

*Our sympathy is extended to Joan Schaberg, Elaine Rhoades, Mark Schaberg and families upon the Thursday, October 10<sup>th</sup> passing of their brother, Mike Schaberg.*

**Trunk or Treat:** St Marks will again host Trunk or Treat for the children of Van Wert. It will be on **Saturday October 26, from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.** We are asking for donations of candy and or monetary donations to buy candy. There is a Trunk or Treat display for donations of candy. Please bring candy up to Thursday October 24. If you would like to hand out the candy on that Saturday, please call Sue Cantwell at: ( 567 259 9456 ) or Joan Holland at: ( 419-203-9754 ) Please consider sharing in this fun and say Hi to all the children . So last year we had 12 cars, sure would be great if we had more that that this year. We line the cars in our north parking lot around 3:30 or 3:45, that way the cars get parked and if you want to decorate your car and if you want to dress up. Prizes are given for : the funniest costume, the most original, and the scariest. Thanks, Sue and Joan

**Thank you:** I would like to thank everyone for the cards and prayers from the recent passing of my nephew, Randy and my brother, Phil. It was so greatly appreciated. You are all so kind.  
In Christ, Joan Holland

**Thank you:** A huge thank-you to all who came to help with the rice kits on September 21<sup>st</sup>. We packed 13,000 meals (6 meals per bag), to help out with food for those that are in need here and around the corner. Your hard work was very much appreciated.  
Joan Holland Coordinator

**Bell Tower Update.** Due to medical issues within the Smith Bell & Clock Company, the bell tower project is experiencing additional delays. Please note that a bell company in upstate New York is now assisting Smith Bell & Clock to ensure that our bell restoration project is completed.

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## ST. MARK'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

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### TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST OCTOBER 13, 2024

Pre-Service Music

Welcome and Announcements; Quilt Dedication

Prelude

*"Praise Him! Praise Him!"*

Brief Order of Confession and Forgiveness (pages 94-96)

Choral Prelude (10:30 service)

Adult Choir

Hymn

"Let Justice Flow Like Streams"

# 717

Kyrie & Hymn of Praise (pages 98-100; 10:30 service)

Prayer of the Day

Noah's Ark Children's Church (10:30 service)

Amos 5:6-7, 10-15 and Psalm 90:12-17 (pg. 2 & 3 of bulletin)

Hebrews 4:12-16 and Mark 10:17-31 (pg. 3 & 4 of bulletin)

Message

*"Happy Monday"*

Hymn

"Take My Life, That I May Be"

# 685

Musical Meditation (8:00 service)

*"Something Beautiful"*

Apostles' Creed, Intercessory Prayers & The Peace (pg. 105-106)

Adult Choir (10:30 service)

Holy Communion (8:00 service: pages 107-109)

Lord's Prayer (page 112)

Stories of Faith in Action (SOFIA)

Offering: offering boxes, website, text 419-273-9947

Blessing & Dismissal (pages 114-115)

Hymn

"God of Grace and God of Glory"

# 705

Doxology Sung by the Congregation

HYMN #884

Postlude

*"Praise Him With Pipes"*

## Prayer of Illumination

R: Before reading from the Bible,  
we seek the illumination of the Holy Spirit that  
we become receptive to the life-giving Word  
which comes to us through both  
the reading and proclamation of Scripture.

C: **Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power  
of your Holy Spirit, that as the Scriptures are read  
and your Word is proclaimed, we may hear with joy  
what you say to us today. Amen.**

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## Amos 5:6-7, 10-15

### Seek the Lord

<sup>6</sup> Seek the LORD and live, or he will break out against the house of Joseph like fire, and it will devour Bethel, with no one to quench it. <sup>7</sup> Ah, you who turn justice to wormwood and bring righteousness to the ground!

