



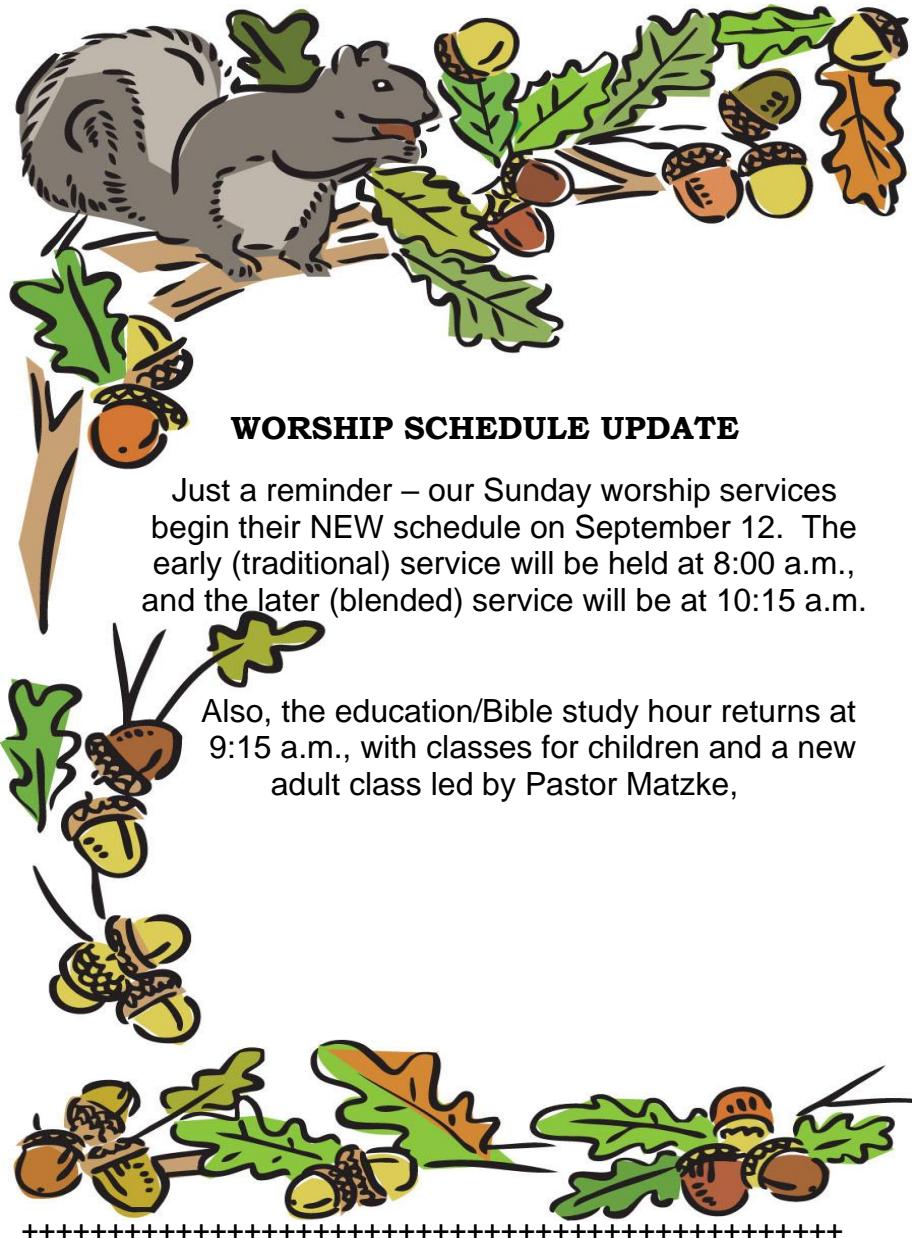
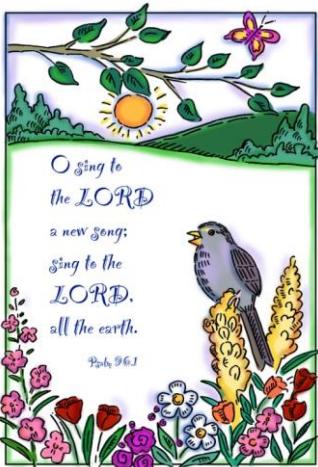
# The Light

