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Sunday School 8:45 am
(September-May, every
other Sunday)

Adult Forum
Sundays 9:00 am

Worship
Sundays 10:00 am
(Holy Communion on 1st
and 3rd Sundays)

Bible Study
Thursdays 1:30 pm

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“For our paschal lamb, Christ, has been sacrificed” (1 Corinthians 5:7 NRSV).

You have likely heard the word **“Paschal.”** But have you ever paused to consider what it means and why it lies at the very heart of our faith?

The word *Paschal* comes to us through a rich linguistic and theological journey:

- **Hebrew:** *Pesach* (Passover) — when God “passed over” the Israelites and spared them from death (Exodus 12)
- **Greek:** *Pascha* — the New Testament term for Passover
- **Latin:** *Paschalis* — meaning “pertaining to Passover”
- **English:** *Paschal* — referring to Easter and Christ’s saving work

These connections remind us that Easter is not separate from Passover, but deeply rooted in it.

In the New Testament, Paul the Apostle expresses this clearly:

“For our paschal lamb, Christ, has been sacrificed. Therefore let us keep the Festival, not with the old bread leavened with malice and wickedness, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth” (1 Corinthians 5:7-8 NRSV).

Jesus is our ***Paschal Lamb***. Just as the Passover lamb was sacrificed for the deliverance of God’s people, so Christ offers himself for the salvation of the world. His death frees us—not from earthly bondage, but from sin and death itself.

Yet the story does not end with the cross. The Paschal mystery reaches its fullness in the resurrection. The Lamb who was slain is now the risen Lord. Through his victory over death, we are given new and everlasting life.

Thus, “Paschal” is not only about sacrifice—it proclaims our passage with Christ from death to life, through his death and resurrection.

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Pastor's Easter Message

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As St. Melito of Sardis (100-180 A.D) beautifully proclaims:

Come, then, all you nations of men [and women], receive forgiveness for the sins that defile you. I am your forgiveness. I am the Passover (*Pascha*) that brings salvation. I am the lamb who was sacrificed for you. I am your ransom, your life, your resurrection, your light, I am your salvation and your king. I will bring you to the heights of heaven. With my own right hand I will raise you up, and I will show you the eternal Father.

Building on this powerful proclamation of Christ as our Pascha, we are invited not only to hear these words, but to live them in the joy and hope of the Resurrection.

I wish you all a blessed Easter season.

Christ is risen!
Christ is risen indeed!
Alleluia!

