



The Light



St. Mark Lutheran Church

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Jesus Has Told Us Everything

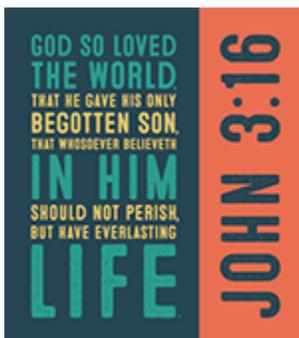
In honor of Reformation Day (October 31), please take a moment to read this devotional thought, taken from Martin Luther's *Sermons on the Gospel of St. John* (1537).

"I have made known to you everything that I heard from my Father." (John 15:15b)

These are beautiful and comforting words. Christ says to us: "If you want to know the Father's will and thought in heaven, you have all the information right here, for I have told you everything." A Christian can arrive at this definite conclusion and say, "Nothing that serves my salvation is concealed from me."

Christ is not saying that we are to have an answer to every question, but that we have God's whole plan and counsel for us. If you want to be certain what God in heaven thinks of you, you must not seclude yourself, retire into some nook, and brood about it or seek the answer in your works or in your contemplation. Give ear solely to the words of Christ, for everything is revealed in Him.

And here He declares: "I was sent to you by my Father that I might shed my blood and die for you. As a token of this you have Baptism and the Sacrament, and I ask you to believe this. Here you have all that I know and have heard from the Father. The Father has no other plan and intention toward you than to save you if you have Christ and faith. From this you see how I love you, and what friendship, glory, consolation, and assurance you have from Me. You cannot attain this anywhere else, either in heaven or on earth."



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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.

NEWS AND NOTES ABOUT THE CONGREGATION (AND BEYOND!)

From the Newsletter Editor



Thanks to all of the regular contributors to *The Light* who faithfully contribute articles every month. Because of their efforts, the entire St. Mark family is kept up-to-date on what is happening here.

And while I'm thanking people, I want to take time to thank the people who have helped me, every month, without any fanfare, get *The Light* produced. In addition to the regular contributors (I'd name you all, but might forget somebody, which would be rude and/or embarrassing), I want to thank: **Kim Ryan**, for getting me birthdays, anniversaries, and the calendar, and for letting me take over the copy machine one morning a month; **Kelvin Bauermann**, who takes the newsletter, puts it into .pdf format, and sends it to those who have stated they prefer the electronic version; and to **Mark Rychel**, who takes that .pdf and puts it on the website, so that others can learn who we are and what we're up to.

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 by the third Sunday of the month.

-- the church elf

- Love and Hope Children's Home in El Salvador
- Susan Matzke (mother of Pr. Matzke)
- Ron Meister
- Ministry in Mission
- Stan Moczulski
- Diane Molnar
- Eliza Ream, granddaughter of Nancy Seabrook
- Beth Reksten
- Jack Shaw
- Steppin Out Missions
- Ed Tornberg
- Trinity Lutheran, Ohio City
- Capt. Matt Webb, continuing his residency in neurosurgery
- Grace Wright, studying at Edinboro College
- WomenSafe



We send our prayers and sympathy to: **Gayle Gifford** and his family on the death of his sister, Ann McClenaghan, on September 12; Lynn Gross and her extended family on the death of her sister-in-law, Gina Piscioneri, on September 16. May all who mourn know the peace and comfort of our heavenly 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
- Jeff Croucher, son of Ron and Pat Croucher
- Ardis Danicic
- Carol Deau
- Ruthann Dular
- Dale and Bobi Fellingner
- Marti Gildersleeve
- Grace School in Haiti
- Gerry Grubec
- Matt Huston, son of Rick and Cathy Huston
- Nancy Johnson
- Linda and Richard Johnston, parents of Tracy Deets
- Betty Judkins
- Gloria Leagan
- Lois Locher
- Larry Long (father of Sue Matzke)



The following new members will be received into membership on Sunday, October 10: Molly Francis, Kendra and George Rockow, Phil and Debbie Wollaeger, Sylvia Fleming, and Bart and Donna Pendley. Light refreshments will be provided between services that day.



