

Consistory Meeting November 12th, 7 pm.

Ham Supper- November 14th.

Community Thanksgiving Eve Service, November 25th, 7 p.m. at St. Mark's Lutheran Church. Come for a time of worship and thanksgiving together that includes ecumenical choir and a offering given for the local food pantries.

On Monday **November 23rd** 6 p.m. **the Ridder Team** will share and dialogue about what they have discovered our current reality is as a church and mission. This one step in the process that they have been engaging in to discerning where God is leading us. More information will be shared during Sunday worship before then. Coffee and dessert will be provided.

Join us on **November 28** at 4:00 p.m. to decorate the the sanctuary for Advent. There will be a craft activity and we'll enjoy a dish-to-pass supper together. And then on January 9th at 9:00 we will eat breakfast and pack it all up.

and Advent begins November 29th.

facebook: we are reviving the church-directory-on-a-bulletin-board. We can take your picture or you can provide a photo. But there will be a twist (disclosed later) There is still time to fill out an orange information sheet and get your picture.

Nursery: has a new format. The helpers will read a story and facilitate an activity. If you would like to help attend the nursery, sign up in the foyer. The story and activity will be set up for you- all you have to do is read and help the kids!
Children are encouraged to stay in the service. To help them, there are activity bags in the back. If a small child or infant needs another space, the nursery is available.

Bible Study Thursday: 3:30-4:30 p.m. at Marian Lynes' house, studying the book of Romans. See Pastor Jeff for a study guide.

Food Pantry

There are still openings in the food pantry schedule for new volunteers. The food pantry is open on Wednesdays from 4 to 6 and on Saturdays from 9 to 11. Please see Russ if you are ready to fill a volunteer slot!

Food needed in November: crackers, cereal, rice mixes

Hit the Mark

We are continuing the sermon series this Fall in the gospel of Mark asking the question: *who is Jesus?* Your challenge is to read Mark, preferably straight through. It's 16 chapters and it might take about an hour. Each time you read it place a dot on the target in the foyer. Take and read and see God in action.

Operation Christmas Child

Pre-Packing Party: Thanks to your generosity, we are almost ready for our biggest packing party yet! Those who are free during the day are invited to meet in the fellowship hall on **Friday, Nov. 6 beginning at 9:00**. We have 285 shoeboxes to assemble. Please come for as long as your schedule permits.

Packing Party: Following the worship service on Nov. 8, we will enjoy lunch together. (There is a sheet in the foyer to sign up to provide food, if you wish to do so.) After the meal, we will pack the shoeboxes.

Shoebox Dedication Sunday: We will ask God to bless our gifts and the children who will receive them.

Like cold water to a thirsty soul, so is good news from a far country. Proverbs 25:25

- volunteer to serve at the OCC relay center

Thank you for your continued support of this ministry to children who have been impacted by war, disease, poverty, or natural disaster. Operation Christmas Child reaches into the darkest corners of the world. You make that possible by generously sharing your personal resources, talents, and time.

He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.
Philippians 1:6