



Mark Times Christmas Eve 2023



Tomorrow 12/25: 10:00AM Christmas Eve Divine Liturgy *with St. George's*

Sunday 12/31: 10:00AM 1st Sunday of Christmas Liturgy of Lessons & Carols *w/St. George's*

Presiding Bishop Eaton's Christmas Message

In the Gospel according to Luke we hear the angels say to the shepherds, "Glory to God in the highest heaven and peace to God's people on Earth."

At this time of the year, perhaps our longing for peace is even more acute. We know the world isn't right. Nevertheless, we wait for and trust in Jesus, the Prince of Peace.

The angels proclaimed, "Peace on Earth. Good tidings we bring." We pray for peace in our world and in our communities. Every week we take time during worship to greet one another with the message of peace. We reach out, grasping hands across pews, across the aisle. Some may walk to other areas of the sanctuary to give a message of peace to a neighbor or a visitor. "The peace of Christ be with you." "And also with you." We share the peace - the love of God - and as we do, we know that God has reached from heaven to earth and, in the Prince of Peace, is sharing God's peace with us.

In this season and all year round, may the peace of Christ be with you.

The Rev. Elizabeth A. Eaton, Presiding Bishop



St. Mark T-Shirts

Inspired by imagery from the popular *Indiana Jones* film series, the winning design from our t-shirt contest is ready to order!

Adult shirts sizes S-XL are \$19.50 including tax 2XL, 3XL,4XL & 5XL are \$22.75 including tax. *Payment is required when the order is placed.*



Orders **must** be placed through **Rich's Stiches**

<http://www.richsstichesemb.com>. When the webpage opens, scroll down to **Online Stores**, then scroll down and click on St. Mark Lutheran Church. **The ordering window will remain open until January 31, 2024.**

For those who are not computer oriented, you may contact Sherri Foppe at 618 791-6148 with your order and payment information.



Living Lutheran Magazine

If you haven't done so, please pick up the latest Living Lutheran (formerly *The Lutheran*) magazine from the St. Mark table in the Narthex. The current November/December issue is the last printed magazine that they will produce, so please take advantage of it. The magazine will continue, but in an online-only format.

SHARE THE WARMTH Project

Inspired by Phillip's Wish in the movie *5000 Blankets*, our collection of **GENTLY USED or new blankets, hats, mittens, gloves, scarfs** for the homeless in our community will run thru January 31.

We are so excited to already be close to our 125-blanket goal!

Donations have been distributed to: St. George/St. Mark Food Pantry; Union United Methodist Church homeless program; Belleville Christian Center; Moms on a Mission in Dupo; Violence Prevention Center of Southwestern Illinois

Check your closets to see how many blankets you have that will help keep our homeless a little warmer this winter! A collection can is in the Narthex. Donations can also be dropped off at the church office during operating hours (9a-3p, Monday-Friday)



Christmas Flowers

<i>Given By</i>	<i>In Memory of or In Thanksgiving For</i>	<i>Given By</i>	<i>In Memory Of or In Thanksgiving For</i>
Mike & Randi Cardoza	Nora Cardoza, Miguel Cardoza, Sr., Andre Davis	Jim and June Isselhardt	David R. Wilkey, Jim Wilkey, and Paul & Millie Witbart
Lorraine Crannage	Dan Crannage	Ann & Greg Martens	Wil & Jean Martens
Jan & Frank Dressel	Larry & Pat Likness, Erwin & Frieda Dressel	Dwight & Linda Ness	Richard & Verona Ness, Les & Eunice Wassberg, Brenda Wassberg
Will and Karen Eggemeyer	John and Clara Eggemeyer, and Edwin and Myrle Welta	Patricia Robison & Pr. Brian Robison	Casimir & Dolly Orzel
Kathy Evans	Wil and Jean Martens	Mark Sidney	
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