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ST. MARK'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

# Messenger

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“Go into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature.” Mark 16:15

March 2023



## Join us for Lenten Midweek Services

During the season of Lent, we will be holding our normal Lenten Midweek Worship Services, where our souls will be prepared through the Word of God to celebrate Jesus' death and resurrection with joy. These services will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday evenings during Lent (Mar 1, 8, 15, 22, 29).

At these services, we will be following a series titled *The Fruit of the Spirit: A Lenten Exploration*. Here, we will be considering each of the nine “fruits of the Spirit” from Galatians 5, that we might better know Jesus and His gift of life through His Spirit.

As before, we will be holding these services round-robin-style with other circuit pastors. We hope you will take advantage of this special opportunity to receive the Word of God, as you prepare your heart in repentance for Christ!



## Lenten Coins will help support Ziah Town Lutheran School, Liberia

Throughout March, there will continue to be Lenten Coin Holders sitting on the table in the entryway. The way these work is that if you place a quarter in one of the slots each day during Lent (excluding the Sundays in Lent which are IN Lent, but not OF Lent), you will have \$10 by Easter Sunday. (You may also choose to write a check made payable to St. Mark's Lutheran Church, or place cash in the coin holder instead of filling it with quarters.) Full coin holders can then be placed in the offering plates on Easter Sunday and these donations will be sent to Joe Boway in support of the Ziah Town Lutheran School in Liberia, Africa. The school needs more Small Catechisms, as well as school supplies for the kids.

Thanks in advance for your support of the school!

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#### Sunday

Divine Service at 9:30 a.m.  
Adult Bible Study at 10:45 a.m.

#### Wednesday

Wed. Nights in Christ for Youth at 5:15 p.m. (Sep. - May)  
Midweek Adult Bible Study 5:45 - 6:45 p.m. (paused during Lent)

#### One Saturday/month

Men's Bible Study/Breakfast 9:00 a.m.

Handicap accessible

# Bible Study



## St. Mark's current Bible studies

Here at St. Mark's, we strive to offer as many Bible study opportunities as possible for our church members and friends. The list below shows our current Bible study offerings.

### Adult Bible Class: The Book of Genesis

In the month of March, we will be continuing our study of the book of Genesis in our Adult Bible Class!

The book of Genesis is the first book of the Bible, and it tells the story of God's salvation from the very beginning. It starts with the creation of the world and the fall into sin, and from there it traces the promise of the Savior from generation to generation, beginning with Adam and culminating with Jacob's twelve children. It includes the account of Noah and the Flood, the Tower of Babel, the Call of Abraham, and Joseph's rise in Egypt. At every place it proclaims the steadfast love of God and His faithfulness in redeeming mankind from the guilt of our sin.

We hope you will join us for this study! This is a great opportunity to fill your week with God's Word and to grow in knowledge and faith!

Adult Bible Class meets on Sundays at 10:45 a.m., after our Divine Service.

### Men's Bible Study Will Meet on March 4

Attention Men of St. Mark's! Our next Men's Bible Study will be held on Saturday, March 4. We will gather from 9:00 - 10:30 a.m. in St. Mark's fellowship hall. Breakfast will be provided, and we will continue our study of the book of Revelation.

We hope to see you there! This is a great opportunity to be formed together as men of God in the image of Christ!

### Midweek Bible Study is Paused During Lent

During the season of Lent, we will be pausing our Midweek Bible Study, which typically meets on Wednesday evenings from 6:00 - 6:45 p.m. Instead, on Wednesdays, we will be holding our normal Lenten Midweek Worship Services at 7:00 p.m.

We hope you will join us at these services to receive God's Word during this holy season of preparation!

### Read Through the Bible in 2023

For us Christians, it is a great joy to read the Bible, for we know that it is the very Word of God, revealing to us Christ for our salvation and encouragement. Therefore, in 2023 we are again reading through the entire Bible in a year! But this time it is a joint effort with other congregations in our Circuit. Will

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# Pastor's Page

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## Fear Not, Little Flock

My friends, as most of you know, a few weeks ago I received a Divine Call to serve as pastor at St. John Lutheran Church and School in Grand Haven, MI. As I write this, I am currently still in the "Deliberation" phase of the Call process. As it stands, right now I have two calls, both of which are from God: To serve you at St. Mark's and to serve St. John in Grand Haven. My duty as a pastor, therefore, is to gather information and to decide between these two Calls, asking, "What would be best for God's Kingdom and for my family?"