Rev. Dr. Niveen Ibrahim Sarras, Ph.D



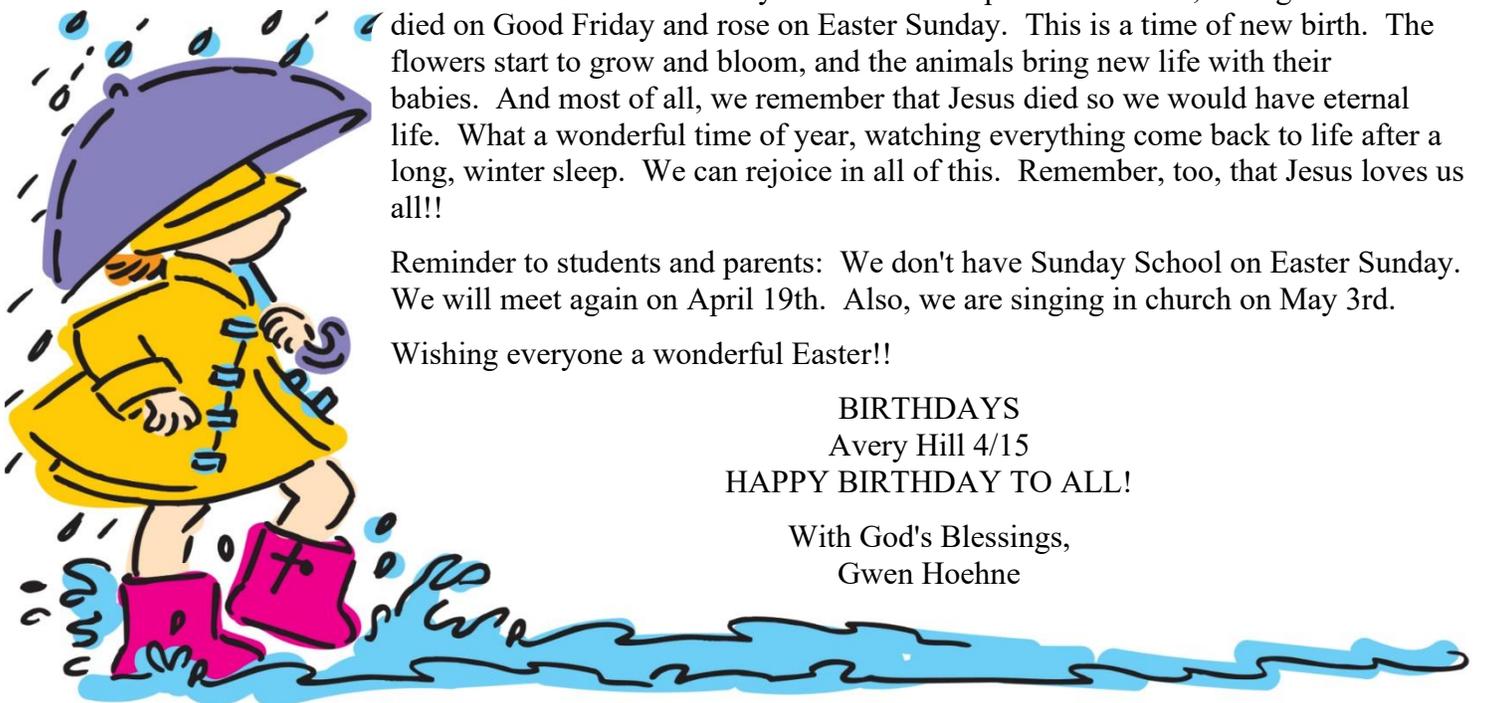
We end March with the start of Holy Week. The students and others will march into church on Palm Sunday waving the palms just like the people did when Jesus rode into Jerusalem on that Sunday. This starts the path to the cross, during which Jesus died on Good Friday and rose on Easter Sunday. This is a time of new birth. The flowers start to grow and bloom, and the animals bring new life with their babies. And most of all, we remember that Jesus died so we would have eternal life. What a wonderful time of year, watching everything come back to life after a long, winter sleep. We can rejoice in all of this. Remember, too, that Jesus loves us all!!

Reminder to students and parents: We don't have Sunday School on Easter Sunday. We will meet again on April 19th. Also, we are singing in church on May 3rd.

Wishing everyone a wonderful Easter!!

BIRTHDAYS
Avery Hill 4/15
HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ALL!

With God's Blessings,
Gwen Hoehne





Holy Week
AT ST. MARK'S

Maundy Thursday
APRIL 2 • 6:30 PM
Agape Meal • Holy Communion •
Washing of Feet or Hands
Fellowship Hall

Good Friday • APRIL 3
12:00 PM Ecumenical Service at St. Paul Lutheran Church
6:30 PM Service of Darkness at St. Mark's

Easter Sunday
APRIL 5 • 10:00 AM
Celebration of the Resurrection at St. Mark's

Holy Week at St. Mark's

Thursday, April 2, 6:30 p.m. — Maundy Thursday

An Agape Meal Service will be held, including a simple supper, the celebration of Holy Communion, and the customary ritual of the washing of feet or hands. The service will begin at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Don't miss this meaningful opportunity to come together in unity and love.

Friday, April 3 — Good Friday

At **noon**, an ecumenical Good Friday observance will take place at St. Paul Lutheran Church.

At **6:30 p.m.**, St. Mark's will hold a Service of Darkness. During this solemn service, we will hear Jesus' words from the cross and remember his suffering and death.

Sunday, April 5, at 10:00 a.m. — Easter Sunday

The congregation will gather to celebrate the joy of the Resurrection. Fellowship will follow the worship service.

Anyone Up for Some More BINGO? You Bet!

Join us on Monday, April 20th, for another fun-filled afternoon of BINGO. As always, there will be food. There will be prizes. And there will be lots of fun with your St. Mark's family! It all starts at 1:00 pm, so plan to be there! And bring a friend!



