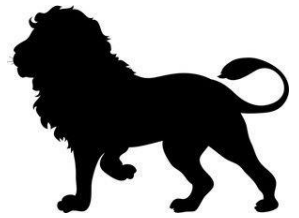


The Messenger



Monthly Newsletter of St. Mark's Evangelical Lutheran Church

March 2020

From the Pastor



It has been almost 50 years since the Hungarian architect Ernő Rubik invented the Rubik's cube. For those who don't know, can't remember, or may have intentionally destroyed their cube in a moment of unsolvable rage, the Rubik's cube is a small, 3x3x3 combination puzzle. The cube, as all cubes do, has 6 sides. Each side is

comprised of nine, smaller squares and, when "solved," each side has its own color (white, yellow, red, blue, green, or orange). The goal of the Rubik's cube is to solve the puzzle by aligning all the colors in their proper place - to create 6-sided uniformity.

My first meaningful encounter with a traditional Rubik's cube was during my Freshman year of college. One of my suitemates had a solved Rubik's cube on his desk, and I remember being so impressed that he was able to solve it. One day I praised his ability to solve such a complex puzzle, and I asked him how long it took him to solve it. He looked at me and laughed. He said, "Thanks, but there is no way I could ever figure out how to solve this thing. It's too hard." "But it is solved," I said. He laughed again and said, "It comes already solved when you buy it. If I mess it up now, I'll never get it back to the way it was."

Later, that same year, as the pep band was flying to Chicago for the Women's NCAA Basketball tournament, my seatmate was playing with a Rubik's cube. In fact, he had the audacity to solve the cube and then intentionally mess it up so he could solve it again. He wasn't boastful in any way, but as an observer, I perceived this to be an arrogant routine. Finally, I asked him, "How long did it take you to figure out how to solve that thing." While solving the cube he turned to me and said, "Oh, I didn't. I just followed the directions that came with it. I'm just practicing now to get faster at solving

it." During the rest of the trip, he taught me how to solve the Rubik's cube, and it wasn't too long after that I bought my own.

In seminary, one of my favorite professors would begin class by opening a black briefcase and placing items around the room. Every item was used in his teaching as a metaphor for a deeper lesson. Every item had its meaning. One of those items was a Rubik's cube. He would place it on the window seal so that you could see one of the completed sides. But if you took a close look, you could quickly notice that only one side was solved, and the rest of the cube was a mess.

I suspect that most of us have, at one time or another, experienced the frustrations and joys of a Rubik's cube. They are delightfully intriguing and unnecessarily complex to solve. They are hard work, even when we have the instructions. One wrong move can cause a lengthy setback. There is immense joy and relief when the colors align, whether we intended for them to or not.

There is an unsolved Rubik's cube on my desk, and while it has sparked some fun memories, it currently reminds me of Lent. In the beginning God created all things good and for good, including human beings - beautifully "solved," 6-sided puzzles of art. God created unity - with God and with each other. Everything aligned and oriented towards God's goodness. And, we rightfully lament, why would we ever mess that up?

Since that moment in the garden, when life in God's creation was distorted, God has actively been forming, reforming, and transforming our lives. Through the cross - the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ - God has granted all people salvation. God has gifted a way forward. God has gifted grace upon grace, forgiveness and mercy, and a path to justice, reconciliation, healing, and the goodness of God's kingdom.

Too often we present ourselves to the world as healed. Reconciled. Whole. But, the truth is, we are still broken and ailing from the frustrations of sin. We are desperately in need

of God's redemption and love, and we long for Christ to make us whole.

Lent is a reminder that we are broken, distorted, and out of alignment. Lent is a reminder that God created us good and for good, and it is God alone who redeems us as good. Lent is a reminder of our utter dependence on God, and that God works relentlessly to make all things new - making all things whole. Lent is a time intentionally set aside to wrestle with the messiness of our lives and return to God, the one and only who saves.

