
**TOILETRY/HYGIENE DONATIONS FOR
THE OPEN DOOR OUTREACH CENTER**

- ◆ We continue to receive hygiene & toilet-ry products year around for the Open Door Outreach Center in Waterford. There are two bins located on the shelves at the bottom of the sanctuary stairs where you can place product donations. The Open Door is a non-profit organization that assists needy families in the Lakes Area. They are ALWAYS in need of toiletry and hygiene items, so **if you can provide any of these throughout the year, it would be appreciated.**

WE CONTINUE TO COLLECT used postage stamps for Wycliffe Bible Translation Ministries, and used eyeglasses for MOST Ministries in the two plastic bins on the shelves at the bottom of the sanctuary stairs. Wycliffe sells the stamps to stamp collectors and then uses the proceeds to fund Bible translation projects throughout the world. MOST Ministries repairs/refurbishes used eyeglasses and distributes them via eyeglass clinics to the needy around the world. If you donate postage stamps, please leave ¼" of the paper around the stamp.

**Collecting Bottles/Cans for Ziah
Town School**

If you would like to donate your returnable cans and bottles, the Board of Human Care is accepting them weekly! Just bring your bag to church and an usher will let you know where you can put 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

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check/cash in a green envelope and writing "Joe Boway" on the front (checks made payable to St. Mark's), or visiting the St. Mark's website, clicking the online giving button and selecting the fund titled Joe Boway/Liberian School.

**THE FATHER'S HANDS FOOD PANTRY
AND CLOTHING CLOSET** at St. Paul's Community Lutheran Church has been very busy this spring. They have served over 300 families in the pantry alone since January. This has led to a depletion of their supplies. They are in urgent need for the following items:

Powdered milk - 1qt envelopes or boxes
Plain pasta - macaroni
Spaghetti Noodles
Spaghetti Sauce
Non-starchy canned vegetables
Peas, Corn or mixed vegetables
Soups, Rice, Baked beans
Protein bars
Instant Potatoes
Canned Tuna or Chicken
Toilet paper, Tooth Paste, Hand sanitizer,
Large bars of soap and diapers (size 5)

For Larger families they need:

Family sized shampoo & conditioner
Large cans of baked beans
Large can of fruit
large can of vegetables
Large Rice, dried potatoes or spaghetti noodles
large cans of chicken or meat that will serve 5 or more.
Laundry detergent
Dishwashing soap
Dried soup that serve 8 or more.

We are open for drop off on Tuesdays & Thursdays from 10-4:30 and Wednesdays from Noon - 5pm. We greatly appreciate any and all donations. Address:
1133 Joslyn Ave, Pontiac, MI 48340

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**This
Month's Prayers**

For Our church members:

Cathy Fitzgerald,
Barbara Jewell,
Julia Ligon,
Mary Ann Lockwood,
Nancy McInnis,
Rose Mielke,
Angela Peters,
Nancy Salo,
Carolyn Taylor,
Marilyn Turner,
Art Vermeersch,
Larry Whitehead

For Friends/Family of Our Church Members:

Bunny, Freida, Kim, Richard, Mary Ann, Nancy, Lisa,
Ian, Mickey, Marlene, Carl, Judy, Chip, Rhea, Cheryl,
Dale, Michael, Ed, Johnny, Kristy, Rick, Rich,
Ron, Ray, Truman, Mary, Leonard, Peg

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Called Home to the Lord

The family and friends of **Cheryl Tippet**
(Debbie LoCascio's Cousin), who was Called
home unto the Lord.

