



St. Mark Memo



October 2021 Newsletter

Why Us?

Discerning Our Congregation's Mission and Purpose

Why do we do what we do as a congregation? Why has God called our congregation to serve here, in this place, today? Why would our neighbors want to be a part of our church?

As we look forward to calling a pastor it is time that we formally start asking ourselves who we are and where we are going as a faith community. What is our identity as a community in Christ?

Pastor Mary has been having a joyful time filling in as the pastor of St. Mark Evangelical Lutheran Church, The Place, The Welcome Place, The Forgiving Place, The Renewing Place, The Caring Place, and The Music Place in preparation for calling a pastor.

The Congregation Council wants to engage in conversation about St. Mark's purpose and goals in ministry. To insure that all have opportunity to speak and be heard, the Council is organizing small group meetings. Various places and times of these small group gatherings will be posted in the near future. Some will be by invitation to selected homes. Some will be by invitation to gather at the church. At least one will be by Zoom. The goal is that every member will attend at least one small group event. Watch for times and places. If you do not receive a specific invitation by the end of November call the church office and inform us.



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Pastor Mary's Thoughts



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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**

Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another.

Mark 9:50

Tuesday, September 21, 1981 was International Day of Peace. I really was not aware of the observance of a day of peace until I was asked to lead a prayer during Norwich City ceremony calling for peace here in Norwich and all around the world. The day of peace was established in 1981 by unanimous United Nations resolution. It is a call to every human to commit to peace above all differences and to contribute to building a Culture of Peace.

As I learned about the UN's commitment to peace and looked at the art given to helping people around the world work for peace there were many symbols I recognized like our peace pole in our courtyard and the origami crane folding that my grandchildren do each year during Advent to pray for peace.

In the proclamation given by Mayor, Peter Albert Nystrom one of the Whereas says, "life is better in a world where peace exists and we look to those who have been peacemakers and peace-keepers to learn what we can each do individually to make the world a more peaceful place."

Mark 9:50 "Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another." Perhaps the salt in ourselves is the many reminders we as humans need to be at peace. Peace first within ourselves and then it is possible with God's spirit to have peace with others.

OCTOBER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

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

Vicar Eric's Thoughts



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Hello Friends in Christ,

In case you are unaware I have recently begun making a series of videos called "Vicar Out and About". I post these videos on Facebook as well as Tik Tok. In one of these videos, I discussed the importance of rest and how in scripture we find multiple instances of God talking about the need for us to have rest. I don't know if our lives are busier than during the times of Jesus but if you are like me the calendar and the days fill up quickly with work and other activities.

Although rest is important, we need to make sure that we don't interpret the scripture lessons about rest as a reason to step away from church or our church family. On my commute to and from Norwich from Manchester I recently noticed a sign in front of a church stating they are having a "Back to Church Sunday" coming up. I am a bit confused by that. While I know summer vacations and travel plans sometimes prevent us from attending church services and activities, the church does not go away or close. The church calendar is not like a school calendar.

In my young adult days when I often stayed out late on Saturday nights I would sleep in on Sunday. I chose not to go to worship and instead stayed home drinking coffee and reading the paper. After a while that became my routine and I stopped attending worship. When I made the conscious effort to return to church, I realized the void I had created in my life. I found myself back in a stronger relationship with God.

The Gospel of Matthew 18:20 states, "For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

God is with you when you are not in church too, but this verse acknowledges the special joy God finds in us gathering in church. Remember too that our community at St. Mark is a family in Christ. When you come to church you bring your unique self to our family. You are an important family member and are missed when you are not present. When you do not come to church it is like having a family dinner and having an empty place at the table.

St. Mark has a full schedule each week. The schedule provides opportunity for worship, study, and fellowship. Even if you can't make it to worship you can come for study or fellowship events. A new opportunity for fellowship and exercise suggested by one of our members recently started. It is a walk around the neighborhood of the church. This walk happens on Thursdays at 9am.

You are a loved member of the St. Mark family. You and your friends are welcome regularly at all events.

God's Peace
Vicar Eric

A note from the office

The office is open 9-Noon
Monday-Thursday

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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.



Saturday Dinner Church Worship at The Place

Saturday Worship at the Place is at 5:30 p.m. Face masks and social distancing is expected. Each Saturday the doors are open to welcome anyone who wishes to praise God and pray with others. There is a complete meal prepared and served by those who come to worship. We worship in Memorial Hall because the dinner tables are already in place.

Indoor Worship

The Congregational Council met in September and decided that worship will be at 9:30 a.m. inside our building beginning October 10. 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.

Indoor worship will begin on October 10 and continue through the winter months.

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.

Cathedrals - Visual Essence of Faith Seminar - NewTime

Beginning on October 9th the seminar will begin at 10:00 a.m.