—Pastor Daniel Locke

P.S. Thank you so much for the incredibly generous Christmas Purse gift. Sarah, Bennet, and I are so blessed to belong to such a loving and supportive congregation. Serving as your pastor is a humbling privilege that fills me with great joy. Thank you!

Pastor's Schedule

March 12 - Orlando, for Synod Assembly Worship planning

March 16-18 - San Antonio for ELCA 2021 Youth Gathering planning meeting

From the Council President

As we move into the Lenten season, I am humbled by remembering Jesus' journey to the cross and the sacrifice our Lord made on our behalf. We all have our own journeys to travel – a different path taken and we would be different people. I pray for patience as we travel through our Lenten journeys over the next few weeks, and peace be with us all.

Your Congregation Council is moving forward looking at the needs for St. Mark's during 2020. We held a retreat on February 15th meeting at Lutheran Social Services; our cantor and Ark director joined us – their input always being appreciated. This was an opportunity for your council to take a look at such topics as “who we are” and “where are we going” – discussions enthusiastically led by Pr Daniel. We also took a look at St. Mark's Mission and Vision statements, as well as our Core Values. It has been, give or take, 20 years since these were reviewed and the discussion was very productive. We will be continuing to look at these foundations of St. Mark's and will keep you all posted on our progress. Of course, any recommended changes will be brought before the congregation for consideration and approval.

At the retreat, we also spent time talking about our committees – please take a moment to consider giving of your gifts to one of our committees. Are you interested in helping

with meal preparation for various activities during the year? Do your ears perk up when you hear talk about God's Work Our Hands? Are you concerned about the plights of homeless children – perhaps Family Promise is calling to you. Or do you wonder what goes into preparing the altar every Sunday for worship? Could you be a greeter, welcoming our members and guests to St. Mark's a few Sundays a year? These are just a few examples of where you can be of value! Your gifts are God-given – please consider sharing them!

Please be aware that members of council will be available to meet with you the second Sunday of every month in the library after church. Of course, you are welcome and encouraged to speak with any member of your council at any time regarding questions or concerns you may have. And if you have any great ideas as to things your council should be addressing, please do not hesitate to bring these ideas to our attention! We are here for the betterment of St. Mark's, but we are a small group – we depend on input from all members of our congregation to help us focus on the key needs of St. Mark's.

Thank you all for your faith and support of St. Mark's.

In Peace,

Jane Kilby

Congregation President

Music Notes

Do You Know Who Keeps Our Organ in Top Shape?

Congregational song is the church's most valued expression of praise in Christian worship. Wherever Christians gather, there is music sung by the assembly that praises God, unifies the voices of those gathered by the Holy Spirit, and forms the believer's faith. The church's song is supported by organs, pianos, rehearsed choirs, and a host of melodic and percussion instruments.

The stewardship and care of these instruments is an important responsibility. Most organists are not trained to repair all the mechanical and electronic maladies that can befall an organ, so they need an expert when the organ makes funny sounds, hums, goes silent, or in extreme cases – smokes! (It happened at St. Mark's not that long ago!) James Freeman, owner of Freeman's Repairs & General Services, Inc., is the expert caretaker of our organ at St. Mark's. He has been in business since 2001 but has been “crawling around in pipe chambers” for nearly 40 years. Each Sunday his quick and reliable work is responsible for enlivening the worship of thousands.

Most recently one of the amplifiers that supports the recent digital additions to our organ stopped working. James managed to replace it within a week. (The organ was playable for Sunday morning, but some voices did not work properly.) The amplifier was covered under its warranty, so the church only had to pay shipping and labor costs. Another repair is set to be scheduled soon. The pneumatic leather on both wind chests has begun to deteriorate and needs to be replaced. (It was to be expected since these parts of the organ are more than 35 years old.) James has made a temporary repair until the work can be done.

In addition to repairs, James tunes the organ at least twice each year. He's also an organist of renown and currently serves at St. Mark's Episcopal Church in Brunswick, Georgia.

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– Tony Cruz, Cantor

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Meet A Council Member

Each month, we will feature a short biography of one of your Council Members. This month, we are featuring **Leslie Allen**.