As always, the Food Pantry was very busy in February. We had 65 people shopping to feed 185 family members. We had some very nasty weather, but they still kept coming. Let's hope for better weather soon.

We had a very generous donation from the Neenah-Menasha Elks Club. They gave us a gift of pork chops. We are very grateful for their generosity. If you know any Elks, please thank them for such a wonderful gift. Our clients will be very happy to get something different to choose from. Thanks to so many members for helping us do a wonderful service to help others. **Currently, we need more Hamburger Helper and Saltine Crackers** on our pantry shelves. Thank you for all your donations.—Karen Jordan



The meeting was called to order at 6:37 pm.

Attendance:

Present: Dawn Jones, Laurie Olson, JT Rose, Tom Frantz, Joe Rehorst, Tammie Kersten, Tara Dieck

Absent: Pastor Niveen, Jason Blank

Devotions were given by Tom Frantz.

Approval of 2/19/2026 Meeting minutes. **MSC by Tom Frantz/Tammie Kersten to approve the minutes.**

Thank you's: Lenten Meals/St Patrick's Day themed Fellowship: Tom, Laurie, Tammie, Dawn

Did You Know: May: History of Geraniums planted outside – Pat Thompson/Phyllis (Dawn will contact).

Financial Report: Laurie reviewed current account balances through end of February 2026. February's giving to current monthly expenses was \$16,282.38 and expenses of \$17,390.92. The difference was -\$1,108.54. Total Associated Bank checking has a balance of \$165,572.90 which includes \$70,058.97 allocated to designated accounts and \$95,513.93 for current operating. Additionally, \$175,308.72 in the Thrivent money market/short term bonds and \$1,065.67 in Thrivent TIPS account and \$58,647.98 in the ELCA Mission Investment. Year-to-date: \$24,823.65 in expenses and \$27,191.55 in giving with a net of \$2,367.90.

MSC by JT Rose/Tom Frantz to approve the Financial Report.

Pastor's Report ~ Pastor Niveen Sarras

March has been a month of meaningful ministry, fellowship, and faithful service in the life of our congregation. Together, we continue to grow as a community shaped by worship, learning, and care for one another.

On March 8, during Sunday worship, we celebrated the installation of the Church Council and the chairs of our ministry teams. This moment reminded us that leadership in the church is a calling to serve Christ and one another with humility and faithfulness. Later that morning, I met with the Youth Ministry Team to plan a special fellowship event originally scheduled for Sunday, March 15, in honor of St. Patrick's Day.

Due to severe weather conditions, we had to cancel the worship service on Sunday, March 15. As a result, the planned St. Patrick's Day celebration was postponed and will now take place on Sunday, March 22. In addition, the meeting of the Worship and Music Ministry Team was also rescheduled because of the storm.

Even though we were unable to gather in person for worship on March 15, I prepared a written devotion and shared it with the congregation via email, so that we could remain spiritually connected despite the weather.

On March 9, the Social Ministry Team gathered to continue planning and supporting our outreach efforts. Their work remains a powerful witness to Christ's love in action as we seek to serve our neighbors in need.



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The following day, March 10, I helped with our monthly Community Table gathering. Community Table continues to be a blessing, offering food, fellowship, and a sense of belonging to many in our wider community.

Throughout this season of Lent, we have also gathered for midweek worship with St. Paul, taking time for prayer, reflection, and renewal as we journey toward Easter.

Beyond scheduled meetings, a significant part of this month’s ministry has included visiting homebound members, offering pastoral presence, prayer, and Holy Communion. These visits are sacred moments that remind us of the deep bonds of faith that unite our congregation.

Teaching and learning also remain central to our shared life. I continue to lead Bible study as we explore the Book of Ruth together, listening for God’s Word and reflecting on how it guides our lives today.

In addition, several February commitments continued to bear fruit in March, including teaching Sunday School, offering a presentation for the Women’s Circle at First Methodist Church in Neenah, and participating in the showing of the film *Where Olive Trees Weep*, which sparked meaningful conversation and reflection.

As we move through Lent, I give thanks for the many ways our congregation lives out the gospel—through worship, study, service, and care for one another. May the Holy Spirit continue to guide and strengthen us as we follow Christ together.