St. Mark Lutheran Church

September

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## WORSHIP SCHEDULE UPDATE

Just a reminder – our Sunday worship services begin their NEW schedule on September 12. The early (traditional) service will be held at 8:00 a.m., and the later (blended) service will be at 10:15 a.m.

Also, the education/Bible study hour returns at 9:15 a.m., with classes for children and a new adult class led by Pastor Matzke,

## VISION STATEMENT

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

## Fruit Stand Goes to School

When the 1960s ended, San Francisco's Haight-Ashbury District reverted to high rent, and many hippies moved down the coast to Santa Cruz. They had children and got married, too, but they didn't name their children Melissa or Brett. People in the mountains around Santa Cruz grew accustomed to their children playing with little Time Warp or Spring Fever. And eventually Earth, Love and Precious Promise all ended up in public school.

That's when the kindergarten teachers first met Fruit Stand. Every fall, according to tradition, parents bravely apply name tags to their children, kiss them good-bye and send them off to school on the bus. So it was for Fruit Stand. The teachers thought the boy's name was odd, but they tried to make the best of it.

"Would you like to play with the blocks, Fruit Stand?" they offered. And later, "Fruit Stand, how about a snack?" He accepted hesitantly. By the end of the day, his name didn't seem much stranger than Moonbeam's or Sun Ray's.

At dismissal time, the teachers led the children out to the buses. "Fruit Stand, do you know which one is your bus?"

He didn't answer. That wasn't odd. He hadn't answered them all day. Lots of children are shy on the first day of school. It didn't matter. The teachers had instructed the parents to write the names of their children's bus stops on the reverse side of their name tags. The teacher simply turned over the tag. There, neatly printed, it said, "Anthony."

Whether you are getting ready for another school year or planning to attend your 50<sup>th</sup> class reunion, it is important that you are aware of the name that is attached to you. That name is, of course, the holy name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit; the Name in which you were baptized, by which you became a daughter or son of the King. You belong to Him and have access to Him, and He has given you His greatest gifts. He will never mistakenly call you Fruit Stand. In fact, he promises, "I have called you by name; you are Mine." (Isaiah 43: 1)



## NEWS AND NOTES ABOUT THE CONGREGATION (AND BEYOND!)

### From the Newsletter Editor

Can you believe it's been another year already? Happy anniversary! The church elf has been editing *The Light* for 12 years, and it is really a pleasure to be ministering to St. Mark in this way.

Remember what I said in that first issue? "...I hope [*The Light*] will become an important place for gathering the news about our family, the members of St. Mark. It will contain short notices about births, deaths, weddings, picnics – all of the things that families share. This is where thank yous will be printed, reminders made, and congratulations celebrated. This is also ... where news from the wider Christian family will be printed,...."

 As I have said before, I can't do it without your help. I need to know about new babies, baptisms, deaths, graduations, weddings - all the news that family members should be sharing with each other. The church office needs the addresses of graduates, and of our men and women in the military, so that we can send "family news" to those of us who are far away.

If you have any news that you would like to share with your St. Mark family, 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](mailto:churchelf@sbcglobal.net) by the third Sunday of the month.

Just a reminder to those who send articles to my email address: If I receive an article from you, I will send you a response saying I received it. If you send an article and I don't respond by the evening of the third Sunday, send another email or call me at 440-729-4506. Also, I can copy your article right from your email, copy-and-paste an article in Word doc or Word docx that you send as an attachment, or copy and insert a picture that you send as a jpeg.

