



# The Light

St. Mark Lutheran Church



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The Elders will be holding a prayer service on the National Day of Prayer, Thursday May 5 at 7:00 p.m. There will at least 6 prayers, including praying for our nation and leaders. We will close with the singing of the Litany Service (LSB pgs. 288-289) and the Lord's Prayer (LSB 957). All are welcome and we hope that you would come and pray with us that evening.

"Be anxious for nothing but in everything by prayers and supplication with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God." (Philippians 4:6).



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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.



## An Inexhaustible Love

Robert Ingersoll was an agnostic lecturer who drew great crowds in the mid-to-late 1800s. One day two college students went to hear Ingersoll's presentation. And as they walked down the street after the lecture, one said to the other, "Well, I guess he knocked the props out from under Christianity, didn't he?" The other said, "No; no, I don't think he did. Ingersoll did not explain my mother's life, and until he can explain my mother's life I will stand by my mother's God."

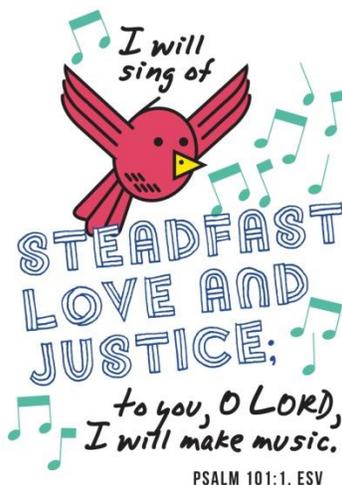
This month (and, in truth, every day), we have opportunity to give thanks for mothers and other faithful women in whom we have seen the reality of God. We give thanks for parents and grandparents; aunts and uncles who have shown us what faithfulness looks like. Think back. Someone carried you to the baptismal font. Someone taught you the Christian faith in word and deed. Whoever those people were, we owe them a debt of gratitude that really cannot be repaid.

Author Washington Irving once wrote: "The love of a mother is never exhausted. It never changes—it never tires—it endures through all; in good repute, in bad repute, in the face of the world's condemnation, a mother's love still lives on."

If you've received that kind of love from your mother, say a prayer of thanks today.

If you can't say that, though, take heart. There is still a love for you—and it is perfect. The love of God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit is never exhausted. It never changes—it never tires. It endures through all. See it displayed at the cross of Jesus, where He took on our bad repute and condemnation. See it celebrated at His empty tomb, for Jesus' love still lives on.

*Pastor Mark Matzke*



## 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](mailto:churchelf@sbcglobal.net) by the third Sunday of the month.

-- the church elf



- Boise Bouton School in Haiti
- Building Hope in the City
- Joshua Burke, studying at Bowling Green
- Donna Cartwright (mother of Diana Monaghan)
- Dan Cicchella
- Tamela Cook
- Jeff Croucher (son of Ron & Pat Croucher)
- Ardis Danicic
- Dawn Dean
- Carol Deau
- Ruthann Dular
- Dale and Bobi Fellingner
- Grace School in Haiti
- Jennifer Hanson
- Nancy Johnson
- Betty Judkins
- Lois Locher
- Love and Hope Children's Home
- Susan Matzke (mother of Pr. Mark)
- Ministry in Mission
- Stan Moczulski
- Diane Molnar
- Jim Podojil
- Beth Reksten
- Steppin Out Missions

- Trinity Lutheran, Ohio City
- Frank Webb (father of Chris Webb)
- Capt. Matt Webb, continuing his residency in neurosurgery
- Grace Wright, studying at Edinboro College
- WomenSafe
- Donna Zimmerman



We would like to extend a huge "thank you" to **Nancy Seabrook** for making all the beautiful banners that adorn our sanctuary; and to **Craig Seabrook** for constructing palm branch holders that will be put out on Palm Sunday.

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Thank you to all our soup makers, bread bakers, and salad and dessert makers. A big thank you if you attended the Lenten soup suppers - you know how good they were. If you did not, there is always next year. Thanks to everyone involved.

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Thank you for the Easter baskets. Thank you to the Youth Group (especially **Eli and his parents**) for putting baskets together. Thank you to **Lee Stone** for coordinating with WomenSafe, and **Janie Palmer** who is always a big help. And a big huge thank you to the entire St. Mark family for your generosity in filling baskets and donating items. **Monica McGurer** will be accepting donations of stuffed animals and Easter baskets after Easter.

