

50 Year Members: On 10/20, we recognized 160 active roll members of our congregation who have been members of St. Mark's at least 50 years. New members of this esteemed group for 2024 include Kristina (Davis) Craft, Valerie Davis, Gary Houg, Frank Hoffman, Adam Nihiser, Jeannine (Metzger) Roediger, and Dennis Thatcher. In addition to 50 year member attendees receiving a wooden cross, Pastor Will recognized them during each Service and the Coffee Hour was dedicated to honoring these members. We are thankful for their many years of membership and contributions to our congregation!



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REFORMATION SUNDAY

OCTOBER 27, 2024

Pre-Service Music

Welcome and Announcements; Generosity Sunday

Prelude "How Firm a Foundation"

Brief Order of Confession and Forgiveness (page 94)

Hymn "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" # 504

Kyrie & Hymn of Praise (pages 98-99, 101; 10:30 service)

Prayer of the Day

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

Jeremiah 31:31-34 and Psalm 46 (pg. 2 & 3 of bulletin)

Ephesians 2:1-10 and John 8:31-36 (pg. 3 & 4 of bulletin)

Message

Hymn "That Priceless Grace" # 591

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

Musical Meditation (8:00 service) "Reformation Hymn"

Adult Choir (10:30 service)

Holy Communion

(8:00 & 10:30 services: pages 107-109; 1st Communion 10:30)

Lord's Prayer (page 112)

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

Blessing & Dismissal (pages 114-115)

Hymn "As Rain from the Clouds" # 508

Doxology Sung by the Congregation HYMN #884

Postlude "A Mighty Fortress is Our God"

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.**

Jeremiah 31:31-34

A New Covenant

³¹ The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ³² It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. ³³ But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴ No longer shall they teach one another or say to each other, “Know the LORD,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD, for I will forgive their iniquity and remember their sin no more.

Psalm 46 God’s Defense of His City and People

R: God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.

C: **Therefore we will not fear,
though the earth should change,
though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea,**

R: though its waters roar and foam,
though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

C: **There is a river whose streams
make glad the city of God,
the holy habitation of the Most High.**

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LOOKING AHEAD

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

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.

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.



Thank you Pastor Will and St. Mark’s members for all your thoughts, prayers, cards and visits as we mourn the death of Mike Schaberg. Another thanks to the kitchen crew for the wonderful meal after the funeral service. Your kindness was very much appreciated.

Joan Schaberg & family

ASSISTING MINISTERS THIS WEEK

Greeters (8:00).. Kathy Van Eman
Lector (8:00).. Susan Bowery
Greeters (10:30).. Phil McClure
Lector (10:30).. Cary Roehm
Acolyte (10:30).. Maverick Conley
Communion Servers (8:00) .. Jana Ringwald & Wes Thompson
Communion Servers (10:30) .. Ben & Christine Krugh

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.

Our sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Jean Wilson who passed away on Wednesday, October 23rd.

Card Ministry: If you know of someone that is sick or in the hospital, or has lost a loved one, or just to let them know they are being thought of, please let me know so a card may be sent to them. They do not have to attend our church. It could be a friend or a co worker etc. You may contact me by phone or text at 419-771-0795 or email ahickerson55@gmail.com. Alicia Hickerson

Thank you: The family of Ryan Adam would like to express their heartfelt thank you to all who extended their sympathy to us. We would also like to say thank you to the Kitchen Ladies for preparing and serving a meal. Everyone's thoughts and actions were greatly appreciated.

First Communion: Reid Kill and Maci Stauffer celebrate their first Holy Communion today during the 10:30 service. Due to a schedule conflict Emmalynn Conley and Gigi Delong will have their First Communion next Sunday, November 3rd during the 10:30 service.

R: God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved;
God will help it when the morning dawns.

C: **The nations are in an uproar; the kingdoms totter;
he utters his voice; the earth melts.**

R: The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

C: **Come, behold the works of the LORD;
see what desolations he has brought on the earth.**

R: He makes wars cease to the end of the earth; he breaks the bow and shatters the spear; he burns the shields with fire.

C: **“Be still, and know that I am God! I am exalted among the nations; I am exalted in the earth.”**

R: The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

Ephesians 2:1-10 From Death to Life

¹ You were dead through the trespasses and sins ² in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient. ³ All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, doing the will of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else, ⁴ but God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us ⁵ even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—⁶ and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, ⁷ so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. ⁸ For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God—⁹ not the result of works, so that no one may boast. ¹⁰ For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we may walk in them.

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 John's gospel.

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

John 8:31-36 True Disciples

³¹ Then Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples, ³² and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free." ³³ They answered him, "We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by saying, 'You will be made free'?" ³⁴ Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. ³⁵ The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. ³⁶ So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed.

P: Word of God. Word of life.

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



Time to Collect for the Salvation Army Christmas



Food Baskets. This year we will be collecting cans of Green Beans. We need a total of 600 cans before December 15th. Bring your cans to the

church office on Sunday or during the week. The Salvation Army will be packing the baskets on the 16th of December. We are starting a little earlier so it can give us more time since we need 600 or as close to that number as we can get. Thank you for your generosity and helping with those in need.

CHURCH SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

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. Holy Communion Service
- 10:40 a.m. Noah's Park

TUESDAY

9:00 a.m. Piecemakers

WEDNESDAY

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

SATURDAY--DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS-2:00 AM SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2024—ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

- 8:00 a.m. Worship Service with Blue Bag Message**
- 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. Holy Communion Service
- 10:40 a.m. Noah's Park
- 2:30 p.m. Dee Fisher Studio's Fall Recital**
- 3:30 p.m. Gathering Place in use until 4:30 p.m.**

THE ALTAR FLOWERS

are given to the Glory of God by George & Sue Noggle in memory of Annabelle Johns and Helen & Mahlon Thompson.



Piecemakers Make Donation to Lutheran World Relief:

Last Saturday, October 19th **316** quilts were loaded up and taken to St. John's Lutheran in Ft. Wayne, IN. This will be disbursed to Lutheran World Relief for shipping to those in need here and around the world.