

*Thank you* for the many birthday cards, phone calls and visits for my 90<sup>th</sup> birthday. Also thank you to my children for the lovely altar flowers.  
Lois Linser

**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 1<sup>st</sup> of 2024. Applications are available in the gathering area.

**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.

**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.

## 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 28, 2024

Pre-Service Music

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude *"How Lovely Are the Feet of Them"*

Rogation Sunday Call to Worship **see insert**

Hymn "For the Beauty of the Earth" **# 879**

Prayer of the Day

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

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 and Psalm 19:1-6, 14 (pg. 2 of bulletin)

1 Corinthians 3:5-9 and Matthew 13:24-30 (page 3 & 4 of bulletin)

Message

Hymn "Beautiful Savior" **# 838**

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 "On What Has Now Been Sown" **# 550**

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

Postlude *Postlude on "Thine Is the Glory"*

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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## Ecclesiastes 3:1-8      Everything Has Its Time

<sup>1</sup> For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven: <sup>2</sup> a time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted; <sup>3</sup> a time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up; <sup>4</sup> a time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance; <sup>5</sup> a time to cast away stones, and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing; <sup>6</sup> a time to seek, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to cast away; <sup>7</sup> a time to rend, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak; <sup>8</sup> a time to love, and a time to hate; a time for war, and a time for peace.

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## Psalm 19:1-6, 14      God's Glory in Creation and the Law

R: The heavens are telling the glory of God;  
and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.

C: **Day to day pours forth speech,  
and night to night declares knowledge.**

R: There is no speech, nor are there words; their voice is not heard;

C: **yet their voice goes out through all the earth,  
and their words to the end of the world.  
In them he has set a tent for the sun,**

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

**Reminders:** *Bullet deadline is Wednesday by 1:00 p.m. AND The deadline for June newsletter is **May 20<sup>th</sup>**.*

**The Annual Congregational Meeting** of St. Mark's Lutheran Church is **TODAY** Sunday, **APRIL 28, 2024 immediately following the 10:30 service.** 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.* 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 **TODAY** 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.

**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

**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.

**ASSISTING MINISTERS THIS WEEK**

Greeters	(8:00).....	Frank Rohrs
Call to Worship	(8:00).....	Brad Baer
Lector	(8:00).....	Rachel Rohrs
Communion Servers	(8:00).....	Jana Ringwald & _____
Greeters	(10:30).....	Phil McClure
Call to Worship	(10:30).....	Stan Weldy
Lector	(10:30).....	Denny Wagonrod
Acolyte	(10:30) .....	Graham Kill
Coffee Hour...	.....	McClure

**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 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.

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 28<sup>th</sup> and May 5<sup>th</sup>.



R: which comes forth like a bridegroom leaving his chamber, and like a strong man runs its course with joy.

C: **Its rising is from the end of the heavens, and its circuit to the end of them; and there is nothing hid from its heat.**

R: Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in thy sight,  
O LORD, my rock and my redeemer

**1 Corinthians 3:5-9**

<sup>5</sup> What then is Apol'los? What is Paul? Servants through whom you believed, as the Lord assigned to each. <sup>6</sup> I planted, Apol'los watered, but God gave the growth. <sup>7</sup> So neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. <sup>8</sup> He who plants and he who waters are equal, and each shall receive his wages according to his labor. <sup>9</sup> For we are God's fellow workers; you are God's field, God's building.

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 Matthew's Gospel

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

**Matthew 13:24-30 The Parable of Weeds among the Wheat**

<sup>24</sup> Another parable he put before them, saying, "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field; <sup>25</sup> but while men were sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and went away. <sup>26</sup> So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared also. <sup>27</sup> And the servants of the householder came and said to him, 'Sir, did you not sow good seed in your field? How then has it weeds?' <sup>28</sup> He said to them, 'An enemy has done this.' The servants said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' <sup>29</sup> But he said, 'No; lest in gathering the weeds you root up the wheat along with them. <sup>30</sup> Let both grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Gather the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.'"