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Thank you to **Bonnie Moore** for donating the new flag that is flying in front of the church building.



### 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.



### FYI Email List

If you are not receiving email about what is going on in the church, please contact **Chris Meister** 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](http://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 Pastor Chris** are streaming LIVE every day (except Saturday) on Facebook at [facebook.com/stmarkchester](http://facebook.com/stmarkchester). The schedule will be sent out via FYI emails. If you do not have Facebook, you can watch the videos after they are done, at [www.stmarkchester.com/videos](http://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.



### Graphic Designer Needed

The Board of Outreach needs a graphic artist to help update and create online and printed brochures to help spread the Good News of Jesus Christ! Do you (or a student, friend, relative, etc.) know Adobe InDesign? This is strictly a project-by-project basis, not an ongoing position. If you or someone you know can help, please call/text/email **Mark Rychel**.



### Need Assistance?

Da Crew helps at church but can now help you at home! If you have issues with small tasks that you find difficult, then Da Crew can come and assist! What types of tasks?! Well, things like changing fire alarm batteries, light bulbs, or other small items. Da Crew can help you get the item that fell behind furniture or add salt to your water softener. If you have such a need, please contact your elder or **Bill Tritt**.



We are pleased to welcome **Josephine Wantz, Chrissy Sobek** and **Daniel Hubley** as new members of our St. Mark Family. Be sure to say hello!



## GROUP MINISTRIES



### Outreach MINISTRY

Sharing the Gospel to those we serve at the St. Mark Meal Ministry to the homeless at Trinity Lutheran is the goal of what we do. The love that was expressed by the awesome number of homemade cupcakes that we served with our March St. Patrick's Day meal was felt by those that attended. Many thank yous were heard. We pray that the noticed generosity of the St. Mark congregation will work along with the Holy Spirit to open the hearts of those we serve to the Good News of Jesus Christ.



The trustees are looking for 10-14 able-bodied members to help with mowing the lawn during the coming season. Contact **Frank Keehl** for more information, or if you are willing to help.



The St. Mark Preschool is blessed to celebrate the Easter story of our risen Lord. Bible stories, songs, and crafts are reinforcing the children's knowledge of Jesus and His love. May 18 is the graduation of 5 preschoolers at 6:00 p.m. The staff and parents are rejoicing at the accomplishments of these precious children. Please continue to pray for the St. Mark Preschool ministry. It is a gift from God that we should be forever grateful and mindful of.



Elders (overseers) called by God, are asked to do many things:

1. Pray and study Scripture (Acts 6:4): "...and we will give our attention to prayer and the ministry of the word."
2. Rule/lead the church (1 Timothy 5:17): "The elders who direct the affairs of the church well are worthy of double honor, especially those whose work is preaching and teaching."
3. Manage the church (Timothy 3:4-5): "He must manage his own family well and see that his children obey him with proper respect. (If anyone does not know how to manage his own family, how can he take care of God's church?)"
4. Care for the people in the church (1 Peter 5:2-5): "Be shepherds of God's flock that is

under your care, serving as overseers, not because you must, but because you are willing, as God want you to be; not greedy for money, but eager to serve; not lording it over those entrusted to you, but being examples of the flock. And when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the crown of glory that will never face away." "Young men, in the same way be submissive to those who are older. All of you, clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, because, 'God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble.'"



Below is a list of medical devices and mobility aids that are available for the congregation to borrow. These items are located in the church's lower level in various locations. Please contact **Donna Toth** or see Kim in the office during her scheduled hours. There is a clipboard with a sign-out sheet for name, item, and date borrowed/returned. You can leave from the back door. It has a ramp to make it easier to remove the larger items. At this time we cannot accept anymore items. Thank you!

- Wheelchairs: 2
- Walker with brakes and bag: 1
- Rolators - walker with wheels and seat: 2
- Scooter - kneel walker: 1
- Toilet chair with rail: 2
- Shower chair with back: 1
- Toilet seat lift: 2 (1 with handle and 1 without)
- Bed pan: 1
- Crutches: 1
- Cane with 4 feet: 2
- Cane: 1
- Grabber: 1
- Shoe Horn: 1



## Upcoming Events

NE Zone LWML Spring Rally will be held on Saturday, May 7 at Zion Lutheran Church, Painesville, OH. The theme of the rally is "Healing and Restoration through Jesus." In addition to a time of fellowship and Bible study with your sisters and brothers in Christ from the 16 churches in the zone, there will be an ingathering of items for the Street Ministry of Trinity Lutheran, Ohio City: single serve, easy to open items such as tuna or chicken in packets (not cans), cheese crackers or peanut butter crackers, healthy snacks or breakfast bars. For more information, see the poster on the Women's League bulletin board or contact **Beth Christopherson**.