To step inside a Gothic cathedral is to step inside the visual essence of the Christian faith. Since the Christianization of Europe in the 4th century, cathedrals have served as centers of ecclesiastical authority; marvels of architectural genius and innovation; places to instruct communities about cherished Christian values and lessons, and sites of political, cultural, intellectual, and economic importance. Bring these captivating buildings right into your own home in this course, taught by noted medieval historian and award-winning Professor William R. Cook of SUNY Geneseo. These 24 lavishly illustrated lectures make use of high-definition 3-D modeling and imagery to not just show you the world's great Gothic cathedrals, but to take you around and inside them. *The seminar will begin at 4:30 p.m. on Saturday, October 2, in Memorial Hall and start at 10:00 a.m. on October 9th.*



Blessing of the Animals

St. Francis of Assisi is remembered on October 4. He is known for his love of nature. He was the son of a wealthy merchant. In a public confrontation with his father, he renounced his wealth and future inheritance and devoted himself to serving the poor. Francis described this act as being **“wedded to Lady Poverty.”** Under his leadership the Order of Friars Minor (Franciscans) was **formed, and they took literally Jesus’ words to his disciples that they should take nothing on their journey and receive no payment for their work. Their task in preaching was to “use words if necessary.”** Francis had a **spirit of gladness and gratitude for all of God’s creation.** This commemoration has been a traditional time to bless pets and animals, creatures Francis called his brothers and sisters.

Keeping this tradition we invite you to bring your pets to worship on October 3 and within our worship there will be an opportunity to bring them for a blessing during our 9:30 a.m. outdoor service. All pets are invited: dogs, cats, rabbits, etc.



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Other Officers: Financial Secretary, Rick Neuendorf

Pastor Mary and Vicar Eric Away

Vicar Eric and Pastor Mary will attend the Synod sponsored Retreat for Interns and Supervisors on Oct. 4-5. This is part of the intern program where all the interns and supervisors in the New England Synod gather together for learning from one another. It is an enrichment piece of Vicar Eric's preparation to becoming a pastor.

Wear Red for Reformation!

Check your wardrobes for something red to wear for Reformation Sunday, October 31! Red is the color for this festival day in the church when we remember the Reformation movement initiated by Martin Luther in 1517, a movement that still kindles and burns in our own time — a movement that calls us back to our roots in the Gospel of Jesus Christ who is making all things new in the church and in the world.



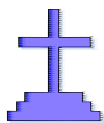
All Saints Sunday

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: _____



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

In Loving Memory of
Laura Nagel
by
Tom and Lydia Tibbals

In Loving Memory of
Betty Jeppesen
by
The Family of Elizabeth Jeppesen

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.

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. We meet outside. 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.

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.



Calling All Teens

Vicar Eric wants to meet you.

Come to a Halloween Event at St. Mark

Sunday, October 31st from 2 - 6 p.m.

We will:

- Eat pizza
- Watch a movie
- Brainstorm future youth events
- Hand out candy to neighborhood kids



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!



Join your neighbors & local police officers for coffee & conversation. In honor of National Bullying Prevention Month officers will be discussing cyber bullying. After the event NYFS will be screening the IndieFlix movie "THE UPSTANDERS."

Saturday, October 2, 2021
248 Broadway, Norwich - 11AM - 1PM
Movie screening 1:15PM



Norwich Bully Busters

Norwich Bully Busters has as its goal to educate the community on the "Bullying Prevention Law" and school policies regarding bullying.

In addition to preventing violence in schools, they work towards providing the community with fun, interactive and low-to-no cost programs for youth in and around the City of Norwich.

ST. MARK WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS

On September 19th we received five people into membership at St. Mark. Two by transfer and three by Affirmation of Baptism.



Connie & Larry Berglund: Connie & Larry come to us as transfers from Tabor Lutheran Church in Branford, CT. They grew up in Minnesota and met at St. Olaf College. After their Masters, engineering & teaching jobs in Germany, Minneapolis, and La Crosse, Larry earned a Ph.D. at Kansas State University & taught at Michigan Technological University. In 1975, they and sons Bret and Hans moved to Branford, CT, for Larry's bioengineering position at Yale's John B. Pierce Institute. While working in Special Education and Reading, Connie completed a Ph.D. at Boston College.

Linda Stewart

Linda comes to St. Mark from Christ Episcopal Church. She has three sons—James, Paul and John and a beautiful daughter-in-law, Courtney and two very beautiful grandchildren, Regan and Sawyer. Linda has an older brother who lives in Florida which makes her the baby sis. She also lives in Taftville and has a kitty named Lucky.



Dale Eichholz: Dale was a member of the Episcopal Church for nearly 60 years. From 1965-1973, she was Secretary and Clerk of the Vestry at St. Mary's Episcopal Church in Montville. She knew many of us through the relationship we had with Father Hugh James and Pastor Mary of St. Mark. Dale was the Medical Staff Coordinator at Lawrence & Memorial Hospital for nearly 20 years and was a charter member of the Connecticut Association of Medical Staff Services. She was also a charter member of the Chelsea Players of Norwich and had the pleasure of Producing and Acting in productions, as well as, participating in plays at the Garde Arts Theater in New London, and an off-Broadway play. Dale has been involved with prison ministry for the past 30+ years. She has been a part of a young man's life while he was incarcerated in New York State. He calls her "Mom" and they speak weekly. Her soulmate was her husband, Nathan Eichholz of nearly 20 years. She has three children, Linda O'Hara, Chetwynd and Carl Shanholtzer. She is the grandma of eight and great grandma of nine.

