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Mission Statement

Sharing Christ to connect people to God and one another

WEEKLY NEWS - January 22-28, 2012

Pastoral News

TODAY Pastor Glenn Worcester shares the worship message with us this morning, "Come, Follow Me."

1st Communion Next Sunday, seven children who attended a Communion class recently will be communing for the first time at 11am worship. May God bless them in this very important day in their faith life. To honor the importance of this day, a cake & punch reception will be held after the service and you are invited to attend and celebrate with them.



School News

Our Weekly Wednesday Chapel Service will be led by Mrs. Judy Nobis and the 1st & 2nd Grade class. Offerings collected during January will be sent to *Lutherans for Life and Grand Rapids Right to Life*. We'll again be filling baby bottles with coins along with our chapel offerings, collecting all bottles at the end of January—full, partially full. We invite you to join us for any regularly scheduled Wednesday morning chapels.

Thanks!!! We're grateful for all those that support us with their talents, time, and prayers. We appreciate all those that give and donate through opportunities to help other ministries, also. May God continue to fill your hearts with joy and bless you!

This Week's Bible Verse under our school year theme, *Fruit of the Spirit*, is Ephesians 4:32..."Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you." Kindness is the *Fruit of the Month* for January.

2nd Quarter Marking Period Report Cards may be viewed on *FastDirect* this Monday, 1/23, after school. The 2nd Qtr. ended last Wednesday and 1/2 the school year is now over. If you cannot view your child's progress, it may be due to outstanding financial obligations. We encourage you to keep up with all payments. Thank you.

Sports Due to bad weather, Our Savior cancelled out on the game here last week, and we'll reschedule. The A Team played in the annual Holy Trinity Lutheran (Wyoming) Tournament this weekend. The A & B Teams travel to St. John's Lutheran (Grand Haven) on Monday, and we host our annual B Team Tournament next weekend. We'll need volunteers to run concessions, admissions and the scorer's table Friday night and Saturday afternoon. Please sign up in the School Office.

Yuk! Yuk Katelyn: "I read about a man who was run over by a steamroller." Sammie: "Really? Did he live?" Katelyn: "Yeah, but if you visited him in the hospital you'd have to go to rooms 34 to 46." Sammie: "I'll bet the doctor told him to lie flat on his back, too." Melinda: "My sister thinks I'm really nosey." Melissa: "What makes you say that?" Melinda: "I read it in her diary."

This Week's Calendar:

TODAY

8:30 am Traditional Worship
 Learning Hour for all ages - 9:45 am - Children & Youth
 10:00am - Adults
 11:00 am Contemporary Worship with Children's Church
 12:30 pm "Girls4God" Mall Scavenger Hunt
 SML School—K—4th Grade Choir sings in worship, 8:30am

Monday

10:00am Women's Bible Study
 7:00 pm St. Mark Co-ed Recreational Volleyball
 SML Preschool—VIP Night, 6:15pm
 SML School—Boys' B-ball @ St. John's Lutheran, Grand Haven, 4:30/5:30pm; Report Cards available on *FastDirect*

Tuesday

1:00pm Quilters
 6:30pm Tae Kwon Do
 SMLS—Elementary Ice Skating Day @ Patterson Rink, 9-11am

Wednesday

6:30 am Men's Bible Study
 8:30 am School Chapel led by 1st & 2nd graders
 5:45 pm Supper Club
 6:30 pm WKSJ(K-4)/ Crosswalk(5-6)/ Full Throttle(7-8)
 6:30 pm Women's Bible Study
 6:30 pm "Little Dresses for Haiti" Sewing (last nite)
 SMLS—School Chapel, 8:30am, led by Mrs. Nobis' Grades 1&2

Thursday

6:30 pm Hand Bells Rehearsal
 7:00 pm 4BetterOR4Worse Presentation
 7:30 pm Sanctuary Choir
 SMLS—KISD Presentation to 7th & 8th Grades

Friday

SML School— Young 5s & Kindergarten Field Trip to EK;
 St. Mark Boys' B Team Basketball Tournament

Saturday

8:30am Confirmation SHAPE Retreat
 SML School— St. Mark Boys' Basketball Tournament; 7th & 8th Confirmation Retreat

Next Sunday

8:30 am Traditional Worship
 Learning Hour for all ages - 9:45 am - Children & Youth
 10:00am - Adults
 11:00 am Contemporary Worship w/1st Holy Communion

Facebook

St. Mark Lutheran Elementary School has a new page! We invite you to visit it and "like" it, and share it with your family and friends. Get to know us!

Congregational News

The Offering Envelopes for 2012 are by the Information Center. Pick up yours today and please begin using them!

Learning Hour for Adults is at 10:00am, and 52nd Street Ministries classes (children & youth) are at 9:45am.