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Thank You



for your Kindness

Special Fund Donations

***We want to thank those who
made special donations in May:***

Liberian School-Joe Boway:

Nancy McInnis, Lynn Thomas

Sanctuary Remodeling:

Nancy McInnis



August Anniversaries

2: John & Joan Freeman—49 Years
5: Preston & Brianna Hart—1 Year
6: Jacob & Bethany Williams—19 Years
10: Kevin & Tammy Hurley—23 Years
25: John & Juanita Reardon—51 Years
26: Brian & Sandy Krus—35 Years
30: Stephen & Ewa Sell—21 Years



August's Birthdays

2 Kari Kosmalski
3 Justus Anderson
10 Connie Burnett
12 Steven Barnum
20 Joan Freeman, Angela Peters
21 Michelle Brown
29 Leo Dwyer

Mercy and Grace Lead to Generosity

Thanks be to God for His inexpressible gift” (2 Cor. 9:15)! This is St. Paul’s exclamation upon hearing the Corinthian church’s response to the preaching of the Gospel of Jesus Christ and his request for support for the church in Jerusalem. The Christians in Corinth heard and received God’s mercy in Christ, and they responded to St. Paul’s call to support Christians in Jerusalem with a collection. The Corinthians’ joy filled Jerusalem’s need.

This is the reality of stewardship. Because of God’s generosity in the giving of His Son to die on the cross for us, we are to be generous with all that we receive from Him. What do we receive? Everything. All that we are and all that we have is the Lord’s. He is the creator and the giver. We are His creatures and those who receive what He gives.

It sounds easy. And it is. But then again it isn’t. Stewardship is easy because it is God’s work. Through what God gives, we give to others. Through what God gives, we support the work of the church for the life of the world. He gives; we receive. And like our generous Father in Heaven, we, as His children, use what He gives to us to love and serve others.

But stewardship is also difficult. That is because it goes against our natural inclination to think that what I have is mine to do what I want with. This is our sinful nature. It is our selfishness and our greed. How can we who have been given everything — life, food, clothing, house, home, forgiveness, divine sonship, an eternal inheritance — be so stingy with what we give to the church, the place where we hear about and receive all that God gives us and does for us? We are all guilty of this kind of thinking. And the only godly response is to repent and trust in the Gos-pel.

For if God has given you His own Son, will He not give you all things? Yes. He will. This is His sure and certain promise. God provides for His people. He provides everything we need for this body and life and for the life that is to come.

The church is a mercy place. It’s a place where God’s mercy in the death and resurrection of His Son, Jesus Christ, is given and received. For us who believe it means forgiveness, life and salva-tion in the face of sin, death and the power of the devil. Here in the church, we inhale God’s mercy in Word and Sacrament, and exhale this same mercy in love and service to our neighbor. And that is an enduring, joyful thing to do. Our joy fills our neighbor’s need because His joy filled ours (Heb. 12:2). Thanks be to God for His inexpressible gift!

AUGUST 2024

St. Mark's Lutheran Church

Sunday Divine Service 9:30 a.m.
Sunday Adult Bible Class 10:45 a.m.

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

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2	3
				Quilting Bee 10:00 a.m.		
4 10th Sun. After Trinity	5	6	7	8	9	10
Pastor: Terry Nelson <i>Assistant: Darryl Swainson</i> 9:30 am Divine Service 10:45 am Adult Bible Class		7pm - Elders' Mtg.		Quilting Bee 10:00 a.m.		
11 11th Sun. After Trinity	12	13	14	15	16	17
Pastor: Mark Arendell <i>Assistant: Tom LoCascio</i> 9:30 am Divine Service 10:45 am Adult Bible Class				Quilting Bee 10:00 a.m.	DEADLINE TO SUBMIT NEWSLETTER ARTICLES	
18 12th Sun. After Trinity	19	20	21	22	23	24
Pastor: Rod Zwonitzer <i>Assistant: Darryl Swainson</i> 9:30 am Divine Service 10:45 am Adult Bible Class		7pm - Council Mtg.		Quilting Bee 10:00 a.m.	DISTRIBUTE NEWSLTR.	
25 13th Sun. After Trinity	26	27	28	29	30	31
Pastor: Frank Pies <i>Assistant: Tom LoCascio</i> 9:30 am Divine Service 10:45 am Adult Bible Class						
		USHERS:	ALTAR GUILD:	GREETERS:	COUNTERS:	
		04 Matt Maier 11 John Reardon 18 Trent Johnson 25 Tom Kaufman	Cathy & Gail Fitzgerald	04 Tom & Debbie L. 11 Kelly Lekas 18 Gail Fitzgerald 25 Ellen Rentola	Nancy Salo & Ellen Rentola	