



April 2023 Newsletter



Holy Week and Easter at St. Mark!

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Sunday of the Passion/Palm Sunday, April 2

9:00 a.m.

Blessing of the Palms, Chelsea Parade
Procession to St. Mark

9:30 a.m.

Reading of the Passion according to St. Matthew
Holy Communion

Monday, Holy Week, April 3

9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer

Maundy Thursday, April 6

1:00 p.m. Tenebrae

7:00 p.m. Tenebrae

Good Friday, April 7

1:00 p.m. Good Friday Worship in the Chapel

6:00 p.m. Way of the Cross
Ecumenical, community wide
Beginning at Chelsea Parade

Easter Sunday, The Resurrection of our Lord, April 9

8:30 a.m. Easter breakfast

9:30 a.m. Festive Worship!
Christ is risen! Alleluia!

10:30 a.m. Easter egg hunt



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

Morning Prayer

Mondays and
Thursdays
at 9:00 a.m.

Morning Prayer meets
in the chapel.

Phone or Zoom
860-371-5969
Contact
the church office
for Zoom link.

Pastor Eric's Thoughts

Catch and Release

Catch and release is a common term among folks who like to fish as a hobby. It is fishing for the purpose of sport and the fish are released to maintain fish populations. Now that spring is here more people will be heading out to bodies of water for the enjoyment of fishing. Perhaps putting a worm on a hook and waiting to catch the big one isn't your thing, or maybe it is. I suggest we all take up fishing as Jesus has instructed.

Matthew 4:19 is part of the story of Jesus calling his first disciples. You might be familiar with the story of fishermen, Peter and Andrew who are told by Jesus to leave their nets and fish for people. Jesus used the metaphor of fishing to instruct his disciples to bring more people to God. I have decided that starting in April, we the people of St. Mark will actively fish for people. We will use the catch and release method, that is, we want folks to come to St. Mark and then head back into the community, perhaps to bring more "fish" to St. Mark. I will be putting a net up on a wall at church. We will have paper fish to put in the net. Each time you bring a new person to St. Mark, either for worship or an event you can take one of the fish, write the first name of the person on it and put it in the net. Let's see how many fish we can get in our net between now and next year.

Stewardship Never Ends

If you hear the word "stewardship" and just think of a campaign to get funds to pay the operating expenses of the church you are missing out. Giving of time or treasure should be done joyfully, recognizing it as praising God.

Stewardship for Christians should involve routine prayer about the resources and talents one has. God is the provider of all that we have, and we are entrusted by God to be good stewards. As individuals and as a church community we need to be careful and deliberate with gifts and resources. Being careful does not mean hoarding but instead it is sharing and spending wisely. When we view our resources as belonging to God, we can do the most ministry. Remember stewardship never ends. If you feel called to be part of a stewardship team at St. Mark speak to Pastor Eric.

I bid you peace.
Pastor Eric

✠ Holy Week At St. Mark ✠

Palm Sunday - April 2

Those that are able will gather at 9:00 a.m. at Chelsea parade for blessing of the palms and then continue by walking or driving to St. Mark for Palm Sunday worship at 9:30.

Holy Thursday - April 6 - Service of Tenebrae (Latin meaning darkness) 1:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.

Holy Thursday is also known as Maundy Thursday. Maundy means commandment. Jesus gave a commandment on that night before he was arrested and killed. **Jesus' commandment is to love one another.** We will recognize Maundy Thursday with two Tenebrae services.

This service is prayed to remind us of the consequences of sin and the magnitude of our Savior's sacrifice. The dramatic ceremony of extinguishing candles, thus casting the entire church into darkness is the movement of the worship.

Good Friday - April 7

1:00 p.m. - Good Friday Worship: Good Friday Worship will be held in the chapel.

6:00 p.m. - Way of the Cross: On the first Good Friday, Jesus of Nazareth walked the way of the cross though the streets of Jerusalem to the place called Golgotha where he was crucified. Christians unite in walking the Way of the Cross, not through the streets of Jerusalem, but though the streets of Norwich. The stations will conclude by the steps of the former building of Central Baptist Church, Union Square, Norwich. We begin the walk at Chelsea Parade.

Easter Sunday - April 9

Easter Sunday will begin with Easter breakfast in Memorial Hall at 8:30 a.m. Easter, Resurrection Sunday will be celebrated at our 9:30 a.m. worship service. Easter commemorates the resurrection of Jesus from the dead as described in the New Testament as having occurred on the third day after his burial following his crucifixion. Following worship there will be an Easter egg hunt for children.