Now, given the circumstances, I can think of no better message for this Pastor's Page than to share with you these words of Jesus, by which He speaks comfort to His Church, no matter what: "Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom" (Luke 12:32).

Do you hear that? Here, Jesus reminds you of a beautiful reality. It is your Father's good pleasure to give you the Kingdom. You, O little flock—God delights to give you the Kingdom! He rejoices to give it to you! He takes the highest, heavenly pleasure in giving it to you! Jesus Your Savior has secured the Kingdom for you with His precious blood. In His sacrifice, the doors are open, which had been closed by Your sin. And now God delights to give it to you as a free gift through faith. He doesn't give you the Kingdom begrudgingly. We don't have to twist His arm. No, just like a father who delights to give gifts to His children, so it is God's delight to give you His Kingdom, for in Christ, He is your heavenly Father. Indeed, in Baptism the Kingdom of God is already yours.

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And what a joy this is! After all, consider what it means for God to give you the Kingdom. This means eternal life. This means the forgiveness of your sins. This means the resurrection from the dead. This means the indwelling of the Holy Spirit and peace with your Creator. This means seeing God face-to-face. This means a reunion with all who have died in faith and an existence free from pain, grief, or tears that will last forever. This is the joy of the Kingdom. And here Jesus assures you: This Kingdom is yours, no matter what, as a free gift through faith, for your heavenly Father loves to give it to you. What an amazing thing to hear!

And so it is that Jesus says to you, "Fear not, little flock." No matter what may happen in the days ahead. No matter what challenges you may face. Fear not! Jesus will be by your side to care for you on the way. He will be there to strengthen and sustain you with His Word and Sacraments. And when you reach the end of your journey through this fallen world in faith, you will find open doors to heaven.

And so I say to you: You have no reason to fear, O little flock—no matter what! You can continue in love. You can continue in joy. You can continue in generous service to your neighbors. For you have all you need, and more. Your sins are forgiven. Your Shepherd is with you. The Kingdom is Yours! So fear not, little flock! After all, it is your Father's good pleasure to give it all to you.



## A change in paper color has occurred

As strange as this may sound, we have been forced to change the paper color of our newsletter from ivory to yellow! After contacting several paper suppliers, and even some of the largest paper manufacturing companies in the U.S., it turns out that 11" x 17" **ivory** colored paper is no longer being made.

Why did this happen? Who knows? We were unable to get a straight answer from anyone! And so, the newsletter will be printed on yellow paper going forward. Let's hope the manufacturers don't discontinue yellow ledger paper down the road too!

## Bible Studies

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you consider joining us? You can pick up any time. Please contact Pastor Vergin for details!

### Wednesday Nights in Christ Youth Program

St. Mark's Board of Family & Youth invites all kids ages 4 through those in 5th Grade to attend our weekly *Wednesday Nights in Christ* program! This program for youth is both educational, fun and free to all children.

Each Wednesday, we serve a simple dinner to kids and their parents from 5:15 - 5:45 p.m. After that, the kids enjoy hearing a different Bible lesson each week as they help our teachers place Bible characters and background decor on a large, felt flannel board. Lastly, the kids will either make a craft, play games, or be taught some life skills by a special speaker.

Don't wait to register! If you know of a youth that would like to attend, visit St. Mark's website at [www.stmarkwb.org](http://www.stmarkwb.org) to sign them up!



### Do you have any bottles or cans to donate?

If you would like to donate your returnable cans and bottles, the Board of Human Care will now be accepting them **EVERY week!** Just bring your bag to church and an usher will let you know where you can set them. A member of the Human Care Board will collect them and make the return. All money will then go into the fund for the Ziah Town Liberian Lutheran School to be used for catechisms and/ or school supplies. You may also make donations at any time by either putting your check/cash in a green envelope and writing Liberian School on the front (checks made payable to St. Mark's), or visiting the St. Mark's website, clicking on the online giving button and selecting the fund titled Joe Boway/Liberian School.

Thank you for your continued support of this ministry!

