ALL SAINTS SUNDAY
NOVEMBER 1, 2026

We name with respect and affection these members of our congregation, and non-members for whom pastor conducted their funeral, who have entered the church triumphant during this past year.

May God grant us all through Jesus Christ the certainty and the joy of faith in the Resurrection.

Rev. Dr. Ralph Schibler	**November 12, 2025**
James A. Rhoades	**March 13, 2026**
Donna Goodwin	**June 27, 2026**
Patricia A. Schibler	**October 2, 2026**

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 return it in the offering plate.* 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. We hope to see you again next Sunday.

Reminders: *Bulletin deadline is Wednesday by 1:00 p.m. AND The deadline for December newsletter is* ***November 16th.***

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TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
ALL SAINTS & FIRST COMMUNION SUNDAY
NOVEMBER 1, 2026

Tower Chimes **(10:30 service)**

Prelude ***"How Firm A Foundation"***

Welcome and Announcements; First Communion Recognition

Brief Order of Confession and Forgiveness **(page 94-96)**

Gathering Song "O God, Our Help in Ages Past" **# 632**

Kyrie & Song of Praise **(page 98-99, 101; 10:30 service))**

Prayer of the Day

Children's Blue Bag Message **(8:00 service)**

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

Revelation 7:9-174 & Psalm 34:1-10, 22 **(pgs. 2 & 3 of bulletin)**

1 John 3:1-3 & Matthew 5:1-12 **(pgs. 3 & 4 of bulletin)**

Message **Stephanie Stechschulte**

Hymn of the Day "For All the Saints" **# 422**

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

Offering: **offering plates, website, text 419-273-9947**

Offertory **(8:00 service)** ***"Holy God, We Praise Your Name" (# 414)***

Adult Choir Anthem **(10:30 service)**

Let us pray…**Merciful Father, we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us–ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Holy Communion **(pages 107ff)**

Lord's Prayer, Blessing & Dismissal **(pages 112-115)**

Hymn "To Be Your Presence" **# 546**

Doxology Sung by the Congregation **(8:00 service)** **HYMN #884**

Doxology on the Tower Chimes

Postlude

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.

Revelation 7:9-17 The Great Multitude in White Robes

9 After this I looked, and there before me was a great multitude that
no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language,
standing before the throne and before the Lamb. They were wearing
white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands. 10 And
they cried out in a loud voice: "Salvation belongs to our God, who
sits on the throne, and to the Lamb." 11 All the angels were standing
around the throne and around the elders and the four living
creatures. They fell down on their faces before the throne and
worshiped God, 12 saying: "Amen! Praise and glory and wisdom
and thanks and honor and power and strength be to our God for ever
and ever. Amen!" 13 Then one of the elders asked me, "These in
white robes—who are they, and where did they come from?" 14 I
answered, "Sir, you know." And he said, "These are they who have
come out of the great tribulation; they have washed their robes and
made them white in the blood of the Lamb. 15 Therefore, "they are
before the throne of God and serve him day and night in his temple;
and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence. 16
'Never again will they hunger; never again will they thirst. The sun
will not beat down on them,' nor any scorching heat. 17 For the
Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd; 'he will lead
them to springs of living water.' 'And God will wipe away every
tear from their eyes.'"

Psalm 34:1-10, 22

R: I will extol the Lord at all times;
his praise will always be on my lips.

C: I will glory in the Lord; let the afflicted hear and rejoice.

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It's Salvation Army Christmas Meal Basket Time:

We are collecting canned Green Beans and need 600-800 cans total to cover the need but they will be thankful for however many we can collect. As you can tell from the number needed the need is increasing. Drop them off in the office or put them in the cart at the end of the office hallway. Deadline to have them here is Monday, December 7th. Thank you, The Outreach Committee

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 20th through November 10th.*** All items collected will go to The Salvation Army. Please help us out and thank you again for your support. The Learning Committee

The Outreach Committee

is looking for a few members! This committee meets a few times a year and decides how the church spends the money from our farmlands–to support the community, country, and internationally. Please consider joining! If interested, please contact AJ Wiseman 419-771-0157 or ajwise287@gmail.com.