Dale lives in Oakdale with her best furry friend, Barkley, a 15 year old Daschund. Life is good.



Glenn McCallum

Glenn lives in Norwich and works at WalMart in Lisbon in the automotive department during the afternoon and evening hours. He thoroughly enjoys his morning times with his son Hayden and Hayden's mother Aubrey. He's a very proud father.



Book Club - Mondays

The Book Club is now 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.





God's Work Our Hands Sunday

This project on Sunday, September 15th was a huge success. We provided the Interfaith Luncheon in our parking lot with tables and chairs set up. Usually the luncheon is a bag lunch so those in attendance were surprised with grilled hamburgers and hot dogs, potato salad, Cole slaw, fruit salad, zucchini bake, oranges, bananas, and lots of homemade cookies. There was lots of cold water.

An additional service we provided was a selection of hygiene products for those in need. We made sure rolls of toilet paper were also available. The volunteers included about 25 from St. Mark and 8 regular luncheon volunteers. We want to say a special thank you to Linda Deshefy for all the hot dogs, hamburgers, buns and condiments. Pastor Mary and Vicar Eric worked and helped welcome the grateful attendees. Thank you to all those who helped and wore your distinctive yellow shirts.



October 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:	October 3	October 10	October 17	October 24	October 31
Assisting Minister	Robin Slane	Dale Eichholz	Aiden McVicker	Christine Kuzmenko	Sandy Quarto
Lector	Tom Tolppi	Megan Armstrong	Virginia Maloney	Sue Underhill	C. Kuzmenko
Ushers	Joan Seidel Richard Russ	Tom Tolppi Robin Slane	Sandy Vanase Richard Russ	Linda Stewart Sandy Quarto	Richard Russ P. Armstrong
Altar Guild	Sandy Neuendorf U. Chartier, L. 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 congregation.

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 - October

Friday, October 1

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, October 2

10:00 a.m. Coffee with a Cop - Bully Busters
 4:30 p.m. Seminar
 5:30 pm. Dinner Church Worship

Sunday, October 3, Pentecost 19

9:30 a.m. Worship - *Blessing of the Animals*
 10:00 a.m. Unitarian Universalist - Chapel
 11:00 a.m. Cornerstone
 1:00 p.m. Interfaith Luncheon - Memorial Hall

Monday, October 4

Intern Retreat (Oct. 4-5)
 9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer
 10:00 a.m. Book Club

Tuesday, October 5

Intern Retreat (Oct. 4-5)
 6:30 p.m. Cornerstone - Gathering Room

Wednesday, October 6

6:30 p.m. Creed/Bible Study

Thursday, October 7

9:00 a.m. Walking
 7:00 p.m. Worship Committee Meeting
 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting - Memorial Hall

Friday, October 8

9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer
 10:00 a.m. Bible Study
 8:00 p.m. AA Meeting - Memorial Hall

Saturday, October 9

10:00 a.m. Seminar
 5:30 p.m. Dinner Church Worship

Sunday, October 10, Pentecost 20

9:30 a.m. Worship
 10:00 a.m. Unitarian Universalist - Chapel
 11:00 a.m. Cornerstone
 1:00 p.m. Interfaith Luncheon - Memorial Hall

Monday, October 11

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

Tuesday, October 12

6:30 p.m. Cornerstone - Gathering Room
 7:00 p.m. Luncheon Steering Committee - Gathering Room

Wednesday, October 13

Thursday, October 14

9:00 a.m. Walking
 5:30 p.m. Finance Committee
 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting - Memorial Hall

Friday, October 15

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, October 16

10:00 a.m. Seminar
 5:30 p.m. Dinner Church Worship

Sunday, October 17, Pentecost 21

9:30 a.m. Worship
 10:00 a.m. Unitarian Universalist - Chapel
 11:00 a.m. Cornerstone
 1:00 p.m. Interfaith Luncheon - Memorial Hall

Monday, October 18

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

Tuesday, October 19

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

Wednesday, October 20

Thursday, October 21

9:00 a.m. Walking
 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting - Memorial Hall

Friday, October 22

9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer
 10:00 a.m. Bible Study
 8:00 p.m. AA Meeting - Memorial Hall

Saturday, October 23

10:00 a.m. Seminar
 5:30 pm. Dinner Church Worship

Sunday, October 24, Pentecost 22

9:30 a.m. Worship
 10:00 a.m. Unitarian Universalist - Chapel
 11:00 a.m. Cornerstone
 1:00 p.m. Interfaith Luncheon - Memorial Hall

Monday, October 25

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

Tuesday, October 26

6:30 p.m. Cornerstone - Gathering Room

Wednesday, October 27

Thursday, October 28

9:00 a.m. Walking
 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting - Memorial Hall

Friday, October 29

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, October 30

10:00 a.m. Seminar
 5:30 p.m. Dinner Church Worship

Sunday, October 31, Reformation Day

9:30 a.m. Worship
 10:00 a.m. Unitarian Universalist - Chapel
 11:00 a.m. Cornerstone
 1:00 p.m. Interfaith Luncheon - