



The Light

St. Mark Lutheran Church



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Living in the present

During Martin Luther's great struggle to reform the church in the 16th century, the Holy Roman Emperor sought to silence him. So he spent some lonely months in Wartburg Castle under protective custody. There, as he fought despair, Luther scribbled the words "I am baptized" on his desktop as a reminder that he was living according to an ongoing call from God. He did not write, "I was baptized" but used the present-tense verb. For he rightly understood that in his baptism, God had adopted him as his son, and no human could take that from him.

Later, in his *Large Catechism*, Luther wrote: "To be baptized in God's name is to be baptized not by human beings but by God himself. Although it is performed by human hands, it is nevertheless truly God's own act."

—from *The Wired Word*



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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.



Every October, we remember the events that launched the Reformation and gave rise to churches that would come to be known as 'Lutheran.' What follows is a short list of qualities that describe our church body. What would you add to it?

The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod Is...

Scriptural

The Bible is the sure and certain means that God the Holy Spirit uses to communicate God's Word to us today.

"All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness." (2 Timothy 3:16); [Jesus said:] "The Scriptures testify about me." (John 5: 39)

Sacramental

In Holy Baptism, we are adopted into the family of God and receive all the blessings of Jesus' atoning sacrifice. In the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper He distributes His body and blood to His people. Thus we receive forgiveness, life, and salvation.

"We were therefore buried with Him through baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life." (Romans 6: 4); "This is my body, given for you. This cup is my blood of the new testament, shed for you for the forgiveness of sins." (Matthew 26: 26—29, Mark 14: 22—25, Luke 22: 14—20, 1 Corinthians 11: 23—25)

Creedal

We acknowledge the Apostles' Creed, the Nicene Creed, and the Athanasian Creed. These three ancient creeds confess the one, true faith of the Christian Church and help us identify with all believers in Christ throughout all ages. With these words on our lips and in our hearts, we have the assurance that we are speaking back to God the truths he has first spoken to us.

Confessional

A Lutheran believes the truths of the Holy Bible as they are explained and taught in the Book of Concord. To do so is to confess the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Perhaps the most famous portion of the Book of Concord is Luther's Small Catechism, followed by the Augsburg Confession. LCMS pastors are required to accept the doctrinal content of our Lutheran Confessions, because they recognize their agreement with Scripture.

Liturgical

Lutheran worship throughout history has included hymns and orders of service that find their origins in the early Christian worship of the Near East and even further back to the worship of the Jewish synagogue as it developed from ancient Jewish temple worship. Thus, Lutheran worship is rooted in thousands of years of tradition, while welcoming the best in new musical expression, and reflects the contributions of African, Asian, Middle Eastern, Spanish, Greek, Italian, French, German, British, and American Christians.

Missional

God has not given us the great gift of salvation for us to hide away and treasure privately. He has called each of us to a life of witness. He gave us this great salvation to share with others. Telling the good news of Jesus gives others the Word of Life—the powerful, faith-creating Word of God by which God brings that person into his kingdom.

"Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." Matthew 28: 19—20



Monthly Discussions on Social Issues

Have you ever wondered what the Lutheran response is to the hot topics of today? Have you ever wondered *how* you might *find* that information? Join us each month as we dive into a social topic and explore what the Lutheran church has to say about it. These discussions are open to the public so bring a friend and join us as we explore the boundaries between the church and state.

November 13 @6-8pm: General discussion on the Christian response to social issues.
 January 8 @6-8pm: Critical Race Theory



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



- 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 and Pat Croucher
- Ardis Danicic
- Dawn Dean
- Carol Deau
- Ruthann Dular
- Dale and Bobi Fellingner
- Grace School in Haiti
- Jennifer Hanson
- Ted Holt

- 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
- Janie Palmer
- Beth Reksten
- Annie Ryan, continuing her studies at Concordia, Wisconsin
- Steppin Out Missions
- Trinity Lutheran, Ohio City
- Capt. Matt Webb, continuing his residency in neurosurgery
- Grace Wright, studying at Edinboro College
- WomenSafe

The Board of Fellowship wants to thank everyone who attended our family reunion brunch in August. We really enjoyed it and hope you did, too. We would like to make a family reunion cookbook of the dishes that were served at the brunch. If you are willing to share the recipe of the dish you brought, please contact **Rebecca Jabs** either by email or by putting a physical copy in her church mailbox.

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A heartfelt thank you to our St. Mark church family for the expression of comfort and sympathy in your prayers, cards, texts, calls and visits on the passing of Frank Webb. Your concern and kind words were overwhelming to the entire Webb family. To God be the glory as Frank is now worshipping in heaven!

-- Chris and Jane Webb, and family.



We extend our love and prayers to **Chris and Jane Webb** and their family on the death of Chris' father, **Frank**; and to the **Hallums family** on the death of John's brother-in-law, **Bill Smith**. May all who mourn feel the presence of our Lord and His comfort.



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.



On September 6, we welcomed **Wesley David Myeroff**, infant son of **Eric and Stephanie (Molnar) Myeroff**, into the family of God and the St. Mark family through the waters of Holy Baptism.

