



ST. MARK'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

Messenger

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

November 2022

For All the Saints



**Please join us as we celebrate
All Saints' Day on November 6**

On Sunday, November 6, the Church will observe All Saints' Day. On this day, we remember all those who have gone before us in faith and now rest from their labors in the presence of Christ. It's a time to rejoice in the eternal life that Christ has won for us and to take comfort in the joyous reunion that is promised to all the faithful.

During this service, we will be commemorating by name all those from St. Mark's who have fallen asleep in faith this past year.

We hope you will join us for this holy day of solemn joy!



**Let's join to give thanks during our
Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service**

For us Christians, the holiday of Thanksgiving is all about returning thanks to God for every blessing that He graciously pours down upon us in Christ; blessings both temporal and eternal. And so, it is fitting for us to gather together in the Lord's house on this holiday to offer Him our thanks and praise as we meditate upon His goodness as proclaimed in His Word.

Therefore, we invite you to join us for our annual Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service at St. Mark's. The service will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 23 and will include Scripture readings and familiar hymns of praise.

We hope you will plan to make this service a part of your Thanksgiving celebrations!

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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.

One Saturday/month

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

Handicap accessible

Bible Study



Your Bible study options have grown

Exciting news! Starting in November, we've added two more opportunities for adults and children to study God's Word! See below for more information.

Sunday Adult Bible Class: The Book of Genesis

In the month of November, 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 November 5

Attention Men of St. Mark's! Our next Men's Bible Study will be held on Saturday, November 5. 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!

Read Through the Bible in 2022

The Apostle Paul, referring to the Scriptures, once said, "Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope" (Romans 15:4).

Therefore, so that we might learn the Scriptures better and might abound in hope in Christ, St. Mark's Board of Elders is leading a Bible reading program, in which we will be going through the entire Bible in a year. Reading plans are available on the back table in the sanctuary, and weekly readings will be printed in the bulletin. The readings in November will begin at John 1. Please consider participating! You can pick up any time!

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A moment of great importance: thoughts from Pastor Vergin on Proposal 3

My friends, in just a few days, you will get the opportunity to participate in the 2022 Midterm Election.

This is your chance as Christian citizens to advance societal good in accordance with God's Word and natural reason. If you haven't already, I hope you will vote, even simply to fulfill your duty as a citizen. Election Day is Tuesday, November 8.

However, this election is not like other elections. I say this because there is a proposal on the ballot in Michigan called Proposal 3, that would amend the Michigan State Constitution by adding a "Fundamental Right to Reproductive Freedom" for all individuals. And what would this mean? According to the text of the proposed amendment, it would effectively mean abortion on demand in Michigan up to the point of birth (for the legislature would be unable to prohibit abortion even just for the mental health of the mother). It would also mean a right to sterilization for minors without parental consent (for the "rights" in this amendment are not limited to adults). Furthermore, it would mean that all the laws regulating abortion that are currently on the books would be invalidated, including a ban on partial birth abortion. This is a radical proposal that goes way beyond Roe vs. Wade, and contradicts what the Bible teaches about the value of life. Arguably, it would make Michigan the most pro-abortion state in the nation (if not in the world!). And this would all be encoded in the state constitution, making it extremely difficult to change.

Therefore, I urge you to vote "No" on Proposal 3. Furthermore, instead of a normal "Pastor's Page" in this month's newsletter, I am including a joint letter crafted by the pastors of our circuit addressing Proposal 3. Please read this letter and take it to heart.

May God bless our state and our nation, and grant His protection to all in need!

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

We, the pastors of the Kensington Circuit, would like to speak to you as a united voice, urging you to fulfill your God-given calling as Christian citizens in a matter of great importance.

As many of you know, there is a proposal on the ballot in the upcoming midterm election called Proposal 3. This proposal seeks to amend the Michigan state constitution to add a "right to reproductive freedom" for all individuals. As written, this broadly-worded right would include not only a right to an abortion, but also a right to many other things, including sterilization.

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Although this proposal is being advertised as a moderate solution that would simply turn back the clock a few months, the actual text of the amendment reveals it is anything but. For instance, the state legislature would now be unable to prohibit abortion at any stage in pregnancy, if it is deemed necessary even just for the mental health of the mother. Effectively, this would enshrine abortion on demand in Michigan, up until the time of birth. Furthermore, the "rights" guaranteed in this amendment would not be limited to adults, opening the door to elective sterilization of children, without parental consent.

