



The Light



St. Mark Lutheran Church

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O give thanks to the
LORD, call on his name,
make known his deeds
among the peoples.

PSALM 105:1, NRSV

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VISION STATEMENT

St. Mark Lutheran Church glorifies God and makes disciples by making caring connections with the people of our community.





Touching Base on the Basics

The Lord has blessed St. Mark Lutheran Church. He has gifted us with the best news ever and asks us to share it with our world. There are plenty of challenges, to be sure, but we meet them with the victory already in hand, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

I would use this space to hold the following things before you:

1. **We have a mission to fulfill.** Making caring connections with our community means being externally focused. We want to be faithful to the mission Christ has given His Church: to make disciples. Please pray about your involvement as your church leaders develop strategies to be even more effective in fulfilling Christ's mission.

2. **Fulfilling this mission takes resources.** To realize our potential as a mission-minded church, we need every family's contribution of time, talent, and treasure. God's Word tells us that our giving should be done with a thankful and cheerful heart.

3. **Christ is present to help us.** This is always true, but especially in worship. I pray you are thankful for and blessed by our Scripturally-sound, Christ-centered way of worship. The power is in the Word of God, which will continue to do its work in-person and online.

4. **We have excellent volunteers** (and a strong church staff). Across the board, we are blessed to have gifted Christian men and women who give generously of their time and abilities to further the work of God's Kingdom. There are quite a few unsung heroes among us, without whom things simply would not happen. I am grateful for your willing service.

It is a privilege to serve you with God's Word and Sacraments. I sincerely appreciate all the ways in which you care for my family, and I thank God daily for your faithfulness and friendship in Christ. God grant us the desire to joyfully share His gifts with our world!



NEWS AND NOTES ABOUT THE CONGREGATION (AND BEYOND!)

From the Newsletter Editor



I am especially looking for names of our high school and college graduates, so that I can run a "congratulations" article. Please send me your graduate's name, the school they are graduating from, and, for high schoolers, the college, if any they are planning on attending in the fall.

If you have any other news that you would like to share with your St. Mark family, I'm taking that, too! Be sure to drop the information into the newsletter box in the church office by the third Sunday of the month, or email me at churchelf@sbcglobal.net by the third Sunday of the month.

-- the church elf



- Patrick Atwara, Michael Atwara's father
- Boise Bouton School in Haiti
- Building Hope in the City
- Joshua Burke, studying at Bowling Green
- Donna Cartwright, mother of Diana Monaghan
- Dan Cicchella
- Ardis Danicic
- Carol Deau
- Ruthann Dular
- Dale and Bobi Fellinger
- Grace School in Haiti
- Gerry Grubec
- Erik Hanson
- John Holt, Tim Holt's brother
- Ted Holt
- Nancy Johnson
- Betty Judkins
- Twiley Kemp, mother of Dawn Dean
- Emily Lazio, aunt of Jackie Rychel
- Gloria Leagan
- Lois Locher
- Love and Hope Children's Home in El Salvador
- Ron Meister
- Ministry in Mission
- Stan Moczulski
- John Monaghan
- Barb Nicholson
- Jim Podojil
- Beth Reksten
- Steppin Out Missions
- Ed Stone
- Trinity Lutheran, Ohio City

- Capt. Matt Webb, continuing his residency in neurosurgery
- WomenSafe
- Grace Wright, studying at Ohio State



It's Time for a New Photo Directory

We are very excited that this year we will be doing a new photo directory here at St. Mark! There are no sitting fees and every family gets a free 8x10 picture.

A photographer will be here at St. Mark on Thursday, May 20 (2:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.), Friday, May 21 (2:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.), and Saturday, May 22 (10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.).

The company that we are using has implemented amazing COVID precautions, so we're hopeful that even people that have not wanted to come back to in person church will be willing to come in for pictures.

You may sign up on line at www.ucdir.com, using Church Code: OH2440, and Church Password: photos. Online sign ups are available Monday – Friday. Sign ups are also available on Sunday mornings in the narthex. Or you may call the church office Monday-Thursday from 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. to sign up over the phone. You may also call the church office if you have any questions.



Hunger Knows No Season

Donations of non-perishable food items are always needed and appreciated. There is a food pantry box in St. Mark's mailbox room where you may place your donated non-perishable food items. We collect canned soups, stews, pastas, canned tuna, canned beans and dried beans, canned fruits and vegetables, peanut butter, jelly, macaroni and cheese, and rice. God bless your generosity.

-- Chris Meister



FYI Email List

If you are not receiving email about what is going on in the church, please contact **Chris Meister** (thecmeister@gmail.com) and ask to be added to the FYI email list. Important announcements go out through email.

