

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING & REPORTS

The Annual Congregational Meeting of St. Mark's Lutheran Church will be held on Sunday, **APRIL 28, 2024**. **THIS IS YOUR OFFICIAL NOTICE OF THIS MEETING.** 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 on April 7th, 14th & 21st.* 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 \$25,000 allocated by the Investment Committee and Council for 2023 Outreach funds and also the distribution of the Farm Account Funds of \$8,000.



Eclipse Party

Monday, April 8th, 2024

12:00 noon through 4:00 p.m.

Parking lot between Collin's Fine Foods and St. Mark's Lutheran Church

\$5.00 for a meal

Choice of Hamburger or Hot Dog, chips, baked beans, and drink from Collin's Fine Foods

Popcorn is also available

Eclipse glasses are available while supplies last

Cornhole in the parking lot

Bring your chairs!

All Proceeds go to Haven of Hope and House of Transition

ST. MARK'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

Prayer Request e-mail: stmprayer@stmarkslutheranvw.com

Church Website: www.stmarkslutheranvw.com

March 31, 2024—EASTER SUNDAY

Service Music

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

“Crown Him with Many Crowns”

Choral Introit (10:30 service)

Call to Worship

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C: **Yes! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

P: Death has no victory,

C: **Our victory is with Jesus!**

P: He is the resurrection and the life

C: **Life is ours because He lives.**

P: The stone is rolled away,

C: **The tomb is empty.**

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C: **Yes, He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Hymn “Christ the Lord is Risen Today, Alleluia!” # 369

Prayer of the Day

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

Acts 10:34-43 & Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 (page 2 & 3 of bulletin)

1 Corinthians 15:1-11 & John 20:1-8 (page 3 & 4 of bulletin)

Message

Hymn “All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name” (vs 1,2,5 & 6) # 634

Musical Meditation (7:00 service)

“He Is Lord/O Come Let Us Adore Him”

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 ff)

Lord's Prayer (page 112)

Blessing & Dismissal (pages 114-115)

Hymn “Jesus Christ is Risen Today” # 365

Doxology Sung by the Congregation HYMN #884

Postlude

“Festive Postlude on Llanfair”

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 10:34-43 Peter at Cornelius's House

³⁴ Then Peter began to speak: "I now realize how true it is that God does not show favoritism ³⁵ but accepts from every nation the one who fears him and does what is right. ³⁶ You know the message God sent to the people of Israel, announcing the good news of peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all. ³⁷ You know what has happened throughout the province of Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached— ³⁸ how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power, and how he went around doing good and healing all who were under the power of the devil, because God was with him. ³⁹ "We are witnesses of everything he did in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They killed him by hanging him on a cross, ⁴⁰ but God raised him from the dead on the third day and caused him to be seen. ⁴¹ He was not seen by all the people, but by witnesses whom God had already chosen—by us who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴² He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one whom God appointed as judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³ All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

Psalms 118:1-2, 14-17 A Song of Victory

R: O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;
his steadfast love endures forever!

C: **Let Israel say, "His steadfast love endures forever."**

R: The LORD is my strength and my might;
he has become my salvation.

C: **There are glad songs of victory in the tents of the righteous:
"The right hand of the LORD does valiantly;**

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Scholarship Applications are due in the office by May 1st!

Saints, Mark Your Calendar: Sunday, May 12th 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.

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

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.

Reminders: *Bulletin deadline is Wednesday by 1:00 p.m.*
*AND The deadline for May newsletter is **April 22nd**.*

Our Purchase of Gifts to Help Our Artisan Brothers & Sisters in Christ and Their Families in Bethlehem came to a total of \$4,323.00. Our goal was \$1,000. Thank you for helping support those in need to support their families.



Thank you to everyone who donated to our Tornado Relief for the Southern Ohio Synod. We collected a total of \$611.00 for those in need.

Summer Camp Information is on the literature table in the Gathering Place. Call the church office with questions at 419-238-6336. Meisa

The Northwest Ohio Synod Assembly will be Saturday, June 1st, 9:00 – 5:00 at St. Mark’s Lutheran Church in Bowling Green. Our congregation can send two female delegates, one male delegate, and pastor. If you want to represent our congregation then contact the church office 419.238.6336.

EASTER PLAY: The Children’s Easter Play will be performed during the 10:30 a.m. service on April 14th. They will rehearse in the sanctuary starting at 9:15. After rehearsing, they’ll go as a group to the fellowship hall until time for the play. Parents can pick up their children in the fellowship hall following the service.

