



ReMARKS, *January 2022*

Christus Mansionem Benedictat

May Christ bless this house

20 + C M B + 22



On January 6, the Church celebrates the Epiphany of Our Lord and enters into a new season of the Church year. On this day, we recall the magi who followed a star to the Christ child, bringing gifts and worshipping the Lord of Lords. During this season, we recall the Light of the World coming to all corners of the earth. As we begin a new year, we continue to give thanks for God's gift of a Savior, who came to cast out all sin and make all things new.

There is a centuries-old tradition of "Chalking the Door" on the day of Epiphany. Throughout many denominations, this practice has served as an opportunity to bless a home for the year to come with a chalk inscription on the door as a reminder of God's presence. The inscription includes the year, crosses, three initials, "C, M, and B." . The letters have a double meaning. Caspar, Melchior, and Balthasar are the names commonly given to the magi that visited the Holy Family. "C M B" is also an abbreviation for the Latin phrase "Christus Mansionem Benedictat" which means "May Christ bless this house."

I have chalked the door of my home for the past few years. Each time, I enjoy the prayers for God's presence and blessing on the space in which I dwell, as well as for the year to come. But I've found the chalk becomes more and more meaningful with each passing day of the year. The chalk is present when I walk in the door after a long, exhausting day. The chalk is present when I welcome friends and family into my home. The chalk is present in my daily coming and going; rejoicing or mourning; working or resting. And so is God. It serves as a reminder of God's never ending, always present, ever growing love for me and all creation.

As we begin this new year and new season of the Church year, I encourage you to pick up a Chalking the Door kit at St. Mark's, available on January 9th. Inside you will find a piece of chalk and a blessing that you can read as you chalk the door of your home. As you begin this new year, may you be filled with hope and the knowledge of God's love and grace for you, now and always.

Deacon Katie

St. Mark's Faith Formation and Fellowship

For Questions regarding Faith Formation or Discipleship, Contact Deacon Katie

Landmarks

January 9th from 9:45am-10:45am

New to St. Mark's? Want to get to know the people here? Interested in getting involved with what God is doing in this place? LandMARKS is a monthly meeting with Pastor Matt and/or Deacon Katie that helps visitors and new members learn about the ministries of St. Mark's, get to know the staff and members, and ask questions about our community. *Meet us at the bottom of the main staircase at 9:45am to join!*



Adult Faith Formation—Worship Words

January 9, 16, 23, and 30, 2022 from 9:45am-10:45am

Even if you've been coming to church since before you can remember, the terms that Christians use can seem like a foreign language (hint: sometimes they are). Beginning January 9, 2022, join Cantor David for a four-week exploration of the weird and wonderful words associated with the church. Whether you already know your Mag from your Nunc, or couldn't pick out a ciborium in a sea of chalices, everyone is guaranteed to (probably) learn something new! This class will meet in the sanctuary and via Zoom.



New Member Sunday

Sunday, January 16th

New Members Are Joining

Join us in welcoming new members of St. Mark's on Sunday, January 16th. If you are interested in becoming a new member at St. Mark's contact Deacon Katie or Pastor Matt for more information. You can also attend our upcoming LandMARKS class to learn more about the ministries of St. Mark's.

Service of Healing with Communion

Third Wednesday of each month, January 19th @ 12pm

On the third Wednesday of each month, St. Mark's holds a Service of Healing with Communion and anointing. Please join us for this service of prayer. This service is also streamed on our Facebook page for those unable to attend in person. Please note that we are no longer sharing a meal after the service due to Covid restrictions.

Council Corner



Council Notes

Greetings from the St Mark's Congregation Council!

Here are some highlights from our December 2021 Zoom meeting:

- In-person worship is growing, but online streaming remains important.
- Traditional Christmas Eve worship services will take place at 4:00, 7:00, and 10:00.
- Motion passed: Pastor Matt moves that we move the Facilities Manager to a salaried position, assuming the same hourly rates already budgeted for 38 hours/week.
- In January, WNC Baptist has been asked by UNCA and the Baptist Ministers Association to revamp their after school tutoring/mentor programs in WNC's building. The furnace needs to be replaced at a cost of \$14,000. Motion passed: Racial Healing Team moves to go over budget by \$3000 to support WNCBF furnace replacement.
- Thanks to outgoing Council members Bonnie Richards, Pat Patton, Cat Slater, Randy Warren and Doss Cord! You will be missed.

