



The Messenger

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St. Mark's Lutheran Church

A member of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America



First Questions and Answers

Do you have a list of questions that you would like to ask God? I once attended a Bible class led by a pastor who was very good at eliciting discussion and questions from those in attendance. Whenever a question came up that he couldn't answer, he would always say, "Well, that's one to put on the list." In other words, that's a question to ask God when you got to heaven.

In my daily Bible reading, I came across a fascinating discussion of "first" questions in the Bible, which inspired me to develop this little quiz below. Try it and see how well you know the questions found in the Bible.

What is the first question in the Bible and who asked it? **Answer:** It doesn't take long for a question to appear in the Bible. In Genesis 3, we read the first question: "*Did God really say, 'You must not eat from any tree in the garden?'*" Who asked it? That wily serpent, tempting Eve to commit the first sin. In this account, the serpent is only referred to as a "crafty wild animal." But we know that serpent as Satan himself, and isn't it just appropriate that he asks the first question known to mankind. Guess what? He's still the master of questioning, sowing seeds of doubt in people's minds and urging them to reject God's love. That is exactly what happened to Adam and Eve after he asked this first question. Think about it. They had EVERYTHING God could give them, including the assurance of his love. One question from the devil and all the earthly pleasures are gone. God's love prevails, but that first question serves as a great lesson for us today that we should be wary of Satan's questions that try to undermine our faith.

What is the first question asked by God? **Answer:** Okay, so God knows everything and doesn't really need to ask questions, but he does ask a question early on in the Bible, and just like the previous question, it's a great lesson for all of us. God's question comes not long after the serpent's query. God calls out, "*Where are you?*" to Adam and Eve after they committed the first sin and tried to hide themselves from God because they were so ashamed. That is a question not just to Adam and Eve, but to all of us today. "Where are you?" God asks. Just like the parable of the lost sheep, when we stray, God goes searching. He doesn't want any of us to fall away, and as he promised Adam and Eve, he has restored our relationship with Him through His son, Jesus Christ.

What is the first question asked by a human being in the Bible? **Answer:** Not surprisingly, the first question uttered by a human in the Bible is all about personal responsibility. "*Am I my brother's keeper?*" asks Cain, when God inquires about his brother Abel. Isn't it just so human to wonder "what's it to me?" Sadly, many people are still asking this today. "Do I have a responsibility for others?" "Why should I worry about other people's problems?" or even "What's in it for me?" I think God included this narrative in his word to remind us that the answer to this question is always YES. He challenges us to love our neighbor as ourselves. Yes, we are most definitely our brother's keeper.

What is the first question in the New Testament? **Answer:** Predictably, it is about Jesus. And also about God's goodness. In Matthew, we read the question from the wise men, "*Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews?*" Jesus was the one to fulfill all of God's promises. The wise men wanted to find him and worship him. Jesus is God's love and goodness personified. What a beautiful reminder at

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the start of the New Testament of how we should consider Jesus in our own lives today.

What is the first question in the Psalms? Answer: That one is about Jesus, too. In Psalm 2, David asks, *"Why do the nations conspire and the peoples plot in vain?"* He goes on to say the kings of the earth plot against the *"anointed one."* A prophecy of Holy Week, no less.

Did Jesus ask any questions in the Bible? Answer: Jesus actually asked 307 questions in the Bible. It has been noted that he actually answered 113 of his own questions. As a former educator, I am **continually amazed at Jesus' teaching style. When it comes to memorable teaching, he does everything** right, including asking questions to make people think, explore, and eventually act. He truly was a master teacher. Remember the question Jesus asked that we heard in the Gospel lesson a few weeks ago: *"Which of these three do you think was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?"* (Luke 10:36) after he told the parable of the Good Samaritan. But he also asked very simple questions that are as relevant to us today as they were when he first asked them. In Matthew 16:15, he asks, *"But what about you?"* he asked. *"Who do you say I am?"* He asked people who wanted him to heal them, *"Do you believe?"* and *"Do you want to get well?"* Remember what he asked his disciples when they were on the boat and a storm arose? *Why are you so afraid?* (Matthew 8:26). Similarly, he asked Peter who got scared while walking on the water, *"Why did you doubt?"* (Matthew 14:31). Sadly, as many were turning away from him, Jesus asked his disciples, *"Are you also going to leave?"* (John 6:67). In John 21, Jesus asks Peter, *"Do you love me?"* three times to coincide with the three times Peter denied him. There have been times throughout my life when I can imagine Jesus asking me those questions and maybe you can think of times in your own life when the same is true.

