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St. Mark Memo



November 2021 Newsletter

Halloween Event for St. Mark Youth and Friends



HALLOWEEN FUN



**All youth ages 12-17 are
invited for Halloween fun
at St. Mark.**

Sunday October 31st

2pm-6pm

Activities to include:

**Games, eating pizza, watching a movie,
and passing out candy to the neighborhood kids.**

Costumes optional.

RSVP to Vicar Eric, email or text.

vicaronbroadway@gmail.com, 860.371.5969



Pastor Mary's Thoughts



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Pastor Mary:

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mimarobinson@aol.com

Pastoral Emergencies:
860-326-1031

If you would like
to make an appointment
with Pastor Mary,
please call
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860-887-6826.

Morning Prayer

**Mondays and Fridays
at 9:00 a.m.**

Morning Prayer often
meets outside in the
parking lot. Other
times it is held in the
chapel.

**Phone or
Internet Zoom
860-326-1031**

What is happening at St. Mark Lutheran Church? Worship each Sunday at 9:30 outside in warm weather and inside when it is cooler. There is uplifting music lead by Ian and Chris and well prepared readers, ushers, acolytes, cantors and assisting ministers. Vicar Eric preaches and leads worship in an elegant and graceful manner. Chris, Joe, Joshua, Tom and Brian make the sound and virtual projection reach many beyond our building. All is done in one hour on Sundays.

But there is much more. Worship each Monday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday has been happening. Monday and Friday at 9:00 a.m. voices sing the liturgy of Morning Prayer Service from the Evangelical Lutheran Book of Worship, scripture read and prayers ascend to God. Morning Prayer worship takes place outside in the summer and in the chapel in cold weather. Thursdays the worship is a devotion lead by Vicar Eric and meditative walking reaching ministry out into the community. Saturday "Dinner Church" completes our week of worship.

In addition to worship, happenings at St. Mark are, Bible Study and educational seminars, collection of food for the local soup kitchen, Community Luncheon, youth group activities, providing a location for Bully Busters, Home school children, Unitarian Universalist Church congregation, Cornerstone City Church congregation, citizen of Norwich for voting. So much we have to consider as we begin to plan for the year of 2022. Can we afford the staff to keep this much ministry going? Can we get proper repairs to the building? What is the budget going to dictate? A question is about the staff. In August of 2022 Vicar Eric will have completed his year of internship. To which congregation will he be called to be pastor? Is it possible that St. Mark will be the site for another intern? Will the contract with Pastor Mary be renewed? Will there be a new pastor called to serve St. Mark? Will that be a full-time or a part time call? I certainly have been praying for God to reveal to St. Mark answers. When the finance committee examines the budget that committee will be in prayer that God's work be done. When we as a congregation meet in December to vote on a budget for 2022 we will pray that God's work be done. This is my prayer, "God's work be done."

NOVEMBER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sundays - 9:30 a.m. - Worship
Mondays & Fridays - 9:00 a.m. - Morning Prayer
Thursdays - 9:00 a.m. - Walking Worship
Saturdays - 5:30 p.m. - Dinner Church Worship
at the Place on Broadway

Vicar Eric's Thoughts



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St. Mark will
be
*The Voting
Place*
on
November 2

The first time I toured St. Mark with Pastor Mary she indicated to me that St. Mark was built to resemble a tabernacle. A tabernacle was a tent. It was a temporary shelter where worship was held during Israel's wilderness period. If you confer with the book of Exodus in chapter 26 and 27 you find very detailed information of how it was constructed and set up.

The tabernacle was portable like any other tent. The Israelites were able to carry it with them along with the ark of the covenant and an altar when traveling.

I am drawn to the book of Hebrews as I consider tents as well as faith. In chapter 11 of Hebrews is the story of Abraham relying on faith not knowing exactly where he was going. He was traveling and staying in tents as he journeyed to receive his inheritance.

Verses from Hebrews that got me thinking,

11:10 For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God."

11:16 "But as it is, they desire a better country, that is a heavenly one. Therefore, God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them."

