



The Messenger

October 2024

St. Mark's Lutheran Church

A member of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America



*A mighty fortress is our God,
a bulwark never failing;
our helper he, amid the flood
of mortal ills prevailing.
For still our ancient foe
does seek to work us woe;
his craft and power are great,
and armed with cruel hate,
on earth is not his equal.*

Dear Children of God gathered as St. Mark's Lutheran Church,
Grace and peace to you in Christ.

In 1527, Martin Luther faced one of the most challenging seasons of his life. The plague had struck his hometown of Wittenberg, and he and his family were living in constant danger. Many fled, but Luther stayed to care for the sick and dying. In the midst of this chaos and fear, he wrote a hymn that has endured through the ages: "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God." The changing and often frightening world around him led him to find hope in the presence of God. Luther famously reminded us that while the world shifts and troubles come, "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble" (Psalm 46:1).

As we enter autumn and witness the turning leaves, the cooler air, and the fading light, it is natural to reflect on the changes in our own lives. Some changes are welcome, while others may bring uncertainty. Yet, as Luther experienced during the plague, we are never alone, and we serve a God whose promises remain unchanging.

The Scriptures remind us of this: "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever" (Hebrews 13:8). While the world around us transforms from season to season, God remains steadfast. God's love, mercy, and faithfulness endure through all generations. Just as God was with Luther in his trials, so is God with us today, no matter what changes we face.

In Psalm 100:5, we hear the promise of God's enduring love: "For the Lord is good; His steadfast love endures forever, and His faithfulness to all generations." As we embrace this autumn season and its beauty, we are invited to rest in the knowledge that God's faithfulness to us never fades.

May we all take time this autumn to enjoy the wonder of creation and to remember that while seasons change, our God remains the same—faithful, loving, and present in every moment of our lives.

Yours in Christ,
Rev. Dr. Sarras

ATTENTION CONFIRMANDS!!!

The Connections Committee needs your help to set up before and clean up after the annual Craft Show/Bake sale on October 26th. Please come to church on October 24 at 6:30 pm to help move tables in place for the sale and then come on Saturday, October 26 at 3:30 pm to help clean up and get the tables back in place for Fellowship on Sunday morning.



ST. MARK'S RACIAL EQUITY TEAM PRESENTS
EGG ROLL MAKING

WITH KRISTY LEE

Saturday, November 2 at 9 am
Kitchen at St. Mark's



Egg rolls freeze well for later use at special events or holidays. Thaw & bake or use air fryer.

\$18 -1 dz
or
\$36 -2 dz

All ingredients & instruction included in cost.
"Pork or Veggie"

SIGN UP AT ST. MARK'S
Payment due at time of sign up, along with type of egg rolls you're interested in making & either 1 or 2 dz.

LIMITED SPACES AVAILABLE

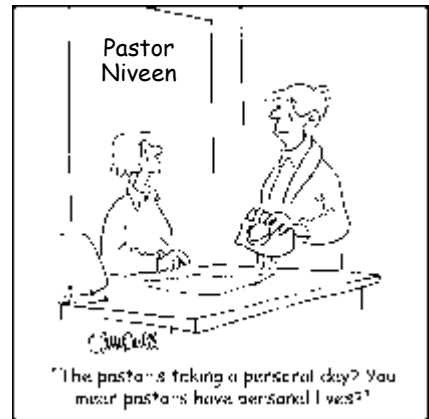
PASTOR'S SCHEDULE

Pastor Niveen's office hours:

Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm.

Wednesdays: Crafting a brilliant sermon 😊 from the comfort of home (probably in pajamas).

Fridays-Saturdays: Resting, recharging, and hopefully catching some good snoring action!