Operation Christmas Child

St. Mark is blessed to be the beneficiary of more than a hundred dresses that have been handmade by Dress-A-Girl Around the World. This organization is a non-denominational, Christian nonprofit that urges people to imagine a world where EVERY girl can own at least one new dress. Volunteers sew these one-of-a-kind dresses and distribute them for free to missions. Our dresses came from the Ohio chapter. The dresses are displayed in the narthex now. Be sure to stop by and

select a FREE dress for each box that you plan to pack for a girl. Also, be sure to pick out a matching bracelet! The bracelets are handmade and were also donated by individuals from our congregation.

Thank you to our VBS students for their generosity! This year, the mission that the children who attended our VBS supported was Operation Christmas Child. They donated some items for our shoeboxes, including many dolls. Some women in our congregation graciously made beautiful doll quilts to go with them. Dolls are a great source of comfort to girls living in poverty and other difficult situations. If you are packing a box(es) for a girl, please take a FREE doll and blanket.

For those packing shoeboxes, please consider including a personal note. OCC reports that for many recipients, the letter is the most treasured item in their box. You can include whatever information you feel comfortable with, including a picture of yourself, a Scripture verse, and/or your social media address. In some instances, where family have internet access, they do write back. For your safety, the church has established a group email address that you may list in the letter as your address, if you choose: box@stmarkchester.org. Shoeboxes must be returned to church by Sunday, October 24.

Disaster Relief for Haiti – How You Can Help

Thrivent Members, since the earthquake disaster in Haiti, there is a great need for the following items: food, clean water, medical supplies, and humanitarian items. **Jackie Rychel** has asked that we apply for the Thrivent Action Cards. When your project is accepted and you have received your card, please give the cards to Jackie and she will use the money to purchase the necessary supplies in Haiti. Be sure to request the t-shirts also!

Food, clean water, medical supplies, and humanitarian items are very much in need. If you would like to donate money so that these items can be purchased, please make your checks out to "Ministry in Mission" or "LCMS Disaster Response." Please be sure to put your check in an envelope and label it M&M or LCMS if you put it in the collection plate. Otherwise, please put your donation in **Lee Stone's** mailbox. For questions contact Lee Stone. Thank you so much.



Ways to Support St. Mark

There are many ways to financially support the ministry of St. Mark. You can donate online (acionlinegiving.com/4549), text a donation (text the amount to 440-709-8049), mail your check to the church office (11900 Chillicothe Road, Chesterland 44026), or drop your donation into the offering plates that can be found at the doors to the sanctuary.

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 and choose Saint Mark Lutheran Church (Chesterland, OH) and then shop – it's that simple!

And you can support our preschool 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.



Donations to WomenSafe

The WomenSafe shop is going strong but there are several changes. They are open for sales only 3 days a week: Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Donations are GLADLY welcomed but only on the above days, also from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. With very limited storage space it is suggested you make your drop off at 10:00 a.m. The storage area fills up very fast! Masks are not required. **Lee Stone** is still collecting any donations you may have for the shelter. Please mark it to Lee's attention. For questions or more information contact Lee (contact information in the church directory). Thank you. Your past generosity is greatly appreciated.



Food Pantry Needs

Canned soups, stews, and pastas; canned tuna; canned or dry beans (NOT pork and beans); canned fruits and vegetables; boxed macaroni and cheese; peanut butter and jelly – these are all items that are needed every month for the Trinity Food Pantry. You can leave your donations at the drop-off point near the coat racks.

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.



GROUP HAPPENINGS



The HVAC in the office and 2 windows in Pastor's office need to be replaced.



St. Mark Preschool welcomed 9 students this year. We are very excited for this new opportunity to teach the children of the love of Jesus. **Mr. Patrick Burke** and his assistant, **Donna Walkuski**, are working diligently to help the children adjust to the preschool environment and curriculum. We are so blessed with this ministry at St. Mark. There are adjustments this year and we need to keep the staff and preschool in prayer. We are remembering Virginia Burke who faithfully served the preschool ministry. Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim.



Both Sunday School (k-6) and Pastor's Bible study begin on September 12 between services. The bible study topic will be a "longer look" at each week's Gospel, epistle, and Old Testament lesson, as time permits. Join us in Fellowship Hall at 9:15 a.m. Tuesday Bible study continues in Romans at 11:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. A new lesson is posted each week on St. Mark's Facebook page at the same time, in case you miss a week.