Thank you to those who contribute to *The Light*. It's great sharing ministry with you!

-- the church elf



- Diana Adam
- Boise Bouton School in Haiti
- Building Hope in the City
- Joshua Burke, studying at Bowling Green
- Donna Cartwright, mother of Diana Monaghan
- Dan Cicchella
- Jeff Croucher, son of Ron and Pat Croucher
- Ardis Danicic
- Carol Deau
- Ruthann Dular

- Dale and Bobi Fellinger
- Marti Gildersleeve
- Grace School in Haiti
- Gerry Grubec
- Matt Huston, son of Rick and Cathy Huston
- Nancy Johnson
- Betty Judkins
- Gloria Leagan
- Lois Locher
- Larry Long (father of Sue Matzke)
- Love and Hope Children's Home in El Salvador
- Susan Matzke (mother of Pr. Matzke)
- Ron Meister
- Ministry in Mission
- Stan Moczulski
- Diane Molnar
- Beth Reksten
- Greg Ryan, brother of Vicar Chris
- Jack Shaw
- Paul Smith (son of Jack and Marilyn Smith)
- Steppin Out Missions
- Trinity Lutheran, Ohio City
- Capt. Matt Webb, continuing his residency in neurosurgery
- WomenSafe



We send our prayers, love, and sympathy to the family of James B. Tramte, the father of **Kathy Dvorak**, who passed away July 23, 2021. Memorial services were held at St. John Lutheran Church, 17403 Nottingham Road, in Cleveland.



A special thanks to our generous congregation for donating snacks for our fun-filled snack time during Vacation Bible School. Your generosity is most appreciated.

*God's blessings,  
Holly Myers*

Thank you all for your prayers and cards. You helped bring joy and peace during my healing.

*Jim Podojil*

Thank you from the Burke and Judkins families for all the prayers, cards, letters, phone calls, meals, visits, donations to the preschool, and whatever else I forgot! The support from our St. Mark family has been amazing and

we are strengthened by all the prayers and love. What an amazing example of the Body of Christ and true Christian fellowship.

*Jim Burke*

## Handicap Door Operation

Just a reminder that the exterior church doors **must be unlocked** before the switches are activated for the automatic door openers. Failure to do so may result in the motors burning out! Each door is labeled with "on, off, open" signs for the switches. Please be sure that the units are turned off, and the exterior doors locked when you leave the building. Thank you!

[Editor's note: If you are **outside** the building and want to come in, and aren't sure if the doors are locked or not, give the door a tug – if it's unlocked, it will move. Also, if you are coming to the building during the week, the doors are probably locked and won't open if you push the button. Thanks for helping to keep the automatic doors in working condition.]

## Choir Resumes

Looking forward to the fellowship that comes when people join together to praise the Lord? Choir starts up again on September 5. Rehearsals will take place between services, as they did this past spring. Start time will be about 9:00 a.m., or as soon as the first service ends. We will end at 9:30. (Yes, you will still be able to attend Pastor's Bible study!)

Rehearsals will take place as follows:

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month – Women

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month – Men

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month – All

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday – choir sings at both services

Join us as we praise God together in song!

*Leah Spisak*

## Card Donations Accepted Again

If you have cards starting to arrive again this year, we'll gladly take them off your hands! Any greeting card, calendar, gift wrap, or other items you can't use will be gratefully accepted by the library for resale in our church. Please drop them off in the library, on the table near the door.

## Box of Chocolates Mystery Concerts

Nothing brings people in like food or music....so we're going to do both! As part of our Outreach program....we are going to have a once-a-month family-friendly concert either in Fellowship Hall or in our Sanctuary.

We have the main performers for September and October. September 19 at 6:30 p.m. we will be featuring "Erie Sound". This is a well known barbershop group - always a crowd pleaser. October 17 we will be featuring the "Lydian Jazz Band". They have a female vocalist. This will be more gospel than jazz.