Do you love me? If you are making a list of questions you want to ask God when you get to heaven, that's one you need not put on the list. We know without a doubt that God does, indeed, love us always and forever. And because of that enduring love, there really isn't any question we need ask when it comes to our relationship with God. Isn't that reassuring in tumultuous times? Thank you, God, for loving us with an everlasting love! – jm



I hope you have signed up for Vacation Bible School at Our Savior's Church in Neenah on August 1-4 from 9:00 am to Noon. It should be a lot of fun for everyone who attends!!!

Well, summer is about half over and September is just around the corner. It is time to think about Sunday School starting. Each Sunday School student's family should have received a letter with a return postcard for you to mail back and let us know if you are planning to attend Sunday School in the fall. Please return it as soon as you can. There will be a Christian Education meeting on Saturday, August 6, 2022 at 10:30 am if you would like to be part of our small group. Remember that Jesus is with you all the time. Be sure to thank him for all you have. Enjoy the rest of your summer!!!

With God's Blessings,

Gwen Hoehne, Sunday School Superintendent





ST. MARK'S CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES

July 21, 2022



The meeting was called order at 6:30 pm by President Laurie Olson.

Roll Call:

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

Excused: Mykayla Tharp

Devotions: Devotions were given by Mary Jane Hartley. Jenny Case volunteered for devotions in August.

Approval of Minutes for the June 16th meeting.

MSC by Mary Jane Hartley/Jeff Tharp

Thank You Cards: Sherri Denney for transporting members to church. Mykayla Tharp for helping with the games at the church picnic.

Financial Report:

1. Current Budget Balance is \$104,818.50.
2. Building Improvements is \$14,238.14.
3. June giving was \$12,369.14; Spending was \$6,332.17.

MSC by Jeff Tharp/Kim Wallmuller to accept the report.

Pastor's Report: None

Committee Reports

Worship and Music Committee – June 20, 2022 ~ *Submitted by Judy Hellman*

Our Worship and Music Committee met on Monday, June 20th. Members present were Jenny Case, Joy Case, Lois Hill, Betty Linna, Mary Ellen Tracey, and Judy Hellman

Devotions were given by Lois Hill. Jenny Case volunteered to do devotions in August.

June church services were discussed. Many people remembered to wear red on Pentecost Sunday.

Candy bars were handed out to the men for Father's Day.

July services and church activities were briefly discussed. We plan to have a hymn sing on the 4th Sunday of July. On July 17th, a church picnic is being planned.

We decided not to meet until August 15th, due to lack of special service activities.

We closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Connections Committee – May 23, 2022 ~ *Submitted by Mary Jane Hartley*

Attended: Sharyn Gallick, Betty Linna, Sandy Mathenia, Mary Jane Hartley, Joy Case, Jenny Case, Jane Arps, Judy Hellman, and Ellen LaMarche

We opened with a prayer that Sharyn read.

Laurie Olson joined our meeting and gave us an update on the Call Process which has started and told us that there are not many candidates, but we are hopeful that one will be available.

We went over the greeter program that we are to oversee and will contact



Jean to see if there are some guidelines that we can follow and help update the greeter program. When this is done and someone new comes to church, we have small gift bags with our magnet and info about our services and a small gift to welcome them for coming and we will work with the greeters to do this.

Sharyn shared that we purchased a fish dinner for Doug Bedor and she had lunch with him. She will be reimbursed for the cost of \$15 in cash as she brought the receipt. Thank you, Sharyn.

We talked about having a “bring a friend to church” in June, but we put that aside until later in the year as the summer months are starting and many will be vacationing.

The Fellowship list is good for June, and we will assist anyone if needed. We will be asking church members personally if they can help with fellowship, as it is for everyone and not just the **Connections committee’s job to always be the servers.** Thank you to everyone who has helped.

We talked about a day trip in June to Doty Cabin and Octagon House around June 22nd, 2002, and visit and go have ice cream after. We will get a sign-up sheet out soon.

Timber Rattlers gave was brought up and we will be contacting them in August to see if we can have a game night in September.

We closed with the Lord’s Prayer.

Endowment Committee – June 15, 2022 ~ *Submitted by Dawn Jones*

The Endowment committee is responsible for managing Endowment funds and granting requests. The fund was established in 1985 with a gift from Louis Baer. The fund has grown with other contributions since then. The committee meets as needed to review requests and monitor our investments. The Endowment Fund grants requests based on the money earned while preserving the principal of the account. The principal in the account is now \$ 163,939.00. Grants are meant for the betterment of the Christian church as a whole. Some examples of grants include the following: special music, bible camp, Lay School, youth groups, bible study materials, missionaries, and mission churches.