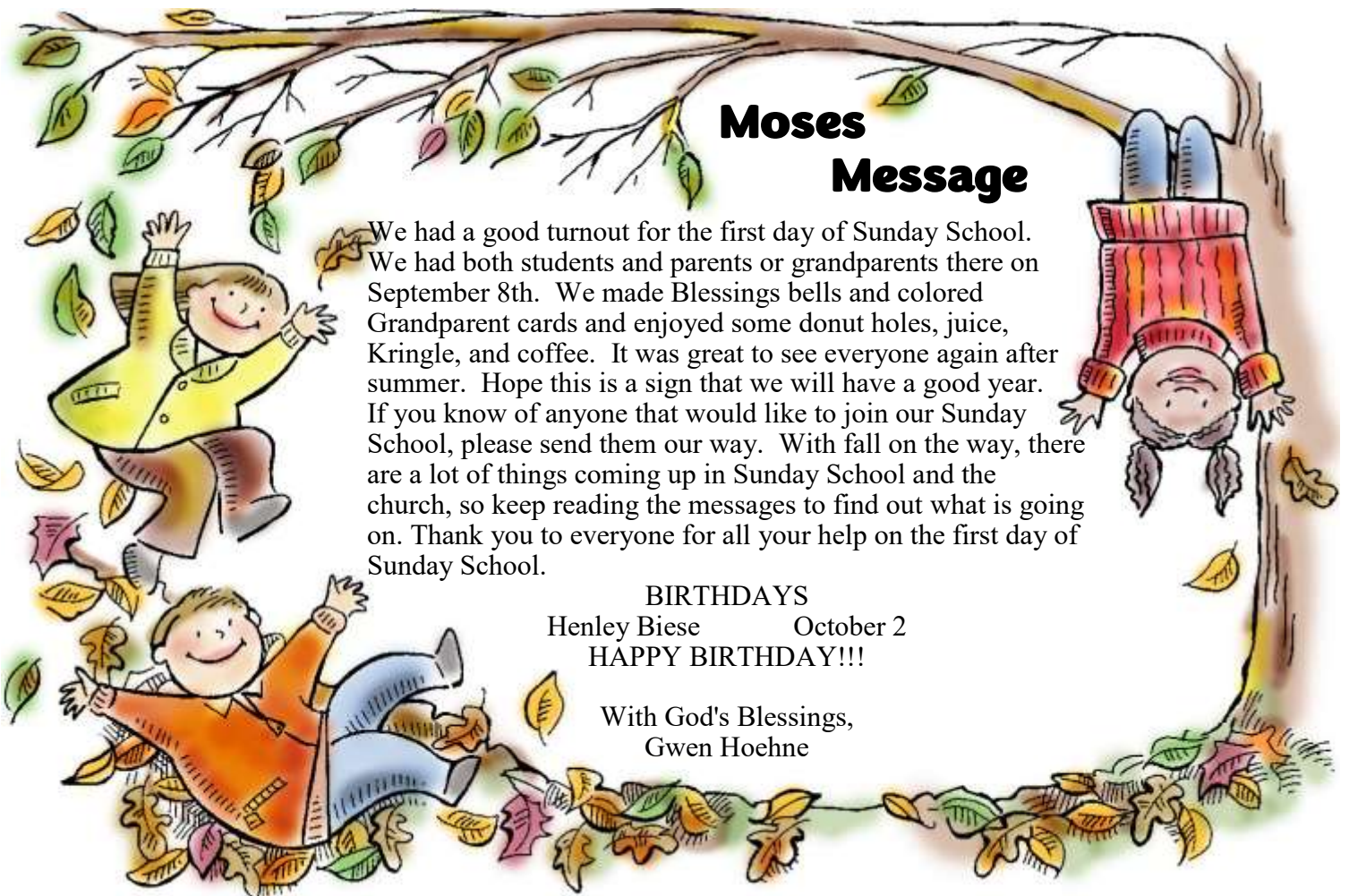
Moses Message

We had a good turnout for the first day of Sunday School. We had both students and parents or grandparents there on September 8th. We made Blessings bells and colored Grandparent cards and enjoyed some donut holes, juice, Kringle, and coffee. It was great to see everyone again after summer. Hope this is a sign that we will have a good year. If you know of anyone that would like to join our Sunday School, please send them our way. With fall on the way, there are a lot of things coming up in Sunday School and the church, so keep reading the messages to find out what is going on. Thank you to everyone for all your help on the first day of Sunday School.