Thanks for giving us the opportunity to serve.

Amy Zellers, Council President

Christian Action Team (CAT)



Noisy Buckets Collection

Sunday, January 30th

On the night of Dec. 10 and early morning of Dec. 11, an outbreak of at least 30 tornadoes swept through six states. So far, 94 people are reported dead across five states, more than 80 of those in Kentucky. For those unaccounted for, search-and-rescue operations are underway. Homes and businesses were destroyed, and over 300,000 people were without electricity.

Lutheran Disaster Response is collaborating with the Indiana-Kentucky Synod and other partners in the area to assess the damage and develop an immediate and a long-term response plan. Your gifts to support these response efforts will empower our partners to meet survivors' immediate and long-term needs. Given the extent of the damage, recovery will take years as thousands of homes will need to be rebuilt or repaired. With your support, Lutheran Disaster Response can accompany survivors on the long road to recovery.

Your gifts to "U.S. Tornadoes" will be used in full (100%) to help people impacted by the tornadoes until the response is complete.

ABCCM Crisis Ministry

Faith Active in Love

ABCCM Downtown Crisis Ministry: 24 Cumberland Ave. Asheville. 28801

A few miles from St. Mark's every week day our brothers and sisters come to the ABCCM Crisis Ministry seeking help. They are not all homeless, but they all need help. They all need God's love. Below are just a few things that our volunteers have heard during their time working with the Crisis Ministry:

- * "My shoes were stolen while I was sleeping."
- * "Our electricity is about to be cut off and I don't get paid for two weeks."
- * "My daughter is in jail so I am taking care of her four children and they are growing out of their clothes."
- * "I am on my way to my brother's funeral in Tennessee and I don't have enough gas to get there."
- * "My boyfriend left last night with my wallet. How can I get help without an ID?"
- * "My dog is my best friend....can I get some food for him?"
- * "My grandma desperately needs some adult diapers."
- * "There is a restaurant job I can get if I have clean clothes."

Volunteers are urgently needed in many capacities for four-hour shifts between the hours of 8:30am-4:30pm. Clients are not in the building and counselors are working by phone. Food and clothing is delivered to the parking lot and masks are required.

Contact the Crisis Ministry Director, Mary, for more information
(p)828.398.6805 (e) mary.messarra@abccm.org.

ABCCM Volunteer Needed



We are also in need of someone to make weekly runs to ABCCM. This would mean that each week you would check the donation bins downstairs and bring anything in them to the ABCCM Crisis Ministry on Cumberland Avenue in Montford (10 Minutes from church). While you are there, you would "shop" in their pantry for sandwich supplies which you would then drop off in the church kitchen. This can be done any day of the week!

Becky Sachsenmaier has been filling this role but will be traveling for a few months and needs someone to help while she is away. If you are interested, please reach out to Becky at 828.333.1539.

Racial Healing Team



Native Reads

Need a good book? Or maybe a gift for your favorite reader? Native Reads exclusively sells books by and about the Indigenous peoples of Turtle Island. The online bookshop aims to expose readers to the wide range of works written by Native authors and to promote sound education about Indigenous communities and tribal nations. Native Reads is constantly curating material for an ever-expanding book list. Visit often and share your finds with family and friends.

41st Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Commemoration

Online Event

Please join the Racial Healing Team for the **41st Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Commemoration** ~ this is a virtual event that is free to the public, but donations to Asheville's MLK Association are encouraged.

“GIVE US THE BALLOT BOX, THE URGENCY OF NOW!”

SATURDAY, JANUARY 15, 2022

The Martin Luther King, Jr. Association of Asheville & Buncombe County, Inc., a 501 (c)(3) entity, is currently planning for our annual MLK, Jr. Celebration events. The speaker for the Prayer Breakfast will be Marcia Johnson-Blanco, co-director of the Lawyers' Committee's Voting Rights Project.

