss
4	Kathleen Munger	20	Jenifer McKee
4	Eric Klotz	21	Lisa Wagner
4	Ardy Gonyer	21	Rachel August
5	Marsha Blake	21	Jessica Johnson
5	Teresa Linholm	22	Ned Baker
5	Rachel Beaudoin	22	Sue Klotz
6	Annette Reazin	22	Beth Joseph
6	Scott Seeliger	22	Bradey Smeltzer
6	Karen Riley	23	Ryan Klotz
6	Rhonda Montague	24	Nick Ezzone
6	Bryan Christy	24	Allison DeVries
6	Yarin Mercer	26	Karen Lewis
6	Lincoln Amspoker	26	Jerry Bruns
7	Kaitlan Sewell	26	David Tyson
8	Thomas Wagner	27	Lois Zeh
9	Tiffany Genson	27	Virginia Woelke
10	Alice Gross	27	Kathryn Tyrrell
10	Greg Hoverson	28	Jerrod Parsell
10	Hana Jennings	28	Christina Olmstead
10	Ethan Adams	29	Shirley McGee
11	Judith Leck	29	Gail Wachter
11	Lee Sundermeier	30	John Frobose
11	Robin Veitch	30	Martha Armstrong
11	Wes Kellermeier	30	Chris North
12	Heidi Christy	30	Anneliese Lawrie
12	Luke Johnson	30	Emma Holley
15	Richard Hahn	31	Doug Pendleton

## 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

<b>SAT/SUN VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE:</b>		
<b>Roles</b>	<b>Saturday, Jan. 4</b>	<b>Saturday, Jan. 11</b>
<b>5:00 PM Worship Team</b>	<i>Communion</i>	<i>Communion</i>
Scripture Reader	<b><i>Volunteer Needed</i></b>	<b><i>Volunteer Needed</i></b>
Worship Assistant	Mercer, Yarin	Mercer, Sophia
Worship Assistant	Philo, Jodee	Mercer, Yarin
<b>Roles</b>	<b>Sunday, Jan. 5</b>	<b>Sunday, Jan. 12</b>
<b>8:30 AM Worship Team</b>	<i>Communion (at the rail)</i>	
8:30 - Greeters	Herringshaw, Darlene	Kallenbach, Belva
	Melcher, Carol	Kallenbach, Gerry
	Melcher, Dale	McKibben, Craig
	North, Marlene	McKibben, Robin
8:30 - Ushers	Baden, Glenn	Germann, Jody
	Herringshaw, Gary	Germann, Tricia
	North, Chris	Wobser, Greg
	Woelke, Jim	Wobser, Sue
8:30 - Assisting Minister	Billnitzer, Tim	<b><i>Volunteer Needed</i></b>
8:30 - Acolyte	DeVries, A/Kellermeier, K	Kern, Brian / Klotz, Ryan
8:30 - Crucifer	Kellermeier, Wes	Klotz, Ethan
8:30 - Communion Server	Gardner, Sandy	-
	Thorpe, Julie	-
	Woelke, Martha	-
8:30 - Communion Set-Up/Clean-Up	Woelke, Martha	-
8:30 - Stream Operator	Klotz, Ethan	Wobser II, Greg
<b>11:00 AM Worship Team</b>	<i>Communion (at the rail)</i>	
11:00 - Greeters	Ebka, Bonnie	Digby, Robin
	Ebka, Denny	Vollmar, Barb
	Fruth, Barb	-
	Fruth, Larry	-
11:00 - Ushers	Champion, Mary	Ducat, Coann
	Champion, Roy	Herber, Patti
	Miller, Weston	Hansen, Bob
	<b><i>Volunteer Needed</i></b>	<b><i>Volunteer Needed</i></b>
11:00 - Assisting Minister	Bushong, Brian	Bushong, Sara
11:00 - Acolyte	Fletcher, Jacob	Niekamp, Sam
11:00 - Crucifer	Fletcher, Eric	<b><i>Volunteer Needed</i></b>
11:00 - Communion Server	Bushong, Sara	-
11:00 - Communion Set-Up/Clean-Up	Champion, Mary	-
11:00 - Stream Operator	Miller, Weston	Jenny, Josh
<b>Hospitality Team</b>		
Coffee Hour Host	Tyrrell, Cindy	<b><i>Volunteer Needed</i></b>
<b>Nursery Team</b>		
Nursery Attendant	Blake, Natalie	Blake, Natalie
<b>Money Counter Team</b>		
Money Counters	Jennings, K / Klotz, S	Hoverson, L/Woelke, M