The language of a "better country" or "heavenly one" is the same language used to describe the inheritance of Canaan. What does this mean for St. Mark? Is our tabernacle our inheritance or is our inheritance the love of God that comes to us spiritually? Perhaps both. These words in Hebrews reference the promise land but also a spiritual journey. If we think of the church as a tent that is portable it means that our relationship with God need not be confined to a specific place. We too are on a spiritual journey. We are called to go out and to minister outside of the walls. We can also worship at home and at other parishes when we are unable to come to St. Mark. We should consider that our building is an important place. Just like the tabernacle described in Exodus stood out for all to see and was known to be a Holy place so too is St. Mark in the city of Norwich. As I go out and about and meet folks in the city, they are very much aware of our location, and many have entered our tabernacle for various reasons. Our tabernacle serves other churches, it is a place for folks to be fed both physically and spiritually, it provides space for homeschoolers, for the Bully Busters program, other parishes, and musical performers. just to name a few.

May we always allow faith to lead us.

A note from the office

The office is open 9-Noon
Monday-Thursday

For office questions you can
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For the Pastor please call
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326-1031.

For the Vicar please call Vicar
Eric Heinrich at 860-371-5969.

Worship Schedule

Saturdays - 5:30 p.m.

Sundays - 9:30 a.m.

Worship on Facebook / YouTube

YouTube channel: [ThePlace.stmark](#)

Links found on Facebook: [NorwichLutherans](#)

You have a choice:

Worshipping in person or virtual

Morning Prayer

Mondays & Fridays - 9:00 a.m.

Thursdays - 9:00 a.m. Walking Prayer



Saturday Dinner Church Worship at The Place

Saturday Worship at the Place is at 5:30 pm. Each Saturday the doors are open to welcome anyone who wishes to praise God and pray with others.

A complete meal is prepared and served by those who come to worship. Since we are eating the meal as part of the service itself, worship is in

Memorial Hall because the dinner tables are already in place.

Indoor Worship

We are now worshipping indoors for the winter months. You may enter from the large doors off Broadway and make your way to a pew safely distancing from others. Masks are a good protection from spreading the virus and are encouraged. If you enter the door from the parking lot please be aware that others might be near and be patient to keep all safe from the spread of the virus.

Midweek Messages

There is an opportunity to share your thoughts about your spiritual life. You are invited to write one or more of these midweek messages. Call or email the church office for more information.

Advent

Advent is so often just a time of waiting for Christmas. Others use the four weeks of Advent as a calm prayerful time before the on slot of Christmas feasting. The lighting of a weekly candle on the Advent wreath is beautiful to behold. The evergreen wreath proclaims life even in winter's cold barren nature. The candles move us into the future one week at a time. The color of the season of Advent is deep blue of a confident and embodied hope in God's future now. There will be an Advent making wreath event on Sunday Nov. 28 directly following worship. Bring your garden clippers to trim the evergreens that will be used in creating a wreath for your family to take home. There will be an Advent devotion calendar for each family. Come as families and bring children and grandchildren to our Advent wreath building event.



Confirmation Instruction

Attention Families with 12 year olds or youth who have not been confirmed.



Confirmation class for St. Mark youth has begun. Vicar Eric will be collaborating with Pastor Heidi at St. Luke in Gales Ferry to teach confirmation. Their first study is of the Old Testament texts. Class will be held at St. Luke on Sundays starting at 10:45ish-12:00.

New Course - The Story of the Bible

On November 13, we will be concluding the Course on Cathedrals and begin a new Course on The Story of the Bible. This will be presented by the renowned scholar Luke Timothy Johnson. This course can illuminate for you the remarkable and complicated process by which this great book came into being. Tracing the development of biblical texts across millennia, Professor Johnson takes you on a journey from the farthest reaches of ancient history through antiquity and the Middle Ages up to the present. You'll learn about the many forms the Bible has taken and the ways history, scholarship, and technology have helped shape this great tradition, as well as the Bible's powerful influence on human history and culture.