P: Word of God. Word of life.

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

**CHURCH SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

**SUNDAY, APRIL 28, 2024—ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL  
MTG.**

- 8:00 a.m. Holy Communion Service
- 9:00 a.m. Coffee hour in gathering place
- 9:15 a.m. Sunday School & Choir  
**NO** Children's Choir Rehearsal
- 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**

**TUESDAY**

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

**WEDNESDAY (last Youth/Kids Meeting)**

- 10:00 a.m. Brewed Expression Group**
- 6:00 p.m. Supper
- 6:30 p.m. The Anchor
- 6:30 p.m. Catechism
- 6:30 p.m. Kids/Youth Meetings

**THURSDAY**

- 6:00 p.m. Cornhole**
- 6:30 p.m. A.I.M. Committee Meeting**

**FRIDAY**

- 7:00 p.m. Confirmation Lock-in begins

**SATURDAY**

- 7:00 a.m. Confirmation Lock-in ends

**SUNDAY, MAY 5<sup>TH</sup>—CONFIRMATION SUNDAY**

- 8:00 a.m. Worship Service with Blue Bag Sermon**
- 8:45 a.m. Reception for Confirmands in Gathering Place**
- 9:15 a.m. Sunday School & Choir  
**NO** Children's Choir Rehearsal
- 10:30 a.m. Holy Communion--Confirmation**
- 10:40 a.m. Noah's Park

THE ALTAR FLOWERS  
are given to the Glory of God.

## Call To Worship

R: God, our Creator, you have ordered seedtime, sunshine, rain, and harvest. You have created the seed, soil and water so there may be food for all your people. May we honor and care for these elements that sustain our earthly life. As the food nourishes our body may we be filled with praise and thanksgiving for you Lord God our Creator.

C: **Amen.**

## Blessing of the Rogation Elements

Introduction to Blessings. Psalm 147: 7-9

R: Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving;

C: **Make music to our God on the harps.**

R: He covers the sky with clouds;

C: **He supplies the earth with rain  
and makes grass grow on the hills.**

R: He provides food for the cattle and for the young ravens  
when they call.

All: **Praise the Lord.**

## Blessing of the Seed

R: God, you have given us these seeds

C: **They have a past.  
They are the fruit of the past.  
They have a present.  
They are to be planted into your soil.  
They have a future.  
They are to bear fruit for the harvest.  
May the miracle of life within these seeds burst forth  
yielding a bountiful harvest.  
Bless these seeds and those who plant them.**

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## Blessing of the Soil

R: God, you have created and given us this soil.

C: **The soil serves as the medium for the seed to grow, it cleans water, it regulates climate, it provides warmth, nourishment and support so that new life may emerge. Bless this soil that it may feed and nourish the seed. Bless those who work this soil and harvest the produce.**

## Blessing of the Water

R: God, this water is your creation.

C: **Water gives sustenance and nourishment to the soil and the seed. Bless the soil and the seed with gentle rain. Bless this water. Let it come as rain at the right time, in the proper amount so that the seed may flourish and grow. In your mercy send us favorable weather so that the harvest will be bountiful.**

R: All this we ask in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

C: **Amen!**

## VBS—The Great Jungle Journey



During this year's VBS at St. Marks, our kids, and the kids in our communities, will have a chance to explore the biblical answers to these questions as they set off on an epic adventure from *Genesis* to *Revelation*, in this year's "Great Jungle Journey."

Please search your heart and prayerfully consider being a volunteer in this year's fun at St. Mark's **VBS (June 10<sup>th</sup> through the 14<sup>th</sup>)** as you help the kids maneuver the "Great Jungle Journey" through the Bible in fun and exciting ways.

If you can help with VBS, please contact Amanda Stauffer at 419-953-6141 or contact the church office at 419-238-6336.