

## ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING & REPORTS

The Annual Congregational Meeting of St. Mark's Lutheran Church will be held on Sunday, **APRIL 28, 2024**. **THIS IS YOUR OFFICIAL NOTICE OF THIS MEETING.** The meeting will be at 12:15 p.m. in the sanctuary immediately following the 11:30 a.m. meal in the church basement. *A copy of the Annual Report for 2023 will be available to pick up at St. Mark's on April 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup>.* If you would like a copy sent or emailed to you, please contact the church office. At this meeting, we will be voting on members for Church Council. Nominations will be accepted from the floor for the six (6) open seats during the Annual Meeting for individuals to be elected to a three-year term. The incumbent is Jana Ringwald. Additional nominees are Christine Krugh and Carol Lininger. Additionally, at this meeting we will be voting on the proposal stating the recommendations by the Outreach Committee for the \$8,000 allocated by the Investment Committee and Council for 2023 Outreach funds and also the distribution of the Farm Account Funds of \$25,000.

**The Northwest Ohio Synod Assembly** will be Saturday, June 1<sup>st</sup>, 9:00 – 5:00 at St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Bowling Green. Our congregation can send two female delegates, one male delegate, and pastor. If you want to represent our congregation then contact the church office 419.238.6336.

**The Annual Congregational Meal** is Sunday, April 28<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 a.m. immediately following the 10:30 a.m. service. The kitchen will provide Lasagna, drinks and dinnerware. They ask that the congregation please bring salads and/or desserts. Thank you

**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](mailto:ahickerson55@gmail.com). Alicia Hickerson

**Summer Camp Information is on the literature table in the Gathering Place. Call the church office with questions at 419-238-6336. Meisa**

## ST. MARK'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

Prayer Request e-mail: [stmprayer@stmarkslutheranvw.com](mailto:stmprayer@stmarkslutheranvw.com)

Church Website: [www.stmarkslutheranvw.com](http://www.stmarkslutheranvw.com)

Rev. William C. Haggis, II

April 14, 2024

Preservice Music

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude 8:00/10:30

*"I Sing the Mighty Power of God"*

Brief Order of Confession and Forgiveness (8:00 service; pages 94-96;)

Hymn "Let All Things Now Living" # 881

Prayer of the Day

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

Acts 3:12-19 and Psalm 4:1-5 (pg. 2 & 3 of bulletin)

1 John 3:1-3 and Luke 24:13-35 (page 3 & 4 of bulletin)

Message

Children's Pageant (10:30 service)

Hymn "As We Gather at Your Table" # 522

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

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

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

Hymn "Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen" # 377

Doxology Sung by the Congregation HYMN #884

Postlude *"Christ the Lord Has Risen"*

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.**

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## Acts 3:12-19

<sup>12</sup> And when Peter saw it he addressed the people, “Men of Israel, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk?  
<sup>13</sup> The God of Abraham and of Isaac and of Jacob, the God of our fathers, glorified his servant Jesus, whom you delivered up and denied in the presence of Pilate, when he had decided to release him. <sup>14</sup> But you denied the Holy and Righteous One, and asked for a murderer to be granted to you, <sup>15</sup> and killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. <sup>16</sup> And his name, by faith in his name, has made this man strong whom you see and know; and the faith which is through Jesus has given the man this perfect health in the presence of you all. <sup>17</sup> “And now, brethren, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. <sup>18</sup> But what God foretold by the mouth of all the prophets, that his Christ should suffer, he thus fulfilled. <sup>19</sup> Repent therefore, and turn again, that your sins may be blotted out, that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord,

## St. Mark's Scholarship Applications are due May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023.

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

**Saints, Mark Your Calendar:** Sunday, May 12<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. the Jr. & Sr. High Sunday School classes are sponsoring the Annual 5K Fun Run Walk and we need your help. Please see a member of the Sunday School classes to sponsor this event or donate through the office. Or better yet, join in the fun and pick up a sponsorship sheet in the gathering area. With your help, we can make this year's 5k the most successful yet. Proceeds go to St. Mark's Sunday School.

**EASTER PLAY:** The Children's Easter Play will be performed TODAY during the 10:30 a.m. service. They will rehearse in the sanctuary starting at 9:15. After rehearsing, they'll go as a group to the fellowship hall until time for the play. Parents can pick up their children in the fellowship hall following the service.

**PIECEMAKERS ARE IN NEED:** Piecemakers are in need of sheets for quilting. If you have any good used sheets that are no longer used, please donate them for this worthy cause.