"I was born and raised in Jacksonville. I attended Methodist and Christian churches on the Westside until I was 11 when my parents were recruited by family friends to help start a Lutheran mission church in Westconnett. I was baptized, confirmed, and married there. We built the original building with volunteer labor by hand. I attended the first service and the last service as Faith Lutheran recently closed. In high school I was active in Luther League at the local, state, and national levels. These experiences shaped my faith. I attended The Lutheran Church in Ithaca, New York, when I was in college. I served 3 one-year terms on the church council representing students. I was active in the Lutheran Student Association and an ecumenical group on campus. This was when I realized that I was really born to be a Lutheran and that it was part of my ancestral heritage. St. Mark's has been my church home for forty years. My church family has supported me through good times and through some of the worst times of my life. I am so glad to have such a supportive church family. Throughout my journey I been inspired, supported, educated, and ministered to by so many pastors, Sunday school teachers, youth leaders, musicians, and friends. I hope each of you who attend St. Mark's will find the same experiences here."

- Leslie Allen

Synod Assembly

The Florida-Bahamas Synod will meet June 5-7 in Orlando for their annual synod assembly. St. Mark's is allowed to send 2 lay delegates as well as a youth (age 18-25). Expenses are covered by St. Mark's. If you are interested in representing St. Mark's at this year's assembly, please contact Pastor Daniel by March 31.

**INFO: <https://fbsynod.com/synod-assembly-2020/>

Finance Committee

Thank you all for starting the year off strong with your weekly gifts to St. Mark's.

Jan 2020	Month to Date Actual	Month to Date Budget
Income	\$77,378.00	\$48,833.26
Expense	\$27,058.10	\$30,682.07

Our general offering was above budget for the month of January because of some annual donations given at one time. When we take out the annual gifts, we are right on budget for our expected monthly gifts.

Our operating expenses were under budget by about \$3,000. Great job to all our ministry team leads and staff to keep expenses under budget for the month of January.

A new Gift Policy was recommended by the Finance Committee and approved by Council on Monday, February 24. This policy was created to give a more defined process for anyone wishing to make a special gift outside their regular offering and give guidance on how undesignated gifts would be used. If you are interested in learning more about how to make a designated or undesignated gift to St. Mark's, please reach out to Pastor Daniel, Council Treasurer Tracy Williams or any member of our finance team.

SEND Team Updates

Save the date! The SEND Team has many upcoming opportunities for you to serve:

- March 1- UCOM Dollar Sunday
- March 22-29- Family Promise Host Week
- April 4- Easter Egg Hunt- WELCA Sponsored
- April 5- UCOM Dollar Sunday

Thank you to Kevin Dial for coming up with a creative way to raise money for UCOM. On February 2, a chili cook off was held in the gym. 10 people submitted chili recipes and many enjoyed samples of each of the chilis. Everyone then voted

with their change and dollars for their favorite chili. Over \$280 was raised!! A special congratulations to our top 3 winners Bonnye Bell, Cindy Harkrider and Larry Wertz. If you have a creative idea for a fundraiser, let the Send Team know (tracyb78@yahoo.com). We would love to support your ideas for fun and fellowship while raising money or awareness for a community need.

St. Mark's will be hosting Family Promise the week of March 22-29. This is a special ministry our church supports to help families in need of safe housing. Jane Kilby has been our Coordinator for the past few years and has done a wonderful job organizing the dates and volunteers. Jane has taken on new responsibilities as Council President and is now training Charlotte Devier as the new coordinator. Please thank Jane for all her hard work as coordinator. Jane will continue to be a volunteer. Please welcome Charlotte and thank her for taking on this coordinator role. She will continue to need all our support for volunteering to assist with meals, bring food and household items, and volunteer to stay overnight with the families. If you are interested in volunteering, please let Charlotte or the Send team know (tracyb78@yahoo.)