Endowment account balance as of 12/31/2021	\$199,588.00
Endowment account balance as of 3/31/2022	\$192,342.59
Total principal balance	\$163,939.00

2022 grants:

Fox Valley Lutheran Homes Music 2022	\$ 1,000.00
Women of the ELCA trip to Alice’s Garden	525.00
Seminary student \$2022	2,000.00
Adult education	214.89
Crossways summer curriculum	<u>2,000.00</u>
Total grants Jan-June 2022 :	\$ 5,739.89

Due to the rapid changes we will continue to monitor the Endowment account closely.

Please consider writing a grant request for camp, Lay School, Christian speaker, Bible study materials for a new group, or a new idea. Request forms are available in the church office.



Pat Wenzel
Tracy Feldman
Brett Gawlick
Otto Arndt
Ellen LaMarche
Delores Cherdon
Donna Joachim
Ron Forrest
Mary Zalewski



Committee members: Tammie Kerstan, Nancy Maslow, and Dawn Jones. Our council representative is Laurie Olson.

Finance and Stewardship Committee – July 19, 2022 ~ *Submitted by Jean Memken*

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm. Members present were Laurie Olson, Pennie Linna, Evie Peterson, Mary Jane Hartley, Fern Fuhrmann, and Jean Memken. Laurie opened the meeting with prayer.

Mary Jane gave the Treasurer's report. The checking account balance is currently \$104,318.50. Giving in June totaled \$12,369.14, while expenditures were \$6,332.17, giving a positive spending difference of \$6,036.97. Our building fund stands at \$19,280.57. In all, we have \$24,502.00 more total giving than spending for the current year.

Mary Jane noted that our Thrivent TIP and MIF have a combined loss of \$3,000 for this quarter, however, both accounts had earned more than that in the previous quarter, so we are still money ahead in those accounts.

Our total balance is still in the black, partially because we are not paying for a pastor. Giving is lower (as it often is in the summer), but it was suggested maybe some people have given less because we do not have a pastor.

Laurie reported that we have scheduled guest pastors for each Sunday through the end of October. The Call Committee is continuing to interact with the second candidate.

Mary Jane and Laurie will put together the quarterly statements at 10:00 am on Wednesday, July 20. Help would be appreciated. We will have them available for a couple of weeks at church, and then will mail **those that were not picked up. Statements only go to those who have given money to St. Mark's or one of its missions.**

Laurie plans to work on renumbering envelopes. We have sent out final letters to most of the inactives we contacted in April, telling them we have taken them off of the membership roll, but they are welcome to come back. Several of the families on the inactive list were sent a letter earlier this summer inviting them to participate in the summer picnic, VBS, and Crossways Camp. We will send final letters to those households if they do not participate in any of these activities in the coming weeks.

The rest of the meeting was devoted to Stewardship. Laurie reported that several members had a meeting with a member of Prince of Peace Lutheran Church about how they connect their members to their passions in service to God. This person used to have a paid position doing exactly that, however, the position was eliminated due to budget cuts. She continues to do the work, though, now as their office administrator.

She gave us a book entitled, "Equipping the Church" which outlined many ways to connect people to ministry areas within the church, based on their own gifts and talents.

Laurie shared some excerpts from the book, especially ways that we might want to incorporate into our own stewardship emphasis. She reported the book prefaced every idea with scripture.

Some of the ideas mentioned in the book included:

- Serving others are acts of love

- God's calling is unique for each person**

- All are given gifts to fulfill our calling

- Gifts are given to be used to serve others

- We more deeply understand our personal relationship with Christ when we serve our community.

- Real spiritual growth is activated when we serve others.

- The role of leaders in the church is to equip others to use their gifts.

One idea that Prince of Peace used to inspire their members to be more active with their skills and talents in the church was to create large pictures of various members doing things they volunteer to do around

the church with a quote from each one that started: “My faith grows when I . . .” We thought this might be something we could do, but it might be interesting to capture what our members do outside of the church building that would be considered good stewardship of their time and talents. Some ideas included: **our visitation team, service projects associated with “God’s work, Our hands” Sunday, playing dominoes with residents at Linwood Place, our Food Pantry volunteers at the grocery store, our volunteers who knit hats and scarves each year, community table volunteers, etc.**

Our plan is to spend most of the August meeting working on a theme and activities for our stewardship drive this year. We need to think about who we want to contact to share their stories.