Easter Flowers - April 2 is the last date to order

If you would like to buy flowers in honor or memory of someone, or simply for yourself, call or email the church office or mail this form to St. Mark. The price is \$16.00 each and **the last day to sign up is Palm Sunday, April 2nd.** *You can pick up your plants after worship on Easter Sunday.*

Name: _____

In Memory/Honor of: _____

Plants ordering: _____



Congregation Council Members

James Quarto, president
Sue Underhill, vice-president
Dale Eichholz, secretary
Joy Bachand
Joe Churney
Barbara Gladue
Tom Seidel
Linda Stewart
Tim Trudeau
Pastor Eric Heinrich

Other Officers: Treasurer, Tom Tolppi
Financial Secretary, Kurt Kallmeyer

Wednesday Evening Worship in the Chapel
is on hold until May 10.



Travel to New Orleans July 14-20 2024

The ELCA Youth Gathering for 2024 will be in New Orleans. Youth who are in grades 8 -12 are eligible to attend. This will be a wonderful opportunity to travel to New Orleans for fellowship, faith formation, and service with thousands of Lutheran youth from all over the country. You can see more details at www.elca.org/youthgathering.

I hope that your youth will consider this event. The cost of the trip is expected to be covered by the church and fund-raising efforts by the youth. Perhaps your youth has a friend who would also like to attend. Contact Pastor Eric if you're interested.



Farewell and
Godspeed
to Aubrey, Glenn
and Hayden.
We'll miss you!

A note from the office

The office is open 9-Noon
Monday-Thursday

For office questions you can reach Linda at 860-887-6826 or st.marklutheran248@gmail.com

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

Worship Schedule

Sundays - 9:30 a.m.

Worship on Facebook / YouTube

Links found on Facebook:
NorwichLutherans

*You have a choice:
Worship in person or virtual*

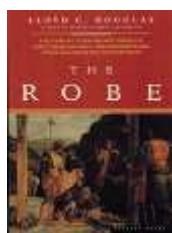


A gift to
St. Mark Lutheran Church
has been
received and acknowledged
with thanks

In Loving Memory of
Arthur Rosenberg
by
Sandy & Rick Neuendorf
Linda Mandel

Morning Prayer

**Mondays and Thursdays
at 9:00 a.m.
This worship follows the
Service of Morning
Prayer in the red book.**



The Robe is a 1942 historical novel by author Lloyd C. Douglas. *It* is a classic novel about the Roman soldier Marcellus, who wins Jesus Christ's robe as a gambling prize after the crucifixion . Book Club gets together on Mondays at 10 a.m. in the Gathering Room.

Book Club



Love to Sing?
Come Join
Our New Acapella Choir

We practice in the chapel following Sunday worship for about 15 minutes.



April 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:	April 2	April 9	April 16	April 23	April 30
Assisting Minister	Dale Eichholz	Christine Kuzmenko	Robin Slane	Virginia Maloney	Dale Eichholz
Reader	Robin Slane	Helen Weeks	Virginia Maloney	Christine Kuzmenko	Tom Tolppi
Ushers	Richard Russ Joan Seidel	Linda Stewart Sue Underhill	Robin Slane Richard Russ	Sandy & Chuck Anadore	Richard Russ Joan Seidel
Eucharistic Minister	Sandy & Rick Neuendorf	Joy Bachand	Lili Rafeldt	Dale Eichholz	Linda James
Altar Guild	Sandy Neuendorf Ursula Chartier C. Schanandoah	Sandy Neuendorf Virginia Maloney	Sandy Neuendorf Linda Stewart C. Schanandoah	Sandy Neuendorf C. Kuzmenko	S. Neuendorf Sandy Anadore C. Schanandoah

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.

Coffee Hour

We will have coffee hour each Sunday following worship in Memorial Hall. Join us for a mug of Joe or a cup of tea. Conversations over a cup of coffee or tea will encourage development of new friends even as we reconnect with long time friends.



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.

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.

2023 Flower Chart



The Flower Chart for 2023 is posted in the Narthex
Reminder:
The cost is \$30.00 per Sunday.