Yours in Christ,
Rev. Dr. Niveen Ibrahim Sarras
MSC by Joe Rehorst/Tammie Kersten to approve the Pastor’s report.

Ministry Team Reports:

Christian Education Ministry Team~ *No Meeting this Month*

Property Ministry Team—Monday, March 2, 2026 ~ *Submitted by Bruce Grundman*

Members Present: Bruce Grundman, Phyllis Ziemke, Ginny Schieck, and Joe Rehorst

- The parking lot light has been fixed.
- The snowblower has been fixed. IT was pulling to the left.
- Laurie Olson is still waiting for a quote on an outdoor security camera.
- Bruce will look into installing sidewalk lights between the church and apartments.
- Spring clean-up day will be discussed at the April meeting.
- Joe will be working on the lights this month.
- Phyllis will be speaking to a landscape company for an idea or estimate for the grounds around our electronic sign.
- Parking lot project is not complete. Intentionally scheduled to finish in spring to address settling, etc.


Please be Praying for...


Ellen LaMarche
Sarah Lamb
Richie Sczerzen
Mary Ellen Tracey
Chris
Alex F.

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Social Ministry Team—Monday, March 9, 2026 ~ Submitted by Gwen Hoehne

Chairperson: Karen Jordan

Members Present:

Pat Thompson, Phyllis Ziemke, Jane Arps, Gwen Hoehne, Mary Jane Hartley, and Pastor Niveen.

Discussion and Action Items

1. Graduation Recognition

The committee discussed plans for recognizing graduating students. Graduation recognition will take place on **May 24, 2026**.

2. Easter Gift Cards

The committee made a decision regarding the distribution of **Easter gift cards** for individuals and families in need.

3. Food Pantry Support

The committee will apply to **Manderfield's Bakery** for a bread donation for the food pantry. Applications must be submitted **two weeks in advance**. The pantry may receive approximately **30–50 loaves of bread** through this program.

4. Donation Received

The food pantry received a donation of **pork chops from the Elks Neenah-Menasha**.

Next Meeting

Monday, April 13, 2026

1:00 p.m.

St. Mark's Apartments

Worship and Music Ministry Team — Monday, March 16, 2026 ~ Meeting postponed due to weather.

Youth Ministry Team—Sunday, February 8, 2026 ~ Submitted by Laurie Olson

Members Present: Laurie Olson, Sherri Denney, Ginny Schieck, Jeff Tharp, and Pastor Niveen.

Members Absent: Jenny Case, Nancy Rose, Joe Rose, and JT Rose.

Prayer: Sherri opened with a prayer

Business for Consideration

Valentine's Day Dinner Review:

Everyone thought it was a huge success. Great food, fellowship and entertainment. Funds raised for the Bible Camp Fund = \$651.08.

Bible Camper Fund Camper Policy & Funding Request Form:

Laurie reviewed a draft policy on funding bible camp for our St. Mark's youth, along with a funding request form. She noted that there is no written procedure/policy on handling who & how much gets funded. The process that which Crossways handles registration & payment is all online. There has been a long-standing tradition of supporting the camper families. The current balance in the account is \$5,837.25. After reviewing the draft and making suggested changes, the team agreed on the policy.

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Upcoming Events:

- **March 15 Fellowship – St. Patrick’s Day Theme: Discussed food:** Youth Ministry Team hosting fellowship on March 15. Jared -Reuben dip/bread, Jeff-dress as a leprechaun & pistachio fluff, Ginny-potato soup, Pastor Niveen-bread, Sherri-dessert, Laurie-pistachio dessert & chocolate coins. Sherri has a few decorations to use, along with Irish music. Laurie said there are also some decorations from last year in the church basement. All team members are asked to assist with set up & clean up.
- **Synod Bowling -April 25 at Revs, Oshkosh:** We will event our youth and their families to participate. Youth Ministry Team agreed to cover the cost for youth who are active at St. Mark’s and their families.
- **Linwood Place** – we will look at a time in the fall.
- **May** – carwash: No date set.
- **ELCA National Youth Gathering-** Laurie mentioned that an informational webinar has been recorded and is available for churches to review that includes the initial details. Laurie will provide a link to the Youth Ministry Team to view. It will be important that we begin seeking interest and begin that planning process, if there are interested youth. The event is June 28 – July 2, 2027, in Minneapolis, MN. The theme is *Imagine More*.

