

ST. MARK'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

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JULY 31, 2022

Welcome and Announcements;

Prelude 8:00/10:30

Prelude on "*Evan*"

Brief Order of Confession and Forgiveness (page 94)

Hymn "Glorious Things of You Are Spoken" # 647

Prayer of the Day

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

Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23 and Psalm 49:1-12 (page. 2 of bulletin)

Colossians 3:1-11 and Luke 12:13-21 (page 3 & 4)

Message

Guest Minister: Rev. Bob Gibson

Hymn "Take My Life, That I May Be" # 685

Musical Meditation "*Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*"

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

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

Holy Communion (8:00 & 10:30 services: pages 107-109)

Lord's Prayer (page 112)

Blessing & Dismissal (pages 114-115)

Hymn "For the Fruit of All Creation" # 679

Doxology Sung by the Congregation HYMN #884

Postlude "*Joy, Joyful Joy*"

THE ALTAR FLOWERS

are given to the Glory of God by Mr. & Mrs. Donald Roediger.

ASSISTING MINISTERS THIS WEEK

Greeters (10:30).....Gregory Pancake
Lector (10:30).....Lori Snyder
Acolyte (10:30).....Hayden Saunier
Communion Servers (10:30).....Tedd Humbarger &
Monica Campbell

Scripture Reading

Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23

² “Meaningless! Meaningless!” says the Teacher. “Utterly meaningless! Everything is meaningless.”

Wisdom Is Meaningless

¹² I, the Teacher, was king over Israel in Jerusalem. ¹³ I applied my mind to study and to explore by wisdom all that is done under the heavens. What a heavy burden God has laid on mankind! ¹⁴ I have seen all the things that are done under the sun; all of them are meaningless, a chasing after the wind.

¹⁸ I hated all the things I had toiled for under the sun, because I must leave them to the one who comes after me. ¹⁹ And who knows whether that person will be wise or foolish? Yet they will have control over all the fruit of my toil into which I have poured my effort and skill under the sun. This too is meaningless. ²⁰ So my heart began to despair over all my toilsome labor under the sun. ²¹ For a person may labor with wisdom, knowledge and skill, and then they must leave all they own to another who has not toiled for it. This too is meaningless and a great misfortune. ²² What do people get for all the toil and anxious striving with which they labor under the sun? ²³ All their days their work is grief and pain; even at night their minds do not rest. This too is meaningless.

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Psalm 49:1-12

R: Hear this, all you peoples; listen, all who live in this world,

**C: both low and high, rich and poor alike:**

R: My mouth will speak words of wisdom;  
the meditation of my heart will give you understanding.

**C: I will turn my ear to a proverb;  
with the harp I will expound my riddle:**

R: Why should I fear when evil days come,  
when wicked deceivers surround me—

**C: those who trust in their wealth  
and boast of their great riches?**

R: No one can redeem the life of another  
or give to God a ransom for them—

**C: the ransom for a life is costly, no payment is ever enough—**

R: so that they should live on forever and not see decay.

**C: For all can see that the wise die,  
that the foolish and the senseless also perish,  
leaving their wealth to others.**

R: Their tombs will remain their houses forever,  
their dwellings for endless generations,  
though they had named lands after themselves.

**C: People, despite their wealth, do not endure;  
they are like the beasts that perish.**

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¹ Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ² Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. ³ For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. ⁴ When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory. ⁵ Put to death, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires and greed, which is idolatry. ⁶ Because of these, the wrath of God is coming. ⁷ You used to walk in these ways, in the life you once lived. ⁸ But now you must also rid yourselves of all such things as these: anger, rage, malice, slander, and filthy language from your lips. ⁹ Do not lie to each other, since you have taken off your old self with its practices ¹⁰ and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator. ¹¹ Here there is no Gentile or Jew, circumcised or uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave or free, but Christ is all, and is 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.

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P: The Good news.....

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

Luke 12:13-21      The Parable of the Rich Fool

<sup>13</sup> Someone in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me.” <sup>14</sup> Jesus replied, “Man, who appointed me a judge or an arbiter between you?” <sup>15</sup> Then he said to them, “Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; life does not consist in an abundance of possessions.” <sup>16</sup> And he told them this parable: “The ground of a certain rich man yielded an abundant harvest. <sup>17</sup> He thought to himself, ‘What shall I do? I have no place to store my crops.’” <sup>18</sup> “Then he said, ‘This is what I’ll do. I will tear down my barns and build bigger ones, and there I will store my surplus grain. <sup>19</sup> And I’ll say to myself, “You have plenty of grain laid up for many years. Take life easy; eat, drink and be merry.”’” <sup>20</sup> “But God said to him, ‘You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you. Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself?’” <sup>21</sup> “This is how it will be with whoever stores up things for themselves but is not rich toward God.”

**P: Word of God. Word of life.**

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

We welcome today Pastor Bob Gibson. Pastor Bob was born in Detroit, Michigan and loves old cars. He has two. He entered the ministry through the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod in 1972, when he was ordained. He came to the ELCA in 1989 when he began work as a chaplain employed by the Department of Corrections, State of Ohio. Bob has served as prison chaplain at Lucasville, London and Lima Ohio. He retired in 2003 and has done interim ministry since then, until recently. Bob just entered his 50th year in ministry.