WELCA is sponsoring the annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 4th at 10:30am. This is a fun and exciting day for the children of St. Mark's and St. Mark's Ark. Bring your children, grandchildren, nieces, nephews or neighbors for a morning of egg hunts, games, snacks and a visit from a special bunny!! The eggs may be found quickly but the fun lasts all morning.

Holy Land

2020 Holy Land Tour

As you are aware, St. Mark's is planning a trip to the Holy Land for **October 13-23, 2020**. If you have not yet signed up and would still like to do so, we still have spots available. Please contact Pastor Daniel ASAP.

If you have signed up, it is time to register and make your first deposit to save your spot. The earlier you register the more money you can save! Please visit <http://www.eo.travel-withus.com/tours/hl20101320I59810#.XVX0ey3MyRt> Scroll to the bottom and click "register".

Tour: HL20

Date: 10/13/20

Code: L

ID #: 59810

Tour Host: Rev. Daniel Locke

Lent

Lenten Midweek - Wednesdays during Lent:

Dinner @ 5:00 pm

Worship @ 6:40 pm

- April 9 - Maundy Thursday @ 7:00 pm
- April 10 - Stations of the Cross @ 12:00 pm
- April 10 - Good Friday Worship @ 7:00 pm
- April 11 - Easter Vigil Worship @ 7:00 pm
- April 12 - Easter Morning Worship @ 9:30 am with breakfast to follow



Word of the Day

Throughout Lent, we'll feature a word of the day on our social media pages. We encourage you to reflect on the word, interact with the post, and incorporate it into your Lenten discipline.

Daylight Savings Time Reminder



Don't forget – Daylight Savings Time begins **Sunday, March 8**. Make sure you turn your clocks **forward one hour** at midnight. Don't let the time change keep you away from worship - see you at church!

Lion's Pride



Join the St. Mark's Lion's Pride for an informational lunch, hosted by Carl & Mary Lou Weidenmier on Friday, March 13. Please bring a brown bag lunch; drinks and desserts will be provided. Liz Williams, a representative from the Sierra Club, will discuss

Backyard Habitat. All members of St. Mark's and friends are welcome. Head count needed for hostess and seating. Please confirm reservation with Jenny Hicks (904)-731-3785.

Women of the ELCA



Circle Meetings:

Deborah Circle – Tuesday, March 10 at 9:30 am in the Library

Priscilla Circle – Thursday, March 12 at 7:00 pm in the Library

Altar Flowers

The 2020 Altar Flower Chart has been posted and is ready for volunteers to sign up. As a reminder, two altar flower vases costs \$45 and four festival stands cost \$75. Any questions please do not hesitate to contact Jenny Hicks at hicks.stephen@att.net or (904)-731-3785. We still have lots of openings for Altar Flowers in 2020!

Sunday School

ADULT Sunday School:

Dwelling in God's Word (March 1) - Led by Seminary Lynn Marlowe

Join seminarian, Lynn Marlowe, as she leads us to dwelling in the Word. This is a Spiritual and Biblical practice that we have done multiple times over the last two years. This is a chance to open God's word and connect with scripture again, for the first time.

Am I My Brother's Keeper? (March 8, 15, 22, 29, & April 5) - Led by Dale Gatz

This series, led by Dale Gatz, asks the question, "what are we here for?", and "What is our 'job' as human beings - God's creation?" We begin by looking at the creation stories and contrasting them to what we 21st Century people know about our earth and the universe to determine humankind's call regarding the earth and its creatures. All are invited to

tell their own story of family history and heritage. We'll transition to an overview of the history of immigration to the US, looking at relevant passages from the Gospel. Finally, we'll consider the ELCA's recent decision to become a "Sanctuary Body" and what that might mean for the church as a whole, and our congregation.