NOTE: Pastor Niveen will send an email out inviting our youth/families to attend March 15 fellowship and assist where possible. Also, to invite them to the Synod Bowling event on April 25 (Laurie will provide Pastor Niveen with a bowling flyer, to include in her email.)

Closed with the Lord’s Prayer.

Next meeting: Sunday, April 12 at 11:15 am.

Connections Ministry Team – Monday, February 23, 2026 ~ Submitted by Tom Frantz

Sign up sheets for Altar Flowers and Fellowship hosting were circulated at the meeting. There are some dates open on each sheet for both Lenten and Sunday worship. Connections Ministry Team will sponsor altar flowers on Sunday June 28. Depending on the team’s craft sale account balance, members of the team may need to chip in. Reminder that St. Paul Lutheran will host two Wednesday night soup dinners for Lent.

Bingo resumes March 16. Bingo will be held the third Monday of the month. Food/snacks are needed. Items from Dollar Tree make great prizes. Reminder that if you contribute personal care products they must be sealed.

We will continue to purchase the ad in the Neenah News. There was discussion about making the print more legible. After the meeting concluded we discovered that Laurie Olson already asked Neenah News to redesign the ad. The design of the ad has been addressed.

Reminder to send cards to our homebound members to let them know they’ve not been forgotten and that we keep them in our prayers and thoughts.

Connections Ministry Team is looking for new ideas to connect within our church and in the community. Please give this some thought and consideration. We will share ideas at a future meeting.

Tom briefed the team on the Palm Sunday Path event. It will be a peaceful rally held at Houdini Plaza in Appleton on Palm Sunday, March 29 from 1 until 3 pm. The purpose is to remind people that churches exist and to communicate Christian values at a time when there is despair about events in our country and the

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world. A key message is to “love thy neighbor.” About 12 churches from throughout the Fox Valley are actively participating. More are expected to join. Other Palm Sunday Path events are being held in cities in the state, and Iowa, North and South Dakota, Minnesota and others. An event flier is available on the table in the narthex. See Tom for additional details.

This year’s Lenten theme is “The Hands of the Lord.” A devotional booklet tied to the theme is available. The Sunday morning Adult Forum will also relate to the theme.

Linda will be taking the kids activity bags home for cleaning. Thank-you Linda.

Mary Jane has sent of community organizations that are the recipients of the craft fair proceeds to Laurie Olson. Checks will be sent to them soon.

The next craft fair will be held Saturday, October 24. Applications for vendors will be available in Juen. A booth will be \$35. Tables #5.00 each and electric \$5.00.

A personal hygiene and paper product collection is currently underway.

The meeting concluded with the Lord’s Prayer.

Racial Equity Ministry Team—Tuesday, March 10, 2026 ~ *Submitted by Laurie Olson*

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

Pastor Niveen opened the meeting with a prayer.

Reviewed Kartika Putri performing at our April 26th worship service. Kartika is Indonesian and has a PhD in music. Mary Jane will check with Lois Hill to see if our team could add a couple Indonesian fellowship dishes for that day’s fellowship, since Lois is signed up to host. Pastor Niveen and Pat will discuss accommodations.

Hmoob/Mong event at PAC March 12 and is free to the community. We posted in on the St. Mark’s Facebook page, for anyone who may wish to attend.

Book Study will be Wednesday, May 6th from 6-8 pm at St. Mark’s. The book will be ***Just Mercy*** by Bryan Stevenson. Dawn has gathered discussion questions and has texted links to the team for their review. Barb will lead the study. Laurie will put some publicity together for posting on Facebook and for the newsletter and the narthex.

Reviewed a request for St. Mark’s to consider hosting an ***exhibit on Palestine’s history of Displacement and Fragmentation, and vision for return***. This exhibit is available for use free of charge. It’s 25 visuals printed and laminated and can stand on easels provided). Barb will get back to the group offering the exhibit with questions the team has, and we will discuss further at our April 21 meeting.

