

Here to Serve

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Our Meetings

Tuesday, December 10
School Board - 6:30 p.m., Conference Room

Our Discipleship

December 2 (Sunday): 320
December 3 (Monday): 6

St. Mark's Announcements

✠ **Adult Bible Class, 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.**
*Pick up the Adult Bible Study Catalog at the
Connections Center for a full description.*

Christmas-The Real Story

Dates: November 25 - December 23
Time: 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
Location: Room 105
Leader: Pastor Dar Karsten

Christmas Eve Eve!

Date: December 23
Time: 10:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
Location: Church Lobby
Leader: Lauren Bates, D.C.E.

Coffee and Conversation with the Pastor

Date: December 30
Time: 10:30 a.m. only
Location: Room Worship Center
Leader: Pastor Bob Liebmann

Christmas Season Schedule

Advent Services on Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m.

- December 12 (3rd - 8th grade Christmas Program)
- December 19

Sundays at 9:15 a.m.

- December 16, Third Sunday - no Communion (3rd - 8th grade Christmas Program)
- December 23, Fourth Sunday - with Communion
- December 23, 1:00 p.m. - Low sensory Christmas service. This service is for families who would appreciate a low sensory experience: low lights, with soft music, approximately 30 minutes.

Christmas Eve (12/24)

- 4:00 p.m. Family Service (Happy Birthday Party for Jesus)
- 7:00 p.m. Communion Service
- 10:00 p.m. Candlelight Service, with Communion

Christmas Day (12/25)

- 10:00 a.m. Service

Meeting: A Family Meeting is scheduled for **today** at 11:30 a.m. in the Worship Center (or after Bible Study). We will be electing new Elders and Board of Directors members. There will be childcare available and snacks for the kids to make it easier for families.

Monday Worship: Out of town or working on Sundays? You can still worship with us! Monday evenings at 7:00 p.m.

Tithes & Offerings *			
Week ending Sunday 12/02/2018			
	Needed for Budget	Actual	Over (Under)
Week	\$12,071	\$14,058	\$1,986
Year-to-date	\$277,637	\$266,689	(\$10,947)
*Includes gifts to School Operating Fund Year-to-date is Fiscal Year beginning July 1			
	Week	YTD	
Debt Reduction gifts	\$1,450	\$61,081	
Mortgage Loan Balance		\$1,351,893	
*Matching period - 03/28/18 - 03/30/20		<u>To-Date</u>	
Our Gifts towards 250K Match Goal		\$45,665	
Donor gifts		\$29,009	
Total Combined to 500K Goal		\$74,674	

Our Vision: *Bringing Christ's compassion to life.*

Operation Barnabas (LCMS Ministry to the Armed Forces) Because of a grant from Thrivent and the generosity of our members, St. Mark's was able to mail eight Christmas boxes and two Visa gift cards to our service members. Operation Barnabas, our military ministry, seeks ways to support our military families through prayers, service, and gifts. We are blessed by this opportunity to put our faith into action for those who serve God by sacrificing to protect our freedom. With grateful hearts, Operation Barnabas wishes you all a blessed Christmas!

New Member Class: Are you curious about joining St. Mark's Lutheran Church? Already a member? Feel free to join us for a refresher class! This series is for anyone who is interested in learning more about the Christian faith from a Lutheran perspective and it can serve as a membership course for those who desire it. Classes start Sunday, January 6 at 10:30 a.m. Led by Pastor Bob Liebmann. RSVP at www.stmarkseureka.org or at the Connections Center.

Christmas Gifts: Stop by the Christmas tree located in the church lobby and purchase a gift for a local family. Pick a tag, buy the gift, and place the wrapped gift under the tree, with the tag. Please return gifts by December 12. All gifts will be distributed to families in need. Thank you for sharing Jesus' love at Christmas time!

Operation Christmas Child: Thank you! Because of the love of Christ in you St. Mark's has sent 153 Operation Christmas Child boxes to children through the world to support the work of missionaries and the spread of the Gospel. You are a blessing!

Dine to Donate: Join us at Camila's Mexican Restaurant in Eureka (formerly Los Cabos) to raise funds for the Guatemala mission trip. Mark your calendars for the first Monday of each month now – March (Jan. 7, Feb 4, March 4). You can come anytime between 1:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. and the March mission trip team will receive 10% of all sales.

New Year's Family Celebration for Little Ones: Help us count down to 12...p.m.! Pizza, activities, a balloon drop and more. Free event – bring a friend.

Date: Monday, December 31

Time: 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. (Balloon drop at noon)

Location: St. Mark's gym

Ages: Activities are designed for EC – 4th grade; all ages are welcome. Children need to have a parent/adult chaperone for the event. Register at www.stmarkseureka.org.

Cross Wall Plaque: A replica of the cross that hangs above the altar is available for purchase for \$25 each. You can purchase the crosses through the office during normal operating hours, or on Sunday mornings at the gift card table.

Discontinued: We are discontinuing our gift card program. If you need a gift card, see Lynn Schaeg in the lobby after the Sunday morning service, or stop by the office during the week. Profits from the cards benefit the youth. Current inventory: Bath & Body works - \$10.00 each, Krispy Kreme - \$10.00 each, Little Caesar's - \$20.00 each, Petsmart - \$25.00 each, TGI Fridays - \$25.00 each.

The Novel Seeker's Book Club continues to meet for fellowship and discussion of our selected novels. The next novel that we will be discussing is Lincoln's Last Trial by Dan Abrams. We will meet on January 12, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. at the Eureka Hills Library.

Women's Ministry

Mite Box: LWML as part of our Women's ministry, we would like to remind everyone to donate your left over change to our mite box on the visitor desk (under the dove). We send the mites you give to missions specifically picked by women of the Lutheran Women's missionary league. We want to send our fair share from St. Mark's. Let's be one of the most generous congregations this year!

Sunday School lesson for all ages (PS - High School):

Today - The Christmas Story!

Next Sunday, December 16 is our Christmas Service Project. We will be decorating cookies for those in our community!

Youth Ministry

Sports Fusion Christmas Party

Date: Sunday, December 16

Ages: 6th - 8th Grade

Cost: \$20 for 2 hours unlimited play

Meet in the church lobby we will depart around 11:30 a.m. A special prize for anyone wearing a wacky Christmas outfit Register online, at youth or confirmation.

Progressive Dinner Christmas Party

Date: Sunday, December 16

Ages: High School & College

Start Time: 4:00 p.m.

Meet at St. Mark's for a fun night of fellowship celebrating the birth of our Savior Jesus! Hosts and drivers needed!

School Ministry

Christmas Program: Black Friday shopping is the most popular way to find the perfect gift! Much 'n Stuff is running a great deal on this year's "secret item." Is it the newest DVD of Star Battle? The total styler? The Mega Cooker 2000? A lampster? Join our shoppers as they wait in line, anxious to be the first to grab the season's most amazing gift. Will they find what they are looking for, or something so much better? The Reason For The Season performances: December 12, 7:00 p.m., and December 16, 9:15 a.m.