We hope you see that, when measured against the Holy Scriptures and natural reason, this proposal is both ungodly and harmful. God's Word teaches that we are all made in His image (Genesis 1:27), are loved by Him (John 3:16), and are worthy of protection (Exodus 20:13). It teaches that He knits us together in our mother's womb (Psalm 139:13). It teaches that God makes us male and female (Genesis 1:27), and that He sanctifies our bodies in Christ to be temples of the Holy Spirit (1 Corinthians 6:19). It calls us to repent of our sins and to trust in the good news of forgiveness in Christ (Mark 1:15). This proposal, however, rejects and profanes these sacred, life-giving Truths, even amending the State Constitution to that end.

Therefore, we urge you, first, to rededicate yourselves as Christians to caring for mothers who are unexpectedly pregnant and for those struggling with their bodies, repenting of all hypocritical judgment and all hardness of heart, to which every one of us is inclined.

Second, we urge you to fulfill your duty as Christian citizens by voting in the upcoming midterm election on November 8, and by voting "No" on Proposal 3, to defend unborn children in our state, as well as the sanctity of the body and of marriage.

And, third, we invite you to join us in setting aside **Monday, November 7** (the day before the election) as a day of prayer and fasting, in which we will be asking God to defeat Proposal 3, and to deal mercifully with our nation and our state in accordance with His fatherly will.

May God bless our country, and grant His divine protection to all those in need.

Your servants in the name of Christ,
The pastors of the Kensington Circuit, Michigan District, LCMS
Rev. Paul Moldenhauer, St. Matthew Lutheran, Walled Lake/Wixom
Rev. Dr. Andrew Johnson, Christ Lutheran, Milford
Rev. Russ Tkac, Peace Lutheran, Waterford
Rev. Jonathan Moyer, Faith Lutheran, Highland
Rev. Jeff Heimsoth, Cross of Christ Lutheran, South Lyon
Rev. Aaron Vergin, St. Mark's Lutheran, West Bloomfield; Circuit Visitor



St. Mark's to host an Elders' Conference here on November 5

On Saturday, November 5, the Board of Elders at St. Mark's will be hosting our second annual Circuit Elders Conference. Here, we will be gathering together with the elders and pastors of our circuit (and other nearby LCMS congregations) to pray together, worship together, learn together, and share Christian fellowship.

The elders conference will be held from 2:00 to 6:00 p.m. and the theme will be "Spiritual Warfare from a Lutheran Perspective." The conference is open to all elders and pastors.

Please lift up this event in your prayers, as well as our companionship with our sister circuit congregations!



Missionary, Joe Boway, visited St. Mark's on October 16

On Sunday, October 16, we were blessed at St. Mark's by a visit from missionary Joe Boway and his family. Joe leads an organization called Liberian Children's Ministry that builds and supports Lutheran Schools in rural Liberia, in West Africa.

At St. Mark's, we funded the construction of a Lutheran School in Ziah Town, including digging a well at the school, and have collected donations of catechisms and other supplies for the school and rural Lutheran pastors.

When Joe visited, he updated us on the construction of the school at Ziah Town and thanked us for all the support. He reported that construction of the school is nearing completion, and that they have decided to build three smaller school buildings rather than one large building. Joe also mentioned that he would welcome a group from St. Mark's on a mission trip to visit the school once it is completed.

It was great to see Joe and his family, and we rejoice in the work that the Lord is doing through His Word in Liberia!

Please continue to keep Joe in your prayers and please join us as we continue to support him and all the saints at Ziah Town Lutheran Church and School!

NOMINATIONS NOW OPEN



We are accepting nominations for 2023's open church positions

Would you like to serve at St. Mark's in an official capacity? Do you know of anyone who you think would be well-suited to serve?

We are now accepting nominations for our elected positions. This year, we are accepting nominations for the following Officers:

- Congregational Treasurer
- Congregational Financial Secretary
- Human Resources Director
- Public Relations Director

Additionally, we're accepting nominations for all six congregational Boards:

- Human Care
- Gospel Outreach
- Parish Fellowship & Support
- Assimilation & Stewardship
- Family & Youth
- Properties

Each elected term is for three years. Responsibilities for each Board/Position can be found in our Bylaws. Please call the church office with any questions.