<sup>10</sup> They hate the one who reproves in the gate, and they abhor the one who speaks the truth. <sup>11</sup> Therefore because you trample on the poor and take from them levies of grain, you have built houses of hewn stone, but you shall not live in them; you have planted pleasant vineyards, but you shall not drink their wine. <sup>12</sup> For I know how many are your transgressions and how great are your sins—you who afflict the righteous, who take a bribe and push aside the needy in the gate. <sup>13</sup> Therefore the prudent will keep silent in such a time, for it is an evil time. <sup>14</sup> Seek good and not evil, that you may live, and so the LORD, the God of hosts, will be with you, just as you have said. <sup>15</sup> Hate evil and love good, and establish justice in the gate; it may be that the LORD, the God of hosts, will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.

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## Psalm 90:12-17

### Number Our Days

R: So teach us to count our days  
that we may gain a wise heart.

C: **Turn, O LORD! How long?  
Have compassion on your servants!**

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**2024 Holy Land Christmas Catalogue.** Available in the hallway by the church nursery is the Touch of Grace 2024 Christmas Catalogue along with order forms. This is the same company that we ordered items from earlier this year. However, there is no financial amount for us to reach. This is simply an opportunity to order a Christmas gift from the Holy Land if you so desire. **Deadline for orders is this Tuesday, October 15<sup>th</sup>.** Make checks payable to St. Mark's Lutheran Church. On the memo line write "Good Shepherd Travel". No orders are accepted without included payment. Items are to be shipped and received to us from Bethlehem by mid-November.

**50 Year Members:** If you or someone you know is a 50 year member, please contact the church office at 419-238-6336. Our new 50 year members this year are as follows: **Valerie Davis, Gary Houg, Frank Hoffman, Kristina (Davis) Craft, Adam Troy Nihiser, Jeannine (Metzger) Roediger and Dennis Thatcher.** ***50 Year Member Sunday is October 20, 2024. Reception at 9:15 AM in the Gathering Place!***

## **Have you checked the batteries in your smoke detector**



**lately?** If you are physically unable to change the batteries, we would love to help you out by supplying and replacing the batteries in your smoke detectors at no cost to you! Please complete the Service Sheet located outside the sanctuary and someone will be in contact with you to set up an appointment date/time. Or if you prefer, you can call or text Juli Hamilton (419-203-6797) or Cary Roehm (419-348-9623) and we will add you to the Service list. Please sign up or call by Tuesday, October 15. The youth and youth leaders will complete these tasks on Wed., October 23 and Wed., October 30 from 6:30-7:30 p.m.



**It's Poinsettia Time Again!!** Order your poinsettia by picking up an order envelope by the front door table, literature table by the "new" entrance and in the Gathering Place. They are \$11.00 just like last year. Order deadline is November 10<sup>th</sup>.

**Hurricane Relief:** Our Piecemakers have sent a total of 48 quilts to people in North Carolina, Tennessee and Florida by way of Lincolnview Schools supply truck (28) and (20) through Trinity Global Church's supply truck along with (216) Rice Kit Meals divided on both trucks, to assist the ones in need.

### ASSISTING MINISTERS THIS WEEK

Greeters	(8:00).....	Joan Holland
Lector	(8:00).....	Jeannine Roediger
Greeters	(10:30).....	Gregory Pancake
Lector	(10:30).....	Jacob Staley
Acolyte	(10:30).....	Graham Kill
Comm. Servers	(8:00).....	Jana Ringwald & Carol Lininger

**Attention New Visitors to St. Mark's:** Located in the pews are blue Welcome Cards for our new guests. Please fill out this card and leave it on the pew when you leave the sanctuary. Greeters will be around to collect them after the service. This information is only to keep you informed of activities at St. Mark's and does not leave the office. We hope you will continue to join us for services and we are so glad you came. We hope to see you again soon.

**Reminders:** **Bulletin deadline** is Wednesday by 1:00 p.m. AND **The deadline** for November newsletter is **October 22<sup>nd</sup>**.