Following is a list of medical devices and mobility aids that are available for the congregation to borrow (as of 9/11/2021).

These items are located in the church's lower level - orange room. There is a clipboard with a sign-out sheet for name, item, and date borrowed. You can leave from the back door. It has a ramp to make it easier to remove the larger items.

- Wheelchairs: 5
- Walker with brakes and Bag: 1
- Rolators - Walker with wheels & seat: 2
- Walker with wheels: 1
- Scooter - Kneel walker: 1
- Toilet chair with rail: 4
- Shower Chair with back: 1
- Shower Chair: 1
- Toilet seat lift: 2 (1 with handle and 1 without)
- Bed Pan: 1
- Crutches: 2
- Cane with 4 feet: 2
- Cane: 1
- Boot: 1
- Grabber: 1
- Shoe Horn: 1
- Tub Grab Bar: 1

If you have any questions, contact **Donna Toth, Ellie Mercsak, or Chris Meister** (contact information is in the church directory).

Have a Heart - Take a Heart ♥

We have a family who needs assistance with cleaning supplies and paper products. In the mail room there is a bin with hearts listing these needed supplies. You can help by taking one of the hearts, purchasing the product, and returning it to the bin with the original heart attached to the item. Thank you! GOD BLESS YOUR GENEROSITY!



LWML Sunday is traditionally observed on the first Sunday of October; this year that is October 3. Remember to bring in your Mite Boxes that Sunday. Also, perhaps the ladies could wear something purple or gold (the official colors of the LWML).



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”



Why not send your Secret Sister a Halloween card? Brighten her day. Let her know she is in your thoughts and prayers.



Whenever we wish to console a friend that has lost a loved one, our words seem inadequate or difficult to find. Many people have found that the series of four, "Journeying through Grief" booklets, offered through the

Stephen Ministry Program, provide comfort and strength to those who are grieving.

Our St. Mark "Caring and Sharing Ministry" has been providing these booklets to St. Mark members who have lost a loved one. The booklets are sent to the grieving person at the following intervals after the passing of their loved one: 3 weeks, 3 months, 6 months, and 11 months.

I have had a number of friends and acquaintances that have lost loved ones this last year. Some responses I have received are: 1. "Thank you for sending the booklets, I am sharing them with my sisters". 2. "Thank you for the booklet. It has helped me get through each day". 3. "I really look forward to receiving the booklets. I devour each as soon as I get it". The 3rd thank you was from someone who earlier this year lost both his wife and twin brother to COVID within a month of each other.

If you know someone who is grieving and would like to send them the series of "Journeying through Grief" booklets, please contact **Ron Croucher, Sue Matzke, or Pastor Matzke**. We will coordinate the requests with our Caring and Sharing Ministry team. The cost for the four-booklet series is around \$10.



Women’s League

Jewelry is needed for the Christmas Boutique. We could use Christmas and New Year jewelry (pins, earrings, bracelets, necklaces, etc.). Put any donations in the box marked “Ellen” in the Small Dining Room.

?? ? **Bible Quiz** ? ??

Hebrews 11 is called the Hall of Faith because it’s a partial list of ancestors who lived out their belief in God. Who is named in this chapter?

- A. Adam, Eve and Seth
- B. Abel, Enoch, Noah and Sarah
- C. Moses’ parents, Moses and Rahab
- D. Deborah, Bathsheba and Huldah
- E. A and B
- F. B and C
- G. C and D



Answer: F

Celebrations



- 1 Taylor Atwara
Gwynne Schneider
- 2 Joseph Carducci
Paul Smith
- 3 Thomas Csepi
Cori Marsalis
Lori Marsalis
- 5 David Grieshammer
Chad Hanson
- 8 Michael Atwara
- 9 Betty Judkins
Dennis Palmer
- 12 James Meagher
- 13 Jennifer Civitarese
- 14 Gayle Tomko
- 15 Laurie Deau
- 18 Gerald Dixon
Karen Tritt
- 20 David Palivec
- 21 Michael Repas, Sr.
- 22 Dakota Deets
- 24 Nathan Fellingner
- 25 George Fretz
Sophia Schaffert
- 26 Dale Fellingner
Donna Robinson
Christopher Rybak
- 27 Peggy Kump
Lucas Zelznick
- 28 Debi Bucci
Cody Paterniti
Todd Seabrook
- 29 Madison Corradetti
Kathe Klein
- 30 Linda Bliss
Kristin Cotter
Lori Cudnik
Penelope Zaucha
- 31 Patrick Jolly