Nomination forms can be found on the back table in the sanctuary. You can nominate yourself, or someone else!

Please consider serving the Lord in this special way! May He bless our congregation in the year ahead!



Daylight Saving Time ends

Daylight Saving Time ends on Sunday, November 6. Don't forget to turn your clocks back one hour and take advantage of that extra hour of sleep!



IN OUR
Thoughts and Prayers



MORE URGENT PRAYER'S:

Carolyn Achimov—is having health issues.
Helga Gonzalez—is having some medical issues.
Barbara Jewell—is having a lot of back pain and other issues.
Taylor Lockwood—needs extra prayers.
Rod Oehring—has medical issues.
Cindy Parks—is receiving chemotherapy for her liver cancer.
Owen Reynolds—is recovering from a broken leg.
Marlene Steck—has memory & health issues; Hospice has been called in.
Marilyn Turner—is having health issues.
Art Vermeersch—is having health issues.
Larry Whitehead—is recovering from foot surgery.
Carl & Carol Zienert—are having medical issues.
Carolyn Achimov's cousin's great-granddaughter, **Kennedy Shallal**—is undergoing treatments for Leukemia.
Friend of St. Mark's, **Allen Geer**—is recovering from shoulder surgery.
Nancy Geer's friend, **Kate Keever**—prayers for decreased pain & healing.
Jennie Kaufman's nephew, **Jeff Balhoff**—is battling cancer.
Debbie LoCascio's father, **Bob Tippett, Sr.**—Dementia is getting worse.
Debbie LoCascio's friend, **Judy Miller**—has been moved to an Assisted Living facility; is receiving physical therapy.
The LoCascio's friend, **Steve Cronk**—is receiving radiation.
The LoCascio's friend, **Rhea Thomas**—is receiving chemotherapy.
The LoCascio's sister-in-law's mom, **Dotti Raczkowski**—has Dementia.
Cindy Parks' friend, **Linda**—is battling breast cancer
Cindy Park's mom, **Rose Mielke**—is having health issues.
Stephanie Reynolds' mom, **Pam Williams**—has health issues.
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.
Marilyn Turner's friend, **Tony**—needs extra prayers.
Mandy Vergin's sister, **Bethany Goers**—is undergoing aggressive chemotherapy for breast cancer.
Dorothy Vermeersch's cousin, **Marily Eipper**—just diagnosed with pancreatic cancer.
Rob Wheeler's dad, **Rick Wheeler**—is recovering from a brain bleed.
The Whitehead's friend, **Tim Ramey**—recovering from shoulder surgery.
Larry Whitehead's cousin, **Leonard Pittaway**—is battling bladder cancer.

ONGOING PRAYERS:

Joan Freeman—**is recovering from surgery.**
John Freeman—**is at home recovering from a broken leg.**
Joan Freeman's brother, Ernie Sampson—**has medical issues.**
Friend of St. Mark's, Thisvi Steiger—**is having health issues**
Friend of St. Mark's, Erika Williams—**needs extra prayers for guidance.**
Barbara Jewell's niece's son, Tim Bridges—**is recovering from back surgery**
Barbara Jewell's niece-in-law, Peg Fieler—**keeps falling**
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**
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—having health issues.**
Nancy McInnis—**is recovering from chemotherapy**
Cindy Parks' sister, Jeane Schaefer—**has back 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 have gotten worse.**
Dorothy Vermeersch's cousin, Gloria Maire—**has several medical issues**
Lynne Welty—**is having health issues**
Larry Whitehead's daughter, Tracy Whitehead—**prayers for wisdom and guidance**

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November Birthdays

- 3 John Freeman
- 5 Tom LoCascio
- 7 Ellen Rentola
- 10 Tyler Cooper
- 11 Laura Benson
- 13 Jean Swainson
- 14 Cassidee Lockwood
- 19 Larry Whitehead
- 22 Grace Hurley, Matt Maier
- 25 Kim Allen
- 29 Kay Joslin

Thanks so much!

