



The Messenger

March 2022

St. Mark's Lutheran Church

A member of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

Do You Have the Time?

So, I have known Bible account of Mary and Martha since I was a child. You remember Mary and Martha? Jesus paid them a visit and Mary sat at his feet while her sister Martha worked tirelessly to make sure there was something to feed their special guest. I always liked that story, imagining what it must have been like to have Jesus right in your own home. But there was kind of sticking point that stayed with me every time I heard it. You see, I come from a family of Marthas. And it always seemed to me that Martha never got the proper recognition for her efforts in that story.

I grew up on a farm which meant long days of work for the whole family. My father and brother would come in from the field, and my mom would always have a nice dinner for them. As I got a little older, I would help with this, setting the table and other simple chores, which was when I learned my way around the kitchen, a skill I am very thankful for.

That skill wasn't wasted at holiday family gatherings and family reunions. The women gathered in the kitchen before and after the meal to work (and talk, of course) and the men retired to the living room, or outside in nice weather. All of this was perfect training to be a Martha. If someone came to our home unexpectedly, time to mobilize! Get the coffee on. What snack or dessert can we serve? If they stay for dinner, what can we make? Full blown Martha mode!

I once had the opportunity to do a more in-depth study of this lovely story of Mary and Martha, and I learned what probably really happened on the day Jesus came for a visit. First, Jesus was traveling with his disciples when he visited the sisters in Bethany, so Martha wasn't just making a meal for Jesus, but probably had at least 13 guests and maybe more in her house. You can understand her anxiousness about getting the work done to feed this crowd.

Secondly, preparing a meal in Biblical times was no easy feat, especially when you consider that the cook not only prepared the food, she had to grow, raise or barter for every ingredient. The cooktop and oven was a fire pit outdoors, and of course, there was no refrigeration, so things had to be prepared and eaten quickly or they would spoil. Just to make a loaf of bread would mean growing the wheat, harvesting it, grinding the grain into flour, fetching water from the river, pressing olives to get some oil, and then mixing the water and oil with the flour and baking it in an outdoor oven. Then she had to prepare the rest of the meal. Can you see why Martha wanted Mary to help her a little bit?

Although women's roles in biblical times were firmly set, Jesus changed things for women then (and now) in many ways. Jesus encouraged women to learn, he wanted the best for them. He taught women and called on women to tell the Good News about his ministry. He healed them, he showed them compassion and respect. He honored them and even elevated one above the temple leaders (remember the poor widow and her mites? Jesus said she gave the best offering of all).

None of this was lost on Martha's sister, Mary. If Jesus dared to be different, Mary was anxious to embrace that. So when Jesus came to the house, she wanted to hear what he had to say. She wanted to be near him. She was happy to be able to sit at his feet and learn from him.

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When Martha complained to Jesus about Mary's lack of help, he admonished her in such a loving way: *"Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things, but one thing is necessary. Mary has chosen the good portion, which will not be taken away from her."* (Luke 10:41-42). In other words, Martha, while you are busy making a meal, the main course is already being served. Don't you want some?

And that is how the story ends. We don't know what Martha did. Do you think she rolled her eyes, turned around and headed back to the meal preparation, or did she tell Mary to scoot over so she could sit at Jesus' feet as well? Luke doesn't tell us. But maybe that's the whole point of this story.

Martha had a busy schedule – maybe a little too busy for Jesus, even though all her work was supposedly for him. And sometimes I find myself falling into that trap as well. Remember, I was raised to be a good Martha! Throughout my life I was very good at rationalizing why I needed to do something at home other than read my Bible or daily devotions. Too busy to sit down and spend a little time talking to God in prayer. There was my career, my husband, my kids, my volunteer activities (mostly at my church, ironically), so much to do! Sound familiar?

What do you think Jesus might say to us if we came to him with all our excuses of being busy? Probably the same thing he said to Martha. (Insert your name), *you are anxious about all the things you have to do, but what I offer is all you really need.* And then just like with Martha, he gives us a choice.