BIRTHDAYS

Henley Biese October 2
HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!

With God's Blessings,
Gwen Hoehne



Hosted by: St. Mark's Racial Equity Ministry Team

Fall Harvest Meal-Potluck

SUNDAY, OCT. 6

DURING FELLOWSHIP
Celebrating God's Bounty!



Bring your favorite fall dish to pass.
A FREE-WILL offering will be collected &
spilt between St. Mark's Food Pantry & the
Fox Valley Community Table.



Thank you very much for your response to the "God's Work. Our Hands." program. Your donations were fantastic. This past week, we were one of the recipients of the VFW Can Drive. Thank you very much to everyone who donated. Many people in our community are trying to help stamp out hunger here. In August, we had the biggest month ever for St. Mark's Food Pantry. We had 79 people shopping to feed 235 family members. We appreciate all your generosity with money and so many donations. We are happy to help so many families. As always, we need jam, cereal, Spam, and paper towels. Thanks for all your help.—*Karen Jordan*

Guess Who's Going on Vacation?

Rev. Dr. NiveenSarras is heading off for a grand eight-day vacation adventure from Monday, October 7, to Wednesday, October 16, 2024.

She'll return on Thursday, October 17, hopefully rested and ready to dive back into action!

Mark your calendars—she's taking another break on Sunday, October 27.

Oh, and in the middle of all this, she's squeezing in two ELCA conferences on October 11-12. Because who doesn't love to mix business with pleasure?



fall
Craft Show
and
Bake Sale

St. Mark's Lutheran Church
140 S. Green Bay Road
Neenah, Wisconsin
October 26, 2024
9:00 am – 2:00 pm

Breakfast
Rolls and Coffee
Lunch
Sloppy Joe, chips
and a drink

Over 25 Vendors
Free Admission!!

Holy Communion at St. Mark's

We will continue having Holy Communion as part of our worship service on the first and third Sundays of the month, along with some special services throughout the year. **Starting in October, on the first Sunday, Communion will now be served at the Communion rail in the front of the sanctuary.**

Here is how we will carry out Communion at the rail on the first Sunday of each month.

Communion Assistants will put the rails and pad in place during the Offertory Hymn and then proceed to the music room to prepare for communion distribution.

The **Altar Guild** volunteer of the month will take his/her place by the altar and monitor distribution in case another tray or more bread is needed.

Ushers will direct worshippers out of their pew and up to the rail. The worshippers will line up at the rail with the first person going all the way to wall and the rest following. All will kneel at the rail. If you cannot kneel comfortably, feel free to just stand at the rail for Communion.

Pastor Niveen and the **Communion Assistants** will distribute the communion elements, starting at the wall end of the rail and proceeding to the center. As soon as you finish the wine/grape juice, please rise from kneeling, deposit the empty cup in the basket next to the wall, and return to your pew for prayer/mediation and singing the communion hymns.

As **Pastor Niveen** is replacing the Communion ware on the altar, the **Communion Assistants** will remove the rails and move the pad and then return to their seats.

After all have communed, **Pastor Niveen** will speak a blessing, and the rest of the service will continue.

As always, we will continue to have self-serve communion packets for those who wish to remain in their seats during the Communion service. Pastor Niveen will direct you to use those packets before the rest of the worshippers approach the altar for Communion.

Date	Assisting Minister	Reader	Greeters	Ushers	Counters	Acolyte
October 6 Harvest Potluck	Sherri Denney	LaVerne Arndt	Judy Fowler Ginny Schieck	Bruce Grundman Doug Sebestead	Jeff Tharp Kim Wallmuller Fern Furhmann	Braydin Messing
October 13	Bruce Grundman	Jeri Travis	Joe & Linda Rehorst Samantha Rose	Emill Leppiaho Phyllis Ziemke	Jane Arps Ellen LaMarche Emil Leppiaho Pat Westphal	Lily Anderson
October 20 Prayers for our country	Judy Hellman	Dom Christofilis	John & Laurie Olson	The Blank Family	Gwen Hoehne Doug Sebestead Renie Sebestead	Leland Tharp
October 27 Reformation Sunday	Jean Memken	Emily Christofilis	Nancy Bricco Karen Jordan	Linda Anderson Nancy Maslow	Bruce Grundman Lois Kemp Linda Anderson	Sophia Kersen