Community Luncheon Prep



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Other Officers: Financial Secretary, Rick Neuendorf

CALLING A CONGREGATIONAL BUDGET MEETING

In order to approve the budget for 2022 before that year begins, we are calling a Congregational Meeting to be held solely for the purpose of approving the proposed budget on *Sunday, December 19th* at 11:00 a.m. in Memorial Hall. Copies of the proposed budget for 2022 will be made available by mail or email prior to the meeting with the bulletins and at the meeting so that you will have a chance to look it over and respond. Don't miss this important opportunity to share your ideas about our ministry as we plan for the next year.

Annual Committee Reports

In order to have the committee reports ready well in advance of the annual meeting, they need to be in the church office before December 15, 2021. Please email, mail or leave these in the church office. Thank you!



All Saints Sunday

All Saints Sunday is November 7th. Please give us the names of persons you would like remembered in the listing of the saints in the prayers on that day. We will be reading the names of those members who died during the past year as well as those you ask to be included. You can place the names in the offering plate or call the church office.

Form for All Saints Sunday

Your name: _____

Person/s remembered name: _____

Congregation Council

There are open council seats available. If you are interested or would like more information please contact Linda Mandel or Sandy Quarto who are the nominating committee.

Stewardship



In this season we are exploring together what it means to be connected to Christ the vine. Our individual lives and our life together as a community of faith thrive and bear fruit because Jesus fills us with new life again and again. In the midst of a pandemic, in a divided culture, in the face of fear and anxiety, our source of life has kept us going. We are pausing to become more aware of all those ways that God is at work filling our community with life.

Thank you! Thank you for all that you give of yourselves and your gifts of every kind that make our community possible. Thank you for being an important part of this growing, living community rooted in Christ.

As we look to the ways we are rooted and growing and bearing fruit in Christ, we invite you to consider your financial commitment to our shared ministry for this coming year.

Please fill out the pledge card you have received. There will be a final collection of cards on

December 12th during worship as we dedicate our pledges to the finances of St. Mark.

Praise be to God for you, for your gifts, for all you bring to our ministry, and to Christ our vine!

Choir



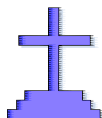
If you like to sing and have ever considered being part of a choir NOW is the time. St. Mark's choir will have it's first gathering on

Wednesday, October 20th at 7:00 p.m. We will be preparing for a Christmas Concert. No auditions are necessary, and the ability to read music is not required. All voices are welcome - we especially need altos. Music, fellowship and the opportunity to praise God through song are there for you. Come and join us!



Bible Study

Bible study is offered on Fridays at 10:00 am. Pastor Mary guides the members in reading and interpreting the texts from the Bible which will be read at the Saturday and Sunday worship that week. Come at 10:00 or remain following Morning Prayer. Coffee will be ready for you to pour yourself a cup. The conversation includes a reading from the Bible and our understanding of just what was intended for our sense of purpose. Come once or come often. Bring your favorite translation or use one of the Bibles already here at the church.



The following gifts to our Memorial & Congregational Funds have been gratefully received and acknowledged with thanks

In Loving Memory of
Harlan Ayers
by
Connie Ayers

Bow Makers Needed

Looking for people willing to make bows **for the youth's Christmas wreaths**. Ribbon will be provided. Please call the church office or talk to Robin Slane if you are interested.



October was Clergy Appreciation Month

We are very grateful for Pastor Mary. Her faith, wisdom, work, kindness, patience, guidance, compassion, support, comfort, strength, dedication, love, leadership, generosity, teaching, encouragement, are a blessing to everyone.



Note of Thanks

Thank you, precious members of St. Mark Lutheran Church for providing a place for me to minister as pastor. I am honored that you have now told me three times on Pastor Appreciation Day you want me as your pastor. What a joy for me to be with you in ministry here in Norwich. Thank you for the bright yellow roses, carnations, and sun flowers. They are center on my dining room table.

Pastor Mary Robinson

2022 ELCA Youth Gathering

Every three years, 30,000 high school youth and their adult leaders from across the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America gather for a week of faith formation known as the ELCA Youth Gathering. Through days spent in interactive learning, worship, Bible study, service and fellowship, young people grow in faith and are challenged and inspired to live their faith in their daily lives.

