

LOOKING AHEAD

Sunday, October 20th
50 Year Member Celebration

Saturday, October 26th—4:00 to 6:00 PM
Trunk or Treat in the North parking lot

Sunday, October 27th
First Communion, Gratitude Sunday &
Reformation Sunday

Sunday, November 3rd
All Saints Remembrance

Sunday, December 1st
Stump the Pastor Christmas Hymn Sing

Wednesday, December 4th
Mid-Week Advent Services begin
Noon & 7:30 PM

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.

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

ST. MARK'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

Prayer Request e-mail: stmprayer@stmarkslutheranvw.com

Church Website: www.stmarkslutheranvw.com

50 YEAR MEMBER SUNDAY

October 20, 2024

Preservice Music

Welcome and Announcements; 50 Year Member Recognition

Prelude "Beautiful Savior"

Hymn "Let All Things Now Living" # 881

Prayer of the Day

Noah's Park Children's Church

Isaiah 53:4-12 and Psalm 91:9-16 (pg. 2 & 3 of bulletin)

Hebrews 5:1-10 and Mark 10:35-45 (pg. 3 & 4 of bulletin)

Message

Hymn "We Are an Offering" # 692

Apostles' Creed, Intercessory Prayers, The Peace (pages 105-106)

Holy Communion (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 "Bring Forth the Kingdom" (see insert)

Doxology Sung by the Congregation HYMN #884

Postlude "He Is Exalted"

Get to Know Us on:



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.**

Isaiah 53:4-12

⁴ Surely he has borne our infirmities and carried our diseases, yet we accounted him stricken, struck down by God, and afflicted. ⁵ But he was wounded for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the punishment that made us whole, and by his bruises we are healed. ⁶ All we like sheep have gone astray; we have all turned to our own way, and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all. ⁷ He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth. ⁸ By a perversion of justice he was taken away. Who could have imagined his future? For he was cut off from the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people. ⁹ They made his grave with the wicked and his tomb with the rich, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth. ¹⁰ Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him with affliction. When you make his life an offering for sin, he shall see his offspring and shall prolong his days; through him the will of the LORD shall prosper. ¹¹ Out of his anguish he shall see; he shall find satisfaction through his knowledge. The righteous one, my servant, shall make many righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities. ¹² Therefore I will allot him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong, because he poured out himself to death and was numbered with the transgressors, yet he bore the sin of many and made intercession for the transgressors.

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 than 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 & Joan



August & September 2024 Giving Reports

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Current Expense:	\$ 184,398	\$ 187,962	(\$ -3,564)
Mission Support:	\$ 24,122	\$ 29,033	(\$ -4,911)
Property Improvement:	<u>\$ 21,258</u>	<u>\$ 18,619</u>	<u>\$ 2,639</u>
Annual Totals:	\$ 229,778	\$ 235,614	(\$ -5,836)

Investment Funds Used for Current Expense in 2024: \$ 43,840

Investment Funds Used for Current Expense in 2023: \$ 0

“Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.”

Luke 6:38

Thank you, Congregation, for your generosity!

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

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 to St. Mark's. We hope to see you again next Sunday.

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.

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 10th.



Today is 50 Year Member Sunday: At 9 AM in the Gathering Place there is a reception in honor of our 50 Year Members. The current new members are: *Valerie Davis, Gary Houg, Frank Hoffman, Kristina (Davis) Craft, Adam Troy Nihiser, Jeannine (Metzger) Roediger and Dennis Thatcher.*

Mitten Tree: Please bring your Mittens, Scarfs, Hats, etc., and place them on the Christmas Mitten Tree, located in the hallway by the gathering room. The tree will be up **Tuesday, October 22nd through November 10th**. All items collected will go to The Salvation Army. Please help us out as you have so graciously done in the past years. Thanks again for your support.



