



Founded on the Word ... Focused on the Cross

Glorify God, Grow in Grace, Go with the Gospel

St. Mark's Lutheran Weekly Newsletter

November 28, 2021

Ponder This for a Moment

"If your enemy is hungry, give him food to eat; if he is thirsty, give him water to drink. In doing this, you will heap burning coals on his head, and the LORD will reward you." Proverbs 25. Read through the rest of chapter 25 for more pearls of wisdom on how to go through life day to day.

Sunday Morning Worship

8:00 (also live streamed) & 10:45 AM

Monday Worship resumes on Jan 10

Scripture Readings for December 5

Malachi 3:1-4

1 Corinthians 4:1-5

Luke 3:1-6

Upcoming Special Worship Services

Midweek Advent: December 1, 8, 15 at 6:30 PM

(Supper each week starts at 5:30 PM)

Christmas Eve: 5:00 PM (indoors), 8:00 PM*

Christmas Day: 10:30 AM with Holy Communion

New Year's Eve: 5:00 PM with Holy Communion

**(Christmas Eve planned for outdoors, weather permitting (else indoors), bring own chair*

Hymns Part Of The New Hymnal

Jerusalem the golden ... Jesus Christ is risen today ... Jesus, I will ponder now ... Jesus lives!
The victory's won ... Jesus, my great High Priest ... Jesus, priceless treasure ... Jesus sinners does receive ... Jesus, take us to the mountain ... Joy to the world ... Just as I am without one plea

Digging Deeper Study

Next one is Thursday, December 2nd at 6:30 PM. You can attend in person or online (if online, let

Pastor K know so you can receive the link and materials). Topic: 'Hard Sayings of Jesus ... this time: 'What loyalty to Jesus looks like' and 'The Rise of the Nones - Part 6.'

Teacher Calls Update

On Sunday, November 28, we will be extending two Calls: one for Kindergarten and one for JrK. The Call Meeting will take place following the late Service.

Advent by Candlelight

Enjoy an evening preparing your heart for the reason for the season - Jesus' birth. This year's service is titled 'Songs of the Season.' The date is Sunday, November 28, from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. There will be light refreshments and fellowship starting at 6:00 p.m. *This event is for ladies, from babies to grandmothers. Invite your friends.* The service and treats will be held in the church this year. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex for an approximate number.

Tree of Life Notice

We will have a general membership meeting on Saturday December 4, 2021, at 10:00 am, followed immediately by a Board Meeting. Everyone interested in camp is welcome. Instructions on how to participate via Zoom are on the TOL website main page <https://treeoflifebiblecamp.org/>. The main business for the general membership meeting will be to elect (or perhaps re-elect) two Directors to our seven-person Board of Directors. Contact us if you are interested in being nominated. Up to two members from each of the WELS and ELS congregations that support Tree of Life can vote during the general membership meeting. Once we've settled the

Board election, the meeting will switch over to a Board Meeting. We'll choose Board Officers from among the Directors, then talk about 2022 camp planning. Everyone is welcome to stay and participate in that discussion.

River City Chorale Concert

The River City Chorale will be at St. Mark's on Sunday, December 5th at 4:00 PM. Tickets can be purchased by going to the RiverCityChorale.org (go to the link "Concerts") or at the door the day of the Concert (price of ticket higher at the door). Please note this from the RCC website: *In order to protect our patrons, staff, and performers from the current substantial transmission rate of Covid-19 in Sacramento County, the River City Chorale has instituted the following requirements for our live concerts; these are subject to revision as we get closer to those dates. All performers and staff must be vaccinated. Before entering the concert venue, patrons must show photo ID and vaccination card/phone copy or documentation of a negative Covid test within the last 72 hours. All patrons, staff and performers must wear masks indoors. Thank you for your cooperation with these safeguards. After two years, we are certainly looking forward to seeing you at our 2021 Holiday Concert!*

Preparing for Christmas

Fresh Christmas Wreaths, made by St. Mark's Lutheran Church members and friends, are available to order for \$40.00 each (cash or check). All proceeds will go to St. Mark's Lutheran School's Tuition Assistance Fund. The approximate wreath sizes are 20". *Signup sheets for reserving your wreath are in the Office and church.* Your Christmas wreath will be available for pickup on December 5th, after church services, in the Library. Please speak with Ruth Vogt (480-729-3227) or Pam Schlittenhart (775-409-6641) if you have any questions.

Community Connections Event

On December 18 from 5:00 to 7:00 PM we will be lighting up the Campus as part of our Christmas celebration and the community is invited so pass the word. The event is our 'Nativity Drive Through' as people can stay in their vehicles, enjoy a cup of coffee or hot chocolate while seeing and hearing the Christmas Story. We will be collecting canned food and other items which our area Food Pantries can use. Mark your calendar. Think about who you would like to invite to drive through our campus and celebrate Christmas with us.

A Friendly Planning Reminder

The California International Marathon is scheduled to take place on Sunday, December 5. Please plan your drive to Worship Services that day accordingly, in particular for those south of Oak Ave and east of Fair Oaks Blvd. Typically Greenback closes at 6:55 and Madison at 7:15.

Ministry Financial Plan Update

Offerings received since July 1, 2021: \$241,970
Goal for July 2021 – December 2021: \$300,000



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