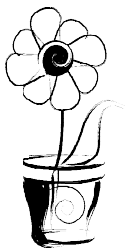


## Church volunteers are needed

We are seeking additional church member volunteers for the following church positions:

- **Greeters** – arrive 15-20 minutes before our Sunday services approximately once every other month to greet those entering the sanctuary
- **Offering Counters** – you and a partner would count offerings on Sundays during a specific month of your choosing
- **Ushers** – distribute bulletins on Sunday mornings, collect the offerings during the service, send people up for Communion in groups of 12, etc., normally one Sunday per month
- **Video Technicians** – Record Pastor's sermons in the choir loft during Sunday services once or twice a month

If you'd like to help in one or more of these positions, please contact the following: for greeters - Debbie LoCascio ([debbie@stmarkwb.org](mailto:debbie@stmarkwb.org)); for Offering Counters - Lori Whitehead ([whiteheadll2010@gmail.com](mailto:whiteheadll2010@gmail.com)); for ushers and video technicians - Darryl Swainson ([dswain001@yahoo.com](mailto:dswain001@yahoo.com)).



### We are now accepting orders for Easter plants

You can help beautify St. Mark's sanctuary on Easter morning by purchasing beautiful, flowering, spring plants that will then be placed in and around the altar area that morning. Following the Easter worship service, you may then take your plants home and transplant them into your garden.

Plants may be ordered in honor or memory of a loved one, or just to help beautify the sanctuary for Easter. The names of your loved ones will then be included in the Easter morning bulletin.

To place an order, please complete a pink order form that can be found in our Sunday bulletins, then place your money and the form into a pink flower envelope (found in the pew racks), mark the envelope "Easter Flowers", and place it in the offering plate, OR call in your order with tribute(s) to the church office. All orders must be turned in **NO LATER THAN MARCH 13. Also, only pre-paid orders will be accepted.**

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IN OUR



# Thoughts and Prayers

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## MORE URGENT PRAYER'S:

**Carolyn Achimov**—is battling cancer.  
**Helga Gonzalez**—is having health issues.  
**Barbara Jewell**—is recovering from back surgery.  
**Taylor Lockwood**—needs extra prayers.  
**Rose Mielke**—is suffering from Dementia.  
**Rod Oehring**—has health issues.  
**Marlene Steck**—Hospice has been called in.  
**Marilyn Turner**—is having health issues.  
**Art Vermeersch**—is having health issues.  
**Lynne Welty**—is having health issues and requires ongoing blood transfusions.  
**Larry Whitehead**—is recovering from foot surgery.  
**Carl & Carol Zienert**—are having health issues.  
Carolyn Achimov's cousin's great-granddaughter, **Kennedy Shallal**—is undergoing Leukemia treatments.  
Friend of St. Mark's, **Tahjanay Ferrell**—needs better housing; is having financial difficulties.  
Friend of St. Mark's, **Allen Geer**—has a fractured shoulder.  
Friend of St. Mark's, **Thisvi Steiger**—is recovering from back surgery.  
Nancy Geer's friend, **Kate Kever**—prayers for decreased pain & healing.  
The Hyrkas' son-in-law, **Matt Emery**—undergoing radiation & chemotherapy for throat, tonsil & neck cancer.  
Barbara Jewell's nephew, **Steve Lichtman**—will be undergoing heart surgery on 2/27 and for his wife, **Tammy Lichtman**, who will be caring for him.  
Barbara Jewell's niece-in-law, **Peg Feiler**—is recovering from surgery and receiving therapy.  
Barbara Jewell's nephew, **Carl Feiler**—diagnosed with prostate and spinal cancer and is caregiver for his wife.  
Jennie Kaufman's nephew, **Jeff Balhoff**—is receiving cancer treatment.  
Debbie LoCascio's acquaintance, **Marti Edens**—is battling bladder cancer.  
Debbie LoCascio's father, **Bob Tippett, Sr.**—his Dementia and is getting worse.  
The LoCascio's friend, **Patti Bulinda**—is recovering from knee replacement surgery.  
The LoCascio's friend, **Chip Cryderman**—is battling cancer and suffering from depression.  
The LoCascio's friend, **Rhea Thomas**—is receiving chemotherapy.  
Stephanie Reynolds' son, **Emmett Reynolds**—has Autism.  
Carolynn Taylor's grandson's wife, **Stephanie Payton**—is battling breast cancer.  
Lynn Thomas' good friend, **Kristy Fresh**—has been diagnosed with a rare cancer.  
Lynn Thomas' daughter-in-law, **Linda**—needs strength as caregiver for her mom who has Vascular Dementia.  
Cindy Turner's friend, **John Carlton**, from Christ Lutheran,