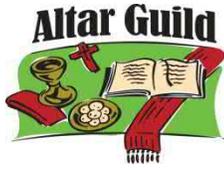


Thanks to Hope Lutheran Church, Aurora, for the large donation of underwear, school supplies, and toys that they gathered and donated to Operation Christmas Child.

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



Altar Flowers Price Increase

The cost of the altar flowers is increasing due to a rise in prices from our vendor. Please note that the cost is now \$30 per arrangement. If you have any questions, please contact **Karen Rudar**.



From the Council President

Exterior Doors: Please note that the new door locks are functioning as expected. We have had a few snags when we get down to the last few leaving the church; I ask that we check the switches in the office are off (which bypass the door locks when we want the church open). The other note is the right-side front door as you leave needs to be checked. If the bar is in the pushed in position, use the key hanging there to let the push bar release. The bar should now push in and out and will lock when you leave. Please pull on the outer doors as a double check. Anyone who desires a key fob see Kim please. We can show and explain the switches in the office any Sunday. The Trustees or Howard Mabel can help with this.

Donations: Please contact the church office or Howard Mabel about help with donating items. We cannot take items unless we have a plan to repurpose them. We may not be able to accommodate all requests. There is no "This and That" sale this year. This will help to keep the clutter to a minimum.



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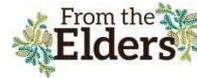
If you need to be reimbursed for purchases made for the church, please make sure that Erna has the receipt and your banking information. Reimbursements are all directly deposited now. Contact **Erna Mabel** if you have any



The Board of Outreach is looking for someone to head up Trunk and Treat this year. If you can help, contact **Mark Rychel**.



The Board of Education is getting small groups connected. If you would like to join one, or if you just want more information, contact anyone on the Board of Education – **Kim Craig, Tracy Deets, Hildred Tornberg, Heather Hardy, and Ron Downs**.



The elders recommended that we accept the membership transfer of Rev. Ron and Charlotte LePere, and Jim, Ruth and Hannah Mowery from Faith Lutheran, Mentor. The recommendation was accepted.



The Board of Fellowship is planning 2 future events: a hayride and pie evening at Patterson's (date to be announced) and a Browns and Chili event, tentatively planned for October 23.



LWML Sunday is traditionally observed on the first Sunday of October; this year that is October 2. 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).

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What Are Mites, and Why Do They Live in Boxes?

Mites are offerings given to the Lutheran Womens Missionary League (LWML) by the ladies (and men!) of the congregations of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod. The money goes into boxes – sort of like cardboard piggy banks – and is used to fund the mission projects that are chosen every two years at the national LWML convention. The mites received their name from the Biblical story of the widow and her mites, and remind us

that small offerings from individuals, gathered together, can accomplish great things.

To learn more about Mites, go to www.lwml.org and click on Missions.



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



Control: To exercise direction influence, power, and authority over conditions.

Humans like to be in control, having the power to choose exactly what is going to happen and when. Unfortunately, life isn't like that – we only think we're in control. So when something happens and we realize we're not in control, we feel lost, overwhelmed, angry, even terrified. Stephen

Ministers are trained to help when things are out of control. They provide support and encouragement while helping a person put faith and trust in God. 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

Christmas Jewelry Needed

We are collecting Christmas jewelry for the Christmas Boutique on November 11-12. Please see what you have and put it in the box marked "Ellen" in the Small Dining Room (off the Fellowship Hall) anytime between now and October 30. Thank you in advance for your donations. If you have any questions, please contact **Ellen Gilbert**.



Celebrations



- 1 Taylor Atwara
Gwynne Schneider
- 2 Joseph Carducci
Paul Smith
- 3 Thomas Csepi
- 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
Quinn Stanley
- 16 Ethan Tanney
- 17 Bob Schuna
- 18 Gerald Dixon
Karen Tritt
- 19 George Rockow
- 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
Lori Cudnik
- 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 Lois Locher
Richard Ziehm
Toni Atchley
- 8 Sydney Palivec
- 9 Ed Stone
Frances Atwara
- 10 Michael Zicarelli
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
- Scott Berg & Ainsleigh Monaghan
October 3, 2020
- 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 (54 years)
- Daniel and Julie Wallenhorst
October 19, 2013
- Scott and Polly Larrick
October 22, 1988
- Edward III and Sandra Gembka
October 23, 1999
- Duane & Anna Zimmerman Chew
October 23, 2021
- Jerry and Marie Bartels
October 25, 1986
- Dennis and Janie Palmer
October 30, 1976

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
25 8am - Traditional Worship 9am - Life with God class 9:15am - Education Hour 10:15am - Contemporary Worship 11:20am - Announcements 11:30am - Handbell Livestream	26 9:30am - Devotions online 7pm - Education Board	27 9:30am - Prayer Group 11am - Bible Study 6:30pm - Confirmation Class 7pm - Handbell Rehearsal	28 9:30am - Children's Chapel online 11am - Free Lunch	29 9:30am - Devotions online	30 7:30pm - @ the Cross online	1
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