Another idea that was discussed was getting our students who are out of town and those members who **can’t make it to church to be readers for our worship service by having them record the readings and then** we would put them up on the screen on Sunday during the worship service.

The meeting adjourned at 7:20 pm. We closed with the Lord’s Prayer.

MSC by Jeff Tharp/Sherri Denney to accept the committee reports.

Mission & Vision:

1. Another monitor was ordered.

Unfinished Business:

1. Pastoral Transition Update
 - We have supply pastors through October.
 - The call committee is conducting a 2nd interview with another candidate.
2. Church Rummage Sale—postponed until spring

New Business:

1. Child and Youth Prevention Program
 - Guideline handout given to council members
 - Background checks on people working with children.
 - Training for volunteers will be provided

MSC by Pennie Linna/Jeff Tharp to accept the guidelines of the program.

2. Donation Request
 - Request for a donation for scholarships to the Lake Landongreen Christian Camp in Pembine.
 - A \$100 donation to be taken out of the Council Discretionary Fund was proposed .

MSC by Pennie Linna/Sherri Denney to approve the donation.

3. Habitual Requestors Policy /Plan
 - They may be given food from the Food Pantry, but no money.
 - Refer them to Leaven and other organizations of that nature.
 - A pamphlet will be made up with all the services available in the area.

MSC by Sherri Denney/Jeff Tharp to approve the Habitual Request Policy.

4. **God’s Work, Our Hands**

- Activities suggested were crafts and work at the Lutheran Home in Appleton.

MSC by Sherri Denney/Pennie Linna to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 pm.

We closed with the Lord’s Prayer.

The next meeting is August 18th, 2022, at 6:30 pm.

Submitted by Judy Hellman, Secretary



PASTORAL TRANSITION Update

The Call Committee held a virtual interview with a pastoral candidate on Friday, July 15th. The committee has arranged for an in-person interview in August. If God's plan is for this candidate to serve at St. Mark's, please know this could take a few to several more months to work out. Please continue to include the Call Committee and this process in your prayers!

In the meantime, St. Mark's continues to be blessed with excellent supply pastors and lay ministers. We thank them for their time with us so far and ask that you pray for their continued service at St. Mark's. Those individuals include Pastors Mike, Jan, and Barb, Lay Minister Jill, and Children's Sermon Lay Ministry Pennie. We also can't thank Pastors Jon and Tabitha enough for their time leading us in worship, attending to our emergency care needs and general support of our staff, volunteers and council members. Thank you Gloria Dei Lutheran Church for your blessings, during our transition time. Please feel free to contact one of your St. Mark's Church Council Members, if you have any questions. Updates will continue to be announced during worship, in future newsletters, emails, and/or direct mailings.

PEACE
Laurie Olson
Council President



We really need people to serve as Fellowship Hosts. If you think you can do this, please sign up for a Sunday (or two!) on the sign-up sheet in the narthex. If you would like to help, but don't want to do it yourself, let the church office know and we will get a helper for you. Please help so we can continue our Fellowship Hour after church!

Filthy, But Lots of Fun!

A group of volunteers from St. Mark's made their way to O'Hauser Park on Saturday, July 16, to help with the city's Filthy Fun Kid's Run. The conditions were perfect – it had rained steadily the day before, and so the park was fairly cool and very muddy! The kids had a blast and I think the volunteers had a pretty good time, too! Here's some pics from the event.



Most of our volunteer crew before the run began!



Ginny and Mary Jane gave each runner a pair of sunglasses at the finish line!



Pennie cheered on every runner!



Leland (left) and Avery (below) don their medals at the finish line!





The Food Pantry is usually very busy with our regular patrons and occasionally some new ones. We seem to have mostly seniors and single parents with young children. When we get families, our numbers jump dramatically. We have one family of seven and another family of eight. I imagine it is tough to support such large groups. In June, we had 47 families getting food for 165 people. It must be very difficult for them with the rise of food costs. We do appreciate all your generous donations.

We are in need of dish, bar and laundry soap and also sweetened cereal and canned pasta meals. We do appreciate all your help. It's nice to know we are making a difference. — Karen Jordan



Pine Ridge Reconciliation Center

The Mission of the Month for August is the Pine Ridge Reconciliation Center which is part of the Lutheran Lakota Shared Ministries. They focus on four different ministry outreach areas.

