

WELCOME! WE ARE HAPPY YOU ARE HERE!

Please know that St. Mary's Lutheran Church celebrates Holy Communion for ALL! This is Christ's table and His invitation. You do not need to be a Lutheran, or a member of our church to participate. Also, if you wish to come up for only a blessing, please tell us when you approach, and we will bless you! If you are unable to come up for communion, tell the usher that you would like to receive communion at your seat, and someone will bring it to you. All are Welcome! We hope you feel welcome here and throughout the worship services this weekend!

IN-PERSON WORSHIP ATTENDANCE: Thanksgiving Eve: 94 Advent 1 11/26 & 27: 120



Advent Organ Recital— Friday, December 9th at 11:30am—St. Mary's Lutheran Church Kenosha organist Brian Schoettler presents a series

GIFT TAGS MUST BE ON THE GIFTS! Thank you to everyone who participated this year.



ST. MARY'S IS A RECONCILING IN CHRIST CHURCH , 2018 St. Mary's Lutheran Church is a Reconciling in Christ congregation. We welcome into our full life and ministry people of any sexual orientation, gender identity, age, occupation, ability, nationality and race.

CAROLE SCOTESE WILL BE MAKING AN ANNOUNCEMENT THIS WEEKEND ABOUT SUPPER CLUBS! SUPPER CLUBS ARE BACK FOR 2023 – SIGN UP TODAY!

All are welcome to sign-up for either the <u>Home</u>, which takes turns hosting a group for a meal (potluck) in their homes or <u>Restaurant</u>, which selects a restaurant and goes out to eat together. Either way Supper Clubs are a fun way to get to know NEW people on a personal and more relaxed basis, one meal at a time. You may sign up as a couple, single or two friends and will be <u>randomly placed</u> with others that you may not know. Each club will be made up of 6 or 7 people and you will remain with the same group for a year meeting as often as you like. If you cannot commit to a year, sign up as a substitute and join a group for a one-time meal. Look for <u>Carole Scotese</u> in fellowship hall (wearing the 'Ask me about Supper Clubs' nametag) TODAY thru Dec 11, 2022.

Sunday School meets during worship! Come up for Kids Connection— This Sunday is Sunday School serving at The Shalom Center at 4:15pm! Plus...

<u>Something to think about...</u> "Wolf and sheep sleeping together? Sounds like a rarity among a polarized world. How many of us are



polarized in unhealthy ways? What is one thing you could do each day to bridge the divide? Do it! Jesus' birth is the perfect time for peace!"



POINSETTIA & CHRISTMAS MEMORIALS—ABSOLUTE DEADLINE IS 12/4/22!

6-1/2" potted red poinsettia plant with gold foil & red ribbon for \$12.00. Forms in the east Narthex. Fill out today! Cash/check payable to "St. Mary's Lutheran Church (memo: poinsettia)" or bring a monetary donation that will support the ELCA Outreach Center made out to "ELCA Outreach". Last Day to Order is Sunday, December 4th!

ANNUAL YOUTH RUMMAGE SALE 2023

Drop Off—December 31st & January 2nd SALE DAYS—January 7th & January 8th



Treasurer's Report

October					
Income Actual	\$47,038.91				
Expenses Actual	\$37,296.54				
Profit/Loss	+\$10,296.69				
Fiscal Year-to-date 22/23					
Income Actual	\$171,495.19				
Expenses Actual	\$157,631.14				
Profit/Loss	+\$15,652.99				

*The current Year-to-date percentage of electronic giving to total offerings given is 28%.



Thank you to Christine and many busy decorators for the Greening and beautification of our church for Advent & Christmas! Thanks to Ralph Tollas for donating and hanging up the large real Christmas wreath again this year!

Thank you to Steve Hartfield and Bob VanBendegom for loading and unloading the collection of food bags from our Thanksgiving Eve service! The Shalom Center food bank received 915 pounds of food from you St. Mary's Saints! ********

Advent Book Study "Holy Disruption" happens Sunday at 10:15am in the Lounge.

December Council Connection is Christine

Johnson. Please contact her with any questions, thoughts, or suggestions email <u>chris.johnson1800@gmail.com</u> or (262)818-8879

SUNDAY 4th	MONDAY 5th	TUESDAY 6th	WEDNESDAY 7th	THURSDAY 8th	FRIDAY 9th	SATURDAY 10th
9:00am Worship Advent 2 Traditional/ Special Musical Offerings 9:00am Sunday School meets during worship until 10:15am 10:15am Coffee Kringle Mingle 10:15am ADVENT Book Study (Lounge) 4:15pm SS at The Shalom Center Soup Kitchen 6:00pm Southport 12x12	9:00am Quilters' (gym) 9:00am-3:00pm Office Open 6:00pm FISH (YR) 6:00pm Property Mtg. (1W) 6:30pm #533 BSA Scouts (D) 7:00pm Fusion Youth Group (YR)	8:00am Women's Prayer Breakfast (Hillcrest) 9:00am KAC Sprouts Playgroup (Nursery) 9:00am-3:00pm Office Open 5:30pm Contemporary Reh. (S) 6:00pm IT Tech Committee (Lo) 6:30pm BSA 533 Troop (D) 8:00pm BSA 533 Mtg. (D)	7:00am Men's Prayer Breakfast (Marina Garden) Noon-6:00pm Office Open 7:00pm Adult Choir Practice (S)	9:00am-3:00pm Office Open 6:30pm Arrow of Light BSA #533 (D)	9:00am-12:00pm Office Open 10:00am Merry Mahjonggers (Li) 11:30am Advent Organ Recital— Brian Schoettler (S) Light Soup Lunch immediately following in FH 5:30-7:00pm Kenosha Saints BBall (Gym) 7:00-8:30pm Boys/Girls Club Mavericks BBall (Gym)	3:30pm Resettlement Team (1W) 5:00pm Holden Evening Prayer Worship in Sanctuary 6:00pm Coffee Kringle Mingle