EASTER PLAY REHEARSAL: Please note there is no Sunday school on Easter Sunday but we will be holding play rehearsal on that Sunday at 9:30 am. **The Easter play will be performed on Sunday, April 14, 2024 at the 10:30 a.m. service.**

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.

Hearth & Home Blessing Box Collection: Join us on **Thursday, April 4th between 12:00 – 1:00 p.m.** for our monthly drive-thru meal at **Hearth & Home**. We will be serving shepherd’s pie, dinner roll and a fruit cup. We will be collecting the following items for the St. Mark’s Lutheran Church Blessing Box: canned pastas (ravioli, beefaroni, etc.); spaghetti and sauce; canned soups; or granola bars. Flyers are on the literature table to fill out for a door prize when you pick up your meal at **Hearth & Home**.

Get to Know Us on:



R: the right hand of the LORD is exalted;
the right hand of the LORD does valiantly.”

**C: I shall not die, but I shall live,
and recount the deeds of the LORD.**

R: The LORD has chastened me sorely,
but he has not given me over to death.

**C: Open to me the gates of righteousness,
that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD.**

R: This is the gate of the LORD; the righteous shall enter through it.

**C: I thank thee that thou hast answered me
and hast become my salvation.**

R: The stone which the builders rejected
has become the head of the corner.

C: This is the LORD’s doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

R: This is the day which the LORD has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

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**1 Corinthians 15:1-11      The Resurrection of Christ**

<sup>1</sup> Now I would remind you, brethren, in what terms I preached to you the gospel, which you received, in which you stand, <sup>2</sup> by which you are saved, if you hold it fast—unless you believed in vain. <sup>3</sup> For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, <sup>4</sup> that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, <sup>5</sup> and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. <sup>6</sup> Then he appeared to more than five hundred brethren at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. <sup>7</sup> Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. <sup>8</sup> Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. <sup>9</sup> For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. <sup>10</sup> But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God which is with me. <sup>11</sup> Whether then it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

**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 John’s Gospel.

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

**John 20:1-8 The Resurrection of Jesus**

1 Now on the first day of the week Mary Mag’dalene came to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb. 2 So she ran, and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, “They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.” 3 Peter then came out with the other disciple, and they went toward the tomb. 4 They both ran, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first; 5 and stooping to look in, he saw the linen cloths lying there, but he did not go in. 6 Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb; he saw the linen cloths lying, 7 and the napkin, which had been on his head, not lying with the linen cloths but rolled up in a place by itself. 8 Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed;

P: Word of God. Word of life.

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

**CHURCH SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

**SUNDAY, MARCH 31, 2024—EASTER SUNDAY**

7:00 a.m. *Easter Sunrise Communion Service*

8:00 a.m. *Easter Breakfast/Fellowship Hall—Sr. High Youth Mission Trip Fundraiser*

NO Sunday School

9:30 a.m. *Children’s Easter Pageant Rehearsal*

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

10:40 a.m. Noah’s Park

**TUESDAY**

9:00 a.m. Piecemakers

3:30 p.m. Handbell Choir Practice

**WEDNESDAY**

10:00 a.m. *Brewed Expressions Group*

4:30 p.m. *Personnel Committee Meeting*

6:00 p.m. Supper

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

6:30 p.m. Catechism

6:30 p.m. Kid Min

**THURSDAY**

6:00 p.m. Cornhole

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

**SUNDAY, APRIL 7, 2024**

8:00 a.m. *Worship Service with Children’s Message*

9:00 a.m. Coffee Hour in the Gathering Place

9:15 a.m. Sunday School

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

10:40 a.m. Noah’s Park

**THE ALTAR FLOWERS**

are given to the Glory of God and in memory of loved ones

by John & Marlene Freund.

**ASSISTING MINISTERS THIS WEEK**

Greeters (7:00) ...Kathy Van Eman

Lector (7:00)...Warren Bowery

Comm. Servers (7:00) ...Jana Ringwald

Greeters (10:30) ...Kevin Taylor

Lector (10:30)...Stephanie Stechschulte

Acolytes (10:30)...Claire & Connor Donaldson & Caleb Mohr

Comm. Servers (10:30) ...Monica Campbell, Denny Wagonrod,

Eric Overholt, Jacob Staley & Jason Stechschulte



## **The Easter Flowers are given to the glory of God by:**

Rita, Ryan, Arnelle, and Rustin Adam; Robin, Michael, Adam, Ronnie and Brett Schumm in loving memory of Ronald L. Adam and other departed loved ones.

Rick Allen in memory of my father, brother and grandmother.