Milford—has Covid pneumonia.  
Marilyn Turner's friend, **Sue**—needs extra prayers.  
Marilyn Turner's friend, **Tony**—needs extra prayers.  
Dorothy Vermeersch's cousin, **Marily Eipper**—diagnosed with pancreatic cancer.  
Rob Wheeler's dad, **Rick Wheeler**—is recovering from a brain bleed.  
Larry Whitehead's cousin, **Andra Bruce**—is in A-Fib and has other heart issues.  
Lori Whitehead's brother-in-law's sister, **Nita Duggin**—may have lung cancer.  
Lori Whitehead's friend, **Ray Baker**—is recovering from knee replacement surgery.  
Lori Whitehead's relative, **Callie Weatherford**—diagnosed at 7 years old with brain cancer.  
The Whiteheads' friend, **Bruce Collins**—has been diagnosed with prostate cancer.  
The Whitehead's friend, **Leonard Pittaway**—will be undergoing a test in March to see if his cancer is back.

## ONGOING PRAYERS:

Joan Freeman—**is having health issues.**  
John Freeman—**is having health issues.**  
Barbara Jewell's niece's son, Tim Bridges—**is recovering from back surgery**  
Glenn Jewell's insurance agent, Vicky—**is receiving chemotherapy**  
Barbara Jewell's neighbor's grandson—**confined to home**  
Barbara Jewell's neighbor, Ed Perez—**having health issues**  
Barbara Jewell's friend, Pam Perez—**is having medical issues**  
Kay Joslin—**is receiving therapy for her hip**  
Julie Kosmalski—**her cancer is in remission**  
Debbie LoCascio's cousin, Cheryl Tippett—**is battling cancer**  
Debbie LoCascio's friend, Betty Ebejer—**is struggling with COPD**  
Debbie LoCascio's brother, Bob Tippett, Jr.—**has a lesion on his liver; will be undergoing more tests**  
The LoCascio's sister-in-law, Leslie Tippett—**is recovering from major back surgery**  
Debbie LoCascio's cousin, Bob Tanis—**is recovering from double knee replacement surgery and receiving therapy**  
The LoCascio's friend, John Murelli—**is recovering from hip replacement surgery**  
Debbie LoCascio's brother-in-law, Alex Esse—**spots found on his lungs; will be undergoing tests**  
The LoCascio's neighbor, Laura Jones—**is battling cancer**  
Mary Ann Lockwood's cousin's kids—Abigail and Amelia List—**are having health issues.**  
The Salo's daughter-in-law, Joni—**is recovering from a stroke; receiving therapy**  
Jean Swainson's friend's son, Connor Donahue—**is in an intensive inpatient rehab center recovering from being hit by a car**  
Mandy Vergin's father, Bruce Ketcher—**health issues are worse.**  
Dorothy Vermeersch's cousin, Gloria Maire—**has medical issues**  
Larry Whitehead's daughter, Tracy Whitehead—**prayers for wisdom and guidance**

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## March Birthdays

- 2 Joanne Wisti
- 3 Mary Ann Lockwood
- 8 Karen Maier
- 18 Lynne Welty
- 23 Anna Lockwood, Jim O'Brien
- 27 Charlie Powell
- 30 Marlene Stech
- 31 Helga Gonzalez

## Thanks so much!

Our Wednesday Nights in Christ youth program had the students pretty busy during the month of February!

On February 1, our church member, Nancy Hewson, who is an R.N., taught the kids some First Aid, especially in relation to possible kitchen accidents.

On February 8, St. Mark's Board of Human care worked with the students to make beautiful Valentine's Day greeting cards for some area seniors.

Then, on February 15, Dr. Nadia Farooq from Lakes Area Pediatric Dentistry met with the kids to teach them about good oral hygiene. Each child also received a goodie bag that included a toothbrush, toothpaste, chap stick, etc.

On behalf of the Wednesday Nights in Christ students and staff, thanks so much to all those above who helped to support this Bible study program for kids in February!

Below is another thank you note we received:

The Board of Human Care offers their thanks to the students and leaders who made lovely hand-crafted Valentine Cards! The kids did a wonderful job considering the limited time they had! We delivered 31 cards to MediLodge of Milford. The staff were delighted to receive them and pass them out to their residents. We appreciated all who participated!



## Please remember these folks in your prayers

Those shown below have lost a loved one this past month. Please keep them and their families in your prayers.

