

Question & Answer Sessions on Handicapped

Door Entrance: Beginning 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 information sessions to answer any questions 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.

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.

ST. MARK'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

Prayer Request e-mail: stmprayer@stmarkslutheranvw.com

Church Website: www.stmarkslutheranvw.com

Rev. William C. Haggis, II

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST **SEPTEMBER 8, 2024**

Pre-Service Music

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

Brief Order of Confession and Forgiveness (pages 94-96)

Hymn "Lord, I Lift Your Name on High" # 857

Prayer of the Day

Children's Blue Bag Sermon

Isaiah 35:4-7a and Psalm 146 (pg. 2 & 3 of bulletin)

James 2:1-17 and Mark 7:31-37 (pg. 3 & 4 of bulletin)

Message

Hymn "Open Your Ears, O Faithful People" # 519

Musical Meditation *"Open My Eyes, That I May See"*

Apostles' Creed, Intercessory Prayer & The Peace (pgs. 105-106)

Lord's Prayer (page 112)

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

Blessing & Dismissal (pages 114-115)

Hymn "Oh, For a Thousand Tongues to Sing" # 886

Doxology Sung by the Congregation HYMN #884

Postlude *"Immortal, Invisible"*

INFORMATION MEETING IN SANCTUARY
FOR AUTOMATED HANDICAP DOOR

RALLY DAY LUNCHEON & ACTIVITIES

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.**

Isaiah 35:4-7a Joy of the Redeemed

Say to those who are of a fearful heart, “Be strong, do not fear!
Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible
recompense. He will come and save you.”⁵ Then the eyes of
the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf shall be
opened;⁶ then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of
the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the
wilderness and streams in the desert;⁷ the burning sand shall
become a pool and the thirsty ground springs of water;

Psalms 146 Praise for God’s Help

R: Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD, O my soul!

C: **I will praise the LORD as long as I live;
I will sing praises to my God all my life long.**

R: Do not put your trust in princes,
in mortals, in whom there is no help.

C: **When their breath departs, they return to the earth;
on that very day their plans perish.**

R: Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob,
whose hope is in the LORD their God,

C: **who made heaven and earth, the sea,
and all that is in them; who keeps faith forever;**

R: who executes justice for the oppressed;
who gives food to the hungry. The LORD sets the prisoners free;

C: **the LORD opens the eyes of the blind.
The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;
the LORD loves the righteous.**

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PREGNANCY LIFE CENTER WALK FOR LIFE



DID YOU KNOW... the PLC
Health Clinic just opened The
Langdyn House in July 2024?
This added ministry provides

housing for moms-to-be and mothers of infants, and a comprehensive
support plan to include case management, individual counseling, group
therapy, family model mealtime fellowship, access to local resources and
agencies, trade skills/education, Bible study opportunities, and life skills
coaching. We provide individualized plans that are unique to each resident
to empower them to succeed and become independent and self-sufficient.

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.

Get to Know Us on:



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, outside the Sanctuary. Sincerely, Joan Holland

50 Year Members: If you or someone you know is a 50 year member, please contact the church office at 419-238-6336. **50 Year Member Sunday is Sunday, October 20, 2024. Reception at 9:15 AM in the Gathering Place!**

WEDNESDAY EVENING YOUTH WILL BEGIN ON SEPTEMBER 11TH!

*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.*

**Reminders: Bulletin deadline is Wednesday by 1:00 p.m.
AND The deadline for October newsletter is September 17th.**

R: The LORD watches over the strangers; he upholds the orphan and the widow, but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

C: **The LORD will reign forever,
your God, O Zion, for all generations. Praise the LORD!**

James 2:1-17 Warning against Partiality

¹ My brothers and sisters, do not claim the faith of our Lord Jesus Christ of glory while showing partiality. ² For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, ³ and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, "Have a seat here in a good place, please," while to the one who is poor you say, "Stand there," or, "Sit by my footstool," ⁴ have you not made distinctions among yourselves and become judges with evil thoughts? ⁵ Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? ⁶ But you have dishonored the poor person. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into the courts? ⁷ Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you? ⁸ If you really fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself," you do well. ⁹ But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. ¹⁰ For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it. ¹¹ For the one who said, "You shall not commit adultery," also said, "You shall not murder." Now if you do not commit adultery but you murder, you have become a transgressor of the law. ¹² So speak and so act as those who are to be judged by the law of liberty. ¹³ For judgment will be without mercy to anyone who has shown no mercy; mercy triumphs over judgment.