Our Sunday Servants

Communion Assistants:

October 6—Jean Memken, Mary Jane Hartley, and Judy Hellman

October 20 — Sherri Denney, Gwen Hoehne, Sharyn Gawlick, and Chuck Baumgartner

October 27— Bruce Grundman, Pennie Linna, Laurie Olson, and Pat Westphal

Altar Guild: Gwen Hoehne and Linda Anderson

**ST. MARK'S
CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES
September 19, 2024**

Members Present: Laurie Olson, Kim Wallmuller, Jenny Case, Jason Blank, Dawn Jones, Ryan Blank, Pastor Niveen, and Pennie Linna

Excused: Pastor Emily Christofilis

Call to Order: Pennie called the meeting to order at 6:34 pm.

Devotions by Dawn Jones. October Devotions: Dawn Jones

Approval of Minutes: MSC to approve August 15 minutes Dawn Jones/Kim Wallmuller. MSC to approve special meeting on August 25 Dawn Jones/Jason Blank.

Thank yous: John Macho for joining us for Adult Forum (Dawn) and Bruce Grundman for tree trimming and hauling away the debris (Laurie).

Financial Report: Laurie reviewed current balances through end of August 2024. August's giving to current monthly expenses were \$18,787.70 in giving and expenses were \$14,840.57. The difference was \$3,947.13. Year to date (through end of August) giving was \$116,324.48 and expenses were \$111,967.24 with a difference (giving minus spending) of \$4,357.24.

Total Associated Bank checking has a balance of \$181,082.43 which includes \$65,755.01 allocated to designated accounts and \$115,327.42 for current operating. Additionally, \$164,510.76 in the Thrivent money market and \$1,044.10 in Thrivent TIPS account and \$55,975.38 in the ELCA Mission Investment Fund. **MSC to accept financials Kim Wallmuller/Pastor Niveen.**

Pastor's Report ~ Pastor Niveen Sarras

As we continue to witness God's grace working through us and among us, I am filled with gratitude for the ways in which we come together in service and worship, embodying the love and mission of Christ.

On September 1st, I had the privilege of joining my ELCA colleagues in Neenah for a joint worship service at Riverside Park. This gathering was a beautiful expression of unity and outreach. Together, we collected \$816, which was generously divided between Leaven, receiving \$533, and the Lutheran Church of the Wilderness, receiving \$283. Additionally, two checks were written directly to Leaven to further support their vital work. These contributions reflect our commitment to serving our broader community and caring for those in need.

Looking ahead, I have arranged for John Macho to co-lead a session with Dawn Jones on the topic "The Church and Criminal Justice: Hearing the Cries." Mr. Macho brings extensive experience in the field of criminal justice, and I believe this will be a valuable conversation as we continue to explore our role in advocacy and restorative justice.

In youth ministry, I am working closely with Laurie Olson and Sherri Denny to invite the children and youth to participate in our Synod's Fall activities at Little Farmer on September 28, 2024. This is a wonderful opportunity for our young people to grow in faith and fellowship with others across the Synod.

This past Sunday, I also began our confirmation class with four students: Leland Tharp, Braydin Messing, Sophia Kersten, and Lily Anderson. These students will be confirmed in May 2025. On September 29, 2024, we will gather for a retreat at Pine Lake Crossways Camp from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. This retreat will be a special time for the students to deepen their relationships with one another and with me as we embark on this spiritual journey together.

In our sacramental life, I joyfully baptized Charlotte Lynn Hulstrom on September 8, 2024, and I will soon baptize Avery Hill on September 29, 2024. It has been a blessing to meet with Avery's family and godparents, explaining the significance of baptism as we welcome her into the body of Christ.



Lastly, I remain committed to keeping our homebound parishioners connected to the life of the church. I have sent them Holy Communion and the liturgy, offering them the opportunity to nurture their faith and experience the warmth of St. Mark's community, even from afar.