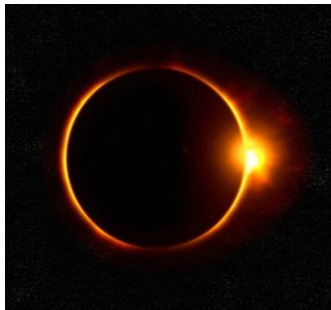


**Card Shower:** Lois Linser will turn 90 years old on April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024. We are having a card shower for her in celebration of this birthday. If you would like to send a card please mail it to: Lois Linser, 213 S. Shannon St., Van Wert, OH 45891.

**ASSISTING MINISTERS THIS WEEK**

- Greeters (8:00)..... Larry Miller
- Lector (8:00)..... Roy Ringwald
- Greeters (10:30)..... Greg Pancake
- Lector (10:30)..... Carolyn Tyas
- Acolyte (10:30) ..... Caleb Mohr
- Communion Servers (8:00)..... Jana Ringwald & \_\_\_\_\_
- Coffee Hour... ..... Holland

**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.



**Solar Eclipse Event:** Our community was blessed to witness God’s beauty and power during the Solar Eclipse event! St. Mark’s joint effort with Collins Fine Foods was an additional way that demonstrated God’s love and grace. We are happy to share that we served over 450 meals with a steady stream of guests from 11:30am

through the eclipse. We served burgers, hot dogs, and a few of us enjoyed Jimmie Collins’s famous grilled bologna! We offered baked beans, chips, and bottled water with each meal. We also gave out Eclipse glasses, served popcorn and a few played some corn hole in the beauty of the day. A team from 21Alive interviewed Pastor and our event made the news! I’d like to thank all who took the time to attend, and a special thanks to those who helped prepare, serve, and clean up. We all felt particularly blessed to have participated in the outpouring of friendship, appreciation, and the awe of the Eclipse. We met a Salt Lake City family and they were so thankful to join the locals for food and fellowship. Proceeds of **\$2,448** will be split between the Haven of Hope men’s homeless shelter and the House of Transition for women and children of domestic violence.

**Psalm 4:1-5 Confident Plea for Deliverance from Enemies**

- R: Answer me when I call, O God of my right!  
Thou hast given me room when I was in distress.  
Be gracious to me, and hear my prayer.
- C: O men, how long shall my honor suffer shame?  
How long will you love vain words, and seek after lies?**
- R: But know that the LORD has set apart the godly for himself;  
the LORD hears when I call to him.
- C: Be angry, but sin not;  
commune with your own hearts on your beds,  
and be silent.**
- R: Offer right sacrifices, and put your trust in the LORD.

**1 John 3:1-3**

<sup>1</sup> See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. <sup>2</sup> Beloved, we are God’s children now; it does not yet appear what we shall be, but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. <sup>3</sup> And every one who thus hopes in him purifies himself 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 of Luke’s Gospel.  
**C: Glory To you O Lord!**

<sup>13</sup> That very day two of them were going to a village named Emma'us, about seven miles from Jerusalem, <sup>14</sup> and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. <sup>15</sup> While they were talking and discussing together, Jesus himself drew near and went with them. <sup>16</sup> But their eyes were kept from recognizing him. <sup>17</sup> And he said to them, "What is this conversation which you are holding with each other as you walk?" And they stood still, looking sad. <sup>18</sup> Then one of them, named Cle'opas, answered him, "Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?" <sup>19</sup> And he said to them, "What things?" And they said to him, "Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, <sup>20</sup> and how our chief priests and rulers delivered him up to be condemned to death, and crucified him. <sup>21</sup> But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since this happened. <sup>22</sup> Moreover, some women of our company amazed us. They were at the tomb early in the morning <sup>23</sup> and did not find his body; and they came back saying that they had even seen a vision of angels, who said that he was alive. <sup>24</sup> Some of those who were with us went to the tomb, and found it just as the women had said; but him they did not see." <sup>25</sup> And he said to them, "O foolish men, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! <sup>26</sup> Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?" <sup>27</sup> And beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them in all the scriptures the things concerning himself. <sup>28</sup> So they drew near to the village to which they were going. He appeared to be going further, <sup>29</sup> but they constrained him, saying, "Stay with us, for it is toward evening and the day is now far spent." So he went in to stay with them. <sup>30</sup> When he was at table with them, he took the bread and blessed, and broke it, and gave it to them. <sup>31</sup> And their eyes were opened and they recognized him; and he vanished out of their sight. <sup>32</sup> They said to each other, "Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us on the road, while he opened to us the scriptures?" <sup>33</sup> And they rose that same hour and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven gathered together and those who were with them, <sup>34</sup> who said, "The Lord has risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!" <sup>35</sup> Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he was known to them in the breaking of the bread.