Invite everyone you know; they won't be disappointed. All performances will have a free will offering at the end.

This is a new ministry for us, so some things are still on the "to do" list, like finding opening acts. **Marilyn Meyerholt** is looking for any type of family-friendly music to be an opening act for each of the performances. This can be a family that just enjoys singing together, a backyard bluegrass group, opera, trios, country. Everyone needs to start somewhere. We can be that place.

Also, if you are familiar with a group you think we would enjoy, please get their information so we can get in touch with them.

All new endeavors can use help. If you would like to help in any way - finding talent, publicity, hospitality, or food service – please contact Marilyn (contact information is in the church directory).

## Ways to Support St. Mark

Please remember that just because the building is closed, ministry is still happening, and we need your support. You can donate online ([acionlinegiving.com/4549](http://acionlinegiving.com/4549)), text a donation (text the amount to 440-709-8049), or mail your check to the church office (11900 Chillicothe Road, Chesterland 44026).

Do you shop at GFS (Gordon's Food Service)? If so, you can support St. Mark by doing what you are already doing! When you are checking out at GFS, please let them know that you are supporting St. Mark Lutheran in Chesterland and we will get credit for your shopping trip, which will save us money on our next trip there.

You can also support St. Mark by shopping at Amazon, Just go to [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com) and choose Saint Mark Lutheran Church (Chesterland, OH) and then shop – it's that simple!

And you can support our preschool by bringing your paper and cardboard to the green and yellow recycling bins in the parking lot, and by placing an Avon order with Beth Christopherson (contact information is in the church directory), who will donate 10% of the price of your order to the preschool.

## Council and Board Positions Open

Do you have the gift of leadership? Do you have some great ideas that could help St. Mark further its mission of making caring connections? If so, then we would love to talk to you about fitting you into an open position on one of our boards or on the council. Please contact our Church Council President, **Howard Mabel**, if you would like to talk about where your gifts would best fit.



Please remember the Trinity Food Pantry when you shop at the grocery store. Needed items are canned soups, stews or pastas, canned tuna, canned beans, canned fruits and vegetables, boxed macaroni and cheese, peanut butter and jelly. We are also accepting monetary donations to help the pantry purchase fresh fruits and vegetables. Make your check out to St. Mark and put "Trinity Food Pantry" in the memo.



**Greeters** are coming back! Have you missed being greeted when you come in for church on Sunday mornings? Do you enjoy welcoming people into church? Beginning September 12, we will once again have greeters. But we need your help! If you would like to sign up to become a greeter, please email or call the church office and let Kim know. The schedule for September-December will be coming out within the next couple of weeks.

**Coffee Hour** after the second service will return on September 12. In order to make this happen successfully, we need additional individuals (men and women) to serve on a coffee hour team. At this time we will only be serving coffee. If there are enough volunteers, each team will only serve once every 6-8 weeks. If you are interested in being part of a team, contact **Sue Brill**.

## GROUP HAPPENINGS



Preschool will begin their new school year on September 7, with 10 children enrolled. We welcome **Patrick Burke** as the new director; **Donna Walkuski** continues as teaching assistant.



The current Tuesday Bible study topic is Paul's letter to the Romans; the group meets at 11:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall, and separately recorded lessons are available anytime on St. Mark's Facebook page.

33 children attended Vacation Bible School this year. There were more than 40 volunteers, and of those 15 were youth who helped during the week. **Tracy Deets**, our leader, wishes to thank everyone for help and prayers, and for the time and energy invested in making VBS 2021 a wonderful week.

Sunday School and Pastor's Sunday Bible study begin on September 12 between services.



Greeters will start being scheduled again in September. Acolytes may also start back in the fall, depending on availability and scheduling; some further discussion will be needed to see if this is possible.

Vicar Ryan's ordination will be on January 16, 2022 at 2:00 p.m.