More information coming soon. Please go to <http://mlkasheville.org/>



Tayse of Di Islands LLC

Millicent and Daulton are the founders of **Tayse of Di Islands LLC**, Millicent is a Jamaican native that moved to the mountains of WNC in 2007, Daulton was born and raised in Hilton Head Island, SC and met Millicent 4 years ago, after moving to the City of Asheville. Their love was quickly fueled by their passion for cooking, particularly delicious authentic island fare. *How did it get started??* Unable to find an example of their beloved cuisine in Asheville, Millicent and Daulton began to explore ways so they could cater to those who desired fresh high-quality, authentic island fare. Brought together by their passion for cooking, Tayse of Di Islands LLC was born. Millicent and Daulton are so excited to share their family food traditions with you and everyone in the community!

Contact Tayse of Di Islands LLC on Facebook, by phone, or email for your next catering event. You will not be disappointed!

News and Updates

2022 Directory Updates Needed

If you have moved or changed any contact information from what has been published in the 2021 directory, please email Danielle the new information at admin@stmarkslutheran.net so that she can make sure to update your household and individual information. If you are new to St. Mark's your contact information will be added into the 2022 Church Directory.

Lutheran Men in Mission

January 8th @ 8am

The Happy Hill restaurant has closed. LMM is working on finding a new location to meet on the second Saturday of each month. For now, the monthly meeting will meet in the fellowship of St. Mark's. If you have questions, or ideas of a new location, contact Chuck Kopp at 828-595-7606

2022 Altar Flower Sign Up

The 2022 Sanctuary Flower Sign Up Sheet is available. Please visit the Sign-Up-Central Board if you would like to donate flowers for a Sunday in 2022. The price will remain \$35 per arrangement.

If you have extra vases that you could donate to the Altar Guild, the church office would be happy to take them off of your hands.

Living Lutheran Magazine

If you signed up to receive a copy of Living Lutheran through Dan Dudde at the discounted, group rate, please turn \$10 into the church office to fulfill your order. Once the funds have been collected, the orders will be placed so that you can begin receiving the 2022 issues of Living Lutheran.

Thank you to everyone who made our Christmas Eve services possible! Ushers, greeters, assisting ministers, communion assistants, acolytes, crucifers, altar guild, choirs, lay readers, bell ringers, and everyone who carries out their work cheerfully in public or behind the scenes — we couldn't do it without you!



St. Mark's staff is extremely grateful for our Staff Gifts as well. We can not thank you enough for your kindness and generosity.

-Pastor Matt, Deacon Katie, Cantor David, Pastor Linda, Steve, and Danielle

Stewardship

Financial Report

Below you will find November's financial report for both the Operating Fund and the Building Fund. Thank you for your continued contributions.

Financial Report Operating Fund

subject to change from treasurer's report

Income budgeted

<u>November</u>	<u>YTD</u>
\$38,913	\$428,043

Gifts received

<u>November</u>	<u>YTD</u>
\$39,338	\$464,460

Expenditures

<u>November</u>	<u>YTD</u>
\$46,614	\$422,681

Surplus/(Deficit)

<u>November</u>	<u>YTD</u>
\$(7,276.32)	\$41,779

Financial Report Building Fund

subject to change from treasurer's report

Income budgeted

<u>November</u>	<u>YTD</u>
\$4,667	\$51,337

Gifts received against Pledges

<u>November</u>	<u>YTD</u>
\$2,911	\$39,313

Loan Payments

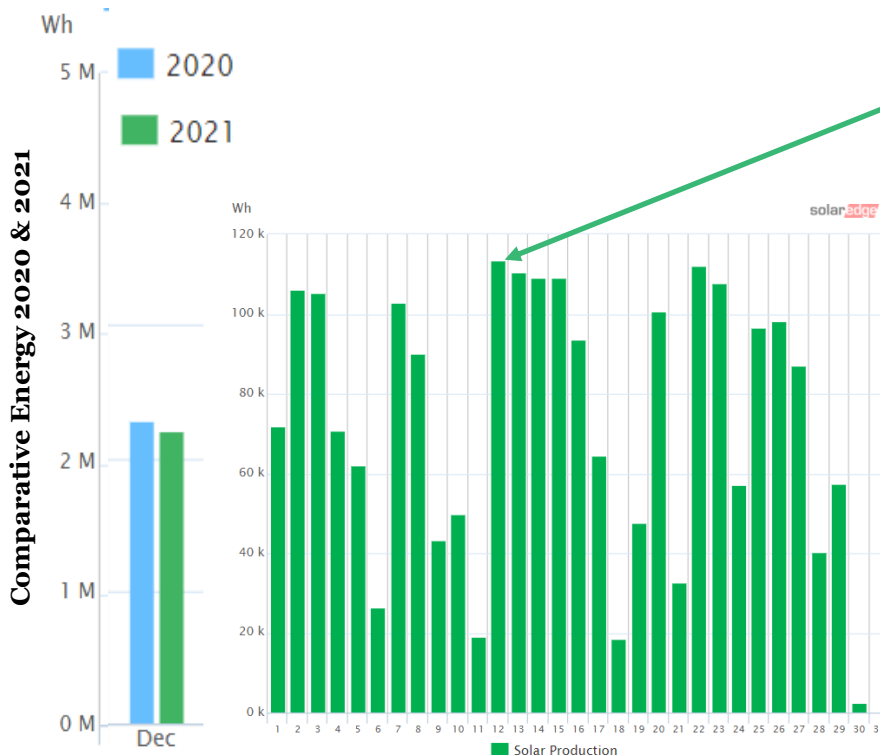
<u>November</u>	<u>YTD</u>
\$5,351	\$58,861

Surplus/(Deficit)

<u>November</u>	<u>YTD</u>
\$(2,440)	\$(19,548)

Caring for God's Creation

December Solar Report



December 12th was the top producing day this month @113.364 kWh

Environmental Benefits
From Install date of July 2020

Environmental Benefits



CO2 Emission Saved
93,511.56 lb



Equivalent Trees Planted
706.56

Sunday Calendar

January 2nd - The Second Sunday of Christmas

Scripture Readings:

Jeremiah 31:7-14; Psalm 147:12-20
Ephesians 1:3-14; John 1:10-18

8:30am.....Worship
9:45am.....Faith Formation—CANCELLED
11:00am.....Worship

January 9th - The Baptism of Our Lord

Scripture Readings:

Isaiah 43:1-7; Psalm 29
Acts 8:14-17; Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

8:30am.....Worship
9:45am.....Faith Formation
9:45am.....LandMARKS
11:00am.....Worship
12:15pm.....Youth Group

January 16th - The Second Sunday after Epiphany & New Member Sunday

Scripture Readings:

Isaiah 62:1-5; Psalm 36:5-10
1 Corinthians 12:1-11; John 2:1-11

8:30am.....Worship
9:45am.....Faith Formation
11:00am.....Worship

January 23rd - The Third Sunday after Epiphany

Scripture Readings:

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10; Psalm 19
1 Corinthians 12:12-31a; Luke 4:14-21

8:30am.....Worship
9:45am.....Faith Formation
11:00am.....Worship
12:15pm.....Youth Group

January 30th- The Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

Scripture Readings:

Jeremiah 1:4-10; Psalm 71:1-6
1 Corinthians 13:1-13; Luke 4:21-30

8:30am.....Worship
9:45am.....Faith Formation
11:00am.....Worship

Birthdays

Jan 1 - Nance Heather

Jaya Penland

Jan 2 - Natalie Haynes

Stella Pagan

Jan 4 - Gail McWithey

Jan 7 - Ronnie Shoe

Jan 10 - Trey Doss

Jan 11 - Scott Baumann

David Moore

Sharon Ross

Isa Slater

Jan 15 - Gerri Hill

Simon Maloney

Tom Stewart

Jan 17 - J.D Slater

Jan 18 - Janet Hanson

Jeremy Kemper

David Schuetze

Jan 20 - Steve Doane

Jan 21 - Alexandria Gilbert

Jeff Lamm

Brenda Stewart

Jan 25 - Juliet Dixon

Jessie Hodgson

Jan 27 - Barbara Bassler

Jan 27 - Hildie Polasky

Matt Volk

Anniversaries

Jan 31 - Ronnie and Melanie Shoe

Worship Assistant Schedule

The Worship Assistant Schedule for January has been published. If you have a conflict, please first try to find your own replacement and then communicate this change with the church office. This way we will be prepared for worship on Sunday mornings. If you are unable to find a substitute, please contact Danielle and she will be happy to help you!