I'm not suggesting you abandon the responsibilities in your life, but I hope you will heed Christ's words to Martha, and make a little more time for him, especially as we embark on this season of Lent. I am looking forward to our Wednesday evening worship services this year, which focus on God's mercy. In these difficult times, we need God's mercy more than ever! During this Lenten season, let's make it a point to be like Mary and resist that Martha "I don't have time for that" mentality, if even just for an hour. Let's choose that "good portion" that will never be taken away. May God bless your Lenten journey.--jm

MOSES MESSAGE

A Sunday School Update

Hi everyone. Sunday School is still going on. Even though our classes are small we are doing a good job of learning about Jesus and God's love for us. We finished our lessons on "Armor of God" and will be starting a new set of lessons in March. March brings us Ash Wednesday and Lent. We will be talking about Lent and every student will receive a booklet called "The Cross and Me" daily devotions to share with the family every day during Lent.

If you would like to join our Sunday School classes, we meet on Sunday mornings at 9:00 A.M. to 9:45 am in the Mary Room. We welcome ages 4 to Grade 5th. So come join us if you would like to learn about Jesus and God's Love for you.

With God's Blessings,
Gwen Hoehne, Sunday School Superintendent





ST. MARK'S CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES
February 17, 2022



The meeting was called to order at 6:34 pm by President Laurie Olson.

Roll Call:

Members Present: Jenny Case, Laurie Olson, Kim Wallmuller, Mary Jane Hartley, Sherri Denney, Pennie Linna, and Judy Hellman

Members Absent: Jeff Tharp and Mykayla Tharp

In keeping with the Covid-19 guidelines, everyone met in person, wearing masks and sitting six feet apart.

Devotions: Sherri Denney led us in devotions. Jenny Case will do devotions next month.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes from the January 20th meeting were reviewed.

MSC by Sherri Denney/Pennie Linna

Thank You Cards: Bruce Grundman and Phyllis Ziemke for their service on the Council. Pastor Chuck's grandson for his help doing the puppet show.

Financial Report:

Current Budget Balance: \$82,356.08

Building Improvements: \$19,910.57

January giving was \$13,132.16; spending was \$10,394.11

Giving needs to be around \$3,500-\$4,000 per Sunday to meet spending.

MSC by Sherri Denney/Pennie Linna

Pastor's Report: None

Committee Reports

Worship & Music Committee - January 25th, 2022 ~ *Submitted by Judy Hellman*

The worship and music committee met on Tuesday, January 25th. In attendance were Betty Linna, Ardys Seelow, Mary Ellen Tracey, Judy Hellman, Pastor Jon, and Jean Memken.

Mary Ellen Tracey led us in devotions. Betty Linna volunteered to do devotions in February.

Pastor Jon or Pastor Tabitha will help cover church services in March and April, twice a month if needed.

Our Lenten services and Holy Week services were discussed. We plan to use the series called, "In View of God's Mercy." Pastor Jon suggested a way to individually apply ashes on Ash Wednesday. This consists of dipping Q-tips in olive oil and then into ashes. This would then be put in individual plastic bags.

On Easter Sunday, we will only have one service instead of the usual two services. The Easter Sunday service will be at 9:30 am with either Pastor Jon or Pastor Tabitha officiating.



**For the month of
January 2022**

Given: \$13,132.16

Spent: \$10,397.11

Jenny, Joy Case, and Lois Hill will be joining our committee in February. In order to accommodate their schedule, we have changed our meeting time for the 3rd Monday of every month. Our next meeting will be Monday, February 21st at 10:30 am.

We closed the meeting with the Lord's Prayer.

Property Committee – February 7, 2022 ~ *Submitted by Bruce Grundman*

In attendance: Jason Blank, Terry Stillman, Ginny Schieck, Phyllis Ziemke, Laurie Olson, and Dawn Jones

1. Laurie and Dawn came to discuss hanging a couple of banners, and to talk about adding an information display board to in the narthex
2. Discussed church insurance going up. We need to look for a new provider.
3. We installed a new furnace.
4. Ginny will be off February 18-27.

Social Ministry Meeting – Sunday, February 14, 2022 ~ *Submitted by Gwen Hoehne*

Chair: Karen Jordan

Present: Pat Thompson, Phyllis Ziemke, Jane Arps, Gwen Hoehne

Pat Thompson opened with devotions.

Passed around Thank You notes that were received.

1. Purchased a new refrigerator and freezer for the Food Pantry. Will be delivered March 3rd or so.
2. Donations was received from Whiting Baptist church for food pantry.
3. Donations were received from Schriber Foods and Feeding America for Piggly Wiggly in Oshkosh only.

