



St. Mark's Lutheran Church

Messenger

July 2024

Adult Bible Study on Sundays

Each Sunday, directly following our Divine Service, all are welcome to join that day's pastor for Adult Bible Study. The one-hour study will take place in the basement fellowship hall at 10:45 a.m. and goodies, coffee and juice are often available for participants. Start you week off right by delving deeper into God's Word! You'll be glad you did!

QUILTING BEE ON THURSDAYS

Anyone who would like to learn how to quilt, (or even if you already know how to quilt) are welcome to join our Quilting Bee group that meets each Thursday morning at 10:00 a.m. in the upstairs senior youth room. The quilters work pretty much year 'round to make quilts for Lutheran World Relief (LWR), and then LWR distributes the quilts to needy individuals worldwide. Many hands make for light work, so if you'd like to help, just show up on any Thursday!

The Quilting Bee will be taking a break.

They will be taking all of July off. They will resume in August on their normal Thursday slot at 10 a.m.

LUTHERAN SPECIAL EDUCATION MINISTRIES

(LSEM) is having **their 19th Annual Golf Outing on Monday, September 16th, 2024** and you're invited! Play a round of golf and raise funds for children who have learning needs in Christian schools here in SW Michigan and across the country. Golf, cart, breakfast, lunch, and dinner are included in your ticket price. There will be plenty of fun games to play as we fundraise for these kids. Register your team today or sponsor the event. Together we can help these children grow in learning and love

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of God. [https://2024 LSEM Golf Outing – LSEM \(luthsped.org\)](https://2024 LSEM Golf Outing – LSEM (luthsped.org))

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

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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.

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, Cher-
yl, Dale, Michael, Ed, Johnny, Kristy, Rick, Rich,
Ron, Ray, Truman, Mary, Leonard, Peg

July's Anniversaries

None

July's Birthdays

2 Olivia Wiles
3 Nancy Hewson, Rodney Oehring
8 Margaret Hein
11 Christian Lockwood
21 Carl Zienert
22 Nancy McInnis
23 Gail Fitzgerald
24 Marilyn Turner
26 Austin Krus

Special Fund Donations for May:

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

Liberian School-Joe Boway:

Nancy McInnis, Lynn Thomas

Sanctuary Remodeling: Nancy McInnis

A Deer friend
the Hawk visited
the church
grounds. What a
blessing to view
such amazing
creatures created
by God.



Church Council Ministry Meeting Minutes May 21, 2024

Attendees: John Reardon, Trent Johnson, Darryl Swainson, Lori Whitehead, Karen Kaufman, Lillian Harmon

Call to Order – 7:08 p.m. John opened with Prayer.

Agenda Additions None

Previous Minutes – Presented. Motion was made to accept the Minutes. Minutes was approved.

Treasurer's Report – Kyle Submitted financial reports on the church. They were reviewed.

Financial Secretary's Report – per Lori Whitehead: Church donations are down by \$5,000. Kindred has been closed; Vanco is now up and running. So much easier to use.

Calendar/Parish Report – Was reviewed.

Vice President's Report – nothing more to report

BOARD REPORTS

Assimilation & Stewardship – not active at this time

Elders & Call Committee per Darryl:

interesting events as of this Past Sunday: We were without a organist and couldn't find a replacement. Pastor Pies, vacancy Pastor discovered Pastor Vieker, former Pastor, was in town and contacted him and asked to play the organ; He agreed. Darryl proposed a monetary gift of \$150., to be given to Pastor Vieker for playing on the 19th of May to show our appreciation even though he originally said no for payment. Motion was made and unanimously approved.

The Office will be putting an emergency contact notebook together of people to contact, within the congregation and outside, with direction for preapproved contacts if no one else is available at the time to handle emergencies such as: Pastors not able to make service, last second organists, building problems, etc.

It has been evident that the Confirmands haven't really been attending church services on Sundays. Pastor is planning to make it mandatory when they begin again in the fall

Call Committee Report: Per Darryl: Continuing to work on dual parish list.

Pastor Tkac is supportive of the congregation but is unable to commit to a dual role as Pastor. Darryl states the committee has more names on the list. They will be contacting them next. He stressed that we don't want to rush the Pastor into making a decision allow them to take the time to think it over.