✠ The Whitehead family as both Larry's brother, Victor Whitehead, and his sister-in-law (Victor's wife) Christy Whitehead, passed away following a terrible car accident in Kentucky.

## Special Fund Donations

We thank those listed below who made special donations in **January**:

**Joe Boway/Liberian Lutheran School:** Rod & Leslie Oehring, Lynn Thomas, the Vergin family  
**Remodeling - Sanctuary:** Nancy McInnis

## Donations for Keith Elementary lunches

Keith Elementary's *Invisible Dad Lunch Program* was started a few years ago by a dad of one of the students so that if a child forgot to bring a lunch, or if their personal lunch fund balance was short, the school could offer them a full lunch at no cost instead of the free, state-sponsored "tiny lunch" that doesn't contain enough food and isn't the healthiest.

St. Mark's has placed a collection jar on the table in the back of the sanctuary for any loose change donations to help with this program. We will be totaling those coins and sending Keith a check during the month of March, so if you plan to donate, please do so ASAP. Thank you!



## Member received via adult confirmation (2/12/23):

*Lorinda Grimshaw*  
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## Confirmed in the Faith

After completing careful study of Holy Scripture and the Small Catechism, Lorinda Grimshaw was confirmed into the faith during the Divine Service on February 12. We celebrate with joy her public confession of our Christian faith and welcome her as a member of St. Mark's family of faith!

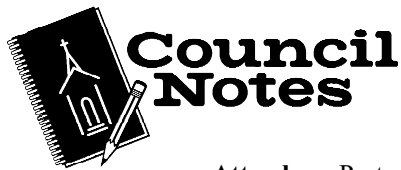
## SPECIAL



## March's special decade birthday

This month, we wish a happy Special Decade birthday to our church member, Joanne Wisti, whose birthday is on March 2.

As always, we can't tell you which decade, but we know all of you will join us in praying that our Lord will continue to bless Joanne now and always.



## Council Meeting Minutes - Summarized January 17, 2023

**Attendees:** Pastor Vergin, Tom LoCascio, Karen Kaufman, Jim O'Brien, John Reardon, Lori Whitehead, Kyle Albert, and Nancy McInnis

Call to order at 7:00 pm. Opening Prayer and Devotion by Pastor: Romans 12:3-8.

Tom LoCascio welcomed Kyle Albert to the Council and welcomed back John Reardon and Lori Whitehead.

Previous minutes were presented by Nancy and approved.

Pastor's Report per Pastor Vergin –

- Ash Wednesday Soup & Salad Supper on February 22 with Divine Service at 7 pm.
- Transfiguration Sunday is January 29.
- Pastor Pies filling in on February 19 because Pastor Vergin was asked (by the District) to perform an ordination in Brighton that morning. The District will cover Pastor Pies' preaching expense.
- Midweek Lent Services - Some of our circuit pastors, along with Pastor Vergin, will be doing a round-robin schedule of preaching

Treasurer's Report per Kyle Albert – distributed the December 2022 report. The total income for 2022 was \$149,693. This is a bit more than expected. Total expenses were about \$2,400 over what was budgeted.

Financial Secretary's Report per Lori Whitehead – no report. Pastor did state that we are very thankful for the car sale donation of \$13,000 and that it was a gift from Heaven.

Tom distributed the Parish Report and February's Church Calendar. Pastor noted that Men's Bible Study will be moved to February 11. On the Parish Report, Tom noted that our Worship Attendance and our Communion Attendance went down a bit from 2021. Kyle noted that the reduced attendance didn't seem to affect our donations. Pastor stated that the beginning of 2022 was rough as far as church attendance, but believes that we are heading in a good trajectory now by the Grace of God.

Properties per Jim O'Brien –

- Toilet paper dispensers: "ordered, delivered, installed, enjoy".
- We have Icon Restoration coming out to give us an estimate on the siding that fell off during a windstorm

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last month to see if it can be replaced. Jim is looking at this as an insurance claim so the deductible (\$1,000) will apply.

- Parking lot crack repair – we received four bids last year and these will be followed up on in the Spring.
- Lobby update – no plans ready at this time.
  - a. Tom Kaufman has an idea for the flooring and hopefully can get us a quote on that.
  - b. Karen Kaufman spoke with Pastor about some banners to hang.
  - c. We need a quote on painting and would like a high top table and a couple chairs in case folks need to sit down.
  - d. Pastor suggested that the Lobby Improvement Committee get together after Bible study to finish planning the improvements.
- Per Tom, a couple indoor lights are out. Per Jim, we need to purchase more as we're out of them.