St. Mark's youth will be attending the Youth Gathering in Minneapolis in 2022. These gatherings are an experience like no other. If you are eligible to attend (anyone in high school including rising freshman and seniors who have just graduated), do not pass up the opportunity! We will be fundraising from now until next July to ensure that the costs of the trip are covered. Currently, the Youth Fund has \$3,981.17 set aside for the Gathering.

If you have any questions or would like more information about the gathering, feel free to ask Vicar Eric, who is coordinating registration for the gathering.



Christmas Wreath Sale to Benefit Youth Trip to ELCA Gathering



We are taking orders for Christmas wreaths during the month of November. These wreaths are made of evergreens embellished by the youth with bows, ornaments and colorful decorations. They can be pre-ordered by using the slip below. All proceeds go to the church youth and will be applied toward the July 2022 ELCA Youth Gathering in Minneapolis, MN. Wreaths are \$25 each and checks

can be made payable to St. Mark Lutheran Church, memo line: Youth Gathering. Please place the order slips in the collection plate. The youth of St. Mark are once again assembling these wreaths on Saturday, November 27th at the Slane/Tolppi house from 10-2. This group could use help with bow making prior to the event. Wreaths will be delivered in church November 28th.

If you have any questions, please contact Sabrina Tolppi at swtolppi@yahoo.com or cell: 860-235-5740 or Vicar Eric at vicaronbroadway@gmail.com or cell: 860-371-5969.

Name: _____

House or Door Color: _____

Number of Wreaths: _____

Money Enclosed: (\$25 each) _____

Lets Walk!

Need a little more exercise? Enjoy walking? Join Vicar Eric and Sandy Quarto on Thursdays at 9 am in the parking lot for a walk at a comfortable pace, enjoying the neighborhood and surrounding area. We will allow an hour but you can walk as long as you like.

Come join us!



Vicar Eric is Starting an Evangelism Team



The purpose of the team will be to make sure that any visitors to the church are welcomed by persons other than the pastor and the vicar. Additionally it is important that visitors are followed up with after a visit to worship or any other function at St. Mark. Vicar Eric also wants to reach out to persons in Norwich. One way is to

use local property transfers as a way to identify people to approach to invite to St. Mark. Vicar Eric envisions a committee that will stop by the homes of both visitors to the church and new property owners with a welcome gift and packet. If you are interested in joining this team and doing this work contact Vicar Eric, via email at vicaronbroadway@gmail.com or call the church office.



Event Cancellation / Snow Policy for St. Mark

Winter weather in New England can be unpredictable. Because of that, there may come a time when events at church may need to be cancelled out of concern for the safety of our members. The process for the cancellation of activities due to inclement weather or other emergencies is as follows: Cancellations will be listed in several different places: 1) On TV. Check WFSB, channel 3 for most of the Norwich Area. 2) On the church website and facebook pages.

Ways you can SERVE

Taking Part in Worship

There are many opportunities for individuals to get involved in worship at St. Mark. Each Sunday, we need volunteers to be assisting ministers, readers, kyrie singers, ushers, altar guild members, cameramen, and audio techs. These roles are vital to our worship, and it is easy to join the volunteer schedule and learn how to do them. If you are interested in helping with any of these roles, please call the office or speak with Linda Mandel. Pastor Mary, along with our audio-visual personnel, are happy to train new volunteers.

Blessing of the Animals

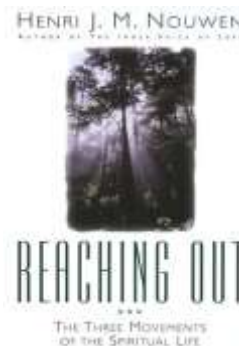


The blessing of animals has returned a significant blessing to our congregation as we saw the love and devotion that people give to their pets.



Book Club - Mondays

The Book Club is reading *Reaching Out* by Henri J. M. Nouwen. With the clarity and depth characteristic of the classics, this spiritual bestseller lays out a perceptive and insightful plan for living a spiritual life and achieving the ultimate goal of that life — union with God. Book Club meets Monday mornings at 10:00 a.m. in the Gathering Room. Discussions are lively, and anyone is welcome to participate. Come join the reading community at St. Mark!