There are still a few positions available (marked TBD). If you are willing to volunteer please let Danielle know and she will update the serving schedule.

Date	Jan. 2nd	Jan. 9th	Jan. 16th	Jan. 23rd	Jan. 30th
Greeters	8:30am (1) Dan Dudde (2) Mary Dudde 11am (1) TBD (2) TBD	8:30am (1) Henry Ulrichs (2) Barbara Ulrichs 11am (1) Mitch Williams (2) Bob Mihara	8:30am (1) Vic Allwein (2) Evelyn Reinhold 11am (1) Katie Rivers (2) TBD	8:30am (1) J.D Slater (2) Linda Kinsinger 11am (1) Mitch Williams (2) Bob Mihara	8:30am (1) Tom Stewart (2) Brenda Stewart 11am (1) Alice Silver (2) TBD
Usher	8:30am (1) Carolyn Bradley (2) Mike Bradley 11am (1) Scott Baumann (2) Anne Blackwell	8:30am (1) Tom Stewart (2) Brenda Stewart 11am (1) Jason Jones (2) Josh Kersey	8:30am (1) Deboarh Lane (2) Ken Lane 11am (1) Scott Baumann (2) Anne Blackwell	8:30am (1) Lila Niedenthal (2) Ken Clark 11am (1) Dave Schuetze (2) Alice Silver	8:30am (1) Deboarh Lane (2) Ken Lane 11am (1) TBD (2) TBD
Altar Guild	8:30am Ken Clark 11am Bonnie Morris	8:30am Amy Zellers 11am Bonnie Richards	8:30am Debbie Layne 11am Donna Turnbaugh	8:30am Amy Zellers 11am Paula Lindsay	8:30am Amy Zellers 11am Donna Turnbaugh
Crucifer	11am Paula Bradt	11am Christian Wikoff	11am Paula Bradt	11am Christian Wikoff	11am Eileen Cram & Erick Smith
Acolyte	8:30am TBD 11am Bonnie Richards	8:30am Julia Volk 11am Katie Rivers	8:30am Katie Rivers 11am Katie Rivers	8:30am Claire Niedenthal 11am Anne Blackwell	8:30am Eleanor Schreck 11am Anne Blackwell
Assisting Minister	8:30am Amy Zellers 11am Bonnie Richards	8:30am Katie Rivers 11am Steve Doane	8:30am Amy Zellers 11am Natalie Haynes	8:30am Katie Rivers 11am Susan Denne	8:30am Katie Rivers 11am Beth Korb
Reader	8:30am Dan Dudde 11am Anne Blackwell	8:30am Tom Stewart 11am Bonnie Richards	8:30am Nancy Dodenhoff 11am Eileen Cram	8:30am TBD 11am James Aydelotte	8:30am Carl Schreck 11am Dave Epley
Communion Assistant	8:30am Linda Kinsinger 11am Vickie Hauser	8:30am Anne Sites 11am Natalie Haynes	8:30am Mary Anne Allwein 11am Vickie Hauser	8:30am Connie Chaplin 11am Eileen Cram	8:30am Amy Zellers/Isa Slater 11am Donna Turnbaugh
Live Stream	11am Bob Mihara	11am Trey Doss	11am Gloria Sainio	11am Cord Doss	11am Bob Mihara

Worship Assistant Schedule

St. Mark's Lutheran Church

*10 N. Liberty Street
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Staff

Pastor:

Reverend Matthew Smith

Director of Discipleship & Faith Formation:

Deacon Katie Rivers

Cantor:

David Anderson

Parish Administrator:

Danielle James

Pastor of Caring Ministries:

Reverend Linda McHenry

Facilities Manager:

Steve Henry

Our Vision:

Making disciples by loving Christ, growing in faith, serving all people

Our Mission:

Transforming lives through God's grace as an inclusive, intergenerational congregation through Worship, Outreach, Learning and Fellowship

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