Memorial Service for the Unborn, today at 2:30pm at Immaculate Heart of Mary, 1935 Plymouth Road SE. Sponsored by *Grand Rapids Right to Life*, all are welcome to the service where 53+ million lives will be remembered, all lost to abortion since the passage of *Roe v. Wade* in 1973. Spend this time of prayer and remembrance honoring the millions of precious lives lost.

Supper Club Wednesday at 5:45pm This week's menu: Baked mac & cheese, homemade chicken nuggets, veggies/dip, salad, drinks & dessert.

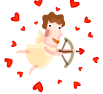
Attention MEN Relationships, Finances, and Pornography. These are the three big issues men face in American culture. *4BetterOR4Worse Ministry* is holding an Open House so the public can know how they support and encourage married men with these issues. St. Mark Lutheran Church will host this event from 7:00-8:30pm this Thursday, January 26th. Bring the family for a snack and meet the people involved in this faith-based ministry.

St. Mark Received \$3,955.55 from CEF The Church Extension Fund (CEF) of the Michigan district has been blessed with another year of healthy growth and has sent St. Mark congregation a check for this shared blessing, just one of the ways CEF partners with individuals and ministries throughout Michigan to help carry out the Great Commission. If you have any questions about the ministry of CEF, please contact St. Mark volunteer representative to CEF, Fred Fish (616-878-0866).

Church Extension Fund is not a credit union or bank, but a non-profit corporation of our Michigan District of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, designed to allow you to see your savings dollars build and expand the mission and ministry of sister congregations, including St. Mark. If you didn't know, then consider how God's abundance to you can be invested in Church Extension and used for the blessings of many. You can visit CEF online at www.mi-cef.org, call 800-242-3944 or call St. Mark volunteer representative to CEF, Fred Fish (616-878-0866).

DMA (Don't Mention Age Senior Adult Ministry)

Cupid says,



Valentines are red, Roses are too.
Come to DMA for a fun thing to do!

Wednesday, February 8, 1pm in East Chapel Hall We're having a Pot Luck with good food & good friends & tasty desserts! Beverages provided. And lucky us, we'll have Chris Rubino lead us in Bible study. Any questions, please call Hanne Mussehl (975.9931) or Holly Weih (455.7877).

"SUCCESS IN HIGH SCHOOL and BEYOND"

These informational meetings, for all 7th & 8th grade students and their parents, will allow families to take a look at high school courses, activities, and expectations.

Guidance and suggestions will be available from the faculty and staff of West Michigan Lutheran High, though your attendance does not depend on enrolling at Lutheran High.

This will be an excellent opportunity to begin a dialogue with your child regarding their aspirations for education and personal development in high school and college.

Locations & Dates of Meetings:

Immanuel/St. James Lutheran Church & School
—Thursday, February 16, 7pm—

St. Mark Lutheran Church & School
—Tuesday, February 21, 6:30pm—

Celebration of Birthdays This Week

God's richest in blessings are extended to.....

1/22 Sr. Molero, Spanish teacher	1/26 Will, Young 5s Gert Lake
1/23 Delores Larson	1/27 Josh Hoch
1/24 Barbara Crumpton Jon Henke Elaine Ike Jackie Koehler PTL Treasurer	Jennifer Krueger Jacquelyn Salzwedel
1/25 Sara Wildes	1/29 Sara Hoch Dan Hopkins Donald Ivers IV Aaron Sauer



"Fruit of the Spirit" Verse of the Month

"Be kind and compassionate to one another,
forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you."

Ephesians 4:32

Women's Ministry News

Chick Flick This Friday, 7:00pm in The Pit Stop
Enjoy pop, popcorn and "Gifted Hands", about a renowned brain surgeon, and a Scripture based discussion. Your friends are invited to attend.

This Wednesday @ 6:30pm, be here to help finish cutting and sewing pillow-cases into "Little Dresses", to be sent with the Haiti Mission Team leaving this coming weekend.

Weekly Statistics

Attendance on January 15th:
8:30am: 111 11:00am: 196

Tithes & Offerings on January 15th:
General Fund- \$ 10,134
Living Stones- \$ 1,820

Nursery News

Serving Next Sunday in the Nursery:

8:30 - Connie Mahon & Taylor Shumate

11:00 Renee Ambriz & Sarah Galloway

Haiti Mission Trip News

Haiti Mission Team Thanks You for Your Support The Team leaves Thursday evening for Detroit from where they'll depart for Haiti on Friday! The Team wishes to thank the St. Mark congregation for all their prayers and support. They also thank all of the ministries at St. Mark who have volunteered their time and talents to help fund the trip. The recent "Stock Sale" was a success — over \$1,300 of stock was sold to fund expenses. Thrivent Financial for Lutherans® is matching funds from the Stock Sale. THANKS, Thrivent and THANKS, shareholders! Shareholders are invited to a special dinner and a presentation on Sunday, March 4.