It's Poinsettia Time Again!!

Order your 6 ½ inch potted poinsettia by picking up an order envelope in the elevator room, cloak room and The Gathering Place on the literature table. They are $12.00 like last year. Order deadline is November 20th.

Unused Bibles Needed – Again!

A few months ago we asked you to donate unused Holy Bibles to be placed in our Blessing Box along with the food and hygiene items we offer. It was such a success and we had over 25 bibles donated. Now we find that we are down to just a few – which means people are taking them! If you have or know of someone who has an unused Bible, please consider donating them to our Blessing Box Program. Please place the bibles in the blue tub by the Honor Library. Bless you!

ASSISTING MINISTERS

Greeters ..... (8:00) ...Kathy Van Eman
Lector ..... (8:00) ...Dennis Van Eman
Communion Servers..... (8:00) ...Jana Ringwald & Frank Rohrs
Acolyte ..... (8:00) ...Lynix Thomas
Greeters ..... (10:30) ...Phil McClure
Lector ..... (10:30) ...Juli Hamilton
Communion Servers.... (10:30) ...Rick Roehm and Mark Schaberg
Chimer..... (10:30) ...Monica Campbell
Acolyte ..... (10:30) ...Gigi DeLong

First Communion Sunday: ***Andrew Mohr, Kira Poling, Lynix Thomas, Chase Donaldson and Lacey Baer*** celebrate their first Holy Communion today during the 8:00 & 10:30 services.

NEW CHURCH EMAIL FOR ALL OFFICE ARTICLES AND INFO IS: stmarkvw6336@gmail.com.

Bell Tower Update (11/2026) — Verdin is scheduled to install the pneumatic striking system for our bells mid-December. This new system will connect to the chime stand and play the bells just as of they were being played by a person from the chime stand. A Bell Tower Celebration is being planned for early 2027!

GIVING REPORT THROUGH SEPTEMBER 2026

	2025	2026	DIFFERENCE
Current Expense	$ 228,607	$ 203,605	$ (25,002)
Mission Support	$ 33,687	$ 35,253	$ 1,566
Property Improvement	$ 21,844	$ 23,504	$ 1,660
Bell Tower Fund	$ 6,581	$ 11,001	$ 4,420
Special/Designated Gifts	$ 6,764	$ 5,651	$ (1,113)
TOTAL	**$ 297,483**	**$ 279,014**	**$ (18,469)**

"Keep your life free from love of money, and be content with what you have, for he has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you." So we can confidently say, "The Lord is my helper; I will not fear; what can man do to me?" Hebrews 13:5-6

THANK YOU CONGREGATION FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

R: Glorify the Lord with me; let us exalt his name together.
C: I sought the Lord, and he answered me;
he delivered me from all my fears.

R: Those who look to him are radiant;
their faces are never covered with shame.
C: This poor man called, and the Lord heard him;
he saved him out of all his troubles.

R: The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear him,
and he delivers them.
C: Taste and see that the Lord is good;
blessed is the one who takes refuge in him.

R: Fear the Lord, you his holy people,
for those who fear him lack nothing.
C: The lions may grow weak and hungry,
but those who seek the Lord lack no good thing.

R: The Lord will rescue his servants;
no one who takes refuge in him will be condemned.

1 John 3:1-3 We Are God's Children

[1] See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we
should be called children of God! And that is what we are! The
reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. [2]
Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be
has not yet been made known. But we know that when Christ
appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. [3] All
who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

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 Matthew's gospel.
C: Glory To you O Lord!

Matthew 5:1-12 Introduction to the Sermon on the Mount

[1] Now when Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside
and sat down. His disciples came to him, [2] and he began to teach
them.

The Beatitudes

He said: [3] "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom
of heaven. [4] Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be
comforted. [5] Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. [6]
Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they
will be filled. [7] Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown
mercy. [8] Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. [9]
Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of
God. [10] Blessed are those who are persecuted because of
righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. [11] "Blessed are
you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds
of evil against you because of me. [12] Rejoice and be glad, because
great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted
the prophets who were before you.

R: Word of God. Word of life.
C: Praise to you, O Christ.