Adjourned at 7:45 pm with the Lord’s Prayer.

Next meeting will be April 21 at 6:30 pm.

Finance and Stewardship Ministry Team—Tuesday, March 17, 2026 ~ *Did not meet due to weather.*

MSC by JT Rose/Joe Rehorst to accept the Ministry Team Reports.

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Unfinished Business:

Path to Palm Sunday Update:

15 Congregations participating from as far away as Green Bay, Freemont, Waupaca
 There will be music, speakers, Bishop will be speaking, commissioning pledge to practice what the purpose of the day was about
 Walking routes established with a central drop off area near Houdini Plaza for those less mobile
 Target participation is 1000 ppl.
 6 people from St Marks are participating
 Use QR code to register

Music Ad Hoc Update:

Delores' vocal performance, originally scheduled for 3/15, will be rescheduled – TBA
 Pat Westpahl made a trip to Stevens Point to pick up a set of contemporary Christian songbooks.
 Delores and Judy are looking through them for ideas to incorporate into worship services
 Brass Quintet performance on March 8 was well received and appreciated
 Jean, Judy, and Pat are preparing a flute, piano, vocal piece for Maundy Thursday
 Ad Hoc committee to meet after church on Sunday, 3/22 (was originally scheduled to meet on 3/15)

Lighting Update:

2 Rooms need fixtures changed out and will be scheduled when additional help is available – Joe will be reaching out to someone he's worked with in the past to align schedules

Computer Upgrade:

Progress is slow, but there is progress or at least a light at the end of the tunnel. Completing the computer upgrade is reliant on Council approving new business related to programmable back door system.

New Business

Approve new programmable back door system - LaForce

Cloud-based system
 Initial investment of \$2,495
 Annual subscription \$301.50 (current rate)
 Upon approval, project can be scheduled and completed (~4 weeks out)
 Upon approval, computer upgrades can finally be completed

MSC by Tammie Kersten/Joe Rehorst to approve new programmable back door system.

Approve additional outdoor cameras

Three addition cameras for outdoor surveillance
 Investment: \$2,128 (no subscription fee needed)
 Recommended mounting locations will cover parking lot, side entrance and front entrance of building

MSC by Tom Frantz/JT Rose to approve additional outdoor cameras.

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Church Council Academy:

Saturday, 4/18 (9:00 am– 3:00 pm)

Location: St. John's - Marion

Around the table attendees: Laurie, Dawn, JT (maybe), Tom (maybe), Joe (no), Tammie (no), Tara, (no) Confirm attendance with Laurie Olson

MSC by Laurie Olson/Tammie Kersten to adjourn at 7:40 pm.

Closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Next meeting: April 16, 2026 at 6:30 pm

Devotions: JT Rose

Minutes: Laurie Olson



Our Sunday Servants

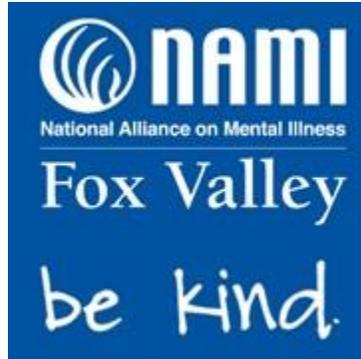
Date	Assisting Minister	Reader	Greeters	Ushers	Counters	Acolyte
April 2 Maundy Thursday				Joy Case		
April 3 Good Friday				Bruce Grundman		
April 5 Easter Sunday	Jean Memken	Pat Westphal	Pat Thompson Phyllis Ziemke	Doug Hesser Judie Hilliker	Jeff Tharp Fern Fuhrmann Lorrie Wood	Avery Hill
April 12 Holy Humor Sunday	Jeff Tharp	Tom Frantz	Linda Anderson Nancy Maslow	Judy Fowler Ginny Schieck	Pat Westphal Jason Blank Jenny Blank	
April 19	Bruce Grundman	Jenny Case	Chuck Baumgartner Sherri Denney	John & Laurie Olson Shaun Johnson	Gwen Hoehne Doug Sebstead Renie Sebstead	Vayda Zielinski
April 26	J.T. Rose	LaVerne Arndt	Joy Case Jenny Case	Joe & Linda Rehorst	Bruce Grundman Lois Kemp Linda Anderson	

