

St. Mark's Remarks

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January 2019

Holiday Closings:

St Mark's church office & preschool will be closed on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday December 24th, 25th and 26th in observance of the Christmas holiday. And January 1st, 2019, in observance of New Year's Day!

The Financial Books:

St. Mark's will close the financial books for the 2018 Fiscal year on Dec. 31, 2018. In order to receive credit on your 2018 contribution statement for any pledges and or donations for the year, your check must be dated no later than 12/31/2018.

Winter Celebration

Winter Celebration is the senior-high version of Lost & Found. Like its middle-school counterpart, Winter Celebration is a weekend-long retreat held annually in January at Eagle Eyrie in Lynchburg but for youth in 9th—12th grade. The retreat will be January 18-20. Senior-high youth who are interested in attending should speak with Pastor Armentrout ASAP.



carols by candlelight
A Festival Service Of Lessons & Carols

DECEMBER 16, 2018 SUNDAY 5 P.M.
St. Mark's Lutheran Church 1008 Franklin Rd. SW Roanoke

CCC
Commonwealth Catholic Charities
100% of the offering presented will be given to support CCC's immigrant and refugee services.

Reception immediately follows For more information: www.stmarksroanoke.org

Saint Mark's Lutheran Church
"LUTHERAN CHURCH LEADING OUR NATION"

Carols by Candlelight Report

For those who were present, you know just how beautiful this year's Carols by Candlelight service was. The nave was full of worshipers. Between the choir, brass players and congregation there were more than 250 people present. If you missed the service this year, know that the opportunity will come again in December, 2019.

We are also very happy to report that \$1,830 was received at the service for Commonwealth Catholic Charities. We hope that this money

will help them continue their extraordinary work!

OUTREACH OUTLOOK

THE FOOD PANTRY

During the month of December, the Food Pantry distributed food to feed 43 individuals (representing 145 family members). Thank you to the November volunteers:

Luke, Ralph and Sandy Anders, Clara Chitty, Laura Bolton, Shon & Jessica Thompson, and George Kegley.

Thank you to: Howard Barnard, Sissy and George Kegley, Connie Watkins, Jim & Wanda Rettinger, David Johnson, Becky Whisnant, De Johnson, George Arthur, Janet Shaner, Bill Fitzgibbon, Loretta Barnard, and Rob Bryant for delivering 50 Christmas Food Bags to needy families on December 19th.



Special Thanks to: George Kegley and Connie Watkins, & Jim & Wanda Rettinger for picking up 580lbs of food from the food bank and delivering it to St. Mark's Food Pantry in December.



During the month of December the Clothes Closet provided clothing to a total of 46 individuals. Thank you to the December Clothes Closet volunteers:

ST. MARK'S WOMEN

The regular monthly meeting of St. Mark's Lutheran Church Women will be held at 10:30 A.M. on Tuesday, January 8th at Brandon Oaks. All women are invited!

St. Mark's to Celebrate 150 Years!

In 2019, our congregation will celebrate its 150th anniversary. In honor of this momentous occasion we will be publishing tidbits of St. Mark's history. Thanks to **George Kegley** for this historical contribution.

Did you know that the landscaped park at the southwest corner of Campbell Avenue and Third Street in downtown Roanoke was the site of St. Mark's Church for 51 years? The old red, brick church was used for many important Virginia Synod services. The nave was upstairs, on the second floor.

After we moved to our present Franklin Road location in 1953, the old church was razed in 1956 and a furniture store and later the Roanoke Police Department occupied that corner before that building was removed.

IN THE CONGREGATIONAL FAMILY

January Baptismal Anniversaries

We give thanks to God for the gift of new life through the sacrament of Holy Baptism. In January we give thanks and celebrate with:



1/1 Guy Deel
 1/1 Shirley Jensen
 1/1 Maggie Nelson
 1/1 Gary Nutter
 1/1 Sue Nutter
 1/1 Gail Scott
 1/1 Sid Scott
 1/1 Mary Sloan
 1/7 Luke Anders
 1/14 Jaeda Wray
 1/18 Trinti House
 1/25 Emily Reed
 1/27 Jason Trout

January Birthdays

Members of St. Mark's family celebrating birthdays in January are:



1/3 Lisa Altizer	1/19 Herb Scholz
1/3 Rob Bryant	1/21 Joe Jensen
1/5 Allison Armentrout	1/23 Mary Ann Snider
1/5 Gary Nutter	1/25 Chisom Ugochukwu
1/8 Robert Scholz	1/26 Doug Wills
1/10 Wanda Miller	1/28 Scott Anders
1/12 Michelle Rodgers	1/29 Caleb Anders
1/15 Sarah Quesinberry	1/30 Steve Gordon
1/16 Betty Jones	

PRAYER MATTERS

The following individuals and families were named in prayer in worship during December. Let us continue to keep them in prayer. We pray: O God, the strength of the weak and the comfort of sufferers: Mercifully hear our prayers and grant to your servants the help of your power that they may experience the healing power of your Holy Spirit. We pray for:

Shirley Aynes, Teresa Kinser, Grant, Pat Hatcher, Mike and Brittani Pittman, Angela and Allison Dudley, Alma, David, and Shawn Wertz, Ron and Judy Adkins, Cathy Thompson, Lois Ashby, Gail Scott, Clark Swiers, Nancy Duncan, Sue Hayes, Nancy and Russell Dyer, Norman, Fran, Marilyn Holzschuh, Virginia Ertz, , Steve Gordon, Judy Adkins, Jonathan Ugochukwu, Sidney & Wanda Miller, Butch, Judy Clayton, John, Judy and Jason Hannabass, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Worship & Music Notes

Worship Leaders for January

Date	Acolyte	Crucifer	Communion Assistant	Lector	Greeters	Coffee Hour
Jan. 6	Chisom Ugochukwu	Abby Trout	Loretta Barnard	Nan Keenan	Pat Gibbs & Denise Capito	Brad & Laren McDaniel
Jan. 13	Berkley Wray	Caleb Anders	Sabina Ugochukwu	Karen Arthur	Sandy Anders & Lois Ashby	Teresa & Andy Stowasser
Jan. 20	Allison Armentrout	Haley Merritt	Jerry McDaniel	Wanda Miller	Alex & Judy Adkins	Shon & Jessica Thompson
Jan. 27	Luke Anders	Eric Armentrout	Cheryl Gordon	Connie Parsell	Sue Nutter	Alex & Judy Adkins

FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

SIMPLY GIVING®

We continue to offer electronic fund transfers as an alternative to using your offering envelopes on Sunday. Participants may specify that offerings be transferred weekly on Monday or monthly on the 1 or 15.

Making electronic payments can be a helpful way to keep your giving current especially when you are able to be present for worship.

The program is free to participants and the church. Member enrollment forms for new participants are available in the church office.

Those already participating do not need to complete another enrollment form, but should notify Financial Administrator Kathy Bryant if they wish to make any changes to their current giving.

Strong Start Envelopes:

Everyone is encouraged to use the Strong Start for Mission envelope to help our ministries have a great start at the beginning of the year. Our goal is to have 100, generous \$52 gifts.

We are reminded that regular use of offering envelopes assists the financial secretaries with their record keeping. Those who give electronically are reminded of the special offering envelopes throughout the year.

GENERAL INFORMATION



Did you know? That you can donate to the church just by using your Kroger Plus Shopper's Card. Go to kroger.com to sign up today.

Kroger Community Rewards -Giving More Back to the Community!
Kroger is committed to helping our communities grow and prosper. Year after year, local schools, churches and other nonprofit organizations will earn millions of dollars through Kroger Community Rewards. Kroger Community Rewards makes fund-raising easy.. All you have to do is shop at Kroger and swipe your Plus Card! Sign In or Create an Account to Enroll. Once signed in you can enroll or update your Community Rewards under your Account Settings.

NEWSLETTER ARTICLES

For February are due in the church office by Wednesday, January 23. Please submit articles by email (preferably) or in written form!

FINANCE COMMITTEE & CHURCH COUNCIL

The Finance Committee and Church Council will meet on January 8th. Finance at 5:45; Council at 6:45.

ST. MARK'S COLUMBARIUM niches are available for purchase in the beautiful Miller Gardens of St. Mark's. If you are interested in obtaining information on cost, etc., please contact Kathy Bryant in the church office.

A VERY SPECIAL THANK YOU TO ST. MARK'S CONGREGATION from the church staff, for all of the remembrances, cards, gifts and especially the prayers, not only during the holidays but throughout the year. We are very appreciative of each and every one. Peace be with you all!
Pastor Armentrout, Kathy Bryant and Jacob Gordon.