Luther's Catechism (April 26, May 3, 10, 17, & 24) - Led by Pastor Daniel

"The deplorable, miserable condition which I discovered lately when I, too, was a visitor, has forced and urged me to prepare [publish] this Catechism, or Christian doctrine, in this small, plain, simple form. Mercy! Good God! what manifold misery I beheld!" - Martin Luther's preface to the Small Catechism. Martin Luther was committed to empowering the laity to have theological conversation. For Luther, it was absolutely necessary that every Christian have the ability and knowledge to discuss doctrines of faith. In this 5-week series, we will reopen Luther's Catechism to gain a clearer understanding of the good news of God's love in Jesus Christ.

Family Promise

In December, 2019, we finished ten years as a host church for Family Promise! Wow! This is quite a milestone and is a testament to the commitment our congregation has made to this very worthwhile program focused on helping families who have fallen on hard times. The most significant resource we have for making this a successful outreach program is the St. Mark's congregation - our core base of volunteers. It truly takes a village - the village of St. Mark's - to make it possible for us to care for Family Promise families during the weeks they stay with us. While our current group of volunteers is truly outstanding, we are in need of more volunteers if we are to continue to support this program. Could you give two hours to have dinner with families? Could you help with greeting our volunteers on the Sunday they arrive? Could you serve as an overnight host once a year? Could you help with set up and/or take down on the Sunday the families arrive and/or depart? If you could give two hours per host week - we need you. We host three times a year - that's six hours a year of volunteer time for this incredibly worthwhile program. Lynette Weber is available to train anyone interested in serving this wonderful ministry.

Our 2020 Host Weeks - March 22-29, August 2-9, November 8-15

In addition, I would like to introduce Charlotte Devier as the new Family Promise Coordinator! As I am now the Congregation President of St. Mark's, I feel I need to step back as the coordinator - a very difficult decision as I have loved serving in this role. Charlotte already has some great new ideas for

servicing Family Promise guests, so please welcome her as the new coordinator!

- Jane Kilby, outgoing Family Promise Coordinator

Committee Chairs

We currently have a critical vacancy for a committee chair of the Nourish committee. We have been very fortunate to have had Bridget Pudimat heading up this critical area - her tireless work has been instrumental in seeing this area grow and thrive. Bridget is still focusing her incredible energies on heading up our youth group, and as such, we thank her for her wonderful service and we now need new folks involved to move into this role! I'm sure Bridget would be happy to speak with you about what is involved. Please think about how you can help - you are a valued member of St. Mark's and your input is much appreciated. Please let Bridget or any member of council know if you are interested in serving in this role.

Additionally, I am thrilled to share that Dianne Marcotte has accepted the role as chair of the SEND committee! Please welcome her into this new role and keep her and the SEND committee in your prayers for the new year!

Library Update

The Library is a "browsing library". All are welcome to browse the collection and check out a book for a maximum of 30 days. We have over 200 books to choose from. Children are more than welcome to come browse with you. Our children's collection has grown significantly!

Check-out procedure: There is a lilac binder located in the library with a check-out form inside. Please complete the first four columns when you check-out the book. Once you return it, please let us know the date of return in the final column of the check-out form. Place the book into the return basket.

Wish List Donations: We invite you to look through our Wish-list and choose an item to donate rather than dropping off used books. There are several ways to donate from our Wish-list. First, you can go to www.sanmarcobooksandmore.com and click on the tab "Find a Wishlist". Once you are there, search St. Mark's Lutheran Church to find the list. From here you can put items into your cart, pay for them and have them sent to either the church, the bookstore or your house. Desiree will notify Kathy VanOsdol when items have been purchased and remove them from our wish list. One of our library volunteers will catalogue, stamp and shelve the new item. If you would like to donate the item in honor or in memorial of someone special please send Kathy VanOsdol an e-

mail tkvano1@comcast.net or call her cell phone 317-459-9766.

You can also shop in person at the bookstore. Just let them know that you are shopping from the St. Mark's wish list. We have a hard copy of the wish list in the library. It is in the lilac binder.

Please donate any used books you might have to Goodwill, the public library or other preferred charities. Thank you!