Through all these moments, we see the powerful ways God is at work in our midst, and I am humbled to serve alongside each of you as we live out our faith in love, service, and witness.

Grace and peace,
Rev. Dr. Sarras

The report was reviewed by all. Pastor added that we will have a Trunk or Treat on October 27 at St. Timothy Lutheran Church in Menasha.
MSC to accept Pastor's report Pastor Niveen/Jason Blank.

Ministry Team Reports:

Property Ministry Team—September 9, 2024 ~ Submitted by Jason Blank

Members present: Bruce Grundman, Ginny Schieck, Phyllis Ziemke, and Jason Blank

- We got an adjusted quote for the driveway repaving.
- We are waiting on this year's snow removal contract (*Note from church office: The contract arrived the day after this meeting and was signed by Bruce and sent back to Mahler Farms.*)
- We discussed getting a couple rain catch barrels for next year.

Worship and Music Ministry Team—August 19, 2024 ~ Submitted by Judy Helman

The worship and music ministry team met on Monday, August 19th. Members present were Mary Jane Hartley, Mary Ellen Tracey, Joy and Jenny Case, Pat Westphal, Ardys Seelow, Betty Linna, Pastor Niveen and Judy Hellman.

Devotions were given by Jenny Case. Pat Westphal volunteered for devotions in September.

Pastor Niveen presented what will take place at several future services. On Sept. 1st, there will be an ELCA combined worship service with communion at Riverside Park at 9:30 A.M. On Sept. 8th, is God's Work, Our Hands Sunday and also a baptism. There will also be a baptism on Sept. 28th. On Oct. 6th, there will be a "Blessing of Animals" service and a Fall Festival potluck meal. Parishioners may bring pictures of their pets to display on the railing. Pastor also said that the youth will again participate in the Sunday services.

Two more music stands will be purchased from Island Music. The youth and adult bell choirs will resume in October. Treble Singers rehearsals will resume at the end of September.

Judy Hellman will send thank yous to Ellen LaMarche for donating money for the paraments and to Ellen Krempien for purchasing the new baptismal bowl and pitcher.

There will be a Women's ELCA Retreat at Pine Lake Camp, Waupaca on October 11 –13. More information will be coming for this event.

The next meeting will be September 16th.

We closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Racial Equity Ministry Team—September 3, 2024 ~ Submitted by Laurie Olson

Members Present: Pat Westphal, Dawn Jones, Mary Jane Hartley, Barb Girod, and Laurie Olson

Members Absent: Emily Christofilis and Pastor Niveen



Ellen LaMarche
Sarah L.
Richie Sczerzen
Walt Ziemke
Doug Bedor
Odeh Sarras
Mary & Ron Zalewski
Jordan
Bob Ulrich

Dawn opened the meeting with a devotion. Pat will provide a devotion for the next meeting.

Discussed the ministry team's mission statement. Added the following objectives:

- * Host a quarterly education presentation [based on current issues].
- * Offer a book study twice a year.
- * Provide our church with information on cultural experiences/opportunities in our community.
- * Keep informed on racial/justice issues and be ready to contact our elected representatives and inform others to consider doing so.
- * Remind our church, on a regular basis, our focus to live justly by educating, empowering and equipping.

It was decided to add a sign above the Racial Equity book cart. Laurie will work with Karen from WG Sign on developing a sign with "Educate, Equip and Empower" around the outside and the mission statement in the middle. This will be put on the agenda for Church Council approval.

We will be again putting announcements out on the upcoming Pow Wows: Neenah Pos Wow is Saturday, September 14 from 2:00 pm—5:00 pm, and Fall Family Festival (traditions of the Oneida Nation) at Green Bay Botanical Gardens on Saturday, September 28 from 9:00 am—5:00 pm.