Family & Youth: none

Gospel Outreach – none

Human Care-Per Karen: St. Paul's Dinner is this week. Open Door has their Junk in the Trunk Sale June 15th in Waterford. Lilli will be placing it in the Bulletin, and Newsletter.

Parish Fellowship - none

Properties: Per Trent 1998 F150 has got problems. Debating what to do with it. It doesn't start. Tires are bad.

LWML – Leslie Oehring submitted a report.

No LWML Multi Lakes Spring Rally held this year.

Michigan District Convention is being held in Grand Rapids from 06/28 -06/30/2024.

The Quilters are continuing to work hard at putting together quilts for Lutheran World Relief, quite a few have been completed already.

A box of used eyeglasses was dropped off St. Matthew's in both January and again in April, for the MOST Ministry.

A batch of Postmarked stamps were sent to Wycliff in January and another is scheduled to go out this month.

All items received for Open Door are dropped off whenever received.

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**Church Council
Ministry Meeting Minutes
May 21, 2024 con't.**

OLD BUSINESS

CD at Genisys Credit Union Update? Cashed in the CD and put it into the banking account. Miscommunication in how to go forward. Didn't get last meeting's info. Cashed in remaining Feed My Lambs and Endowment funds. Per Lori Whitehead: They have just been received and processed, placed into the checking account.

Darryl currently is speaking with Pastor Arendell to secure a 4th person in rotation for Vacancy Pastor.

Lori Whitehead is now officially on the Accounts at Genisys Credit Union and at PNC Bank for the Safe Deposit Box.

VBS program this summer: Thought is that it might be a one-day event or even a half day event. Nothing is solidified as of yet.

NEW BUSINESS

John Reardon states that has some packets from the Lutheran Brotherhood Ministry; talking about setting a date and putting them out on a table.

GFL is not picking up as scheduled- Lilli will contact GFL.

Convocation Invite Email Reviewed. John and Darryl are planning to go. Asked if Karen would write synopsis of Jim Boway and see if Leslie Oehring would be interested in presenting; If not, John Reardon could present the presentation.

Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting-Reminder-
Announcements posted –Newsletter, Online, Bulletin, and on Board in Narthex regarding upcoming Congregational meeting

Father's Day is June 16th - Bulletin and Newsletter

Outdoor Service and BBQ Cookout in July. Early discussions indicate a strong desire to have it and possibly try to make it a community event. Discussion ensued about advertising, signage etc. no date has been set. Awaiting to see if can coincide same weekend of VBS if possible.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, June 18 at 7pm?

Meeting adjourned 8:25 p.m. Closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Lillian Harmon

JULY 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	4	5	6
		7pm - Elders' Mtg.		Independence Day Office Closed	Office Closed	
7 6th Sun. After Trinity Pastor: Frank Pies <i>Assistant: Darryl Swainson</i> 9:30 am Divine Service 10:45 am Adult Bible Class	8	9	10	11	12	13
14 7th Sun. After Trinity Pastor: Frank Pies <i>Assistant: Trent Johnson</i> 9:30 am Divine Service 10:45 am Adult Bible Class	15	16	17	18	19	20
		7pm - Council Mtg.			DEADLINE TO SUBMIT NEWSLETTER ARTICLES	
21 8th Sun. After Trinity Pastor: Terry Nelson <i>Assistant: Tom LoCascio</i> 9:30 am Divine Service 10:45 am Adult Bible Class OUTDOOR WORSHIP/BBQ?	22	23	24	25	26	27
					DISTRIBUTE NEWSLTR.	
28 9th Sun. After Trinity Pastor: Rod Zwonitzer <i>Assistant: Darryl Swainson</i> 9:30 am Divine Service 10:45 am Adult Bible Class	30	31				
		USHERS:	ALTAR GUILD:	GREETERS:	COUNTERS:	
		07 John Reardon 14 Matt Maier 21 Trent Johnson 28 Tom Kaufman	Ellen Rentola	07 Tom & Debbie L. 14 Gail Fitzgerald 21 Jennie& Karen K 28 Mary Ann Lockwood	Barbara Jewell	