Current selection: We are using a website called www.librarything.com to catalogue and organize our collection. There is a hard copy located in the lilac binder. Unfortunately, there is not a method to alphabetize the list. There are nine categories of books to choose from. The categories are: Bible Study, Biographies, Church Resources, Devotion/Prayer, Life Experiences, Literature, Reference, Theology and World Systems/Religions. Each book is color coded by category and shelved according to color. A description of each collection is provided on the poster above the lilac folder.

Updated copies of the Wishlist and our current collection will be placed in the lilac binder by March 1st. Until then please contact Kathy VanOsdol with questions.

Special Deliveries

Deborah and Priscilla Circle would like to have help from St. Mark's members to deliver altar flowers. They would like to compile a list of those willing to participate so they can call on a member when needed. It is just an occasional Sunday when help is needed.



The altar flowers are picked up after the Sunday service. At that time, the circle can help you decide where the flowers can be delivered. Please contact Bonnye Bell, 268-2313, or Mary Lou Weidenmier, 904-718-7108, if you can assist. Thanks in advance!

Save The Date

Mark your calendars for May 31, 2020 for St. Mark's Spirit Day and Ministry Tailgate! More details to follow, so save the date and watch our weekly and monthly newsletters for more information.

Worship Assistant Schedule for March 2020

Date	Assisting Minister	Lector	Altar Guild
Sunday, March 1 <i>First Sunday in Lent</i>	Debora Koepke	Janet Linn	Francine Baker & Nikki Hassell
Saturday, March 7	Kathy VanOsdol	Jennifer Treat	
Sunday, March 8 <i>Second Sunday in Lent</i>	Lynn Marlowe	John Viescas	Francine Baker
Sunday, March 15 <i>Third Sunday in Lent</i>	John Trainer	Neil Daraskavich	Nikki Hassell & Renee Roath
Saturday, March 21	Ron Eckels	Kevin Dial	
Sunday, March 22 <i>Fourth Sunday in Lent</i>	Gary Pudimat	Monika Drake	Susan Jackson & Mary Cox
Sunday, March 29 <i>Fifth Sunday in Lent</i>	Jane Kilby	Dale Gatz	Susan Jackson & Mary Lou Weidenmier

Date	Altar Flowers	Order of St. John	Nursery Volunteers
Sunday, March 1 <i>First Sunday in Lent</i>	N/A	Jordan Batson	Bridget Pudimat
Saturday, March 7			
Sunday, March 8 <i>Second Sunday in Lent</i>	N/A	Kamm Eckels	Rachel Mumford
Sunday, March 15 <i>Third Sunday in Lent</i>	N/A	Tahiana Rakotomandrindra	Naomi Heneghan
Saturday, March 21			
Sunday, March 22 <i>Fourth Sunday in Lent</i>	N/A	Jane Kilby	Bonnye Bell
Sunday, March 29 <i>Fifth Sunday in Lent</i>	N/A	Ellen Olson Isla Williams	Arold Rakotomandrindra

Date	Ushers	Greeters
Sunday, March 1 <i>First Sunday in Lent</i>	Karl Koepke & Ellen Olson	Darryl & Patricia Kendrick
Saturday, March 7	Fred & Marieanne Prokop	Jack & Ginger Hudson
Sunday, March 8 <i>Second Sunday in Lent</i>	Karl Koepke & Ellen Olson	Darryl & Patricia Kendrick
Sunday, March 15 <i>Third Sunday in Lent</i>	Karl Koepke & Ellen Olson	Darryl & Patricia Kendrick
Saturday, March 21	Fred & Marieanne Prokop	Jackson & Ginger Hudson
Sunday, March 22 <i>Fourth Sunday in Lent</i>	Karl Koepke & Karl Krueger	Mary Lou & Carl Weidenmier
Sunday, March 29 <i>Fifth Sunday in Lent</i>	Karl Koepke & Ellen Olson	Mary Lou & Carl Weidenmier

***If you are unable to serve at your appointed time, please arrange for a substitute.**

Thank you for your service to St. Mark's!