NE Zone Fall Retreat is planned for September 24 at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Madison.

LWML Ohio District Convention is the weekend of June 17-18 at St. Paul Lutheran Church, Napoleon, OH. Registration forms and more information can be found in the Spring issue of the *ODE* (Ohio District newsletter), which is on the Women's League table outside Fellowship Hall. **THIS IS AN OVERNIGHT EVENT**, which should make it affordable time-wise as well as money-wise.

Looking ahead, June 22-25, 2023 will be the LWML 40<sup>th</sup> Biennial Convention in Milwaukee, WI. It is St. Mark's turn to represent the NE Zone as part of the Ohio District delegation to the convention.

Plans are also started for the 2023 Prayer Service, probably at Trinity Lutheran, Willoughby and 2023 Spring Rally, probably at Bethel Lutheran, Willowick. Keep watching of more information as we get closer to the dates.

## Dealing with Dementia

The Alzheimer's Association has put together some specific examples of good and bad communication below. Please keep these do's and don'ts in mind.

- 1. "What doctor's appointment? There's nothing wrong with me."**  
**Don't:** (reason) "You've been seeing the doctor every three months for the last two years. It's written on the calendar and I told you about it yesterday and this morning."  
**Do:** (short explanation) "It's just a regular checkup." (accept blame) "I'm sorry if I forgot to tell you."
- 2. "I didn't write this check for \$500. Someone at the bank is forging my signature."**  
**Don't:** (argue) "What? Don't be silly! The bank wouldn't be forging your signature."  
**Do:** (respond to feelings) "That's a scary thought." (reassure) "I'll make sure they don't do that." (distract) "Would you help me fold the towels?"
- 3. "Nobody's going to make decisions for me. You can go now...and don't come back!"**  
**Don't:** (confront) "I'm not going anywhere and you can't remember enough to make your own decisions."  
**Do:** (accept blame or respond to feelings) "I'm sorry this is a tough time." (reassure) "I love you and we're going to get through this together." (distract) "You know what? Don has a new job. He's really excited about it."
- 4. "Joe hasn't called for a long time. I hope he's okay."**  
**Don't:** (remind) "Joe called yesterday and you talked with him for 15 minutes."  
**Do:** (reassure) "You really like talking with him don't you?" (distract) "Let's call him when we get back from our walk."
- 5. "Hello, Mary. I see you've brought a friend with you."**

**Don't:** (question memory) "Hi Mom. You remember Eric, don't you? What did you do today?"

**Do:** (short explanation) "Hi Mom. You look wonderful! This is Eric. We work together."

6. **"Who are you? Where's my husband?"**

**Don't:** (take it personally) "What do you mean – who's your husband?" I am!"

**Do:** (go with the flow, reassure) "He'll be here for dinner." (distract) "How about some milk and cookies?... Would you like chocolate chip or oatmeal?"

7. **"I'm going to the store for a newspaper."**

**Don't:** (repeat differently) "Please put your shoes on."...You'll need to put your shoes on."

**Do:** (repeat exactly) "Please put your shoes on."... "Please put your shoes on."

8. **"I don't want to eat this! I hate chicken."**

**Don't:** (respond negatively) "You just told me you wanted chicken. I'm not making you anything else, so you better eat it!"

**Do:** (accept blame) "I'm so sorry, I forgot. I was in such a rush that it slipped my mind. (respond positively) Let me see what else we have available." Leave the room and try again.

In addition to the above from the Alzheimer's Association, you may find the following helpful in your quest to provide your loved one with compassionate care

## LIVING WITH DEMENTIA

### DO

1. Agree
2. Divert
3. Distract
4. Reassure
5. Reminisce
- 6 Repeat

### DON'T

- Argue
- Reason
- Shame
- Lecture
- Say "remember"
- Say "I told you"

7. Do what they can. "You can't."
8. Ask Demand
9. Encourage Condescend
10. Reinforce Force

We should not: **Argue**, **Correct**, or **Explain** to someone experiencing dementia. Perhaps the acronym **ACE** may help you remember what not to do.