No next meeting date has been set.

Closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Finance/Stewardship Committee – February 15th, 2022 ~ *Submitted by Laurie Olson*

Members Present: Treasurer Mary Jane Hartley, Evie Peterson, Jean Memken, and Laurie Olson

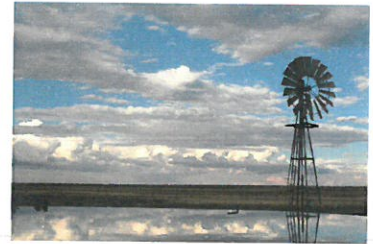
Members Absent: Pennie Linna and Fern Fuhrmann

Opened with a Prayer.

Reviewed the end of the January, 2022 current account balances. January's giving was \$13,132.16 and expenses were \$10,394.11. Difference was +\$2,738.05.

Total Associated Bank checking has a balance of \$150,616.66 which includes \$68,260.58 allocated to designated accounts. Additionally, \$104,300.00 in the Thrivent money market and \$52,176.27 in Thrivent TIPS account and \$51,929.92 in the Mission Investment Fund.

Questions were asked regarding the Hospitality, Missions of the Month and Building Fund designated accounts. Mary Jane noted that the Hospitality account is money received in the "duck" at fellowship. Laurie informed committee that the Hospitality account is where the expense for Pastor Bob and Laurie's farewell luncheon was allocated. Mary Jane said she paid the December and January Missions of the Month. It was also reported that the bill for the new furnace will show up in the February report.



Pat Wenzel
Judy Koerner
Tracy Feldman
Brett Gawlick
Ron Forrest
Judy Fowler
Otto Arndt
Ellen LaMarche
Anne Langkau

Laurie also noted that if we were paying for a fulltime Pastor, we potentially would have ended the month of January in the red.

Committee discussed a procedure for reviewing the membership role and making contact with those who have not given financially or received communion in the past 1-2 years. Jean will print a membership list, along with Communion records and Laurie will talk to Fern on getting a financial report. Mary Jane and the Connection Committee will do an initial review of the membership list and it was decided we will contact others to assist with additional review of the names. A discussion took place on keeping special circumstances in mind during this process. We will continue the working on this process, including the drafting of a letter and talking points when eventually making contact with individuals through phone calls. The committee will also be cleaning up the giving envelope system.

Closed the meeting with the Lord's Prayer.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business:

1. Ministry Site Profile Committee
 - The congregation survey has been completed.
 - A big part of the survey was "What are our faults?"
2. Election of Officers:
 - MSC by Pennie Linna/Kim Walmuller to nominate Laurie Olson as President.
 - MSC by Sherri Denney/Kim Wallmuller to nominate Pennie Linna as Vice President.
 - MSC by Sherri Denney/Kim Wallmuller to nominate Judy Hellman as secretary.
3. Installation of Church Council will be on February 20th.
4. Assignments to Committees:
 - Property – Jeff Tharp
 - Worship & Music – Judy Hellman
 - Connections – Mary Jane Hartley
 - Social Ministry – Kim Wallmuller
 - Finance & Stewardship – Pennie Linna
 - Christian Education – Jenny Case
 - Youth – Mykayla Tharp and Sherri Denney
 - Endowment – Sherri Denney
 - Memorial – Sherri Denney
 - Partnership – Laurie Olson
5. Bunk Bed Project for Lent (Synod Project) with Sleep in Heavenly Peace
 - Pennie Linna suggested that we apply for an endowment to foster this project if enough money is not collected during the Lenten services.
6. Money from the Virginia Siebert Memorial will be used to purchase a digital board for the narthex to display different activities that are taking place at St. Mark's.
7. Task Force: Will meet to discuss starting Fellowship Time again.

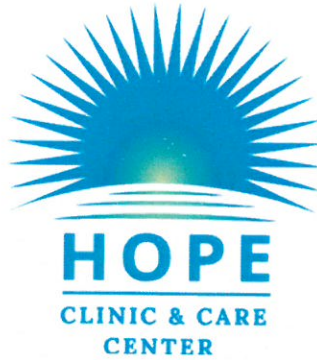
MSC by Sherri Denney/Pennie Linna to adjourn at 7:40 pm

We closed with the Lord's Prayer.