From the Property Committee: The steel beam that has signatures on it that originally was to be used for the bell tower, but then later rejected, has been sitting in a barn. The property committees recommendation to council was to either scrap it for scrap price, and or a sealed bid type auction for a congregation member to be able to purchase. Also recommended by property was that the beam not be displayed in the church as its big and heavy and could pose as a safety hazard. Council approved the recommendations, so the beam will be "auctioned" off starting today and the church will accept sealed bids until November 1st. Highest bidder wins. Any money raised will go towards the bell tower improvement project. If no bids are received by November 1st then the beam will be hauled for scrap price. Please submit a sealed envelope with the amount you would wish to pay for this beam, and put it in the Property mailbox. Any questions about the beam itself can be directed to Craig Staley. This beam would look great in anyone's living room!!! Happy bidding! Prop. Chair, Rick Roehm

CHURCH SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2026—1ST COMMUNION, & ALL SAINTS SUNDAY Stephanie Stechschulte, SAM

8:00 a.m.	***Holy Communion Service with Blue Bag Sermon***
9:00 a.m.	Coffee Hour—***Holland***
9:15 a.m.	Sunday School & Adult Choir Rehearsal
9:30 a.m.	Catechism 6th & 7th Graders—HS Youth Room
10:00 a.m.	Youth Choir Rehearsal
10:30 a.m.	Holy Communion Service
10:40 a.m.	Noah's Park

MONDAY—Jim Ottenweller on vacation through November 9th.

7:15 p.m.	***Cantata Practice***

TUESDAY

9:00 a.m.	Piecemakers
3:30 p.m.	Handbell Choir Practice

WEDNESDAY

10:00 a.m.	Biggby Bible Group
6:30 p.m.	8th Grade Catechism
6:30 p.m.	**The Anchor**
6:30 p.m.	Kid Min
7:15 p.m.	***Cantata Practice***

THURSDAY

6:00 p.m.	***Cornhole***

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2026—Dustin Burley, Member Minister

8:00 a.m.	Worship Service
9:00 a.m.	Coffee Hour—***McClure***
9:15 a.m.	Sunday School & Adult Choir Rehearsal
9:30 a.m.	Catechism 6th & 7th Graders—HS Youth Room
10:00 a.m.	Youth Choir Rehearsal
10:30 a.m.	Worship Service
10:40 a.m.	Noah's Park
2:30 p.m.	***Fall Showcase Fisher Studio in sanctuary***

THE ALTAR FLOWERS
are given to the Glory of God by Reg & Dot Burley.

LOOKING AHEAD . . . . .

Sunday, November 8th
Fall Recital 2:30 p.m. in sanctuary
(Dee Fisher Studio)

Thursday & Friday, November 26th & 27th
26th—Happy Thanksgiving (closed)
27th—Office Closed for Holiday

Sunday, November 29th
First Sunday of Advent

Wednesday, December 2nd & 16th
12:00 p.m. Mid-Week Advent Service
7:30 p.m. Mid-Week Advent Service

Saturday, December 5th
Breakfast at the Manger

Wednesday, December 9th
12:00 p.m. Mid-Week Advent Service
7:30 p.m. Light Jazz Service

Sunday, December 13th
Children's Christmas Program

Sunday, December 20th
9:30 a.m. Adult Choir Christmas Cantata
10:30 a.m. Congregational Budget Meeting

Thursday, December 24th—Christmas Eve
7:30 p.m. Holy Communion Service
11:00 p.m. Candlelight Worship Service

