



# St. Mark's Lutheran Church

## *Messenger*



## 2025

**Ad Hoc Committee has completed the initial meetings** with the candidate congregations. They will report their findings at the upcoming Voter's meeting.

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**Voter's Meeting** will be June 1. Topics to be discussed and voted on include:

- Previous Minutes review
- Review of Normal Business
- selecting the congregation of choice
- Granting unlimited power for Council to move forward with authority to perform all tasks in regards to complete the merger including obtaining Representation of legal and real Estate signing documents on behalf of congregation; as needed. etc.

Everyone who are members are requested to attend if you can.

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### **LWML**

Mites for Missions Any mites received by St. Mark's are remitted to our Zone which then go to the LWML Michigan District. Our mites are used to fund the very important grants given out by LWML. Mites can be placed in a green envelope, marked mites, and put in the collection plate.

The June 2026 Michigan District Rally will be held in Lansing and our Multi Lakes Zone, as one of the hosts, needs volunteers to help. Please call Leslie Oehring if you would like further information.

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**QUILTING BEE:** Our quilters continue to meet on Thursday mornings at 10 am. We encourage anyone interested in joining us to call Leslie Oehring for details on how you may be able to help. Even if you don't sew, there are other ways to help such as ironing and tying!

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#### **Sunday Worship**

Divine Service at 9:30 a.m.

Holy Communion 1st & 3rd Sundays  
followed by

Adult Bible Study at 10:45 a.m.

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

We continue to receive hygiene & toiletry 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.**

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**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.

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**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 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.

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**Special Fund Donations :**

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

***Liberian School-Joe Boway:***

Lynn Thomas

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**For Our church members:**

Barbara Jewell , Nancy McInnis

Dorothy Vermeersch

**Shut—Ins**

Julia Ligon, Art Vermeersch

Carl & Carol Zienert,

John & Joan Freeman

**Family & friends:**

Michael, Truman Duggin, Jim Copola,

Lisa, Evelyn Davis, Feiler Family,

Mickey Smith, Ed Kempisty,

Chip Cryderman, Kristy Fresh,

Patricia Chipps, Laura, Pam, Glenn,

Mary, Ray

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**Family and Friends of :**

Kathleen Peyton ( Sister of Barbara

Jewell & Sister –In-Law to Glenn Jewell)

Elsie Wells (Mother to Jean Swainson

and Mother-In-Law to Darryl Swainson)

Peg Metzger, (Whiteheads)

Who was called home to Jesus.

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**Transferred Out:**

Lynn Thomas: Trinity Lutheran,

Tyler, TX

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**Anniversaries:**

**6/10: Richard & Sandra Schmaltz 41 yrs.**  
**6/20: Tom & Debbie LoCascio 44 yrs.**

**Birthdays:**

**6/7: Trent Johnson; Claire Swainson**  
**6/14: Cassidy Benson**  
**6/15: Jason Grech**  
**6/18: Elijah Williams**  
**6/19: Daniel Hein; Brayden Velu**  
**6/22: Jennifer Johnson,**  
**6/25: Amanda Follis; Kyle Tolman**  
**6/26: Jennie Kaufman**  
**6/27: Sheryl Brown**  
**6/29: Sophia Benson; Robin O'Brien;**  
**Lynn Thomas; Bethany Williams**



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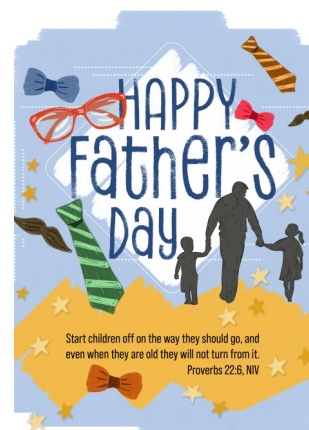
**LUTHERAN SPECIAL EDUCATION MINISTRIES**

is looking for a part-time resource room teacher position at Our Savior Lutheran School in Hartland, MI to start this fall. Applicants must hold a current Michigan Teaching License and have a special education certification/endorsement. Interested applicants looking for more information or wishing to submit a resume are asked to contact Richard Schumacher at (734) 748-5253 or email him at [rschumacher@luthsped.org](mailto:rschumacher@luthsped.org).

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**MOST MINISTRIES IS LOOKING FOR A PART- TIME COMMUNICATION SPECIAL-IST.**

This person will work collaboratively to design and deliver messages effectively to convey MOST Ministries to external audiences through social media, newsletters, website and written communications. Visit our website at [mostministries.org](http://mostministries.org) to see the full job description. Submit resume and cover letter to Kelly Bone at [kbone@mostministries.org](mailto:kbone@mostministries.org).