We offer our heartfelt thanks to those who helped with St. Mark's Church Clean-Up on Sunday, October 2. A lot was accomplished and the church building and property are ready for winter now. Great job, everyone!

We also thank the folks who helped out with our Wednesday Nights in Christ kick-off celebration on Wednesday, October 26! It started off with a simple hot dog dinner and then continued with Trunk-or-Treat in the church parking lot. We had 15 Halloween-themed decorated vehicles, and their spooktacular owners distributed candy to the kids. (See our Facebook page for photos.)

And lastly, we thank Jennie Kaufman and her sons for helping with church maintenance issues this past month. They installed a new pull rope for our eternal candle in the sanctuary, and also bought and installed a new exterior mailbox. We truly appreciate your dedication and hard work!



November Anniversaries

- 14 Rudy & Ellen Rentola 8th
- 19 Trent & Jennifer Johnson 6th

Special Fund Donations

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

Joe Boway/Liberian Lutheran School:

Lynn Thomas

Remodeling - Sanctuary: Nancy McInnis

Can you help decorate St. Mark's for Christmas?

On Saturday, November 26, we will gather at St. Mark's to decorate our church for Christmas. Can we count on you to help?

Decorating will start at 10:00 a.m. and many hands make for light work. We'll need to erect our large Christmas tree, hang giant wreaths on the walls in the altar area, place greenery and candles on the window ledges, put up the nativity scene and more!

Please make plans now to help on that day, if you can!



Received by Adult Confirmation:

Nancy Hewson (on Oct. 23)
1813 Henbert Road
West Bloomfield, MI 48324
Nancy's Cell: (702) 677-5171

New Cell Phone Number:

Ellen Rentola
(248) 910-3455

We are accepting orders for Christmas poinsettias

During November and part of December, we will be accepting orders for Christmas poinsettias that will adorn our altar area for Christmas. Each poinsettia plant costs \$10 and you may take your plant home with you (if you wish) in early January.

You may order one or more plant in honor, or in memory, of a loved one, or just to help beautify the sanctuary for Christmas. Either complete a pink flower order form found in our Sunday bulletins, place it and your payment (cash or a check made payable to St. Mark's Lutheran Church) inside a pink flower envelope (located in the pew racks), write "Poinsettia" on the envelope, and then place it into an offering plate, OR mail the correct amount to St. Mark's church office and include any honorarium or memorial information. The names of those being honored or remembered will be included in the Christmas Eve and Christmas Day worship folders.

Watch for an ordering deadline to appear soon in the Sunday bulletins.



Council Meeting Minutes - Summarized September 27, 2022

Attendees: Pastor Vergin, Tom LoCascio, Karen Kaufman, Trent Johnson, Debbie Sidelinker, Kari Kosmalski, Darryl Swainson, and Nancy McInnis

Call to order by Tom LoCascio at 7:00 p.m.

Opening Prayer and Devotion by Pastor – Habakkuk 3:17-19.

Treasurer’s Report per Kari Kosmalski – total income is \$94,000 and our total expenses are \$105,000 for a deficit of \$11,000 which is not a change from last month.

Financial Secretary’s Report per Debbie Sidelinker – down \$13,000 for giving which is about the same as last month, so this month was a good month. Income is at 87% of budgeted expenses right now.

Parish Report per Tom LoCascio – Pastor stated we should have some new members coming in in the next couple months.

Vice President’s Report per Trent Johnson – still doing the monthly Young Adult meetings. They’ve had some good turn outs. There wasn’t a meeting for September due to work travel, but will get one on the calendar for October.

Pastor’s Report per Pastor Vergin –

- Mission Planning Workshop was September 24.
- Looking forward to the Wednesday Nights in Christ. This was discussed during the planning workshop.
- Circuit Forum at St. Mark’s was on September 25.
- Attended Circuit Visitor Conference on September 18-20.
- Next Men’s Bible Study will be on October 1 from 9 - 10:30 a.m.
- Joe Boway will visit here on Sunday, October 16 with an update on Ziah Town Lutheran School.
- Reformation Sunday will be celebrated on October 30. Encourage congregation to wear red to church that day.
- Chris Gerard will be back in church and playing trumpet this Sunday! The congregation has signed a Welcome Back card for him and there will be cake, as well.
- Last year Christ, Milford invited the neighboring congregations to help them with their “Journey with Jesus”. They set up Bethlehem and invite folks to help be characters. Someone from Christ, Milford will be here on Sunday with details.

