

DONATIONS NEEDED FOR BLESSING BOX:

Thank you to everyone who has so generously given supplies for our blessing box. The number of people using the box has increased and supplies run low quickly. This is a much-needed and used service for many in the community. Thank you for your support of this ministry. Monetary donations are also accepted.

Thank you, AIM Committee

Reminders: *Bulletin deadline* is Wednesday by 1:00 p.m. AND *The deadline* for October newsletter is **September 17th due to Meisa's vacation.**

The congregation is invited to the Saturday, September 14, 2024 wedding of Kiersten Roehm and Joshua Hoenie here at St. Mark's. Music begins at 2:00 p.m. Service is at 2:30 p.m.

Kyrie 155



1, 3 Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Ky - ri - e e - lei - son.
2 Chris - te e - lei - son. Chris - te e - lei - son.
1, 3 Lord, . . . have mer - cy. Lord, . . . have mer - cy.
2 Christ, . . . have mer - cy. Christ, . . . have mer - cy.



Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.
Chris - te e - le - i - son.
Lord, . . . have mer - cy.
Christ, . . . have mer - cy.

Music: Russian Orthodox traditional

ST. MARK'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

Prayer Request e-mail: stmprayer@stmarkslutheranvw.com

Church Website: www.stmarkslutheranvw.com

Rev. William C. Haggis, II

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 1, 2024

Preservice Music

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude "He's Got the Whole World in His Hands"

Hymn "Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!" # 873

Prayer of the Day

Noah's Park Children's Church (10:00 service)

Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9 and Psalm 15 (pg. 2 & 3 of bulletin)

James 1:17-27 and Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23 (pg. 3 & 4 of bulletin)

Message

Hymn "Change My Heart, O God" # 801

Musical Meditation (8:00 service) "To God Be the Glory"

Apostles' Creed & Intercessory Prayers (see pg. 8—10:00 service)

The Peace

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

Holy Communion (pages 107-109; 10:00 service)

Lord's Prayer (page 112)

Blessing & Dismissal (pages 114-115)

Hymn "The Trumpets Sound, the Angels Sing" # 531

Doxology Sung by the Congregation HYMN #884

Postlude "Sing Them Over Again to Me"

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.**

Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9 Moses Commands Obedience

¹ “So now, Israel, give heed to the statutes and ordinances that I am teaching you to observe, so that you may live to enter and occupy the land that the LORD, the God of your ancestors, is giving you. ² You must neither add anything to what I command you nor take away anything from it, but keep the commandments of the LORD your God with which I am charging you.

⁶ You must observe them and perform them, for this will show your wisdom and discernment to the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, ‘Surely this great nation is a wise and discerning people!’ ⁷ For what other great nation has a god so near to it as the LORD our God is whenever we call to him? ⁸ And what other great nation has statutes and ordinances as just as this entire law that I am setting before you today? ⁹ “But take care and watch yourselves closely, so as neither to forget the things that your eyes have seen nor to let them slip from your mind all the days of your life; make them known to your children and your children’s children—

Psalm 15 Who Shall Abide in God’s Sanctuary?

R: O LORD, who may abide in your tent?
Who may dwell on your holy hill?

C: **Those who walk blamelessly and do what is right and speak the truth from their heart;**

R: who do not slander with their tongue
and do no evil to their friends

C: **nor heap shame upon their neighbors;**

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PREGNANCY LIFE CENTER WALK FOR LIFE



DID YOU
KNOW... the PLC
Health Clinic
ministered to over

370 patients in 2023? The PLC introduces Jesus Christ into the lives of their patients and families, and it needs our help to continue ministering directly to those in spiritual need. Won’t you join the walkers to make a real difference in the eternal lives of these families?

Again this year we will be sponsors for the PREGNANCY LIFE HEALTH CLINIC’S Walk for Life on September 15 at the \$300 level. As a sponsor the church name will be shown on the walker pledge forms, T-shirts, the PLC website, social media accounts, the newsletter and local newspapers as well as a sign displayed at the Walk. It would take 30 people at \$10 each, or 20 people at \$15 OR 10 people at \$30 to reach this goal. But honestly, any amount will help us reach that \$300 goal. It’s not too late to donate the Walk for Life. Will you please prayerfully consider donating to this worthy cause in our community. Make your check payable to the church but please put PLC sponsor on the memo line so Elaine can keep it separate from other giving. If you have any questions please contact Sharon Blank at 419-203-4383. There are pledge forms on the table in the Gathering Area. Please take one and enlist your friends and neighbors to help with this most worthy cause.

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.

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

Rally Day at St. Mark's Sunday, September 8th, 2024

Please mark your calendars to join the 9:30am - Joint Worship Service, kicking off the 2024-2025 Sunday School Season! Lunch begins immediately following the service in the Fellowship Hall. Following lunch is an afternoon of fun and fellowship with corn-hole, bingo, and kids' games! Meat, beverages, and table service provided. Please bring a hot or cold side-dish or dessert for lunch. The west parking lot along Jefferson St. will be closed to parking for Rally Day. The south parking lot along Washington St. will be open for parking. **Don't forget to bring a white elephant giveaway for bingo!!**

Fun Rally Day Pre-K through 5th Grade Games and Activities!!! 11:45 a.m. –12:45 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 8th. Kids with Parents games will include Three-Legged Race, Egg Toss, and Sponge Game! Carnival games will include Ring Toss, Bean Bag Toss through the Seat, Fishing Game, Kiddie Pool with Rubber Ducks, and more! Other games and activities include Bubble Station & Sidewalk Chalk, Ladder Golf, Kids Corn Hole, Foursquare, Bocce Ball, Face Painting, and Candy Prizes! **The Popcorn and Cotton Candy Machines will be up and running for all!!!**

Rally Day Facilitators for the Pre-K through 5th Grade Games and Activities will be St. Mark's 6th through 12th Graders. However, we would also like to have five adult members of the congregation join in on the fun and be facilitators as well. Game time is 11:45 a.m. – 12:45 p.m. on Sept. 8th. Contact the church office 419.238.6336 if you would like to participate in this capacity to help make Rally Day a safe, fun, and resounding success for Christ's kids!

