

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL IS JUNE 10TH—14TH.

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.

Summer Worship Hours. Starting Sunday, June 2nd thru September 1st our worship services will be held at 8:00 & **10:00** AM.

Reminders: *Bulletin deadline* is Wednesday by 1:00 p.m. AND *The deadline* for June newsletter is **May 20th**.

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

Communion Bread: The communion bread you receive today was baked by the 2024 Confirmation Class at their recent lock-in. Thank you to Kelli Thompson for leading our confirmands in this project.

Confirmation Lock-in: A big thank you to Denise Donaldson, Monica Campbell, and Mike Kill who chaperoned Friday night's confirmation lock-in along with pastor.

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ST. MARK'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

Prayer Request e-mail: stmprayer@stmarkslutheranvw.com

Church Website: www.stmarkslutheranvw.com

Rev. William C. Haggis, II

May 5, 2024

Pre-Service Music

Welcome and Announcements;

Prelude 8:00/10:30 "God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens"

Confession and Forgiveness (page 94)

Choral Introit (10:30)

Hymn "Come, We That Love the Lord" # 625

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

Prayer of the Day

Handbell Choir

"Jesus Loves Me"

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

Acts 1:1-11 and Psalm 1 (pg. 2 & 3 of bulletin)

Ephesians 1:15-23 and Luke 24:44-53 (pg. 3 & 4 of bulletin)

Message

Hymn "Alleluia! Sing to Jesus" # 392

Rite of Confirmation (10:30 service; page 234)

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

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

Offertory (10:30 service)

Adult Choir

Holy Communion (pages 107-109; 10:30 service)

Lord's Prayer (page 112)

Blessing & Dismissal (pages 114-115)

Hymn "Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee" # 836

Doxology Sung by the Congregation

HYMN #884

Postlude

"Christ Is Alive"

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 1:1-11

The Promise of the Holy Spirit

¹ In the first book, O The-oph'ilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach, ² until the day when he was taken up, after he had given commandment through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. ³ To them he presented himself alive after his passion by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days, and speaking of the kingdom of God. ⁴ And while staying with them he charged them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said, "you heard from me, ⁵ for John baptized with water, but before many days you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit."

The Ascension of Jesus

⁶ So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?" ⁷ He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has fixed by his own authority. ⁸ But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samar'ia and to the end of the earth." ⁹ And when he had said this, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰ And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, ¹¹ and said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

The Annual Congregational Meeting of St. Mark's Lutheran Church was held on Sunday, April 28, 2024. New members of council are: Jana Ringwald (incumbent), Ben Krugh, Christine Krugh and Carol Lininger. Additionally, the Outreach proposal of \$25,000 from the Farm Fund and the \$8,000 from non-designated Investment Income both approved. The Annual Report was approved.

*Today we celebrate the confirmation of
Graham Kill, Xehrya Esparza,
Lola Campbell, Claire Donaldson,
and Kevin Stechschulte.*

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.

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 10th through the 14th)** 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 the church office.

Mother's Day Fun Run/Walk: This Mother's Day spend some quality time with kids and husband enjoying God's creation. Make this Mother's Day special and help St. Mark's spread God's love through our Sunday School department by participating in this mom (St. Mark's) Fun Run/Walk. Each participating mom gets a special surprise. See you May 12th at 9:00 a.m. in the Gathering Place to pick up your map and water, drop off your sponsorship forms and please dress appropriately.

Sunday, May 19th is High School Graduate Recognition.

Reception 8:45-10:15 a.m. in The Gathering Place. Recognition during the 10:30 service.

Update on High School Youth Fundraising Events!

Thank you to all who purchased tee shirts! They will be available for pick up between services and after late service on Sunday, May 12. If you are unable to pick up on Sunday, May 12, please let Cary or Juli know and we will make other arrangements to get them delivered. Also, our church merch will be for sale on Sunday, May 12 between services and after late service. We have bracelets, keyrings, car decals and pens. Unfortunately, shipping delays have caused issues with getting some of our products which in turn has delayed our ability to sell. We will have what we have on May 12! Our mission trip this year to Winchester, Kentucky will begin on Sunday, July 7 and we will return on Saturday, July 13. We ask for you to keep us in your thoughts and prayers as well as all the other youth and adults who are gathering together to do the Lord's work to help others in need. We are getting excited for our trip and look forward to sharing our testimonies. Thank you all very much for your generous support of our fundraising efforts over the course of this year! We are truly blessed!

Update on Profits made from our most recent fundraisers are as follows:

Potato Meal Profit	\$ 443.00
Easter Breakfast Profit	\$ 460.06
Car Wash Profit:	\$ 688.54

Psalm 1 The Two Ways

- R: Blessed is the one who does not walk in step with the wicked or stand in the way that sinners take or sit in the company of mockers,
- C: but whose delight is in the law of the LORD, and who meditates on his law day and night.**
- R: That person is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither— whatever they do prospers.
- C: Not so the wicked! They are like chaff that the wind blows away.**
- R: Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the assembly of the righteous.
- C: For the LORD watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked leads to destruction.**

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## Ephesians 1:15-23 Paul's Prayer

<sup>15</sup> For this reason, because I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, <sup>16</sup> I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers, <sup>17</sup> that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him, <sup>18</sup> having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, <sup>19</sup> and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power in us who believe, according to the working of his great might <sup>20</sup> which he accomplished in Christ when he raised him from the dead and made him sit at his right hand in the heavenly places, <sup>21</sup> far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in that which is to come; <sup>22</sup> and he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, <sup>23</sup> which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

- 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 Luke’s Gospel.

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

**Luke:24:44-53**

<sup>44</sup> Then he said to them, “These are my words which I spoke to you, while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the law of Moses and the prophets and the psalms must be fulfilled.” <sup>45</sup> Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, <sup>46</sup> and said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, <sup>47</sup> and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be preached in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup> You are witnesses of these things. <sup>49</sup> And behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you; but stay in the city, until you are clothed with power from on high.”

**The Ascension of Jesus**

<sup>50</sup> Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them. <sup>51</sup> While he blessed them, he parted from them, and was carried up into heaven. <sup>52</sup> And they returned to Jerusalem with great joy, <sup>53</sup> and were continually in the temple blessing God.

P: Word of God. Word of life.

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

**CHURCH SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

**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 Rehearsal  
**NO** Children’s Choir Rehearsal
- 10:30 a.m. *Holy Communion--Confirmation*
- 10:40 a.m. Noah’s Park

**TUESDAY**

- 9:00 a.m. Piecemakers

**WEDNESDAY**

- 6:30 p.m. *Wednesday Evening Youth Leaders Meeting*

**SUNDAY, MAY 12, 2024—MOTHER’S DAY**

- 8:00 a.m. Holy Communion Service
- 9:00 a.m. Coffee hour in gathering place
- 9:00 a.m. *Annual Fun Run/Walk*
- 9:00 a.m. *Mother’s Day Selfie Photos 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. *Mother’s Day Selfie Photos in Gathering Place*

**THE ALTAR FLOWERS**

are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory  
of departed loved ones by Mr. Mark Eversole.

**ASSISTING MINISTERS THIS WEEK**

- Greeters (8:00) .... Kathy Van Eman
- Lector (8:00) .... Jeannine Roediger
- Greeters (10:30) .... Kevin Taylor
- Lector (10:30) .... Dot Burley
- Acolyte (10:30) .... Connor Donaldson
- Communion Servers (10:30) .... Denny Wagonrod,  
Tom Rhoades, & Karen Etgen
- Coffee Hour ..... Grubaugh