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BOARD REPORTS

Elders per Darryl Swainson – Elders didn’t get to meet at the Mission Planning meeting, so they will meet another time. They also need to work on their budget. The Elders’ conference is coming up on November 5.

Gospel Outreach per Tom LoCascio (Charlie Powell not in attendance) – Pastor, Charlie and hopefully, John Reardon, are going to sit down after Men’s Bible Study on Saturday to discuss plans for the Board of Gospel Outreach.

Family & Youth per Tom LoCascio (per written report by Debbie LoCascio) – Board has been meeting to discuss what to do with Sunday School since very few children attend. We are looking at putting Sunday School on hold for now and per a parent’s suggestion, possibly starting a midweek program that we might call Wednesday Nights in Christ. It would start with a simple dinner at 5:15 p.m. (30 minutes), then a Bible lesson would follow (30 minutes), then crafts, games or a once-a-month “Life Skills” speaker (30 minutes). The Life Skills speakers would teach the kids things like sewing, gardening, cooking, animal care, first aid, etc. Pastor spoke with Dr. Rob Kasper from the MI District about starting this program and Rob said we should be able to get a grant (up to \$5,000) to cover the costs and also possibly get money from Thrivent. Debbie LoCascio will check into this. She will also introduce details of the new program to the congregation this Sunday after the Divine Service as we will need volunteers to help as teachers, teaching assistants and meal coordinators. St. Mark’s two non-Christian education events – Trunk-or-Treat and the Easter Egg Hunt & Fun -- will now be wrapped into this new Wednesday night program. We hope to kick off the Wednesday Nights in Christ program on Wednesday, October 26 starting at 5:15 p.m.

Human Care per Karen Kaufman

- Dinner at St. Paul’s went well. Turnout was good. We had about 100 people.
- Adopt-a-Family for Christmas through the Open Door Outreach Center is going to be December 1 for dropping off gifts. St. Mark’s will be the gift distribution and collection center. Open Door is going to get sponsors. St. Mark’s has volunteered to adopt a

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What types of information can you find on St. Mark's website (www.stmarwb.org)?

- 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!



Please attend a joint Prayer Service regarding our elections

On the evening of Monday, November 7 (the day before Election Day), our circuit will be holding a joint service of prayer at Faith Lutheran Church in Highland (3501 E Highland Rd). Here, we will be gathering to pray for our elections, especially that the Lord would defeat Proposal 3. The service will be led by the pastors of our circuit (including Pastor Vergin), and is open to all. We also invite you to set aside the entire day as a day of prayer and fasting. We hope to see you there!

Bible Studies

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Beginning a Midweek Bible Study on November 2

Are you interested in growing in the Word of God and in the life of faith? On Wednesday, November 2, Pastor Vergin will be starting a new Midweek Bible Study. This study will take place on Wednesday evenings from 5:45 - 6:45, at the same time as our new Wednesday Nights in Christ program for children. This Midweek Bible Study will be open to all who may be interested, and will be an informal, discussion-based study, using a prepared study guide. We will be meeting in the library, as long as space permits. We hope to see you there!

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! Starting on Wednesday, November 2 and continuing through Wednesday, May 24, 2023, this new program for youth is sure to be educational and fun!

Each Wednesday, we will serve a simple dinner to kids and their parents from 5:15 - 5:45 p.m. After that, the kids will 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. (Parents and older youth are welcome to join Pastor Vergin for a Bible study in the Library at this time.) Lastly, the kids will either make a holiday 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, feel free to visit our website to sign them up!

Midweek Advent Services will begin on November 30

Beginning on Wednesday, November 30, St. Mark's will begin holding our annual Advent Midweek Services. Here, we will gather on Wednesday evenings during this special season of repentance to receive the Lord's Word and to wait for His salvation.

These services will begin at 7:00 p.m. and will follow a series titled "In the Beginning Was the Word: An Advent Series on Genesis." Just like last year, circuit pastors will be rotating between churches for these services, so we hope you will welcome the visiting pastors!

Please make these services a part of your yearly Advent preparations! We look forward to seeing you!