**LITURGICAL PRAISE ENSEMBLE:** In October, the Liturgical Praise Ensemble (LPE) will resume its ministry! We would love to welcome any interested players to join us. Typically, the LPE plays the four hymns and three pieces of liturgical music (like the doxology at the end of the service) at the 8:00 service on the third Sunday of the month from October through May. This year, we are inviting interested players to sign up for any or all of the services. There are no requirements as far as playing ability. We will supply you with music to match your playing level. If you have any questions or would like to sign up for a Sunday service, please contact Dee Fisher. Call or text 419-513-0053 or email [deefisher02@gmail.com](mailto:deefisher02@gmail.com).

*Our sympathy is extended to Arnelle Adam and family on the passing of her husband, Ryan Adam on September 24, 2024.*

**New Address for John & Marlene Freund:**  
**1118 Westwood Drive, Van Wert, OH 45891**  
**Home: 419-910-9561 Cell: 419-513-0327**

R: Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love, so that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.

C: **Make us glad as many days as you have afflicted us and as many years as we have seen evil.**

R: Let your work be manifest to your servants and your glorious power to their children.

C: **Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us and prosper for us the work of our hands—  
O prosper the work of our hands!**

### Hebrews 4:12-16

<sup>12</sup> Indeed, the word of God is living and active and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. <sup>13</sup> And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account.

### Jesus the Great High Priest

<sup>14</sup> Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. <sup>15</sup> For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. <sup>16</sup> Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

R: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

### Gospel Acclamation (10:30 service)

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

P: The Good news in Mark's gospel.

C: **Glory To you O Lord!**



**Mark 10:17-31      The Last Will Be First**

<sup>17</sup> As he was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him and asked him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" <sup>18</sup> Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. <sup>19</sup> You know the commandments: 'You shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not bear false witness. You shall not defraud. Honor your father and mother.' " <sup>20</sup> He said to him, "Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth." <sup>21</sup> Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, "You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me." <sup>22</sup> When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions. <sup>23</sup> Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!" <sup>24</sup> And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, "Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! <sup>25</sup> It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God." <sup>26</sup> They were greatly astounded and said to one another, "Then who can be saved?" <sup>27</sup> Jesus looked at them and said, "For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible." <sup>28</sup> Peter began to say to him, "Look, we have left everything and followed you." <sup>29</sup> Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields for my sake and for the sake of the good news <sup>30</sup> who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields, with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. <sup>31</sup> But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first."

P: Word of God. Word of life.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**CHURCH SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2024—Quilt Dedication**

- 8:00 a.m. Holy Communion Service
- 9:00 a.m. Coffee Hour
- 9:15 a.m. Sunday School & Choir
- 10:00 a.m. Children's Choir Practice
- 10:30 a.m. Worship Service
- 10:40 a.m. Noah's Park

**TUESDAY**

- 9:00 a.m. Piecemakers*
- 7:00 p.m. Church Council Meeting*

**WEDNESDAY**

- 10:00 a.m. Brewed Expression Group Meeting*
- 6:00 p.m. Supper
- 6:30 p.m. **The Anchor**
- 6:30 p.m. Catechism
- 6:30 p.m. Kid Min

**THURSDAY**

- 11:30 a.m. Community Luncheon in Fellowship Hall*
- 6:00 p.m. Cornhole*
- 7:00 p.m. Investment Committee Meeting*

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2024—50 Year Member Sunday**

- 8:00 a.m. Worship Service with LPE*
- 9:00 a.m. Coffee Hour
- 9:15 a.m. Sunday School
- 10:00 a.m. Children's Choir Practice
- 10:30 a.m. Holy Communion Service
- 10:40 a.m. Noah's Park

THE ALTAR FLOWERS

are given to the Glory of God by Rita Adam and family in loving memory of Ronald & Ryan Adam and departed family members.

*Our sympathy is extended to Carolyn Tyas and family on the recent passing of her husband, Floyd Tyas on Sunday, September 29, 2024.*

*Thank you* for the beautiful altar flowers given to me by Pauline Weldy and family. I enjoyed them for several weeks. Lois Linsler