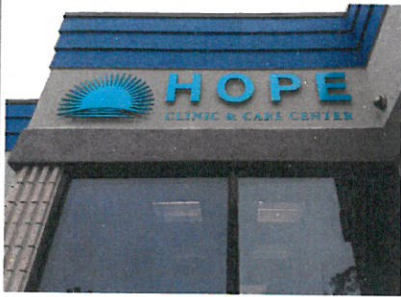
The next meeting is March 17, 2022 at 6:30 pm

Submitted by Judy Hellman, Secretary





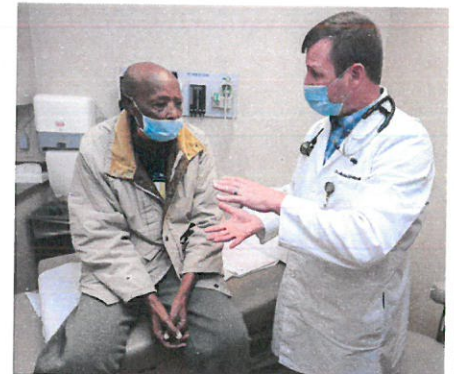
Hope Clinic & Care Center is a new "Mission of the Month" for us! This article is from their Executive Director, Shelby Miller.



The Hope Clinic and Care Center started in November 2015 in Appleton, WI. The Clinic was open 1-2 days per week. In 2019, with information from the UW Madison's Population Health Institute, the National Association of Free and Charitable Clinics, and the local Public Health Departments, we learned that Length of Life and Quality of Life in equal measure were affected by factors beyond health care. Healthcare or more specifically, Clinical Care, impacted both Length of Life and Quality of Life. Other factors affecting length and quality of life were Health Behaviors; Social and Economic Factors; and the Physical Environment . With this

information, we started our social assistance referral program to help those with additional needs such as rent, utilities, job training, dental care, etc. These referrals are in addition to our primary service of healthcare, which includes primary and some specialty care, labs, medications, medication assistance, and counseling. In the fall of 2020, we added our Care Management program which works with patients to address their health behaviors by encouraging them, talking with them, and more. In the fall of 2021 we added a care navigation process which now provides a navigator to walk alongside the individual to help them make a call, fill out an application, or link them to other needed services.

We have helped over 2,800 individuals since 2015 and had over 11,400 patient visits/interactions. In 2018, we moved to Goodwill Headquarters of North Central Wisconsin in Menasha. We expanded our hours to four days a week, Mondays through Thursdays, from 9-5 pm. We try to help our patients in all sorts of situations. For example, the Hope Clinic front desk coordinator received a phone call from the office of WIC (Women, Infants and Children Nutrition Program). They had a woman in their office who was quite distraught and they were looking for assistance to help her, both physically and mentally. We were able to get her an appointment the next day with one of our Nurse Practitioners who specializes in psychiatry. When this patient came in for an appointment, she was feeling very depressed. She had suffered a miscarriage and felt that she had been mistreated at her doctor's office. Our NP took the time to really listen and came up with a plan to assist in her healing. Due to her complex medical problems, we scheduled a follow up appointment with one of our volunteer physician's and also scheduled an appointment for her with our counselor. This patient was also enrolled into the care management program that involves having a nurse call and check in with her between provider visits. There is a lot of medical and emotional healing that still needs to be done, but with the TLC of our entire staff, it is very possible. What an honor it is that we can walk alongside others in their time of need. Please check us out at www.hopeclinic.care.



Our Sunday Servants

Date	Assisting Minister	Reader	Greeters	Ushers	Counters	Altar Guild
March 6	Judy Hellman	Gwen Hoehne	Pat Westphal Rose Cermak	Bruce Grundman Sherri Denney	Jeff Tharp Kim Wallmuller Pat Westphal	Ginny Schieck
March 13	Tom Wenzel	Jenny Case	Jeff Tharp Jean Memken	Lois Kemp Evie Peterson	Jane Arps Ellen LaMarche Emil Leppiaho	Ginny Schieck
March 20	Jean Memken	Sherri Denney	The Blank Family	Pennie Linna Doug Sebstead Nancy Bricco	Gwen Hoehne Doug Sebstead Renie Sebstead	Ginny Schieck
March 27	Bruce Grundman	Jeff Tharp	Joy Case Jenny Case	Emil Leppiaho Phyllis Ziemke	Bruce Grundman Lois Kemp Judy Olson	Ginny Schieck



This year's Synod Assembly service project will be partnering with Sleep in Heavenly Peace, a non-profit committed to making sure no child has to sleep on the floor by building twin-sized bunk beds. East-Central Synod of Wisconsin will be partnering with SHP in hosting a "build" day where they hope to construct at least 20 bunk beds. These are solidly built beds that will last for years.