Tithes/Offerings

Please remember that if you are worshipping at home with us via livestreaming, you can still support St. Mark and its ministries financially. You can donate online (acionlinegiving.com/4549), you can text a donation (text an amount to 440-709-8049), or you can mail in your check (119000 Chillicothe Road, Chesterland, OH 44026).



Facebook Live Videos

Pastor Mark and Vicar Chris are streaming LIVE every day (except Saturday) on Facebook at facebook.com/stmarkchester. The schedule will be sent



GROUP MINISTRIES



**Council
Notes**



Currently we are at 9 children. Please continue to keep our preschool in your prayers.



St. Mark Vacation Bible School 2021 will be held in person July 26-30, 9:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m. Please contact **Tracy Deets** for more information on volunteering or attending. All applicable coronavirus safety protocols will be in

place.

Sunday School is at 9:00 a.m. at church and by zoom. Sunday Bible study is at 9:30 a.m. in the library; Tuesday Bible study is at 11:00 a.m. in the sanctuary and livestreamed, and archived on St. Mark's Facebook videos page.

out via FYI emails. If you do not have Facebook, you can watch the videos after they are done, at www.stmarkchester.com/videos.



Communion Is Available

If you would like a time for private communion with Pastor Mark, that is available to you by appointment. Please contact **Pastor Mark** to arrange for that.



*Sharing
& Caring*

We would like to let the congregation know that Caring & Sharing continues on. If you know of anyone or you yourself find that you are in need, **please** reach out to one us. We are here to assist you in time of need. This is a **confidential** process, so please do not hesitate to ask for our help.

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Mile by mile ... day by day ...
we get closer to the finish line next month in Lexington, Kentucky, the "Horse Capital of the World." Join the runners/workers and committee

members as they run through the hills and valleys, making final decisions, adjusting to challenges, and with God's guidance continue "Running the Race." The 39th Biennial LWML Convention will be held in the Rupp Arena at Central Bank Center, June 24-27, 2021. You are encouraged to join the workers from the Ohio District in whatever position fits your gifts or talents. Pray for the members of the LWML Host Committee Districts, Indiana, Michigan, and Ohio, and all the volunteers who have already been a part of the organizing and preparations for this convention. A Call for Workers! Volunteer Application Form found on the LWML Indiana District website, www.lwmlindiana.org, needs to be completed if you choose to be part of the LWML Host Convention team. Mark the Call for Workers form with your first choice, second choice, etc. Email the completed form to Penny Letterman at the address on the form. You will be contacted to confirm the position assignment. Are you getting ready? Did you send in your SPECIAL registration form and reserve a hotel room from the list in the *Lutheran Woman's Quarterly*? Did you order an LWML Convention Logo Polo Shirt? If ordered before the May 15 deadline, you may pick up a shirt at the convention. NO shirts will be sold at the convention. God's blessings on Lutheran Women in Mission who are "Running the Race ... Looking to Jesus."

Unfortunately, at this time registration for anyone other than volunteers to work on committees has been put "on hold" because of COVID restrictions at the arena. Keep your eyes for further updates!



Northeast Zone
Ohio District

Northeast Zone Spring Rally

The annual Spring Rally will be held on May 8 at Faith Lutheran Church, Mentor (on Mentor Avenue, next to the Garfield Historical Site). The theme for this year's rally is "Good Morning, Lord," and we will be gathering breakfast items to be donated to Project Hope for the Homeless in Painesville. Items needed include:

breakfast bars, Pop Tarts, 12 oz. coffee cups (WITH LIDS), juice, plastic spoons, cereal, and coffee. There will be a box next to the Women's League table for your donations. Contact **Beth Christopherson** for more information.

Northeast Zone Fall Retreat Saturday, September 25



Always a fun event, the Fall Retreat is once again scheduled to be held at the YMCA in Perry. Mark your calendars now, as attendance is limited. More information to follow!



Thinking of You...

My name I cannot mention,
but I wanted you to know...
Today you're in my thoughts --
May God's blessing to you flow.
Have a Joy-filled day today,
and every day!

[Editor's note: remember your secret sister.]



Why God? Every Christian goes through periods of struggling with questions about faith. Often this can be very painful. If you are going through a rough time in your spiritual life right now, a Stephen Minister would like to care for you. Our Stephen Ministers are there to care! To find out more about Stephen Ministry, or to receive a Stephen Minister's care, contact **Ron Croucher, Sue Matzke or Pastor Matzke**. Please do not report a friend's need without first asking his or her permission to do so.

When I said, 'my foot is slipping', your love, O Lord, supports me." - Psalm 94:18

Women's League

Plant Sale

Spring is here and yes, we are having our annual Mother's Day hanging basket and plant sale! Basically, it will be run as last year. Order forms will be available in your mail box or the church office. New this year will be the addition of perennials and some garden items. Feel free to give order forms to your family and friends.