Dawn continues to work on the hosting of an Asian Americans session on the art of making Egg Rolls, which will be Saturday, October 26 starting at 2:00 pm. Dawn will contact instructor to get cost and then we will begin sign up. *(Note from the church office: this has since been changed to November 2 at 9:00 am so as not to interfere with the Craft Show on the 26th).*

Pat reminded us of the Harvest meal that is set for October 6 during Fellowship Hour. This would be a potluck type of meal asking for dishes to be made with traditional fall foods. Pat and Mary Jane agreed to coordinate this potluck. Laurie suggested we place indigenous foods/culture information on the tables. Pat and Laurie will work on this.

Next meeting will be October 8 at 6:30 pm. Items for discussion will include follow up with fall programming and Racial Equity statement to hang above book cart.

Meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Finance and Stewardship Ministry Team—September 17, 2024 ~ Submitted by Laurie Olson

Members Present: Treasurer Laurie Olson, Financial Secretary Pat Westphal, Pennie Linna, Mary Jane Hartley, Fern Fuhrmann, and Pastor Niveen.

Members Absent: Evie Peterson,

Opened with a Prayer by Pastor Niveen.

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Discussed and reviewed the Stewardship Program that begins Sunday, October 6th. Pennie and Fern will monitor the name tag table, Laurie will ensure supplies (forms, Sharpies, name tags, etc.) are in place. Mary Jane will assist with set up the week prior. Team members will be contacting individuals to ask if they would be willing to do a temple talk on Oct. 6 or 13. Laurie noted that letters went out to all the ministry teams regarding their participation in the October 20 Ministry Team Fair. Prizes for the fair punch card event will be gathered by team members. Weeks 3 to 5 of the stewardship program will be reviewed at the October monthly meeting.

Closed with the Lord's Prayer at 7:25 pm.

Next regular meeting is October 14 at 6:30 pm.

Ministry team reports were reviewed by all. The Racial Equity team shared that we will have an egg roll making event on November 2, 2024. **MSC to accept Ministry Team reports Jason Blank/Dawn Jones.**



Unfinished Business:

Communication Audit- the team is making progress. Some of the signs have gone up. The sign company we are working with, WG Sign, Inc., has donated all the signs (except bathroom signs, which have been purchased on Amazon) in honor of all people suffering from terminal illness, including her sister in-law.

Church Directory-the directory is in progress. Judy Fowler has been calling everyone to remind them of their appointments.

Parking Lot-Property: Jason has been working on the fundraising visual to reflect the money raised as a congregation. Pastor has written a letter and Pat made special designated parking lot envelopes.

Greenlawn Memorial Park Gravesites- Greenlawn is finalizing the deeds to the six plots. They will send the deeds next week.

New Business items:

Collection of Soft Film Plastics-We will set up a bin to collect plastic film and will work with Ginny to determine where the collection container will be placed in the church. Dawn agreed to take the items collected to Gloria Dei Church. Gloria Dei participates in a national program that recycles plastics into benches. **MSC** to start a plastic film recycling project in connection with Gloria Dei. Pastor/Ryan

Racial Equity Wall Sign-the Racial Equity team would like to post a sign above the book cart with the team's mission statement. The sign will be professionally done. **MSC** to accept the wall sign proposal Kim/Jason

Ministry Team Fair-October 20 Each team has been notified and asked to provide a representative from their team to work their table and share information about their team during the fair. This is part of the stewardship program (time & talents). Members will get a punch card which will be punched at the table they attend. They turn the card in for chances to win prizes.

MSC to adjourn at 7:15 and end with the Lord's Prayer Jason Blank/Kim Wallmuller.

Next meeting October 17, 2024, at 6:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Dawn Jones
Council Secretary

Special Worship Services Announcement

We have several special worship services coming up in October. Please mark your calendars for the following:

Sunday, October 6, 2024: Blessing of the Animals Service. You are invited to participate by either emailing the pastor a picture of your animal along with its name or bringing the picture to church. If your children would like, they are also welcome to bring their favorite stuffed animals for a special **blessing**.

Sunday, October 13, 2024: Regular non-communion service with a sermon by Lay Minister Pennie Linna.

Sunday, October 20, 2024: Our worship service will be dedicated to prayer and reflection concerning the upcoming election in the USA.