Faith without Works Is Dead

¹⁴ What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if someone claims to have faith but does not have works? Surely that faith cannot save, can it? ¹⁵ If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food ¹⁶ and one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill," and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? ¹⁷ So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

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 Mark's Gospel.

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

Mark 7:31-37 Jesus Cures a Deaf Man

³¹ Then he returned from the region of Tyre and went by way of Sidon toward the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. ³² They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech, and they begged him to lay his hand on him. ³³ He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. ³⁴ Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." ³⁵ And his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. ³⁶ Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one, but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. ³⁷ They were astounded beyond measure, saying, "He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak."

P: Word of God. Word of life.

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



CHURCH SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2024—RALLY DAY

9:30 a.m. *Worship with Blue Bag Message (one service only)*

10:30 a.m. *Handicap Door Q & A immediately after service in sanctuary*

10:45 a.m. *Dinner in Fellowship Hall*

11:45 a.m. *Bingo in Gathering Place & games outside*

TUESDAY

9:00 a.m. *Piecemakers Begins*

10:00 a.m. *A.J.'s Bible Discussion Group*

WEDNESDAY

6:00 p.m. *Supper*

6:30 p.m. **The Anchor**

6:30 p.m. *Catechism*

6:30 p.m. *Kid Min*

SATURDAY

2:00 p.m. *Wedding music begins*

2:30 p.m. *Wedding of Kiersten Roehm & Joshua Hoenie*

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2024—SUNDAY SCHOOL KICKOFF

8:00 a.m. *Worship Service*

9:00 a.m. *Coffee Hour*

9:15 a.m. *Sunday School & Choir*

10:30 a.m. *Holy Communion Service*

10:40 a.m. *Noah's Park*

11:30 a.m. *Called Congregational Meeting in sanctuary*

2:00 p.m. *PLC Walk for Life @ Franklin Park*

THE ALTAR FLOWERS

are given to the Glory of God by Brenda Wurst and family in memory of friends and family who have passed away.

THE ORGAN ARRANGEMENT

is in celebration of the joyous union of Kiersten Roehm and Joshua Hoenie here at the church, yesterday, September 14th.

ASSISTING MINISTERS THIS WEEK

Greeters (9:30)..... Joan Holland

Lector (9:30)..... Amy McConnell

Acolyte (9:30)..... Kevin Stechschulte

LITURGICAL PRAISE ENSEMBLE: In October, the Liturgical Praise Ensemble (LPE) will resume its ministry! We would love to welcome any interested players to join us. Typically, the LPE plays the three hymns and three pieces of liturgical music (like the doxology at the end of the service) at the 8:00 service on the third Sunday of the month from October through May. This year, we are inviting interested players to sign up for any or all of the services. There are no requirements as far as playing ability. We will supply you with music to match your playing level. If you have any questions or would like to sign up for a Sunday service, please contact Dee Fisher. Call or text 419-513-0053 or email deefisher02@gmail.com.

Piecemakers Begin Again!: Piecemakers will begin sewing for another year on Tuesday, September 10th from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM. We have air conditioning, so no more working in the heat. If you would like to join this group, please contact Carol Doner at 419-513-1070 or Sharon Blank at 419-203-4383.

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

Bread & Bowl: The next Bread & Bowl is on Friday, September 27, at 6:00 p.m. at First UM Church. The only thing needed for this Bread & Bowl will be desserts. Cakes, Cookies, Pies, etc. are all welcomed and needed. If you can provide a dessert, sign up on the Dreamboard Bread & Bowl sheet.

Thank you

Congratulations to Jacob & Brooke Staley upon the Wednesday, September 4th birth of their son, Canaan J Staley. Proud grandparents are Craig & Kathy Staley.

Year to Date Giving Statements are available in the cloak room by the front door. Please pick yours up today. Statements are from January through September 1, 2024.

SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR CHILDREN THROUGH ADULTS WILL BEGIN ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15TH, 9:15 TO 10:15 A.M.!

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 again for supporting this ministry. Monetary donations are also accepted.

Thank you, AIM Committee

Volunteers Needed: Meisa is on vacation beginning Monday, September 23rd and returning on October 7th. We are asking for a volunteer or two who would be willing to answer the phone, take messages, and basically watch the office. If you could do any days/times, please call the office at 419-238-6336. Thank you