Anna Bash & Louis Linton in memory of our parents Ramilda & Clifford Linton and Margaret & Carl Fehrer.

Anna Bash & Louis Linton in honor of our grandchildren: Lulu, Izzy, Grace, Maci, Titus and Elijah.

Amy Blackmore in memory of my grandparents.

Warren & Susan Bowery in memory of Warren & Gertrude Bowery and Lloyd & Inez Waybright.

Reg & Dot Burley in memory of Ralph & Garnet Burley and Paul & Peg Shaffer.

Doug & Meisa Coplin in honor of our granddaughter, Maisie Grace Anne Martinski and in memory of our grandchildren, Angel & Hazen Lindsey.

Doug & Meisa Coplin, Amanda & Maisie Martinski and Mitchell & Katie Lindsey in memory of grandma & great-grandma Nancy Coplin and in memory of Aunt Karen Linton.

Kenneth & Carol Doner in memory of departed loved ones.

Kenneth & Carol Doner in honor of our children, grandchildren and great-granddaughter.

Opal, Shelley & Brock Dunham & families in loving memory of Walter Dunham.

Opal Dunham and family in memory of other departed loved ones.

Opal Dunham in honor of Shelley & Brock and their families.

Opal Dunham and family to the Glory of God.

John & Marlene Freund in memory of Mr. & Mrs. Albert Oehrtman and Mr. & Mrs. Elmer Freund.

Jim & Joan Holland in memory of departed loved ones.

Jo Holman in memory of departed loved ones.

Jo Holman in honor of my family.

Roger & Carol Mengerink in honor of our great grandsons Colson and Brooks Mengerink.

Kurt & Nancy Muntzinger in memory of grandparents, fathers, sister and brother.

James & Karan Ottenweller in memory of Art & Betty Shook.

James & Karan Ottenweller in memory of Donald & Kreemy Ottenweller.

Roger & Linda Overholt & family in loving memory of dad & grandpa, Ernest Overholt.

Roger & Linda Overholt & family in loving memory of dad & grandpa, Glenn Dolbey.

Roger & Linda Overholt & family in loving memory of mom & grandma, Bernice Overholt.

Roger & Linda Overholt & family in loving memory of mom & grandma, Nancy Dolbey.

Jim & Elaine Rhoades in memory of Betty Lou (Rhoades) Johnson, Paul W. (Dusty) Rhoades & Lowell Schaberg.

Jim & Elaine Rhoades in honor of Joan Schaberg and our children and grandchildren.

Roy & Jana Ringwald in memory of our parents, Max & Virginia Harter and Clarence & Rosella Ringwald.

Frank, Reesa & Rachel Rohrs and Anthony & Emily Gilmore in memory of our beloved grandparents and parents Ron & Dee Zachrich and Elmer & Eileen Rohrs.

Craig & Kathy Staley in honor of our grandchild, Charlotte Hovlid.

Craig & Kathy Staley in honor of our children, Katelynn & Shawn Hovlid and Jacob & Brooke Staley.

Jacob & Brooke Staley in honor of our child who is due in September.

Floyd & Carolyn Tyas in memory of Godfrey Rogers, Ralph Wegesin and Roy & Arlene Tyas.

Floyd & Carolyn Tyas in honor of Arlene Wegesin.

Carol Wood & Doug Wood in memory of husband and father, David M. Wood.

## Upcoming High School Youth Fundraising Events!

The High School Youth are actively fundraising for their 2024 Summer Mission Trip to Winchester, Kentucky and greatly appreciate your support!

Beginning on Sunday, March 31<sup>st</sup> and running through Sunday, April 21<sup>st</sup> order forms will be available to order tee shirts, see designs below, that our youth designed. These shirts 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 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 make checks payable to St. Marks Lutheran Church.

Does your car need a bath after all the winter/spring/winter/spring weather we've been having lately? We will be having a free will donation car wash

DURING both services on Sunday, April 14<sup>th</sup> with a rain date of Sunday, April 21<sup>st</sup>. More details to follow!

Our last Sunday of Fried Pie Sales will be Sunday, April 21!

Also, on Sunday, April 21<sup>st</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup>, and May 5<sup>th</sup> we will have additional church merch for sale on a cash and carry basis. Merchandise will include bracelets, car decals, pens, and keychains!

As you can see we have A LOT going on during the month of April and we are very thankful for your continued support! We are extremely excited about our trip to Winchester, Kentucky and look forward to sharing with you testimonies of our work serving others!

### Influenced by Christ



### Transformed