Communion Assistants:

April 5 – Easter Sunday – (Continuous) – Chuck Baumgartner, Jean Memken, Joe Rehorst, J.T. Rose, and Avery Hill

April 19 – (Intinction): Linda Anderson, Sherri Denney, and Adam Clifford

Altar Guild: Ginny Schieck and Jean Memken



The Mission of the Month for April is NAMI Fox Valley, a local affiliate of the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI), a grassroots mental health organization. They provide mental health support, education, and outreach to our community – working to raise awareness about mental health issues, reduce stigma, and improve access to mental health services in the community.

As an affiliate of the national NAMI organization, Fox Valley NAMI is able to offer certain signature mental health programs developed by NAMI, and they can be part of NAMI's powerful nationwide voice for mental health advocacy. They are unique in that even though they are in alliance with the national NAMI, they operate as an independent nonprofit organization that does not receive any monetary support from NAMI.

Serving Calumet, Outagamie, Waupaca and northern Winnebago counties in Wisconsin, NAMI Fox Valley works tirelessly to raise awareness and to provide essential support, education, and outreach programs for people living with mental illness, their loved ones, and the community at large. Through the efforts of their dedicated staff and volunteers, they offer a wide variety of mental health programs that touch over 10,000 participants each year. They have many support groups, and work with schools and workplaces to provide mental health support. These groups and seminars provide participants with a relaxed, trusting, and safe environment to share with and support others who can empathize with their experiences. Peer support groups, which are offered at no charge to participants, are available in both in-person and online.

Please consider donating to this much needed organization in our community. Mark Mission of the Month on your giving envelope or make an electronic donation through VANCO.



GIVE NOW

Scan the code and give to support the ministry of St. Mark's Lutheran Church. Thank you.



Our Bible Studies will be taking a break during Holy Week.

The Sunday morning Adult Forum will not be meeting on Palm Sunday or Easter Sunday, but will resume on April 12th.

The Thursday afternoon Bible Study will not be meeting on April 2 which is Maundy Thursday.

Both of these studies have recently started new topics, so it is a perfect time join them and to be a part of this ministry. Come and join them! Check in the church office for more information.

Help for the Homeless Nets a LOT of Donations!

This year for our Lenten Service Project, we partnered with a variety of agencies and churches in the Fox Valley to collect cleaning and hygiene items for homeless families in our community. We were given a BIG box to fill with toothbrushes, soap, cleaning supplies, diapers, shampoo and a host of other items that are greatly needed by homeless families in the Fox Valley. Our members, along with a few of our friends from St. Paul Lutheran Church, heeded the call and filled that box and more. When we received the box, we were told if all the boxes that were distributed around the Fox Valley were filled, they would have enough supplies to help those in need in our communities for a whole year. We filled and surpassed their goal, and we filled our food pantry shopping basket four times to cart all these items to the car that came to pick them up! Thanks for loving your neighbor through your generous donations!



Toothbrushes and toothpaste (on left) were popular donations, along with many bottles of shampoo and body wash.



Pastor Niveen and Ginny Schieck (and the BOX!) show some of the many items that were donated.



Paper products overflowing! Lots of paper towels, toilet paper, diapers, and feminine hygiene products were donated

Synod Youth Bowling Event

LET'S BOWL TOGETHER!



It's all about community in Christ and sharing in a time of connection & fun!

SAT
APRIL
25
NOON-2 PM

Open to St. Mark's Youth & their families. If interested, contact the church office & complete registration form.. Youth Ministry Team will cover bowling/shoes/pizza fee.

Held at Rolling Thunder Lanes, Neenah

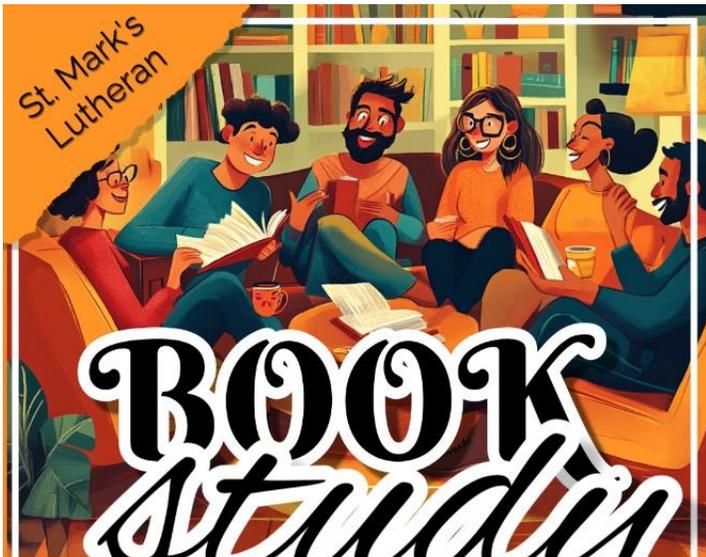
St. Mark's Youth Ministry Team

Variety Show on April 8

We have been invited to attend a Coffee House & Variety Show at Our Savior's Lutheran Church at 809 S. Commercial Street in Neenah on Wednesday, April 8th from 6:30-8:30 pm. This show is a special send-off for Pastor Jon, who will be going on a 2-month Sabbatical. There will be music, coffee, desserts and fun for all Ages! Plan to attend!



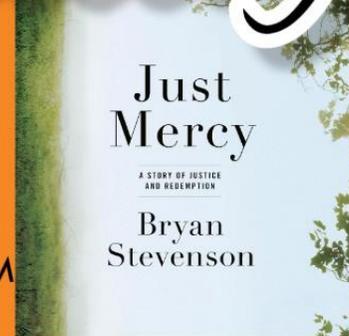
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BOOK Study

Join the Racial Equity Ministry Team as they gather to discuss

6th May 6PM-8PM



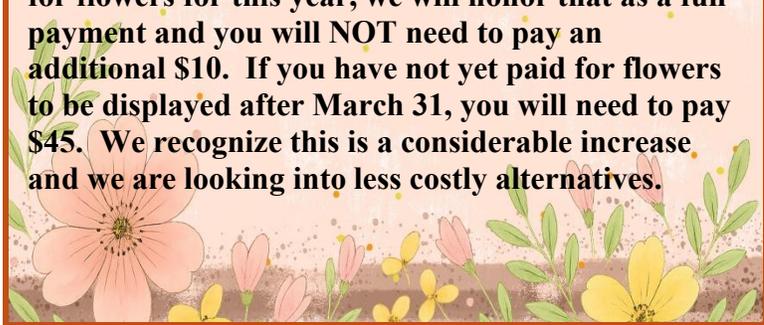
In the lounge at St. Mark's Lutheran

Sign up at St. Mark's:
email: office@stmarksneenah.org or
call: 920.725.2828

Books will be made available at no cost. If you need a copy, please let the office know when signing up.

Flower Donation Cost to Increase

As of April 1, the cost to donate a bouquet for the altar will increase to \$45. If you have already paid for flowers for this year, we will honor that as a full payment and you will NOT need to pay an additional \$10. If you have not yet paid for flowers to be displayed after March 31, you will need to pay \$45. We recognize this is a considerable increase and we are looking into less costly alternatives.



WELCA Joint Conference Meeting on April 25 - Learn More About the Enchanting Labyrinth

The Appleton and Oshkosh WELCA Conferences will be meet together from 8:30 am – Noon at All Saints Lutheran Church, 1072 Honey Creek Road in Oshkosh.

Here's the Schedule:

Registration and beverages 8:30-9:00 Am.

9:00 Welcome and Acknowledgements- Lynn Beck

9:15 - President Updates/Brief Meeting Lynn

9:45 - Worship – Pastor Leslie O'Callaghan

10:15 - Light Brunch

11:00 - Labyrinth Journey – By Deb Martin and Pastor Barb Girod

12:00 - Depart

Worship offering – Will go to ELCA World Hunger and Women of the ELCA

In Kind Donations- diapers and Hygiene products will be given to the local Food Pantry.

Deadline to signup is March 30! If you are interested in attending, let the church office know. We will apply for an Endowment Grant to pay for the registrations.



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