Council Minutes

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family. Families in this program will collect their gifts at St. Mark's on December 6 and 7. A rule change from previous years is that only people 18 and under, and 62 and older, will qualify for receiving gifts.

LWML per Pastor - The Fall Zone Rally went well. The Quilting Bee is going well too.

Parish Fellowship per Nancy McInnis

- This coming Sunday will be the "welcome back" for Chris Gerard.
- The Fall Harvest Potluck is coming up for Reformation Sunday. A food sign-up sheet will be posted soon.

Properties per Jim O'Brien

- Got three estimates for the parking lot crack repairs: \$315, \$600 and \$1,000. Metro Sealcoat recommended not filling in the cracks with the hot tar as that should have a seal coat of the entire parking lot next year. He did not get an estimate on sealing. We would have to get an estimate on striping as well. It was decided to wait until next year to do this as the lot needs to be dry in order to do most of this work.
- Jim O'Brien made a motion to spend up \$135 to replace the toilet paper dispensers--two in the ladies' room and one in the men's room--using funds from the Memorial Fund. Karen Kaufman seconded. Motion carried.
- Trent Johnson made a motion to spend up to \$160 to purchase a serpentine belt, a tensioner pulley and an oil change for the plow truck with funds from the Parking Lot Fund. Tom LoCascio seconded. Motion carried.
- Trent also mentioned that the board will be discussing revamping the front entrance. They will be putting in a couple of high-top tables and rearranging it to be more inviting. This should be ready to present these plans by January and the cost would be about \$3,200. Funds for this have already been raised.

GENERAL BUSINESS

The Fall Clean Up is October 2. We will also have a second cleanup of the leaves and sticks at a later date.

All board chairmen received a copy of the 2023 Budget Draft. Boards should plug in their 2023 budget numbers and get them to Debbie LoCascio by November 7, if possible.

Next Council meeting will be Tuesday, October 18 at 7:00 p.m. Meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m. We closed with the Lord's Prayer.

November 2022

St. Mark's Lutheran Church

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

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)

Midweek Bible Study - Wednesdays from 5:45 - 6:45 p.m.

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

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	3 10am Quilting Bee Pastor out of office in p.m.	4	5 9am Men's Bible Study 2pm Elders' Conference
6 All Saints' Day Elder on Duty: Tom LoCascio 9:30am Divine Service 10:45am Adult Bible Class Daylight Saving Time Ends	7 Pastor's Day Off	8 Election Day 7pm - Bd. Of Elders Mtg.	9 5:15 Wed. Nights in Christ 5:45 Midweek Bible Study	10 10am Quilting Bee Pastor out of office in p.m.	11 Veterans' Day	12
13 22nd Sun. after Trinity Elder on Duty: Darryl Swainson 9:30am Divine Service 10:45am Adult Bible Class	14 Pastor's Day Off	15 7pm - Council Mtg.	16 5:15 Wed. Nights in Christ 5:45 Midweek Bible Study	17 10am Quilting Bee Pastor out of office in p.m.	18 DEADLINE TO SUBMIT NEWSLETTER ARTICLES	19
20 Last Sun. of Church Yr. Elder on Duty: Tom LoCascio 9:30am Divine Service 10:45am Adult Bible Class	21 Pastor's Day Off	22	23 DISTRIBUTE NEWSLTR. 7pm - T'giving Eve Svc.	24 Thanksgiving Day	25 Church Office closed	26 10am Decorate St. Mark's for Christmas
27 1st Sunday in Advent Elder on Duty: Darryl Swainson 9:30am Divine Service 10:45am Adult Bible Class	28 Pastor's Day Off	29	30 5:15 Wed. Nights in Christ 5:45 Midweek Bible Study			

ALTAR GUILD: Jennie Kaufman
COUNTERS: Jennie & Karen Kaufman

GREETERS:	USHERS:	VIDEO TECHS:
6 Tom & Debbie L.	6 Trent Johnson	6 Charlie Powell
13 Mary Lockwood	13 Tom Kaufman	13 Karen Kaufman
20 Sue I./Judy S.	20 John Reardon	20 Charlie Powell
27 Carolynn Taylor	23 Darryl Swainson	27 Karen Kaufman
	27 Matt Maier	