P: Word of God. Word of life.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

**CHURCH SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

**SUNDAY, APRIL 14, 2024—YOUTH CAR WASH**

(weather permitting)

- 8:00 a.m. Holy Communion Service
- 9:00 a.m. Coffee Hour in the Gathering Place
- 9:15 a.m. Sunday School
- 9:15 a.m. Children's Play Rehearsal in sanctuary**
- 10:30 a.m. Worship Service with Children's Easter Play**
- 10:40 a.m. Noah's Park

**TUESDAY**

- 9:00 a.m. Piecemakers
- 3:30 p.m. Handbell Choir Practice
- 7:00 p.m. Church Council Meeting**

**WEDNESDAY**

- 10:00 a.m. Brewed Expressions Meeting**
- 6:00 p.m. Supper
- 6:00 p.m. **Parent Mission Trip Meeting**
- 6:30 p.m. **The Anchor**
- 6:30 p.m. Catechism
- 6:30 p.m. Kids/Youth Meetings

**THURSDAY**

- 11:30 a.m. Third Thursday Community Luncheon**
- 6:00 p.m. Cornhole
- 7:00 p.m. Investment Committee Meeting**

**SUNDAY, APRIL 21, 2024—FRIED PIE SALES**

- 8:00 a.m. Worship Service with LPE**
- 9:00 a.m. Coffee Hour in the Gathering Place
- 9:15 a.m. Sunday School
- 10:00 a.m. Children's Choir Rehearsal
- 10:30 a.m. Worship Service
- 10:40 a.m. Noah's Park
- 2:30 p.m. Spring Showcase Dee Fisher Studio**

THE ALTAR FLOWERS

are given to the Glory of God in honor of  
Lois Linser's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday on April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

## Upcoming High School Youth Fundraising Events!

The High School Youth are actively fundraising for their 2024 Summer Mission Trip to Winchester, Kentucky! We have A LOT going on during the month of April and we are very thankful for your continued support!

**Tee Shirts:** Our tee shirts for sale focus on this year's mission trip verse, Romans 12:2: "Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will." and also have our church name on the sleeve. The shirts were designed by our youth and a sample of each shirt is on display in the Gathering Area. The shirts will be available for pick up between services/after late service on Sunday, May 12<sup>th</sup>. Order forms are available at both main entrances. Please include payment with orders (checks payable to St. Mark's Lutheran Church). Orders can be placed in the HS youth mailbox, given to Cary Roehm or Juli Hamilton, or church office. (See next page for pics)

### April 14 Carwash Details...

The High School Youth will be hosting a valet style, free will donation car wash TODAY, (weather permitting) during both services. The youth and adult helpers will be washing, drying, and vacuuming cars in the south parking lot (lot between Collins and the church). If you wish to have your car washed, please use the Washington Street entrance, pull in and park in the lot. While you are in church your car will be getting cleaned. After service your car will be sparkling clean and ready to roll. If you are not getting your car washed, we kindly request that you please refrain from parking in the lots that are directly south of the church. Please park in the north lot (corner of Sycamore and Washington). Sunday, April 21<sup>st</sup> will be the rain date if the 14<sup>th</sup> has to be cancelled due to weather. We are excited to give this fundraiser a try! Thank you for your support.

**Church Merch:** On Sunday, April 21<sup>st</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup>, and May 5<sup>th</sup> we will have additional church merch for sale in the Gathering Area on a cash and carry basis. Merchandise will include bracelets, car decals, pens, and keychains!

**Fried Pies:** Last Sunday of Fried Pie Sales is Sunday, April 21<sup>st</sup> !

The



# Easter Banner

By Gail Gaymer Martin

## Narrators

Caleb Mohr                      Maverick Conley

## Readers

Andrew Mohr            Lynix Thomas            Kira Poling  
Hunter Burley           Emmalynn Conley        Colby Tyas

## Banner Holders

Alivia Conley            Andrew Mohr            Brandon Poling  
Philip Tyas                MaKenna Conley        Gunner Burley

## Director

Monica Campbell

## Assistant Director

Marcia Weldy

## Sound

Rex Arn

## Helpers

Jacob Mohr                      Brooke Tyas

## ADDITIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS



**Blessing Box Volunteers Needed** to refill the Blessing Box located in our north parking lot. If you are interested in donating a little time – please check out the sign-up sheet on the Dream Board. Schedule yourself for 1 day a week for a month or whatever you are able. There is a grocery cart for easy transportation of food from the stocking shelves to the box. Please give this ministry your consideration. Thank you.

## MOTHER'S DAY SELFIE PHOTO

**BOOTH** – Sunday, May 12<sup>th</sup> is Mother's Day. Take a "selfie" with your mom at our Mother's Day Photo Booth located in the Gathering Area. Commemorate the day with your "favorite" mom!



**TIN CAPS BASEBALL** – Save the Date! July 6<sup>th</sup> – Saturday evening at 6pm - We're going to watch the Tin Caps play ball at Fort Wayne's Parkview Field. FREE tickets to the game plus a picnic supper will be available soon. If you are interested in free tickets while they last, please sign up on the Dream Board.