Homeschoolers

The Thames Valley 4-H Homeschooling group began meeting on Friday September 3, at St. Mark and will continue on select Fridays through December 17. They are here 8:30-2:30. We welcome their return and look forward to continuing our relationship with this group of leaders and children. It's always nice to hear children's voices at St. Mark!



Homebound Ministry

The very vital ministry of connecting with our homebound members and friends of St. Mark Church who are not able to come to worship will continue in the months ahead. No instruction is necessary on how to visit. If you would like to join this team of people, please speak to Pastor Mary Robinson or call the church office.

We are also in need of containers to put the flowers in. If you have 2lb plastic containers or 1/2 gallon plastic milk or juice containers please bring them in.

Clothing Shed Ministry

Used clothing can be dropped off in the shed in our parking lot. This ministry will help us function in a more environmentally sound way by diverting clothes away from landfills. There are donation receipts available for tax deductions in the box on the clothing shed.

We are also in need of volunteers to sort through clothing donations. Many of the clothes are in great condition to be given to members of the Norwich community. The volunteers would look through the donations to find clothes that could be distributed as part of the Community Luncheon, and they can even take clothes for themselves or others in their lives. If you are interested in sorting through donations or helping to find a home for these clothes, please email or call the church.





Baptism of Hayden October 17, 2021



Christmas Thoughts



November 28th marks the first Sunday in Advent. The family of St. Mark is adopting four or five needy children. Look for the special tree in the Sanctuary trimmed with the Christmas wishes of these children. Take a tag off the tree and purchase the specific present. Bring this unwrapped gift along with the original tag specifying the child's number and place it under the tree or in the church office before December 10. If you would rather donate money towards a gift put it in the mail, make a donation on our website, or drop it in the mail slot here at St. Mark,. If you write a check please make it out to St. Mark and note adopt a family in the memo line. Thank you!!

November Volunteer Schedule

*These assignments are made based on past willingness to serve.
If this is a problem please contact the church office. Thank you.*

Date:	November 7	November 14	November 21	November 28
Assisting Minister	Virginia Maloney	Robin Slane	Dale Eichholz	Aiden McVicker
Lector	Robin Slane	Aiden McVicker	Sandy Quarto	Sandy Neuendorf
Ushers	Robin Slane Tom Tolppi	Joan Seidel Richard Russ	Sandy Vanase Linda Stewart	Richard Russ Sandy Quarto
Altar Guild	Sandy Neuendorf C. Kuzmenko Linda Stewart	Sandy Neuendorf Sandy Vanase Linda Stewart	Sandy Neuendorf Virginia Maloney Linda Stewart	Sandy Neuendorf Ursula Chartier Linda Stewart

If you are unable to serve on your assigned dates, please let Linda Mandel in the office know who your replacement will be by Wednesday evening so that the changes can be put into the Sunday bulletin.
st.marklutheran248@gmail.com or 860-887-6826 Thank you!

Unitarian Universalist Church

The Unitarian Universalist Church is worshipping on Sundays in the Chapel. They will worship at 10:00 a.m. We welcome them and look forward to sharing our building with their

Prayer Chain



A prayer Chain is a group of persons linked together who take up their responsibility to pray, in their own time and place, for certain persons or concerns made known to them by the prayer chain leader who receives the prayer requests.

The prayer chain here at St. Mark is a means by which we live out our God-given mandate “to pray for one another”. It lets immediate confidential prayer support begin at the time it is needed. Those who have been identified as links in the chain are linked together by

phone or email.

Joy Bachand is the Prayer Leader and can be reached at joybachand@yahoo.com or 860-564-7333. She will make sure prayer needs are sent out to those who chose to be a link in the chain. If you want to become one of the links contact Joy.

Reminder

Don't forget!

Turn your clocks back one hour before you go to sleep Saturday night, November 6th. Daylight Saving Time ends at 2:00 a.m. on November 7th.

2021 Flower Chart



The Flower Chart for 2021 is posted in the Narthex
Reminder:

The cost is \$30.00 per Sunday.