### NEW BUSINESS

**Council signed a thank you letter** to the person who donated the proceeds of a car they sold.

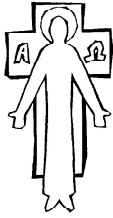
### **Financial Matters: Budget Planning and Financial Reviews -**

A discussion occurred regarding budget planning and also Council's reviewing of St. Mark's finances. Several suggestions were made including:

- Council should use the Budget Planning guidelines offered by the Michigan District in the Treasurer's Manual.
- Add an item beneath New Business each month called "Financial Review", or something similar, that would allow a more in-depth discussion of St. Mark's finances.
- Position the "Financial Review" item on the Agenda after the *Financial Secretary's Report*. Only add it quarterly to Council's quarterly Business Meeting Agenda as the Business Meetings are when Council focuses more on finances and less on all other ministries. Then if, after a few months, Council feels that quarterly financial reviews are not serving us well, the "Financial Review" item can be added to the non-quarterly Ministries' Council meeting agendas, as well.
- A Budget Committee - Per our bylaws, the budget should be created collaboratively between the Treasurer and

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- Monthly church calendars
- Sunday bulletins
- Weekly announcements
- Monthly newsletters
- About St. Mark's
- Event Registration Forms
- Those on Duty (scheduled to help out at church)

...and more! Check it out for all of your worship/church needs!

## Council Minutes

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Financial Secretary with the assistance of our Pastor, President and Vice President. A Budget Committee should be appointed in September 2023 to create 2024's budget. Tom suggested that Jim O'Brien be part of the committee.

- Take the money out of our checking account and put in an account that earns interest.
- Have this fall's newly-appointed Budget Committee take a look at ALL our finances including the investment accounts.
- Shop around for office and church supplies to see if we can get cheaper prices.

Per Pastor: A man named Bill Hess contacted Pastor regarding a government grant available to us due to the Coronavirus Pandemic. Bill said his company would help us get the grant and then they would take 15% of whatever we receive. (The amount of the grant for us wouldn't be much because we only have 2 full-time workers.) Per Council, Pastor should discuss the grant with Bill Hess just to see how much we qualify for.

Next Council meeting: Tuesday, February 21, 2023, at 7 pm.  
Meeting adjourned at 7:58 pm. Closed with the Lord's Prayer.



# March 2023

## St. Mark's Lutheran Church

Sunday Divine Service 9:30 a.m.

Sunday Adult Bible Class 10:45 a.m.

Wednesday Nights in Christ 5:15 p.m. (Sep. - May)

Men's Bible Study/Breakfast - One Saturday per mo. 9 a.m.

For live, up-to-date versions of ANY St. Mark's calendar, visit our website at: [www.stmarkwb.org](http://www.stmarkwb.org).

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 5:15 Wed. Nights in Christ <b>7:00pm Midweek Service</b> Elder: Tom LoCascio	2 10am Quilting Bee Pastor out of the office	3	4
<b>5 2nd Sunday in Lent</b> Elder: Charlie Powell 9:30am Divine Service 10:45am Adult Bible Class	6 Pastor's Day Off	7 7pm - Bd. Of Elders Mtg.	8 5:15 Wed. Nights in Christ <b>7:00pm Midweek Service</b> Elder: Charlie Powell	9 10am Quilting Bee Pastor out of office in p.m.	10	11 9am Men's Bible Study
<b>12 3rd Sunday in Lent</b> Elder: Darryl Swainson 9:30am Divine Service 10:45am Adult Bible Class <b>DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS</b>	13 Pastor's Day Off	14	15 5:15 Wed. Nights in Christ <b>7:00pm Midweek Service</b> Elder: Darryl Swainson	16 10am Quilting Bee Pastor out of office in p.m.	17 <b>St. Patrick's Day</b> <b>DEADLINE TO SUBMIT NEWSLETTER ARTICLES</b>	18
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**ALTAR GUILD:** Cathy & Gail Fitzgerald  
**COUNTERS:** Barbara Jewell & Lori Whitehead

GREETERS:	USHERS:	VIDEO TECHS:
5 Gail Fitzgerald	5 Matt Maier	Karen Kaufman (March)
12 Tom/Debbie L.	12 John Reardon	
19 Mary Lockwood	19 Tom Kaufman	
26 Sue I./Judy S.	26 Trent Johnson	