- 1 Nancy Barrett
Diana Adam
Lori Downs
Jennifer Wilson
Jennifer Rodgers
C.J. Paterniti
- 2 Stephanie Myeroff
Carter Rychel
- 4 Mary Borchelt
Rebecca Jabs
Lauren Gross
- 5 Barbara Hosa
- 6 Elaine Erne
Heather Hardy
- 7 Donna Kuchenbecker
Lois Locher
Richard Ziehm
Toni Atchley
- 8 Sydney Palivec
- 9 Ed Stone
Frances Atwara
- 10 Michael Ziccarelli
Michael Stanley
- 13 Jack Shaw
Sean Larrick
- 14 Dan Cicchella
- 16 Paul Adam
Barbara Prinkey
- 17 Scott Tomko
Kyle Brown
- 20 Joseph Carducci
Cheryl Lee
Dennis Lee
Mike Lee
- 21 Quinn Weber
- 22 Paul Smith
- 23 Steven Repas
- 24 Alex Fellingner
Tim Holt
Allison Deets
Holden Hedrick
- 25 Hannah Ryan
- 27 Chad Hanson
- 28 Joshua Antonello
- 29 Dylan Reksten
- 30 Hailey Schaffert
Donald Ondrejka



- Christopher and Christy Rybak
October 2, 1993
- Andreas and Linda Csepi
October 3, 1992
- Larry and Diane Molnar
October 8, 1988
- Erik and Jennifer Hanson
October 10, 2015
- David and Beth Brown
October 11, 1997
- Michael and Tina Repas
October 11, 1986
- Thomas and Kelley Meyer
October 16, 1993
- Tom and Barbara Zeitz
October 17, 1968 (53 years)
- Duane and Kelly Bidlack
October 18, 2014
- Daniel and Julie Wallenhorst
October 19, 2013
- Scott and Polly Larrick
October 22, 1988
- Edward III and Sandra Gembka
October 23, 1999
- Jerry and Marie Bartels
October 25, 1986
- Dennis and Janie Palmer
October 30, 19

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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
3 8am - Traditional Worship 9:20am - Education Hour 10:15am - Contemporary 11am - Women's League 7pm - Youth Group	4 9:30am - Devotions online 7pm - Elders' Meeting	5 9:30am - Prayer Group 11am - Bible Study	6 9:30am - Children's Chapel 6pm - Confirmation Class	7 9:30am - Devotions online 7pm - Handbell Rehearsal	8 7:30pm - @ the Cross	9 10:30am - Yoga
10 8am - Traditional Worship 9:20am - Education Hour 10:15am - Blended 11:30am - Council Meeting 7pm - Youth Group	11	12 9:30am - Prayer Group	13	14 9:30am - Devotions online 7pm - Handbell Rehearsal	15 7:30pm - @ the Cross	16 10:30am - Yoga
17 8am - Traditional Worship 9:20am - Education Hour 10:15am - Contemporary 5pm - Newsletter Due 6:30pm - Musical Series 7pm - Youth Group	18 9:30am - Devotions online	19 9:30am - Prayer Group 11am - Bible Study	20 9:30am - Children's Chapel 6pm - Confirmation Class	21 9:30am - Devotions online 7pm - Handbell Rehearsal	22 7:30pm - @ the Cross	23 10:30am - Yoga 2pm - Trinity Outreach
24 8am - Traditional Worship 9:20am - Education Hour 10:15am - Blended 7pm - Youth Group	25 9:30am - Devotions online 7pm - Education Board	26 9:30am - Prayer Group 11am - Bible Study	27 9:30am - Children's Chapel 11am - Free Lunch 6pm - Confirmation Class	28 9:30am - Devotions online 7pm - Handbell Rehearsal	29 7:30pm - @ the Cross	30 10:30am - Yoga
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