Calendar of Events - November

Monday, November 1

9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer
10:00 a.m. Book Club

Tuesday, November 2

Voting all day—Memorial Hall

6:30 p.m. Cornerstone - Gathering Room

Wednesday, November 3

7:00 p.m. Choir practice

Thursday, November 4

9:00 a.m. Walking

7:00 p.m. AA Meeting - Memorial Hall

Friday, November 5

9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer

10:00 a.m. Bible Study

8:00 p.m. AA Meeting - Memorial Hall

Saturday, November 6

10:00 a.m. Seminar

5:30 p.m. Dinner Church Worship

Sunday, November 7, All Saints Sunday

9:30 a.m. Worship

10:00 a.m. Unitarian Universalist - Chapel

11:00 a.m. Cornerstone

1:00 p.m. Community Luncheon - Memorial Hall

Monday, November 8

9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer

10:00 a.m. Book Club

6:00 p.m. Helping Parents Heal - Gathering Room

Tuesday, November 9

6:30 p.m. Cornerstone - Gathering Room

Wednesday, November 10

7:00 p.m. Choir practice

Thursday, November 11

9:00 a.m. Walking

5:30 p.m. Finance Committee

7:00 p.m. AA Meeting - Memorial Hall

Friday, November 12

8:30 a.m. Homeschoolers

9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer

10:00 a.m. Bible Study

8:00 p.m. AA Meeting - Memorial Hall

Saturday, November 13

10:00 a.m. Seminar

5:30 p.m. Dinner Church Worship

Sunday, November 14, Pentecost 25

9:30 a.m. Worship

10:00 a.m. Unitarian Universalist - Chapel

11:00 a.m. Cornerstone

1:00 p.m. Community Luncheon - Memorial Hall

Monday, November 15

9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer

10:00 a.m. Book Club

Tuesday, November 16

6:30 p.m. Congregation Council - virtual

6:30 p.m. Cornerstone - Gathering Room

Wednesday, November 17

7:00 p.m. Choir practice

Thursday, November 18

9:00 a.m. Walking

7:00 p.m. Worship Committee

7:00 p.m. AA Meeting - Gathering Room

Friday, November 19

9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer

10:00 a.m. Bible Study

8:00 p.m. AA Meeting - Memorial Hall

Saturday, November 20

10:00 a.m. Seminar

5:30 pm. Dinner Church Worship

Sunday, November 21, Christ the King Sunday

9:30 a.m. Worship

10:00 a.m. Unitarian Universalist - Chapel

11:00 a.m. Cornerstone

1:00 p.m. Community Luncheon - Memorial Hall

Monday, November 22

9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer

10:00 a.m. Book Club

Tuesday, November 23

6:30 p.m. Cornerstone - Gathering Room

Wednesday, November 24

7:00 p.m. Choir practice

Thanksgiving - Thursday, November 25

7:00 p.m. AA Meeting - Memorial Hall

Friday, November 26

8:30 a.m. Homeschoolers

9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer

10:00 a.m. Bible Study

8:00 p.m. AA Meeting - Memorial Hall

Saturday, November 27

10:00 a.m. Wreath Making (Slane/Tolppi house)

10:00 a.m. Seminar

5:30 p.m. Dinner Church Worship

Sunday, November 28, Advent 1

9:30 a.m. Worship

10:00 a.m. Unitarian Universalist - Chapel

10:45 a.m. Advent Wreath Event

11:00 a.m. Cornerstone

1:00 p.m. Community Luncheon - Memorial Hall

Monday, November 29

9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer

10:00 a.m. Book Club

Tuesday, November 30

6:30 p.m. Cornerstone - Gathering Room

Birthdays



*Happy Birthday!
To those celebrating their
Birthday in November*



- 17 - Marilyn Williams
- 18 - Jo Glover
- 19 - Gabriella Gooden

If you are celebrating your birthday, and you don't see your name here - please call the church office at 860-887-6826 so we can add it to our records.

Old Batteries?

If you have batteries that need recycling bring them to church. There is a pail in Memorial Hall for you to recycle your old batteries.