Sunday, October 29, 2024: Reformation Sunday Service with Holy Communion. Rev. Barb Girod will be preaching. Please remember to wear **RED**.



Reformation
Sunday



Stewardship & Finance
Ministry Team Presents

MINISTRY TEAM FAIR

Social Ministry, Property, Christain Education,
Stewardship & Finance, Connections, Memorial,
Endowment, Worship & Music, Youth, and Racial Equity

Sunday, October 20 After Worship

- VISIT MINISTRY TABLES & LEARN ABOUT THEIR MISSION & OBJECTIVES
- SEE WHERE YOU CAN BE OF SERVICE
- EVERYONE WILL RECIEVE A PUNCH CARD - VISIT A MINISTRY TEAM TABLE & HAVE YOUR CARD PUNCHED FOR CHANCES TO WIN PRIZES!

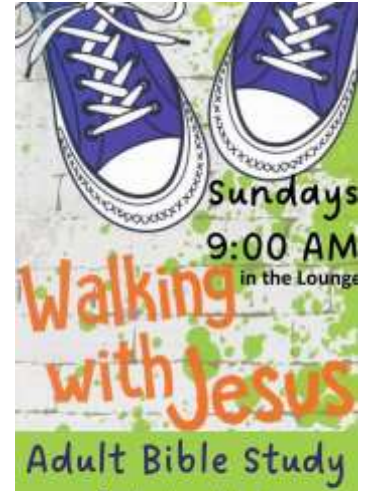
Quilts Were Much Appreciated

Pictured below are St. Mark's member Doug Bedor (on the right) and his roommate at the Weyauwega Health Care facility. Sharyn Gawlick regularly visits Doug to bring him communion and saw the need for some warm blankets to keep him and his roommate warm. Our Wednesday Morning Quilting Group made quilts for them and Sharon delivered them. Sharyn reported they were delighted to receive such a thoughtful gift.



Adult Forum News

We are excited to announce a new Bible Study led by Dawn Jones, focused on Presiding Bishop Eaton's **Four Emphases** Bible Study: **We are church, We are Lutheran, We are church together, and We are church for the sake of the world.** These four emphases are foundational to understanding and identifying the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. Come join us as we explore what it means to live out our faith through these guiding principles!




St. Mark's Lutheran Church presents

Celebrating!

TO BEAT PLASTIC POLLUTION

Recycle Plastics - Turning Trash into Treasures!
Look for container in Fellowship Hall.

We'll collect & take to Gloria Dei Lutheran for their NextTrex Recycling Challenge program.

Collecting Soft Film Plastics

- Grocery Bags
- Bread Bags
- Produce Bags
- ZipLock Bags
- Bubble Wrap
- Food Wrappers
- Shrink Wrap

RECYCLE REUSE REDUCE

gen·er·os·i·ty
It is an aspect of one's character, a fruit of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22-23)



THE GENORISTRY PROJECT

Growing in God's Grace Generation to Generation

FROM THE STEWARDSHIP TEAM:

Along with falling leaves, Stewardship Season has arrived. You have received your time and talent sheets and pledge cards in the mail and a schedule of special events for October and early November. Things get started with a Potluck Harvest Dinner sponsored by the Racial Equity Team on Oct. 6. Bring your favorite dish to pass. Potlucks are always well attended and a wonderful time of fellowship. If you do not cook, come anyway. There is always more than enough food.

As the first Sunday of the month is traditionally Food Pantry Sunday, the request is for you to consider bringing a box of cereal (no oatmeal) on Oct. 6 for the pantry.

The letter you received will remind you of our other special events each week (and brief reminders will appear in the bulletin of the previous week).

Thank you, members of St. Mark's, for your volunteer service, your gifts, for sharing your talents, and for supporting the parking lot renovation. We are, as we should be, a busy church doing God's work with our resources.

St. Mark's Parking Lot Reconstruction Fundraiser

At the Sunday, September 22, 2024, Special Congregational Meeting, the reconstruction of the church parking lot (to take place in the spring of 2025) was approved, along with the funding sources. The total cost of the reconstruction is estimated at \$120,000. Funding: \$30,000 generous donation from Ellen LaMarche, \$30,000 from Building Fund, \$30,000 from current checking, and \$30,000 from fundraising.

"It's Time to Feed the Meter!" is our fundraising call to action.

Your donation will help meet practical needs for all our members and visitors such as safety, accessibility, and enhanced aesthetics. Every contribution brings us closer to our goal and enables us to continue to make a difference by *Celebrating the Joy of Faith through Love & Service*.

Fundraising progress will be displayed in the narthex/lobby and included in future newsletters, bulletins and on our Facebook page. Special envelopes are available for your use, to ensure your intentions are recorded correctly. You can also use your VANCO Mobile app.



Note: To ensure everything runs smoothly, the Property Ministry Team and Church Council will keep everyone updated about the project timeline and if there will be any expected disruptions or necessity for alternative parking arrangements. This information will be posted in bulletins, the newsletter, on our Facebook page, announcements at worship, and through emails.



St. Mark's Youth Ministry

This month's Mission of the Month is our own St. Mark's Youth Ministry Program. We are starting to see some of our youth taking a more active role in the life of our church, and there is now an effort to work with the other Neenah ELCA congregations to support our youth and provide additional programming. Our Sunday School program is growing, too! Your gifts will support outreach and programs that are geared to our youth, helping to strengthen their faith and letting them know they are an important part of our St. Mark's family.

Some of the activities your donations will fund include community projects, national youth gathering travel, and mission trips, as well as fellowship activities for our youth here at St. Mark's. If you are interested in supporting our youth, please make your giving envelope as a "Mission of the Month" donation or donate electronically through the VANCO giving program.

Sponsored by St. Paul, St. Mark's, Our Savior's,
Gloria Dei, & St. Timothy Lutheran Churches



TRUNK OR TREAT

OPEN TO THE COMMUNITY

27 OCT 2024 SUNDAY
FREE ENTRY
4-5:30 PM

St. Timothy Lutheran Church Parking Lot
473 7th St., Menasha
{across from Menasha HS}

Invited to wear costumes & trick or treat!

For more information or to reserve a spot for
your decorated vehicle, contact
sttimoffice@sttimlc.org or 920-725-2622

An Opportunity to Serve

Lutheran World Relief Quilt and Kit Donation Event

When: Saturday, October 5

Time: 7:00 am - 12:00 pm

Where: First English Lutheran Church, North Site Parking Lot

326 E North St, Appleton, WI 54911-5460

You are invited to load quilts and kits from across Wisconsin into a semi-trailer bound for St. Paul, MN. Donuts will be provided to fuel the fun! If you're interested in helping out, be sure to register online at the link below or the QR code:



<https://rb.gy/unrpy7>



Community Table Volunteers

On the first Tuesday of every month, our dedicated Community Table Volunteers cook a meal for those in need and serve it at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Neenah. But who actually are the volunteers who make this meal each month? They are pictured below. Thank you all for your selfless service to feed the hungry in our community! And thanks to the members of St. Mark's who support this effort with your Mission of the Month contributions.

Pictured below (*from the left*): Pat Thompson, Evie Peterson, Renie Sebstead, Alan Tegelman, Judy Olson, Pastor Niveen, Phyllis Ziemke, and Sandy Pederson:

Not pictured: Geri Marta



Ad + Ministers Meet!

On Tuesday, September 24, our church administrator, Jean Memken, attended a meeting of church support staff from around the synod. The meeting was led by Pastor Jenn Pockat from the Synod staff and was held at Imago



Dei Camp near Clintonville. Jean reports that it was interesting to meet with other administrators and to hear about how they operate and what challenges they face. Almost half of the administrators in attendance did not currently have a pastor at their churches. It seemed the biggest challenge for most of the group was finding volunteers to do the work of the church. Hearing about the problems many other church administrators face each day made Jean all the more **thankful to God for her St. Mark's family!!** Following the meeting, Jean met up with former Pastor Bob Wilkinson and his wife Laurie for lunch. Pastor Bob sends greetings to all!

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Neenah, WI 54956