Friday, December 25th—Christmas—office closed

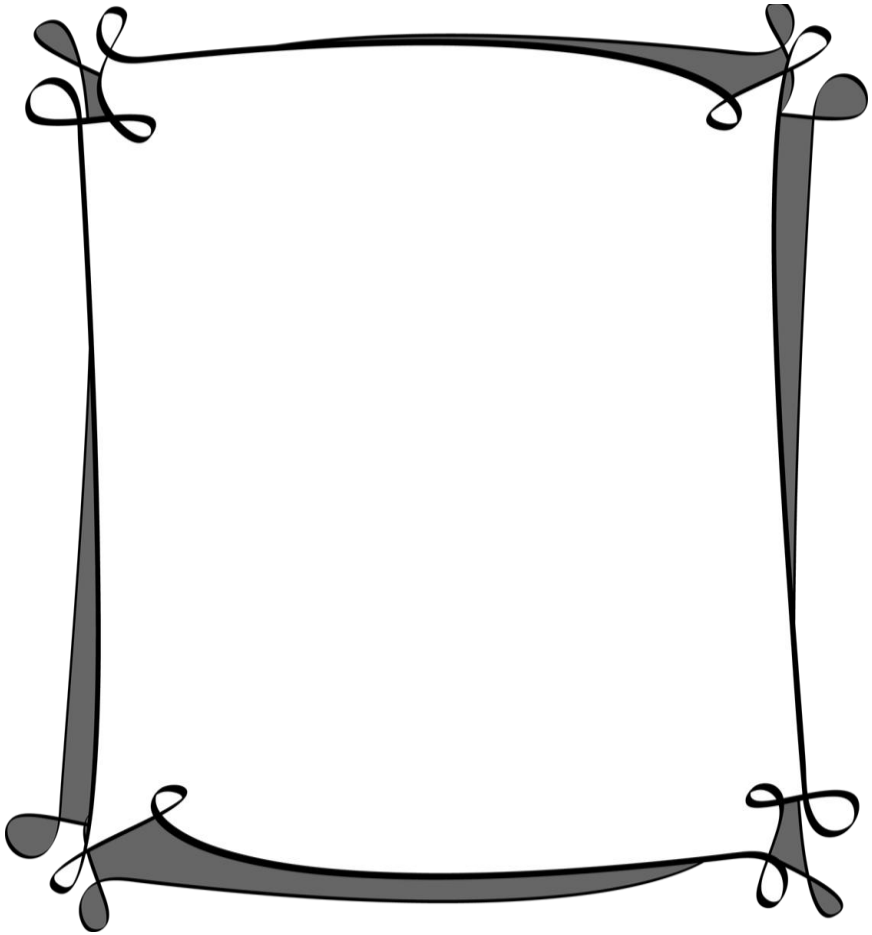
Sunday, December 27th—Lessons & Carols Sunday
First Sunday of Christmas

Call Process Update (10-22-2026)— The Call Committee met on Wednesday, October 21 to review and discuss three agenda items-Synod Statistics, Synod Authorized Minister role/responsibilities, and how the Call Committee can help support the Transition Committee, if needed. The following key discussion points were noted for the purpose of updating the congregation on meeting outcomes:

With regards to current Northwest Ohio statistics: There are 18 ELCA churches in Ohio currently looking for a pastor and of the 18, 8 of them are in the Northwest Ohio Synod which is the synod we belong to. There are additional statistics and that information can be found on the board outside the sanctuary.

Synod Authorized Minister (SAM): The committee reviewed the SAM program details as well as thanked Stephanie Stechshulte for her call to service. It was discussed that by having Stephanie fulfill this role it helps the synod out by not needing to request synod to schedule supply pastors. The number of supply pastors is low therefore the synod can assign them to churches that are not blessed by having a SAM. As a church we can cover worship services from within utilizing member ministers and by having Stephanie as our Synod Authorized Minister while still praying for a pastor to be called.

Transition Committee: Information was shared that the transition committee is still meeting quarterly, however, at this time there isn't any action items that committee is working on. If the transition committee would have action items that the Call Committee members could help with then this would be considered.

By way of open discussion, an action item was presented to have the Call Committee look into advertising the need for a pastor via our church website and/or social media platforms. The committee will be reaching out to the Northwest Ohio Synod for approval of this action item.

If you have any questions regarding the Call Committee and the aforementioned agenda items, please feel free to contact any of the Call Committee Members: Dustin Burley, Bob Evans, Joan Holland, Stacie Korte, Tom Rhoades, Reesa Rohrs, Judy Sampson, Craig Staley, Stephanie Stechschulte, and Randy Thompson. Respectfully submitted, Kathy Taylor & Cary Roehm, Co Chairs