Mother's Day hanging basket orders will be due by Monday, May 3 and plant sale order forms will be due by Monday, May 17. More information will follow soon. If you have perennials you need to thin out, please remember to label the plant, and they will need to be at church on Friday, May 17. For questions call **Lee Stone** at 440-668-7985. Thank you.

It's Time to Feed the Fish

The Caribbean Children's Foundation (CCF) has been the recipient of our "Pennies for Rice" (a.k.a. "Feed the Fish") program for about 11 years. This money goes

to the feeding of the students at the Boise Bouton School in Haiti. **Lee Stone** recently sent the school a check so the fish (on the table in the narthex) is "hungry" again. Thank you for all your pennies (and nickels, dimes, quarters, etc.) throughout this mission. It is very much appreciated.

Rummage Sale

Yes! We are planning our annual rummage sale this year on September 9-11. More details to follow. For now, we ask your cooperation on one important matter: because there was not a sale last year, the Women's League shed is packed. We cannot accept any more donations at this time. Please **DO NOT** put donations in the pavilion or in the church. We will let you know when we can accept donations again. If you have any questions, contact **Gayle Fecsik or Lori Cudnik**.

Those Serving Us in May

[Editor's note: Due to the on-going uncertainty caused by the coronavirus, volunteers will be scheduled on a week-to-week basis. The church secretary will be arranging volunteers, along with **Tom Holt** (Ushers) and **Karen Rudar** (Altar Guild and Coffee Hour). If you would be able to help, please contact Kim at the church office, or Tom or Karen (see your copy of the church directory for contact information).]



Celebrations



- 1 Ernest Kiminecz
Abigail Schaffert
- 3 Natalie Sutter
- 4 Nathan Ryan
- 5 Kim Ryan
- 7 Dan Chuppa
Jennifer Dugan
Eric Uchbar
- 8 Kirsten Zimmerman
- 10 Marilyn Meyerholt
Ambrose Wiley
- 11 Sarah (Holt) Doll
Randy Hyde
- 12 Christa Repas
- 13 Tamela Cook
Mari Jane Pavilonis
- 14 Daniel Cotter
Chase Hickey
- 15 Patrick Burke
Bruce Rancke
- 17 Gayle Fecsik
- 19 David Clark
- 21 Ruthann Dular
- 22 Lauren Gross
- 23 Winnie Holt
- 25 Carol Deau
- 27 Mike Dailey
Ryan Downs
Jeffrey Eggett
- 28 Abby Allen
Eric Meister
- 31 Michael Douglas, Jr.
Susan Matzke
Robert Pretzlaf



- 1 Daniel Brown
Charles Ebersbacher
- 2 Kathryn Sutter
- 3 Patti Lombardy
Matthew Ziccarelli
- 4 Donna Pellegrini
Lee Stone
Allison Zelznick
Lucas Zelznick
- 5 Monica McGurer
- 6 Tibor Lakatos
- 7 Christopher Turk
- 8 Donna Blankschaen
Marilyn Smith
- 10 Laurence Keil
Mort Myers
- 11 Mari Jane Pavilonis
- 13 John Hosa
Sue Ruff
- 14 Michael Hardy
- 15 Connie Boddy
Chip Toth
Todd Zeitz
- 17 Brian Kuchenbecker
- 18 Andy Matzke
- 20 Bonnie Coleman
Pat Hanna
Carolyn Heuer
Wendy Zimmerman
- 21 Rhys Dugan
- 23 Winnie Holt
Isabella Schmidt
- 24 Madison Corradetti
Michael Hardy-Elwell
- 27 Benjamin Burke
Desmond Burke
- 28 Ashley Schneider



- Stan and Mary Ann Moczulski
May 4, 1974
- Bob and Jennifer Schneider
May 6, 2016
- Richard and Ruth Ziehm
May 12, 1979
- Scott and Elizabeth Peterson
May 18, 1985
- Dick and Beth Christopherson
May 20, 1989
- Mark and Bridgette Percassi
May 27, 2006
- Jeremy and Louise Marsalis
May 27, 2018
- Dennis and Caitlin Shulman
May 28, 2017
- Curtis & Carolee Sandacz
May 29, 1994
- Tibor and Kathryn Lakatos
May 30, 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
25 8:15am - Traditional 9am - Sunday School 10am - Blended Worship	26 9:30am - Devotions online 6pm - Stewardship Board 7pm - Education Board	27 9:30am - Prayer Group 11am - Bible Study 7pm - Handbell Rehearsal	28 9:30am - Children's Chapel 11am - Free Lunch 6pm - Confirmation Class 6pm - Youth Group 7pm - VBS Meeting @	29 9:30am - Devotions online	30 7:30pm - @ the Cross	1
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