Please Join Da Crew! What is this? A group of able-bodied folks willing to help move tables and chairs and otherwise assist in setting up or taking down for church events. How will it work? You will be sent an email or mobile phone message with a need and you volunteer to either set up or take down or otherwise move things about. Contact **Bill Tritt** to join this new group.



Northeast Zone Fall Retreat  
Saturday, September 25



Always a fun event, the Fall Retreat this year will be held at Zion Lutheran Church in Painesville (508 Mentor Avenue, across from Morley Hall on the Lake Erie College campus). The theme for the day is "Carpenter Hands...Christ's Hands...Our

Hands". The cost of \$25.00 includes the retreat program, breakfast snacks and a light lunch. Registration forms, with check enclosed, must be postmarked by September 15. More information and the registration forms are in informational packets on the Women's League table outside Fellowship Hall.

### Future Events – Mark Your Calendars

- Northeast Zone Prayer Service – February 27, 2022 at Grace Lutheran Church, Thompson
- Northeast Zone Spring Rally – date TBD at Zion Lutheran Church, Painesville
- LWML Ohio District Convention – June 17-18, 2022 (note: only 1 NIGHT plus Saturday) at St. Paul Lutheran Church, Napoleon, Ohio. Theme of the convention: "Lord of the Harvest"



Only 4 months are left to let your Secret Sister know you are praying for her in 2021. Send her a note or card letting her know how special she is to God and to you too!

-- submitted by Chris Meister



### Summertime Stress Slowing You Down?

We like to think of summer as being a relaxing, enjoyable time. But hurts, struggles, crises, and problems

don't take a vacation. Many times, our difficulties seem even worse during the summer because everyone else seems to be enjoying life while you are feeling down. If you are experiencing a difficult time – emotionally, spiritually, or relationally – you don't have to suffer alone. Our Stephen Ministers are trained caregivers, ready to listen, care for and encourage you, pray with and for you, and provide one-to-one Christian care to help you through whatever it is that you are facing. Men are matched with male Stephen Ministers and women are matched with female Stephen Ministers. It's free. It's confidential. And it will make a difference in your life!

To find out more about Stephen Ministry, or to receive a Stephen Minister's care, call **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

#### This 'N That Sale

Some of the most desirable items at our rummage sale include vintage items, crafts, and sewing items, linens, and small items of furniture – bookcases, stands, dressers, carts, chairs, tables, and chests. Need help with hauling? Call **Lori Cudnik or Gayle Fecsik**. The last day for bringing in donations will be Thursday, September 2.

We need volunteers to make our This 'n That Sale successful! If you have any time at all to help, we could use you! There is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board in the hallway.

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**Bible Quiz**

How many times in the Old Testament do people cross a body of water on dry ground?

A. once  
B. twice  
C. three times  
D. four times



Answer: C (See Exodus 14; Joshua 3; 2 Kings 2.)

## Celebrations



- 1 Stephanie (Molnar) Myeroff
- 2 Duane Bidlack
- 3 Lori Downs
- 4 Donald Stein
- 5 Brad Coppock  
Christopher Okeson  
Luna Stone
- 6 Jane Webb
- 7 Toni Atchley  
Lois Locher
- 9 Edison Stone
- 12 Jaclyn Gleske
- 13 Jack Shaw
- 14 Daniel Cicchella
- 15 Michael Stanley
- 16 Madilyn Atchley  
Gloria Leagan
- 17 Jennifer Dunn
- 19 Cindy Cicchella  
Kathryn Lakatos  
Jeremy Marsalis
- 20 Rebecca Jabs  
Aidan Reed
- 22 Penny Kalberer  
Justin Meagher  
Griffin Reksten  
Ken Welsh
- 23 Alec Lawlor
- 24 Tim Holt
- 25 Paul Adam  
Bridgette Percassi
- 26 Janie Palmer
- 27 Kayla Brown  
Diana Monaghan
- 28 Joshua Antonello  
Allan Frantz  
Frank Keehl  
Gretchen Sutter
- 29 Anna Zimmerman
- 30 Michelle Deau  
Julie Wallenhorst