How St. Mark's plans to help out:

1. **Donations to fund the build day.** The Worship and Music Committee, along with the Church Council, have designated the Wednesday evening Lenten Service offerings to this project.
2. **Volunteers for the Build Day** – Willing hands are needed Saturday, May 7th, to help build bunk beds. St. Andrew's Lutheran Church in Oshkosh will be the host site. While experience is helpful, it is not necessary! The synod has a goal of making 20 beds! Those who are interested can register on the synod website: www.ecsw.org/synod-assembly. It would be great to have volunteers from St. Mark's participate in this Build Day!
3. **A bed isn't really fit for sleep without bedding!** We are also invited to collect NEW twin-sized sheets and comforters, as well as pillows, mattress pads, and protectors, to make these beds comfy and cozy for the children who will receive them. Items will then be gathered for the assembly and given to SHP for the beds. Quilts that are made should be comfortable for children and may be full or twin sized. SHP requests NO white sheets. A collection box will be set up at church for these items. All items need to be dropped off at the collection site on May 8th, so please have your donations to St. Mark's by May 4th.

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Dear St. Mark's Congregation,

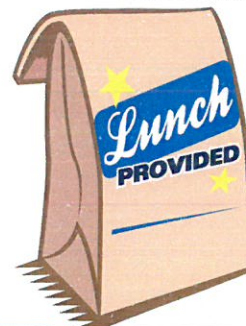
We want to thank all our Church Family who have generously given money to support Community Table. Because of Covid, we have not been able to let people into the building at St. Paul's Lutheran Church to be served meals. But every month, we serve a hot or cold lunch at the front door of the Church. We have been serving between 65 to 80 people every month. Any donations we receive go towards buying necessary items to make the meals, plus what a few helpers make. We feel very fortunate that St. Mark's is able to offer this service to our community.

Thanks!

Community Table Volunteers

I was hungry and you
gave me food,
I was thirsty and you
gave me something to drink.

Matthew 25:35, NRSV



PASTORAL TRANSITION Update

Your Ministry Site Profile (MSP) team has been meeting on a weekly basis, to complete the St. Mark's profile. The purpose of the MSP process is to enable the Congregation to: Claim ownership of the mission of the Congregation and the Call Process, Review the Congregation's life and mission as the Church, the Body of Christ, Discuss the Congregation's challenges and opportunities for the next five years, Evaluate the

Congregation's present strengths and areas that need strengthening, Identify resources necessary to fulfill the mission of the Congregation, especially mission tasks to reach out to our neighbors, Arrive at a current understanding of the vision and mission of the Congregation, and Identify the gifts and vision that are most important for the next pastor to possess. The team thanks those who completed the survey that was distributed at St. Mark's annual meeting. The information gathered from the survey will assist in answering many questions on the MSP. Our goal is to continue to meet weekly and complete this step within the next couple of months. After the MSP is completed, and prior to submitting, it will go before the council for approval. A meeting will eventually be set, to review the profile with the congregation.

A Call Committee is currently being formed and will be announced within the next few weeks. If you are interested in being on this committee, please contact me ASAP.

St. Mark's has been blessed with many pastors and lay people who have been willing to assist with Sunday worship services. We are most thankful for our neighboring Pastors at Gloria Dei, Pastors Jon and Tabitha, who continue to be our emergency care Pastors, preach, and most importantly provide encouragement and prayers for church leaders and the transition process. The Worship & Music Committee, especially Judy Hellman and Jean Memken, have been organizing our Lenten series, *In View of God's Mercy*. Please show your support by attending the mid-week services and Holy Days that begin at 6:30 PM on Ash Wednesday, March 2.

