

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

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.

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 7th, 14th & 21st.* 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 Annual Congregational Meal is Sunday, April 28th 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.

Get to Know Us
on:



ST. MARK'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

Prayer Request e-mail: stmprayer@stmarkslutheranvw.com

Church Website: www.stmarkslutheranvw.com

Rev. William C. Haggis, II

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 21, 2024

Pre-Service Music

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude *"Love Lifted Me"*

Brief Order of Confession and Forgiveness (page 94)

Gathering Song "The Trumpets Sound, the Angels Sing" # 531

Kyrie & Hymn of Praise (pages 98-99;101)

Prayer of the Day

Special Music *"The Amazing Grace Blues"* Wes Thompson & Lindsey Hatcher

Noah's Park Children's Church

Acts 4:5-12 and Psalm 23 (pg. 2 of bulletin)

1 John 3:16-24 and John 10:11-18 (pgs. 3 & 4 of bulletin)

Message

Hymn "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us" # 789

Handbell Choir *"Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ"*

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

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

Offertory **Choir**

Holy Communion (page 107ff)

Lord's Prayer (page 112)

Blessing & Dismissal

Hymn "Awake, O Sleeper, Rise from Death" # 452

Doxology Sung by the Congregation **HYMN #884**

Postlude *"The Risen Lord"*

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.**

Acts 4:5-12

⁵ On the morrow their rulers and elders and scribes were gathered together in Jerusalem, ⁶ with Annas the high priest and Ca'iaphas and John and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. ⁷ And when they had set them in the midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" ⁸ Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, ⁹ if we are being examined today concerning a good deed done to a cripple, by what means this man has been healed, ¹⁰ be it known to you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead, by him this man is standing before you well. ¹¹ This is the stone which was rejected by you builders, but which has become the head of the corner. ¹² And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved."

Psalm 23 The Divine Shepherd

R: The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want;

C: **he makes me lie down in green pastures.
He leads me beside still waters;**

R: he restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness
for his name's sake.

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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 and Church Merch: 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. The shirts will be available for pick up between services/after late service on Sunday, May 12th. 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.

Along with selling tee shirts, today we will begin selling other church merch bracelets, pens, keychains, and car decals in the Gathering Area on a cash and carry basis. These items will also be sold on April 28th and May 5th.

April 14 Carwash Update!

Wow, just wow! We washed, dried, and vacuumed 38 vehicles from 7:45am to 12:00pm! Most of the cars belonged to church members, however, we did have people pull in off the street to support our youth! What a success and a blessing for our first car wash!

Thank you all for your love, support and prayers! We are getting very excited about our July 2025 Youth Mission Trip to Winchester, Kentucky!



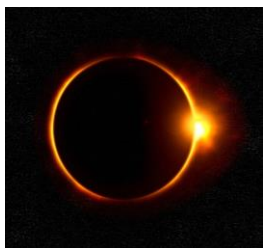
Reminders: *Bulletin deadline* is Wednesday by 1:00 p.m.
AND *The deadline* for May newsletter is **April 22nd**.

The Northwest Ohio Synod Assembly will be Saturday, June 1st, 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.

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

Scholarship Applications: Due date for St. Mark’s Scholarship Application is **May 1st of 2024**. Applications are available in the gathering area.

Saints, Mark Your Calendar: Sunday, May 12th 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.



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 served over 450 meals with a steady stream of guests from 11:30am through the eclipse. A team from 21Alive interviewed Pastor and our event made the news! Thank all who took the time to attend, and a special thanks to those who helped prepare, serve, and clean up. 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.

C: Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I fear no evil; for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me.

R: Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of my enemies; thou anointest my head with oil, my cup overflows.

C: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

1 John 3:16-24

¹⁶ By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us; and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren. ¹⁷ But if any one has the world’s goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God’s love abide in him? ¹⁸ Little children, let us not love in word or speech but in deed and in truth. ¹⁹ By this we shall know that we are of the truth, and reassure our hearts before him ²⁰ whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. ²¹ Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have confidence before God; ²² and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him. ²³ And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. ²⁴ All who keep his commandments abide in him, and he in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit which he has given us.

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.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

P: The Good news in John's Gospel.

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

John 10:11-18

¹¹ I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹² He who is a hireling and not a shepherd, whose own the sheep are not, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees; and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. ¹³ He flees because he is a hireling and cares nothing for the sheep. ¹⁴ I am the good shepherd; I know my own and my own know me, ¹⁵ as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶ And I have other sheep, that are not of this fold; I must bring them also, and they will heed my voice. So there shall be one flock, one shepherd. ¹⁷ For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life, that I may take it again. ¹⁸ No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again; this charge I have received from my Father.”

P: Word of God. Word of life.

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

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

The Touch Of Grace Order Is In: We have the orders separated and they are ready for pickup during office hours 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM (12:30 to 1:30 lunch-office closed) OR on Sunday mornings AFTER services by Pastor Will. We received a beautiful carving of Ruth as a gift to the church for our orders. Ruth can be seen on the organ before or after services. Thank you again for supporting our Christian artisan friends during this difficult time in their lives trying to support and take care of their families in the Holy Land.

CHURCH SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

SUNDAY, APRIL 21, 2024—NO FRIED PIE SALES TODAY

- 8:00 a.m. **Worship Service with LPE**
- 9:00 a.m. Coffee Hour in the Gathering Place
- 9:15 a.m. Sunday School and Choir
NO Children's Choir Rehearsal
- 10:30 a.m. Holy Communion Service
- 10:40 a.m. Noah's Park
- 12:00 p.m. **Children & Youth Bowling**
- 2:30 p.m. **Spring Showcase Dee Fisher Studios**

TUESDAY

- 9:00 a.m. Piecemakers
- 10:00 a.m. A.J. Bible Discussion Group
- 3:30 p.m. Handbell Choir Rehearsal

WEDNESDAY

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

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- 10:30 a.m. Worship Service
- 10:40 a.m. Noah's Park
- 11:30 a.m. **Congregational Meal in fellowship hall**
- 12:15 p.m. **Annual Congregational Meeting in sanctuary**

THE ALTAR FLOWERS
are to the Glory of God by Brenda Wurst.

ASSISTING MINISTERS THIS WEEK

- Greeters (10:30).....Marc Grubaugh
- Lector (10:30).....Sharon Blank
- Acolytes (10:30).....Connor Donaldson
- Communion Servers.....Monica Campbell & _____

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