Prayer Bracelets The WKSJ students made Prayer Bracelets to sell in support of the Mission Team. Different colored beads on each bracelet represent each Mission Team member, reminding friends, family, and congregation members to pray specifically for each person before, during, and after the trip. The bracelet sale concludes today. Please buy one!

West Michigan Lutheran High School News

Dedicated to Christian Scholarship & Service

To Enroll at West Michigan Lutheran High School, please call 455-2200 or go to our website: www.wmlhs.org.

Sports Center Café Fundraiser Monday, January 30th from 5:00pm - close at the *Sport Center Café*. They will donate 20% of your bill to the WMLHS Booster. *Sports Center Café* is at 3957 56th Street ST, Grandville, MI.

WMLHS Games this Week:

Friday, January 27th JV Men, 4:30pm @ Holland Calvary; Men, 6:30pm @ Holland Calvary; Women, 8:00pm @ Holland Calvary

Saturday, January 28th JV Men, 2:00pm @ Covert; Men, 3:30pm @ Covert

Basketball Association Night for St. Mark on February 7 During January & February, family members of local Lutheran churches are invited to attend our basketball games for FREE. The Mustang teams play home games at the Grand Valley Armory (Clyde Park & 44th St.). Game times are: 4:30 for JV Men; 6:00 for Women's Varsity; and 7:30 for Men's Varsity. Families are asked to sign in at the door for free admission. Concessions will be open for delicious food and beverages.

Upcoming Events:

Next Boosters' Meeting: Monday, February 6

Celebrate Lutheran High School: Friday, March 23 Save the date for our annual dinner and fundraiser!

Mustang Golf Outing: Sunday, June 3

Weather Cancellations

St. Mark Lutheran Church does not generally cancel regularly scheduled worship services, since conditions can vary greatly from one area to another where our members live.

We encourage members to stay home if it's threatening in their area. Other Church and School events may be cancelled due to bad weather and will be listed on local TV stations and on our website: www.stmarkkentwood.org.

52nd Street Ministries Children & Youth

News for All Grades:



CAN Sunday was January 8th, but if you forgot to bring in your offering can, please bring it in anyway. Our offerings this month will benefit the Haiti Mission Team 2012. Since the Team is leaving the end of this week, we would like to have all offerings in by this Tuesday.

St. Mark Children's Ministry



Learning Hour is at 9:45am today and every Sunday morning in the 52nd Street Ministries wing (upper level).

WKSJ (Where Kids Serve Jesus) is Wednesday nights at 6:30pm. Recently, our "Kids" made Prayer Bracelets for the Haiti Mission Team. Each bead represents a Team member to pray for. It's so important that we remember to pray for these Team members, as they travel and minister to the people of Haiti.



"Crosswalk" Preteen Ministry

Sunday Mornings (9:45-10:45am) Crosswalk meets in The Pit Stop with the SRTM students for worship, fun, & announcements. They then go to their own room for Bible study. Classes continue to be held in the Pit Stop.

Wednesday Nights (6:30-8:00pm) Crosswalk meets in The Pit Stop with the 7th & 8th graders for worship, contests, games & announcements. They then go to their own youth room for snacks, Bible study, & recreation in the Gym. The 2nd Wednesday of each month they start in Chapel Hall and play Bingo with our Bethesda resident friends.

"SRTM" St. Mark Youth Ministry (Grades 7-12)



For more information on Crosswalk & SRTM events, check out the info table & bulletin board outside The Pit Stop (in "52nd Street Ministry" wing).

EVENTS in JANUARY

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| TODAY, January 22 | Crosswalk/FUEL @ 9:45am
"Girls4God" Mall Scavenger Hunt; meet at church at 12:30pm |
| Wednesday, January 25 | Supper Club, 5:45pm
Crosswalk/Jr. High Full Throttle, 6:30pm |
| Saturday, January 28 | Confirmation SHAPE Retreat, 9am-4:30pm (parents come for last 30 minutes) @ The Pit Stop |
| Sunday, January 29 | 1st Communion for students, 11am worship |
| Saturday, February 11 | "Girls4God" Mother & Daughter Retreat, 5-8pm Come for an evening of appetizers, desserts, a fashion show, a skin care presentation, an art project, and all things girly! |

DODGEBALL TOURNAMENT - Sunday, March 18th (note the new date) - Hosted by "Flame Proof" Ministry. **HELP!** We're in need of adults & students who want to help organize the event: People to plan and organize a format for tournament play, people to handle food service, and people for advertising, etc. If you'd like to help, please let me know. We'd like to get publicity out SOON! Please contact Tom Chester, youth guy @ 455.5320 ext.206.