March 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9:30 am Worship Service @ Nave 11:00 am Family Promise Training @ Library 11:00 am Adult Sunday School @ San Marco Room 7:00 Anita Renfroe Harpsichord Concert @ Nave	2	3 10:00 am Ark Chapel @ Nave 6:00 pm Yoga @ Hart Hall	4 5:00 pm Lenten Dinner @ Fellowship Hall 5:30 pm St. Mark's Ringers @ Nave 6:40 pm Lenten Mid-week Worship 7:30 pm Festival Choir Rehearsal @ Music Suite	5 6:00 pm Yoga @ Hart Hall	6	7 5:30 pm Casual/Contemporary Worship @ Nave
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15 9:30 am Worship Service @ Nave 11:00 am Adult Sunday School @ San Marco Room 7:00 San Marco Chamber Music Society Concert @ Nave	16 Messenger Submissions Due 6:00 pm Finance Committee Meeting	17 10:00 am Ark Chapel @ Nave 6:00 pm Yoga @ Hart Hall	18 Staff & Committee Reports Due 5:00 pm Lenten Dinner @ Fellowship Hall 5:30 pm St. Mark's Ringers @ Nave 6:40 pm Lenten Mid-week Worship 7:30 pm Festival Choir Rehearsal @ Music Suite	19 6:00 pm Executive Committee Meeting @ Office Suite 6:00 pm Yoga @ Hart Hall	20	21 5:30 Casual/Contemporary Worship @ Nave
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Saint Mark's Evangelical Lutheran Church

Our Mission

We invite all people to our church home to celebrate God's many gifts. Nourished by Christ Jesus and led by the Holy Spirit, we send enthusiastic servants to proclaim the hope and joy of life in Christ.



Our Vision

We strive to celebrate the rich diversity of God's people, welcoming all to be nourished in their faith journeys. We live to serve others and fulfill our relationship with Christ in service to community.

Ministry Teams and Committees

Invite: Bonnye Bell

Celebrate: Eric Olson

Nourish: Janet Linn

Send: Dianne Marcotte

Stewardship: Tracy Williams

Property: Larry Wertz

Finance: Tracy Williams

Fellowship: Leslie Allen

St. Mark's Newsletters

St. Mark's has two newsletters. *The Lion's Roar* is distributed weekly and by email (E-Roar), and *The Messenger* is distributed monthly (primarily through email, but available in print upon request). The deadline for *The Lion's Roar* is by **noon on each Tuesday**, and *The Messenger* deadline is the **15th day of each month**. If you have an article for either newsletter, please send it to stmarksjaxnews@gmail.com.

Meeting with Council Members

Members of your Congregation Council will be available to meet with you the second Sunday of each month in the library following the service. Please let us know if you have any questions or concerns - of course, you may contact any member of council at any time.

Birthdays

John Cox	Mar 01
Adam Kilby	Mar 07
Sarah Locke	Mar 07
Hope Van Osdol	Mar 07
Barbara Stevens	Mar 10
Bonnye Bell	Mar 11
Karl Koepke	Mar 11
Elizabeth Cox	Mar 12
A.J. Harkrider	Mar 16
Molly Keifer	Mar 17
Tom Van Osdol	Mar 17
Mary Cox	Mar 18
Evan Harkrider	Mar 18
Camelle Decker	Mar 19
Amelia Jorn	Mar 20
Francine Baker	Mar 21
Janet Linn	Mar 21
Andrew Cox	Mar 24
John Daraskevich	Mar 27
Dale Gatz	Mar 29

Anniversaries

Steve & Jenny Hicks	Mar 16
Jordan & Laura Kate Herriff	Mar 17
Fred & Marieanne Prokop	Mar 19
Martin & Emily Beckmann	Mar 23
Don & Laurene Arthur	Mar 24

Worship & Office Hours

Worship Services:

Saturdays (Casual/Contemporary)

1st and 3rd Saturdays at 5:30 pm

Sunday Morning at 9:30 am

Children are welcome in worship, but a nursery is available.

Office Hours:

Monday through Thursday

9:00 am - 2:00 pm

The office is closed on national holidays.



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