If you are looking to be of service, during this transition (we could use your assistance in many areas), please consider sharing your time and talents on one of the St. Mark's committees, by reading scripture during a worship service, hosting fellowship, ushering, greeting, being a counter (giving envelopes), sponsoring the altar flowers, etc. If you have a talent or skill, that may not fit into one of ministry areas, please let me know, so I can help you in sharing that with St. Mark's.

Please feel free to contact one of your St. Mark's Church Council members or a member of the MSP Committee, if you have any questions. Updates will continue to be announced during worship, in future newsletters, emails, and direct mailings.

PEACE

Laurie Olson, Council President

St. Timothy Players 2022 Present the Musical:

"Children of Eden"

March 11, 12, 18 & 19 @ 7:00 pm

March 13 & 20 @ 2:00 pm

Freewill Offering – Doors open one hour prior to show time.

Masks Required. Limited seating due to social distancing

St. Timothy Lutheran Church, 473 7th St., Menasha



**SPRING
FORWARD
MARCH 13**

Reflecting on God's Mercy During Lent

Lent is a season when we take a look at our lives in view of God's mercy toward us in the sacrifice of his Son for us on the cross. We, in turn, are called by God, especially during this time of repentance and reflection, to be living sacrifices for him, displaying our devotion to him in word and deed. Therefore, St. Mark's will be holding weekly Lenten Services at 6:30 pm every Wednesday from March 2 (Ash Wednesday) through April 6 (the Wednesday before Holy Week). The theme for these weekly services is "In View of God's Mercy." Please join us as you repent and reflect and marvel and God's wonderful mercies in your own life.

Here's the list of topics by week:

ASH WEDNESDAY Mercy in Ashes • As we are marked with ashes on this day, a reminder to us of our sins, we are reminded, too, of the mercy of our God who lifts us from our ashes to new life in Christ. The Imposition of Ashes and Holy Communion are included in this worship service.

WEEK ONE Mercy in Temptation • In the midst of temptation, our merciful God provides us with a way out through his Son, who was tempted just as we are, yet without sin.

WEEK TWO Mercy in Suffering • No life is without suffering, but our sufferings are not worth comparing to the glory to be revealed to us in Jesus by God's great mercy.

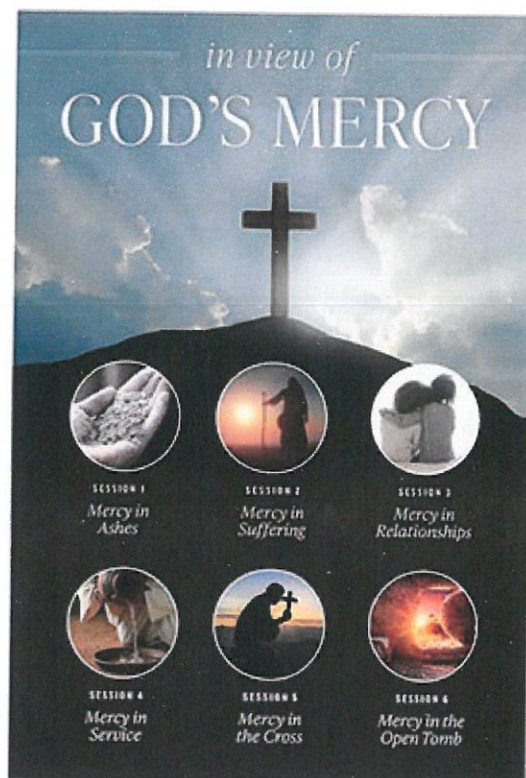
WEEK THREE Mercy in Betrayal • Though we may turn away from our God again and again, our Lord continues to call us back into his merciful arms for Jesus' sake.

WEEK FOUR Mercy in Relationships • Within the communities God has placed us, we are given the grace to treat one another as Christ has cared for us in his love and mercy.

WEEK FIVE Mercy in Service • In response to God's kindness to us in Jesus, we serve in mercy the needs of those around us by Christ's example.

If you can't join us for worship on Wednesday evenings, come early to church on Sundays to study these topics in our adult Bible Class. And be sure to take one of the Lenten devotional books on the table in the narthex to reflect on God's mercy every day in your own home during these 40 days of Lent.