- 1 Dean Springer
- 4 Lindsay Craig  
Chris Meister  
Kathryn Meyer  
Gwynne Schneider  
Donald Stein
- 5 Kathryn Lakatos
- 7 Jack Turk
- 9 Nathan Ryan
- 10 Nicole Large  
Dawn Simonetti
- 13 Jill Johnson
- 15 Ellie Mercsak
- 17 Yasmin Nehal
- 22 Gabriela Bauermann  
Dustin Paterniti
- 25 Lawrence Tomko  
Jane Webb
- 30 Tim Rychel



- Tim and Rikki Rychel  
September 1
- Tim and Paula Holt  
September 5, 1981
- Tom and Karen Rudar  
September 5, 2009
- Bob and Connie Boddy  
September 7, 1963 (58 years)
- Roy and Donna Blankschaen  
September 9, 1972
- Chris and Nancy Powell  
September 12, 1981
- Ed and Lee Stone  
September 13, 1958 (63 yrs)
- Ron and Chris Meister  
September 14, 1974
- Dan and Karen Springer  
September 17, 1999
- Zach and Jennifer Brenkus  
September 17, 2005
- Larry and Monica McGurer  
September 19, 1975
- David and Kimberly Palivec  
September 28, 1996
- Jason and Tracy Deets  
September 30, 2000
- Howard and Erna Mabel  
September 30, 2000
- Brandon Sr. and Jessa Wilson  
September 30, 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
29 8:15am - Traditional 10am - Blended Worship 11am - Women's League	30 9:30am - Devotions online 7pm - Education Board	31 9:30am - Prayer Group 11am - Bible Study	1 9:30am - Children's Chapel	2 9:30am - Devotions online 7pm - Handbell Rehearsal	3 7:30pm - @ the Cross	4 10:30am - Yoga
5 8:15am - Traditional 10am - Contemporary	6 Labor Day - Office Closed	7 9:30am - Prayer Group 11am - Bible Study 7pm - Elders' Meeting	8 9:30am - Children's Chapel 6pm - Confirmation Class @	9 9:30am - Devotions online 4pm - This 'n That Sale (\$5 7pm - Handbell Rehearsal	10 9am - This 'n That Sale 7:30pm - @ the Cross	11 9am - This 'n That Sale (1/2
12 8am - Traditional Worship 9:20am - Education Hour 10:15am - Blended 11:30am - Council Meeting 7pm - Youth Group	13 9:30am - Devotions online	14 9:30am - Prayer Group 11am - Bible Study	15 9:30am - Children's Chapel 2pm - Red Cross Blood 6pm - Confirmation Class @	16 9:30am - Devotions online 7pm - Handbell Rehearsal	17 7:30pm - @ the Cross	18 10:30am - Yoga 2pm - Trinity Lutheran
19 8am - Traditional Worship 9:20am - Education Hour 10:15am - Contemporary 5pm - Newsletter Due 6:30pm - Music in the Hall 7pm - Youth Group	20 9:30am - Devotions online	21 9:30am - Prayer Group 11am - Bible Study	22 9:30am - Children's Chapel 6pm - Confirmation Class @	23 9:30am - Devotions online 7pm - Handbell Rehearsal	24 7:30pm - @ the Cross	25 10:30am - Yoga
26 8am - Traditional Worship 9:20am - Education Hour 10:15am - Blended 7pm - Youth Group	27 9:30am - Devotions online 6pm - Stewardship Board 7pm - Education Board	28 9:30am - Prayer Group 11am - Bible Study	29 9:30am - Children's Chapel 11am - Free Lunch @ 6pm - Confirmation Class @	30 9:30am - Devotions online 7pm - Handbell Rehearsal	1 7:30pm - @ the Cross	2 10:30am - Yoga