

MARK TIMES

NEWS and NOTES for November 16, 2025

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| Sunday, Nov. 16: | 4:00PM | Wally Kleist funeral (Visitation 2:30-4p) – at St. Mark |
| Tuesday, Nov. 17: | 2:30PM | Fiber Arts at Westfield Manor |
| Thursday, Nov. 20: | 4:00PM | Men's Chorus |
| | 4:30PM | Chancel choir |
| | 6:00PM | Bell Choir |
| | 6:00PM | Yoga – Parish Hall |
| Friday, November 14: | | Annual reports due |
| Saturday, Nov. 22: | 1:30PM | Scouting for Food drive |

Let's Have a PUMPKIN PALOOZA!

TODAY Sunday, November 16, our eagerly anticipated **pumpkin bake sale** between and after all three services is back, with proceeds to **benefit our combined Food Pantry**. Bake, shop, and join the fun!



Adult Forum: Radon Safety

Did you know that the colorless, odorless gas **RADON** is the **SECOND-leading cause** of **lung cancer??** And yet it remains a problem that is easy to dismiss as irrelevant – until it's too late. In this morning's Adult Forum, **Dan Schnitzius** gives an overview of radon and the threat it poses, and actions to be considered before you become an unwitting victim.



Boy Scout Food Drive 11/22

This year's Boy Scout Food Drive is on **Saturday, November 22**. We need **volunteers** to help **sort food** in the **Parish Hall** for a couple of hours starting at about **1:30PM**.

“Angel Tree” Project with Lutheran Child and Family Services (LCFS)

St. Mark and St. George's are again participating in the Angel Tree Project Christmas Drive through LCFS. The project provides Christmas gifts to especially needy families in our area. *Children's names/wish lists with Information/Instructions and gift tags attached are in the narthex.*



Remember, you are not asked to provide everything on the child's wish list—a **\$60 limit per child** is recommended. However, we realize that may not be possible for many so please consider asking other members, family members or neighbors to share the joy of Christmas with you!

Please attach the child's name/wish sheet to the UNWRAPPED gift to be returned by Sunday, December 7, and earlier if possible. Gift wrap and/or gift bags may also be donated.

Please contact Sherri Foppe 618-791-6148 cookinsherri2@gmail.com or Ann Martens 618-530-8679 if you have any questions. Monetary gifts will be accepted for those who prefer not to shop, and may be given to Ann or Sherri. Donations for gifts may also be given online at <https://shorturl.at/usHZG>



Advent Evening Prayer Service & Soup Suppers return **Wednesday, December 3**. Plan to come enjoy a hot meal of soup and salad at 6:00PM in the Parish Hall before joining us in the church for Holden Evening Prayer. **Get a group together and host one of the soup suppers!** A sign-up sheet is in the Parish Hall near the coffee stand.

Proclaim Christ's birth with flowers!

Anyone wishing to donate should watch for a special envelope in the pews, fill out the front portion and return it, with a check/cash, to the offering plate or the office by 12/18 with "Christmas Flowers" in the memo line. *Online donations may be made through VANCO at <https://shorturl.at/ar1Ss>. All dedications will be published in the Christmas bulletin.



Meals on Wheels Needs Help!



The Meals-On-Wheels services provided out of our Parish Hall need more volunteers, particularly on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Please see Frank Dressel or David Buckley about serving those for whom this food may be the only substantial meal of the day.

Franklin School Lunch Packing

We pack 20 bag lunches for needy students at Franklin school for all long weekends, and we welcome volunteers! Packing requires about an hour on the day before most holiday weekends. See Peggy Andersen (618-791-0992) to sign up or for questions. Your support is so much appreciated!

Christmas Caroling on December 7

On **Sunday, December 7**, you're invited to join a group of us to sing Christmas carols to the residents of two local long-term care facilities, including some of our own church members. We will meet at **1:50PM** at **EverVella** Care Center (formerly Mercy, formerly Rosewood) in Swansea for our first stop. **All ages are welcome!**



Advent Lessons & Carols

Please join us **Sunday, December 14** at **5:00PM** for our annual service of Advent Lessons & Carols with St. George's. This traditional service is a wonderful way to celebrate the season, with beautiful hymns and scripture passages to guide and focus us in our time of preparation for Christmas and the Lord's return. The service is especially appropriate for inviting friends and family, particularly those who might be searching for "something more" this holiday. A wine and cheese reception will follow.

Offerings (11/9): General Fund: \$5,327; Food Pantry: \$25; John Andersen Memorials: \$50; Coffee Fund: \$109