R: in whose eyes the wicked are despised
but who honor those who fear the LORD;
who stand by their oath even to their hurt;
C: **who do not lend money at interest
and do not take a bribe against the innocent.
Those who do these things shall never be moved.**

James 1:17-27 Our Cravings Versus God's Gifts

¹⁷ Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. ¹⁸ In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave birth to us by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

Hearing and Doing the Word

¹⁹ You must understand this, my beloved brothers and sisters: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger, ²⁰ for human anger does not produce God's righteousness. ²¹ Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls. ²² But be doers of the word and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. ²³ For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; ²⁴ for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. ²⁵ But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing. ²⁶ If any think they are religious and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. ²⁷ Religion that is pure and undefiled before God the Father is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

R: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation (10:00 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 Mark's Gospel.

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

Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23 The Tradition of the Elders

¹ Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around him, ² they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. ³ (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders, ⁴ and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash, and there are also many other traditions that they observe: the washing of cups and pots and bronze kettles and beds. ⁵ So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, "Why do your disciples not walk according to the tradition of the elders but eat with defiled hands?" ⁶ He said to them, "Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written, 'This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; ⁷ in vain do they worship me, teaching human precepts as doctrines.' ⁸ "You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition."

¹⁴ Then he called the crowd again and said to them, "Listen to me, all of you, and understand: ¹⁵ there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile."

²¹ For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: sexual immorality, theft, murder, ²² adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, debauchery, envy, slander, pride, folly. ²³ All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person."

P: Word of God. Word of life.

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

CHURCH SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2024

- 8:00 a.m. Worship Service
- 9:00 a.m.** *Q & A in Gathering Place on Handicap Door*
- 10:00 a.m.** Holy Communion Service
- 10:40 a.m. Noah's Park

MONDAY—LABOR DAY OFFICE CLOSED

WEDNESDAY

- 10:00 a.m. Brewed Expression Group Mtg.*

THURSDAY

- 6:00 p.m. Choir Kick-off Party*
- 6:00 p.m. Cornhole*

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2024—RALLY DAY

- 9:30 a.m. Worship with Blue Bag Message (one service only)*
- 10:30 a.m. Q & A immediately after service in sanctuary on Handicap Door*
- 10:45 a.m. Dinner in Fellowship Hall*
- 11:45 a.m. Bingo in Gathering Place & games outside*

THE ALTAR FLOWERS

are given to the Glory of God by the Kill family in memory of Robin's mother, Mrs. Joanne Bower and grandmother, Mrs. Pearl Saylor.

ASSISTING MINISTERS THIS WEEK

- Greeters (8:00) Larry Miller
- Lector (8:00) Joan Holland
- Greeters (10:00) Gregory Pancake
- Lector (10:00) Marilyn Morgan
- Acolyte (10:00) Maverick Conley
- Comm. Servers (10:00) Tom Rhoades, _____ & _____

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Assembling Rice Kits: On Saturday, September 21st we will once again be assembling Rice Kits here at St Marks in the Fellowship hall. The truck comes in at 8 AM. and we need volunteers to help unload boxes and setting up the tables. After a prayer, we will begin the assembly of the meals at approximately 9 AM. If you could prayerfully give of your time out of your busy schedules to come and help us, it would be greatly appreciated. We will be done by 12 noon. Remember MANY HANDS make less work for everyone, come join the fun and help support such a worthy mission. See you on September 21st. Sign-up sheets are on the Dreamboard. Sincerely, Joan Holland

June & July 2024 Giving Reports

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Current Expense	\$ 143,209	\$ 144,420	(\$ 1,211)
Mission Support	\$ 18,749	\$ 21,464	(\$ 2,715)
Property Improvement	\$ 16,769	\$ 14,368	\$ 2,401
Annual Totals:	\$ 178,727	\$ 180,252	(\$ 1,525)

Investment Funds Used for Current Expense in **2024** \$ 32,631

Investment Funds Used for Current Expense in **2023:** \$ 0

“Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.” Luke 6:38

Thank you, Congregation for your generosity!

A Called Congregational Meeting to vote on the new handicap door entrance will be held immediately following the 10:30 service on Sunday, September 15th. This is your official notification of this meeting.

Question & Answer Sessions on Handicapped

Door Entrance: Beginning on Sunday, September 1st between services & Sunday, September 8th immediately following the 9:30 service there will be a question & answer session in the sanctuary regarding a new handicapped door installation. Randy Thompson will present the handicap automated door proposal to the congregation for approval at the Called Congregational Meeting on Sunday, September 15th following the 10:30 service in the sanctuary. It will replace the current door in The Gathering Place. Please attend the question & answer sessions to answer any questions you may have on the automated handicap door. Thank you

Motion for Permanent Property Improvement

To approve the purchase and installation of an automated handicap door at the South entrance where The Gathering Place is located off of Jefferson Street in the amount of \$7,914.00. This door will be funded as follows:

1. Memorials designated to purchase and install an automated handicap door totaling \$3,035.00.

Virginia Harter	\$ 915.00
Robert Lininger	\$ 680.00
Frank Hoffman	\$ 1,440.00

Donation from Weldy family of \$3,000.00

Remainder of \$1,879.00 donated by Bonnie Bryan.