The Threshold/Common Basket ministries includes everything that is distributed out their door including new quilts and blankets, diapers and wipes, morning coffee, mid-day sandwiches, hot meals, and hygiene kits. In the winter months, it also includes our energy assistance matching program.



Cultural immersions are visiting groups who come to learn about Lakota history and culture from the Lakota people. We strive to provide programming and presentations that foster mutual conversations and greater understanding of each other.

The Lutheran/Lakota Job Corp employs local people from the community of Pine Ridge to run and assist the ministries of the Reconciliation Center. This ministry provides people with a way to earn a living and support their families. They have added a mentoring element to the program for young adults.

Children and Youth — Currently, the Pine Ridge Reconciliation Center hosts a variety of youth programs for young children, preteens and teens.



Please consider supporting this worthwhile agency this month.

Include your donation in your offering envelope and mark "Mission of the Month" on the front of your envelope or denote Mission of the Month with your online giving.

Alice's Garden

On Tuesday, July 26, several St. Mark's members ventured down to Milwaukee to visit Alice's Garden, a model of regenerative farming and community cultural development. It was a beautiful day weatherwise, and we were joined by about 25 other women from the East Central Synod along with Bishop Anne Edison-Albright.



Mary, Mary Jane, Jean Dawn, Gwen, and Laurie stand behind a beautiful phoenix mosaic in Alice's Garden.



Our guide, Venice Williams

When we arrived at Alice's Garden, we were met by Venice Williams (pronounced Venus), the Executive Director and its visionary leader. Venice calls herself a cultural and spiritual midwife, strongly believing she was put in Creation to help bring forth all that is good and whole in people and places. She has been doing just that in Milwaukee for the past thirty-two years. She is an ordained ELCA pastor and has worked as a youth minister, as well as other ministerial positions.

Venice shared a brief history of the how Alice's Garden came to be. In the late 1940s, it was proposed that a major highway be built in the African American section of Milwaukee. Many homes and most of the business in this thriving community were torn down. The neighborhood was decimated. Then, the highway was never built, leaving the neighborhood with barren land where their commercial sector and some housing used to be. In 1972, a garden was established on a part of this empty land and Alice's Garden was born. It was named in honor of Alice Meade-Taylor, a former Executive Director of Milwaukee County Cooperative Extension who had a vision for building neighborhoods and nurturing people.

The garden consists of individual plots that are assigned to whoever wants to use the land to plant a garden. Some are used by individual families, although local chefs are also patrons of the garden, growing fresh vegetables and herbs for their restaurants. Some plots are used as herb gardens, and almost all the plots have some flowers, especially sunflowers as they have some restorative characteristics for the land. They are also the national flower of Ukraine, and Venice and the other staff wanted to remind people visiting the garden about the strife going on in that war-torn country.



In the center of the labyrinth is a mosaic concrete bench.

The garden also has a covered pavilion, an open-air meeting space and workshop, beehives, and a labyrinth. There is also an open space that is used for yoga classes. As Venice walked around, she showed us her herbologist skills, pointing out various plants and their medicinal value.



Flowers, herbs and vegetables of every kind are in Alice's Garden.

After leaving the garden we went for lunch at a renovated bank building which now houses a variety of eateries and small shops, all African-American owned and operated. Alice's Garden has a shop in this building where they sell candles, herb mixes, essential oils, and hair and skin products, all made from herbs and other plants in the garden. They also had jewelry, artwork, and other accessories.

In all, it was a great day, and we all had a wonderful time. Venice and the entrepreneurs we met inspired us to consider how we might better use our time and talents in service to God and others. If you are ever in Milwaukee, a trip to Alice's Garden is well worth your time. —jm



"God's work. Our hands." is Sunday, September 11, 2022. This day is an opportunity to celebrate who we are as the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America – one church, freed in Christ to serve and love our neighbor.

Service activities offer an opportunity for us to explore one of our most basic convictions as Lutherans: that all of life in Jesus Christ – every act of service, in every daily calling, in every corner of life – **flows freely from a living, daring confidence in God's grace.**

PROJECTS: Yardwork at Linwood Place/Fox Valley Lutheran Homes, collecting character band-Aids for pediatric oncology clinics, making dog toys and heating pads for dogs/cats for the animal shelter, *Soul of Hope* shoe project (You will be prepping the fabric that will be finished into shoes in Uganda and go on the feet of patients to aid in living a life free from jiggers.), **along with supporting our St. Mark's Food Pantry.** Save the date and please watch for details and sign up options on how you can share your ministry gifts on FACEBOOK and in the Sunday bulletins.