Church Council Meeting Minutes  
April 25, 2025

Meeting called to order at 7:03 pm

In Attendance: John Reardon, Kyle Albert, Karen Kaufman, Darryl Swainson, Lori Whitehead, Larry Whitehead

Opening prayer led by John Reardon

Agenda: Darryl motioned to accept the agenda as written, Larry seconded, motion carried

Previous Minutes: Karen motioned to accept the prior minutes as written, Larry seconded, motion carried

Treasurer's Report: Kyle reported he received a bill from GoDaddy website; we don't currently use this website so it will not be paid. Discussed about continuing to mail the newsletter; it was decided to bring it up at the next Voters Meeting

Financial Secretary's Report: Lori forgot to print her report.

Parish Report & May's Church Calendar: Lori motioned to accept both items, Larry seconded, motion carried

Vice Presidents Report: Larry indicated that the Lenten Services at Peace Luther was good

Assimilation & Stewardship: No report

Family & Youth: Sarah Dwyer not at council meeting; nothing to report

Gospel Outreach: Barbara Jewell not at council meeting; nothing to report

Human Care: Karen reports she is still collecting bottles/cans for Joe Boway

Parish Fellowship: Nancy McInnis not at council meeting; nothing to report

Properties:

- As noted in the agenda, the elevator is officially legal; however, there is no telephone in elevator. The elevator must have a dedicated line to 911. May be required in future
- Larry reported that he had to break the boiler room door handle as it didn't work.

LWML:

- As noted in the agenda, 3 people attended the LWML meeting in April. Our 2025 dues are paid and any mites received by St. Mark's are used to fund grants given out by LWML
- Lori reported that she volunteered to help on the 2026 Michigan District Rally in Lansing but didn't volunteer anyone else from St. Mark's

MOST Ministries: as noted in the agenda, we continue to collect used eyeglasses

Wycliffe Bible Translation Ministry: as noted in the agenda, we continue to collect used postage stamps

Quilting: as noted in the agenda, they continue to meet Thursday mornings

Old Business:

Merger:

- Faith Highland: meeting with them at 6:00 pm on April 29<sup>th</sup>
- Christ Milford: meeting with them at 2:00 on April 29<sup>th</sup>
- Peace Waterford: meeting with them at 6:30 pm on April 30<sup>th</sup>

Karen volunteered to be on the merger committee but couldn't attend the Christ Milford meeting

Lilli created a master sheet for comparison to present to congregation

New Business:

- June Voters Meeting is scheduled for June 1<sup>st</sup>
- Lilli had to upgrade our I-drive Backup as it ran out of room. The cost (paid out of the computer fund) was \$149.50 and we now have 10 TB.
- Tom & Debbie LoCasio will be at St. Mark's May 18<sup>th</sup>

Next Meeting: Tuesday, May 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm

Lori made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 pm, Larry seconded, motion carried

Respectfully Submitted,

Lori Whitehead in place of Nancy McInnis

**St. Mark's Lutheran Church**  
**Divine Service 9:30 a.m.**  
**Adult Bible Class 10:45 a.m.**



**2025**

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
<b>1 Easter 7</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>Pastor Zwonitzer</b> <i>Assistant Darryl Swainson</i> 9:30 am Divine Service With Communion 10:45 am Voter's Meeting				10 am Quilting Bee		
<b>8 Pentecost</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>Pastor: Terry Nelson</b> 9:30 am Divine Service No Communion 10:45 am Adult Bible Class				10 am Quilting Bee		
<b>15 Holy Trinity</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>Father's Day</b>		Church Council 7 p.m.		10 am Quilting Bee	NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE	
<b>Pastor: Mark Arendell</b> <i>Assistant: Darryl Swainson</i> 9:30 am Divine Service With Communion 10:45 am Adult Bible Class						
<b>22 1st Sun. Aft Trinity</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>Pastor: Frank Pies</b> 9:30 am Divine Service No Communion 10:45 am Adult Bible Class				10 am Quilting Bee	DISTRIBUTE NEWSLETTER	
<b>29 2nd. Sun. Aft. Trinity</b>	<b>30</b>					
<b>Pastor: Rod Zwonitzer</b> 9:30 am Divine Service No Communion 10:45 am Adult Bible Class						
<i>Serving Schedules</i>		<b>USHERS:</b>	<b>ALTAR GUILD:</b>	<b>GREETERS:</b>	<b>COUNTERS:</b>	
		01 Tom Kaufman 08 John Reardon 15 Matt Maier 22 Tom Kaufman 29 John Reardon	Karen Kaufman	01 Cathy Fitzgerald 08 Kelly Lekas 15 Gail Fitzgerald 22 Mary Ann Lockwood 29 Jennie & Karen Kaufman	TBD	