This Lenten Season, draw close to your Lord and Savior as we remember his journey to the cross—a journey made on our behalf. Join us at St. Mark's as we reflect, remember God's mercies, repent of our sins, and renew our promise to live our lives as forgiven children of God.



Celebrating the Joy of Faith
Through Love and Service

Food Pantry Sunday Starts Anew

When I took the job of being Church Administrator, we were in the height of the pandemic. St. Mark's was essentially closed to the public. All our worship services were on-line. Almost no one came to the church building. Our programs, classes, meetings, etc. were halted – that is, except for the Food Pantry, which continued operating every week, helping those in need (whose numbers were growing because of the pandemic). Members of St. Mark's were generous with their monetary donations at that time, which was good as we had to forgo our once a month Food Pantry Sunday where the pantry received a lot of donations from our members.

I didn't really know anything about Food Pantry Sunday until I read about it in Karen Jordan's report for the Social Ministry Committee in the Annual Meeting packet. We have been open almost a year and have not observed Food Pantry Sunday. Thankfully, our pantry continues to be blessed with donations from members and outside sources, but it seems that the observance of Food Pantry Sunday is long past due.

So starting next Sunday, and every first Sunday of the month from now on, we will support our Food Pantry. Please bring in food items, paper products, detergents and soap for our Food Pantry when you come to church on the first Sunday of each month. Our Food Pantry volunteers and the people they serve will be very grateful for your donations. Later this year, the Food Pantry will be a "Mission of the Month" which will give us all an opportunity to support the Pantry financially as well. The Food Pantry is one of the best ways we carry out our mission statement. Please be a part of this joyful celebration of faith through love and service to those in need in the Fox Valley. — Jean Memken



The Neenah Community Band Presents...

"The Show Must Go On"

Sunday, March 20th
3:00PM

Neenah High School,
Pickard Auditorium

Admission is Free, Donations Appreciated

Directed by: Jacob Martin



Women's Wellness Retreat —
Saturday, March 5, 9:00 am —
12:00 pm, at All Saints
Lutheran Church 1072
Honey Creek Road in Osh-
kosh. Suggested donation:
\$10 (goes to the Oshkosh

Food Pantry) Bring your own beverage and snack. Kim Marheine is the featured speaker. She will lead a conversation about the impacts of a person's faith journey on health. There will also be chair yoga and walking a labyrinth.

Oshkosh Conference Annual Spring Event — Saturday, April 23 from 9:00 am — 1:00 pm., at Grace Lutheran Church, 430 W. Griswold St., Ripon. Theme this year is "Love Your Neighbor." Featured speaker is Kat Griffith, local advocate for immigrants and refugees. In-kind gifts will be used to help local placement families in need. Registration fee is \$15 — due April 8. Short business meeting before lunch Officer elections will be held.

If you are interested in either of these activities, see Jean in the church office.



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2022

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6 8:30 Confirmation 9:00 Bible Class 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Worship w/ Comm 10:00 Online Worship 11:00 Fellowship 11:00 Choir 11:15 Education Comm	7 6:00 Esther Prison Reform 6:30 Property Meeting	8 11:30 Comm. Table 1:00 HS Prg. Ldrsh. Mtg. 6:15 Book Study 7:00 AA 7:00 SAA	9 9:00 Food Pantry 9:30 Pyramid Ldr. Mtg. 6:30 Lenten Worship	10 11:30 HS Policy Council 2:30 HS Board of Advisors 6:30 Church Council	11 7:00 AA	12 Daylight Savings Begins tomorrow! Turn your clocks back before you go to bed!
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Mission of the Month:
Hope Clinic and Care Center, Menasha

KEY

Red—Fellowship
Orange—Online
Green—Library
Blue—Mary Room
Purple—Sanctuary
Pink—Lounge
Black—Other



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Theologian Ole Hallesby described prayer as simply letting God into our lives. God "knocks," he said, "not only in the solemn hours of secret prayer" but "in the midst of your daily work, your daily struggles, your daily grind ... when you need him most."



Prayer, he adds, is as essential to life as air. "As impossible as it is for us to take a breath in the morning large enough to last us until noon, so impossible is it to pray in the morning in such a way as to last us until noon," he said. "Let your prayers ascend to God constantly, audibly or silently, as circumstances throughout the day permit."

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