Lay School Starting Soon!

The Lay School of Ministry of the East Central Wisconsin Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America trains lay persons of the church to perform service to and for the body of Christ. The challenges of the twenty-first century call for educated, theologically reflective, and articulate lay persons with a passion for mission. The Lay School enlists seminary professors, pastors with expertise in particular areas, as well as trained lay leaders to encourage participants in self-understanding and personal growth so they can better serve their congregations as lay leaders.



Students can participate in a variety of ways: in a two-year certificate program comprised of four core classes each year on Friday evenings and Saturday mornings once a month, one class at a time, and continuing education classes. **The Core Program is set-up so students can complete all eight courses in two years (4 courses each year) or they can choose to take courses at a pace that works for them.** The Lay School also offers continuing education courses with a variety of special topics.

Classes will be in person at two different locations. The closest location to Neenah is Christ the King Lutheran Church in Combined Locks.

If you are interested in participating in the Lay School, or you know someone you think might be a good candidate for this program, check out the Lay School website at <https://ecswlayschool.org/about/>. Scholarships from our Endowment Fund are available to pay for tuition. You can get an application for a scholarship from the church office.



St. Mark's Church Council approved a *Child and Youth Prevention Program* at their July, 2022 meeting. These procedures are designed to reduce the risk of child sexual abuse in order to:

1. Provide a safe and secure environment for children, youth, adults, members, volunteers, visitors, and paid staff.
2. **Assist St. Mark's in evaluating a person's suitability to supervise, oversee, and/or exert control over the activities of children and youth.**
3. Satisfy the concerns of parents and staff members with a screening process for paid staff and volunteers.
4. Provide a system to respond to alleged victims of abuse and their families, as well as the alleged perpetrator.
5. Reduce the possibility of false accusations of abuse made against volunteers and paid staff.

Our Sunday Servants – August

Date	Assisting Minister	Reader	Greeters	Ushers	Counters	Acolyte
August 7	Jeff Tharp	Judy Hellman	Rose Cermak Pat Westphal	Sherri Denney Dawn Jones	Jeff Tharp Kim Wallmuller Pat Westphal	Volunteer
August 14	Bruce Grundman	Jean Memken	Nancy Bricco Karen Jordan	Tom Wenzel Doug Hesser	Jane Arps Ellen LaMarche Emil Leppiaho	Volunteer
August 21	Sherri Denney	LaVerne Otto	Betty Linna Pennie Linna	Otto and LaVerne Arndt	Gwen Hoehne Doug Sebstead Renie Sebstead	Volunteer
August 28	Jean Memken	Gwen Hoehne	Bruce Grundman Emil Leppiaho	Ginny Schieck Judy Fowler	Bruce Grundman Lois Kemp Judy Olson	Volunteer

Altar Guild: Jean Memken

Picnic Fun!

On July 17, St. Mark's held its first picnic/potluck since the pandemic struck a couple of years ago. It was a great day and a lot of fun. The main course included hot dogs and bratwursts on buns, along with all



Joy Case prepares the hot dogs!

the condiments. St. Mark's members outdid themselves with their potluck offerings, and there were lots of great salads, sides, and desserts to choose from. After the meal and a time of fellowship, the children headed outside for some fun games in the parking lot, and the adults played "Name that Tune" and Bingo inside.



Look at that spread!

There were also lots of great prizes. The door prize, a basket of goodies from Great Harvest Baking Company, was won by Mary Ellen Tracey. Pat Thompson, Geri Marta, and Phyllis Ziemke won the Name that Tune game, and there were numerous winners for Bingo. Other prizes included DQ gift cards and free frozen treats, backpacks, mugs, and various candy and food items.

A great time was had by all. Special thanks to Laurie Olson and Dawn Jones for organizing the games, Mary Jane Hartley for getting the meal organized and served and for making the drinks, and finally, Mykayla Tharp for leading the children's games. Let's do it again soon!



Laurie Olson served as emcee and bingo caller!



On the left: Some very nice looking desserts!

On the right: Lois Hill, Betty Linna, and Mary Jane Hartley enjoy the picnic!





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The lilies in front of our church are gone, but check out the beautiful flowers in our courtyard between the hallway and sanctuary. Sherri Denney snapped these pics to share. Many thanks to Ginny Schieck for planting and maintaining the flowers and sprucing up the deck and furniture out there. Check it out!



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