**New Outreach Program:** On Thursday, August 11<sup>th</sup> the AIM Committee will host our first Thursday Luncheon in our north parking lot. This luncheon is free to the public and is similar to the Senior Lunches hosted by Trinity Lutheran in Convoy. Lunch begins at 11:30. The lunches thereafter will be on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday each month. We are asking the congregation for gently used clothing donations to be made available at these lunches. If you have clothing items for children through adult, please bring to church and place in the designated shopping cart located by the Gathering Place entrance. If you would like to donate simple dessert items for these lunches, please contact anyone on the committee for more information. Thank you for your support of this community outreach. The AIM Luncheon Committee: Anna Bash, Amanda Stauffer, Marilyn Morgan, Christine Krugh, Mark Schaberg, and Pastor Will



**LifeWise Academy of Van Wert** has set a \$3,161.58 goal to purchase 235 Bibles for both 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> graders this year. **\$661.58** has been raised as of July 20<sup>th</sup>. You can donate online at [www.lifewiseacademy.org/live/3910023/van-wert-city](http://www.lifewiseacademy.org/live/3910023/van-wert-city) or mail a check to: **LifeWise Academy, PO Box 702, Van Wert, OH 45891**

*Our sympathy to Pastor Will and family on the passing of his mother, Mary Haggis who entered the church triumphant on Friday, July 22, 2022.*

**Bell Tower Update.** The Property and Bell Tower Funding Committees, together, in April and May interviewed two bell companies. Verdin Bells and Clocks of Cincinnati and Smith's Bell and Clock near Indianapolis. The committees are still waiting to hear updated information from Verdin to compare the proposals of both companies.



**July 24<sup>th</sup> Congregational Meeting Results:** On Sunday, July 24<sup>th</sup> during the Called Congregational Meeting the presented AV Project Motion was voted on and approved.

*Thank you:* I would like to express my sincere appreciation and thanks for being one the chosen applicants to receive the St. Mark's College Scholarship. This will help offset many costs, including food, books, supplies and fuel for commuting. Once again, Thank you! Sincerely,  
Kiersten Roehm

**Bread & Bowl:** We are still in need for individuals to coordinate a meal for Bread and Bowl on **October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2022**. All meals are at First United Methodist on Central Ave. at 6 PM on Friday nights.) If interested or if you are new to this program, feel free to call me. We can discuss specifics.  
Many thanks, Kathy Taylor 419-605-8467

*Our sympathy to the family and friends of  
Walt Poling who entered the church triumphant on Wednesday,  
July 27, 2022.*

**Card Shower:** Art Bauer will be 90 years old on August 9<sup>th</sup>. We are having a card shower for him in celebration of this mile stone birthday. If you would like to send a card please mail it to: Art Bauer, 1039 Shawnee Drive, Van Wert, OH 45891. Thank you. Karen (Bauer) Eddy

**Scholarship Recipients for 2022:** On behalf of the scholarship committee, I would like to congratulate the following students who have received the St Marks College Scholarships: Ryan Chen, Jennifer Haggis, Kaitlin McVaigh, Paige Moonshower, Sam Moonshower, Conner Johnson, Kiersten Roehm, Raegan Roehm, Jaclyn Sroufe, and Evan Sroufe. Scholarship Chair, Rick Roehm

**PLC WALK FOR LIFE:** Thank you St. Mark's! As of last Sunday, July 24<sup>th</sup> we have exceeded our goal of \$300. You have contributed **\$465** towards our sponsorship of the Pregnancy Life Center's Walk for Life. Thank you, Thank you, Thank you!

*Our sympathy to Brenda Rhoades and family on the passing of  
Brenda's mother, Betty Lou Tomlinson on June 30, 2022.*



**TODAY is the last day of our Operation Christmas Child shoebox collection.** If you forgot your shoebox you can still turn it into the church office. Please turn it in or let Cary or Juli know that it is on its way to the church so we can inventory the boxes.

The High School Youth and Leaders would like to THANK the congregation for your continuous support of this outreach program over the years and especially this year.

Please keep all the children receiving these boxes in your prayers as they are the most important aspect of our mission to spread the Good News!

**Library Cart Update:** We have NEW books out the Library Cart in the Gathering Room Hallway for Fiction.



for summer reading! Check Kids Books as well as Adult

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## CHURCH SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

**SUNDAY, JULY 31, 2022: Rev. Bob Gibson, Guest Preacher**

**Operation Christmas Child Boxes are due today!**

- 8:00 a.m. Holy Communion Service
- 10:30 a.m. Holy Communion Service
- 10:40 a.m. Noah's Park

### **WEDNESDAY**

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

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 7, 2022—Jason, Tyas, Guest Speaker**

- 8:00 a.m. Worship Service
- 10:30 a.m. Worship Service
- 10:40 a.m. Noah's Park

**Pastor Will is on vacation July 30<sup>th</sup> through August 15<sup>th</sup>.**

**Sunday, July 31: Rev. Bob Gibson, Guest Preacher  
Holy Communion at both 8:00 & 10:30 services**

**Worship Service-Sun., August 7: Jason Tyas, Guest Speaker**

**Worship Service-Sun., August 14: Jason Tyas, Guest Speaker**

**Please call the church office for hospitalizations  
at 419-238-6336.**