Psalm 91:9-16

R: Because you have made the LORD your refuge,
the Most High your dwelling place,
C: **no evil shall befall you, no scourge come near your tent.**
R: For he will command his angels concerning you
to guard you in all your ways.
C: **On their hands they will bear you up,
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.**
R: You will tread on the lion and the adder;
the young lion and the serpent you will trample under foot.
C: **Those who love me, I will deliver;
I will protect those who know my name.**
R: When they call to me, I will answer them;
I will be with them in trouble;
I will rescue them and honor them.
C: **With long life I will satisfy them
and show them my salvation.**

Hebrews 5:1-10

¹ Every high priest chosen from among mortals is put in charge of things pertaining to God on their behalf, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. ² He is able to deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is subject to weakness, ³ and because of this he must offer sacrifice for his own sins as well as for those of the people. ⁴ And one does not presume to take this honor but takes it only when called by God, just as Aaron was. ⁵ So also Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest but was appointed by the one who said to him, "You are my Son; today I have begotten you"; ⁶ as he says also in another place, "You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek." ⁷ In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. ⁸ Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered, ⁹ and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, ¹⁰ having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

R: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.
{John 6:68}

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.



P: The Good news in Mark’s gospel.

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



Mark 10:35-45 The Request of James and John

³⁵ James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him and said to him, “Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you.” ³⁶ And he said to them, “What is it you want me to do for you?” ³⁷ And they said to him, “Appoint us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory.” ³⁸ But Jesus said to them, “You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?” ³⁹ They replied, “We are able.” Then Jesus said to them, “The cup that I drink you will drink, and with the baptism with which I am baptized you will be baptized, ⁴⁰ but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to appoint, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared.” ⁴¹ When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. ⁴² So Jesus called them and said to them, “You know that among the gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. ⁴³ But it is not so among you; instead, whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, ⁴⁴ and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. ⁴⁵ For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve and to give his life a ransom for many.”

P: Word of God. Word of life.

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

CHURCH SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2024—50 YEAR MEMBER SUNDAY

- 8:00 a.m. *Worship Service with LPE*
- 9:00 a.m. *Reception for 50 Year Members*
- 9:15 a.m. Sunday School
- 10:00 a.m. Children’s Choir Rehearsal
- 10:30 a.m. Holy Communion Service
- 10:40 a.m. Noah’s Park
- 11:45 a.m. *First Communion Training*

TUESDAY

- 9:00 a.m. Piecemakers
- 10:00 a.m. A.J.’s Bible Discussion Group
- 3:30 p.m. Handbell Choir Practice
- 6:00 p.m. *Mutual Ministry Meeting*
- 7:30 p.m. *Choir Christmas Cantata Rehearsal*

WEDNESDAY

- 1:30 p.m. *Homestead Worship*
- 6:00 p.m. Supper
- 6:30 p.m. **The Anchor**
- 6:30 p.m. Catechism
- 6:30 p.m. Kid Min

SATURDAY—TRUNK OR TREAT 4-6 PM

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2024—1ST COMMUNION, GRATITUDE SUNDAY & REFORMATION SUNDAY

- 8:00 a.m. Holy Communion Service
- 9:00 a.m. Coffee Hour in Gathering Place
- 9:15 a.m. Sunday School & Choir Rehearsal
- 10:00 a.m. Children’s Choir Rehearsal
- 10:30 a.m. Worship Service
- 10:40 a.m. Noah’s Park

THE ALTAR FLOWERS
are given to the Glory of God.

ASSISTING MINISTERS THIS WEEK

- Lector (10:30).....Marilyn Morgan
- Greeters (10:30).....Marc Grubaugh
- Acolyte (10:30).....Claire Donaldson
- Communion ServersBen Krugh & Denny Wagonrod

BRING FORTH THE KINGDOM

Leader
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1 You are salt for the earth, O peo-ple: salt for the king-dom of God!
2 You are a light on the hill, O peo-ple: light for the cit - y of God!
3 You are a seed of the word, O peo-ple: bring forth the king-dom of God!
4 We are a blest and a pil-grim peo-ple: bound for the king-dom of God!

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Share the fla - vor of life, O peo - ple: life in the king - dom of God!
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Love our jour - ney and love our home - land: love is the king - dom of God!

Refrain
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