Calendar of Events - April

* Each Sunday there is coffee hour after worship

Saturday, April 1

Sunday, April 2, Palm Sunday

9:00 a.m. Meet at Chelsea Parade / Palm Blessing
 9:30 a.m. Worship
 10:30 a.m. Acapella choir
 11:00 a.m. Cornerstone
 1:00 p.m. Community Luncheon - Memorial Hall

Monday, April 3

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

Tuesday, April 4

6:30 p.m. Cornerstone - Gathering Room

Wednesday, April 5

Maundy Thursday, April 6

10:00 a.m. Bible Study
 1:00 p.m. Tenebrae Service
 7:00 p.m. Tenebrae Service
 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting - Gathering Room

Good Friday, April 7

1:00 p.m. Good Friday worship - chapel
 8:00 p.m. AA Meeting - Memorial Hall

Saturday, April 8

Sunday, April 9, Easter Sunday

8:30 a.m. Easter Breakfast
 9:30 a.m. Worship
 10:30 a.m. Acapella choir
 10:30 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt
 11:00 a.m. Cornerstone
 1:00 p.m. Community Luncheon - Memorial Hall

Monday, April 10

9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer
 10:00 a.m. Book Club
 6:00 p.m. Helping Parents Heal - Gathering Room

Tuesday, April 11

6:30 p.m. Cornerstone - Gathering Room

Wednesday, April 12

6:00 p.m. Casual Wednesday Worship - Chapel

Thursday, April 13

9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer
 10:00 a.m. Bible Study
 5:30 p.m. Finance Committee
 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting - Gathering Room

Friday, April 14

8:30 - 2:30 Homeschoolers

8:00 p.m. AA Meeting - Memorial Hall
Saturday, April 15

Sunday, April 16, Easter 2

9:30 a.m. Worship
 10:30 a.m. Acapella choir
 11:00 a.m. Cornerstone
 1:00 p.m. Community Luncheon

Monday, April 17

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

Tuesday, April 18

2:00 p.m. Congregation Council
 6:30 p.m. Cornerstone - Gathering Room

Wednesday, April 19

Thursday, April 20

9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer
 10:00 a.m. Bible Study
 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting - Gathering Room

Friday, April 21

8:00 p.m. AA Meeting - Memorial Hall
Saturday, April 22

Sunday, April 23, Easter 3

9:30 a.m. Worship
 10:30 a.m. Acapella choir
 11:00 a.m. Cornerstone
 1:00 p.m. Community Luncheon - Memorial Hall

Monday, April 24

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

Tuesday, April 25

6:30 p.m. Cornerstone - Gathering Room

Wednesday, April 26

6:00 p.m. Casual Wednesday Worship - Chapel

Thursday, April 27

9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer
 10:00 a.m. Bible Study
 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting - Gathering Room

Friday, April 28

8:30 - 2:30 Homeschoolers
 8:00 p.m. AA Meeting - Memorial Hall

Saturday, April 29

Sunday, April 30, Easter 4

9:30 a.m. Worship
 10:30 a.m. Acapella choir
 11:00 a.m. Cornerstone
 1:00 p.m. Community Luncheon - Memorial Hall

Birthdays



Happy Birthday!
To those celebrating their
Birthday in April



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| 4 - Robin Slane | 21 - Herb Zickwolf |
| 6 - Vic Butsch | 21 - Chuck Anadore |
| 15 - Harper Gooden | 25 - Helen Weeks |
| 19 - Aubrey Woods | 28 - Brent Fontaine |

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.

Don't Miss the
DEADLINE!

May Rose Pictures and Articles

Please send your articles
for **May's Rose** to
st.marklutheran248@gmail.com
by **Thursday, April 20, 2023**
Thank you.

Community Luncheon

St. Mark will be providing food for the luncheon being held on April 9.
If you want to help prepare the meal please talk to Sue Underhill or Sandy Neuendorf.

Homeschoolers



The Thames Valley 4-H Homeschooling group will be meeting at St. Mark on select Fridays through May 26. They are here 8:30-2:30. We welcome them 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!

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 volunteers. If you are interested in helping with any of these roles, please call the office or speak with Linda Mandel. Pastor Eric, along with our audio-visual personnel, are happy to train new volunteers.



Wednesday Lenten Worship with
Pastor Eric & Pastor Dave

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.

St. Mark is on Instagram
Check us out on Instagram -
@ThePlace.StMark

Prayer List

We include in our prayers:

Homebound members: Betty S., Lorraine F., Lucille S., Irene T., Bruce A., Hazel L., Martha J. and Debbie A.



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

We pray for the sick especially: Christine K., David K., Gloria L., Sandy Q., Robert T., Peter, Di-
anne H., Barbara D., Elmer D., Linda J., Ariann G., Lydia T., Rita L., Henry W., Tate C., Mary Eliza-
beth L., Charlene S., Christina M., Lina M., Hope M., Parker C., Charles P., Jennifer S., Janet H.

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.

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.

Cereal Ministry



We continue to feed people: To simplify giving to St. Vincent de Paul Place you can drop off your cereal at St. Mark or send a check 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.

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.



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God's work. Our hands.