## Women's League

### Plant Sale

Spring is here and hopefully the weather will be conducive for our annual Mother's Day hanging basket sale and plant sale.

Mother's Day hanging basket order forms are out. Look for them online or on the table in the narthex. Hanging basket order forms need to be turned in to the church or **Lee Stone** no later than Sunday, May 1. Checks made payable to St. Mark Lutheran Church, memo - Hanging Baskets.

The plant sale will be 2 weeks later this year and that order form is also available. Look for the forms online or on the table in the narthex. The plant order forms need to be turned in no later than Sunday, May 15. Checks made payable to St. Mark Lutheran Church, memo - Plant Sale.

As everyone knows prices have jumped 25% this year and unfortunately that includes our hanging baskets and plants. We will have to raise our prices by 25% also.

If you have any questions please call **Lee Stone**. More information will follow as we get closer to the events. Thank you.



## Celebrations



- 1 Ernest Kiminecz  
Abigail Schaffert
- 3 Natalie Sutter
- 4 Nathan Ryan
- 5 Kim Ryan
- 7 Dan Chuppa  
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  
Daniel Lombardy
- 22 Lauren Gross
- 23 Winnie Holt
- 24 Rosemary Doll
- 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  
Karen Springer  
Debbie Wollaeger
- 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  
Dennis Palmer  
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 Zola Douglas  
Ashley Schneider



- Stan and Mary Ann Moczulski  
May 4, 1974
- Bob and Jennifer Schneider  
May 6, 2016
- Richard and Ruth Ziehm  
May 12, 1979
- Eric and Melissa Leslie  
May 13, 2000
- Scott and Elizabeth Peterson  
May 18, 1985
- Dick and Beth Christopherson  
May 20, 1989
- Mark and Bridgette Percassi  
May 27, 2006
- 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
1 <b>Confirmation Day</b> 8am - Traditional Worship 9am - Choir Practice - 9:20am - Education Hour 10:15am - Blended 11:20am - Announcements 11:30am - Women's	2 9:30am - Devotions online 7pm - Elders' Meeting	3 9:30am - Prayer Group 11am - Bible Study 7pm - Handbell Rehearsal	4 9:30am - Children's Chapel	5 9:30am - Devotions online 7pm - Prayer Service	6 12pm - Basket pick-up 7:30pm - @ the Cross	7 9am - Mother's Day Tea 10am - Basket pick-up
8 8am - Traditional Worship 9am - Choir Practice - Men 9:20am - Education Hour 10:15am - Blended 11:20am - Announcements 11:30am - Council Meeting	9 9:30am - Devotions online	10 9:30am - Prayer Group 11am - Bible Study 7pm - Handbell Rehearsal	11 9:30am - Children's Chapel	12 9:30am - Devotions online	13 7:30pm - @ the Cross	14 10:30am - Yoga
15 8am - Traditional Worship 9am - Choir Practice - All 9:20am - Education Hour 10:15am - Contemporary 11:20am - Announcements 5pm - Newsletter Due	16	17 9:30am - Prayer Group 11am - Bible Study 7pm - Handbell Rehearsal	18	19	20 10am - Flower Pick-up 7:30pm - @ the Cross	21 10:30am - Yoga 12pm - Flower Pick-up 2pm - Trinity Lutheran
22 8am - Traditional Worship 9:20am - Education Hour 10:15am - Contemporary 11:20am - Announcements 11:30am - Cong Meeting	23 9:30am - Devotions online 7pm - Education Board	24 9:30am - Prayer Group 11am - Bible Study 7pm - Handbell Rehearsal	25 9:30am - Children's Chapel 11am - Free Lunch	26 9:30am - Devotions online	27 7:30pm - @ the Cross	28 10:30am - Yoga
29 8am - Traditional Worship 9:20am - Education Hour 10:15am - Blended 11:20am - Announcements	30 9:30am - Devotions online	31 9:30am - Prayer Group 11am - Bible Study 7pm - Handbell Rehearsal	1 9:30am - Children's Chapel	2 9:30am - Devotions online	3 7:30pm - @ the Cross	4 10:30am - Yoga