Community Luncheon

St. Mark will be providing food for the luncheon being held on November 14. If you want to help prepare the meal please talk to Sue Underhill or Sandy Neuendorf



December Monthly Memo
News Articles

Please send your articles for the **December Monthly Memo** to st.marklutheran248@gmail.com by **Thursday, November 18**. Thank you.

Community Luncheon Grab and Go

The Community Luncheon Grab and Go is being held at St. Mark. People enter through the Memorial Hall door and exit through the handicap door on the side of the building. Tables are set up with food for them to take.

The Community Luncheon, provides a take-out lunch each Sunday. There is a free breakfast and lunch, Monday through Saturday given by St. Vincent de Paul, but Sunday had no opportunity for those in need to have food. Many years ago the Norwich Area Clergy Association began the practice of giving the meal on Sunday to those who live on the streets and those who have no other means of securing food. St. Mark has been involved with this important ministry from the beginning so many years ago. St. Mark has joined with other congregations here in Norwich in providing for the needy. If you would like to be involved please talk to Ines Kallmeyer, Sue Underhill or call the church office.

Cereal Ministry

We'll continue to feed the people for St. Vincent de Paul Place: During the COVID pandemic it has become more difficult to shop for groceries. To simplify giving to St. Vincent de Paul Place you can drop off your cereal at St. Mark or send a check (or drop it in our mail slot) with St. Vincent de Paul in the memo section. They are accepting other non-perishable food items as well. We will send the money and cereal to them once a month.

If you would like to give to this ministry, any donation would be appreciated. This is our opportunity to still safely support an outreach ministry.



Prayer List

We include in our prayers:

Homebound members: Betty & Bob Schmidt, Bruce Ashline, Hazel Lotring, Martha Johnson, Irene Signorino, Debbie Andrews, Irene Toscano.

Clergy: For Elizabeth and Jim, our Bishops; for Mary, our Pastor; for Eric, our Vicar.

We pray for the sick especially: Lydia Tibbals, Jim Quarto, Robert Clapp, Carl Sadosky, Grady Sadosky, Claire Shaffer, Marian Lowry, Candy Krajewski, Carolyn Melvin, Bob Weaver, Kathy Yarger, Charlene Seltz, Mary Elizabeth Lang, Rob Peterson, James Signorino, Christina McCann, Lina McCann, Hope McCann, Yvonne Scott, Sarah Sullivan, Parker Churney, Charles Peters, Jennifer Stark, Janet Hatch.

We pray especially for: Those with addictions, their families & friends. Children being sexually abused, adults healing from abuse, the homeless, all persons living with HIV/AIDS, those who have been affected by COVID-19. Those who are out of work or looking for work; those with a mental illness, the families and friends who support them.



Prayers Needed:

We have received a letter from Mission of the Good Shepherd Church in Belize, Central America asking only for prayers for special children in need especially Susie Westby, Myrtle Tracey, Ashanti Obrien, Orlando Jackson and Stephanie Logan. We will be including all children at this church in our prayers at St. Mark at morning prayer on Monday and Friday and at our church services on Saturday and Sunday. We ask you to include these children in your daily prayers as well. These children have very immediate needs that only God can help with.

If You or a Loved One Go to the Hospital

- * Call the church office as soon as you know you will be admitted.
- * When asked if you are part of a local faith community answer YES, and tell them where you are a member. ***If you are not asked tell them.***
- * When asked if you want your name released to representatives of your church say YES. If you say no, or if you do not give our church's name the hospital will not be able to release your name to us.

Note: L & M Hospital is the only hospital that notifies us when our parishioners are hospitalized.

Facebook Page

We have increased our social media presence with an additional FB page:

ThePlace.StMark

This page is intended to share with the community the number of ways they can be fed at The Place, a place we all lovingly refer to as St. Mark Lutheran Church.

A place for people to be enriched by diversity of religious traditions, to be in community, to be fed, to find music for all, to find peace, to find worship, to find book clubs, to be welcomed.



St. Mark is on Instagram

Check us out on Instagram - @ThePlace.StMark

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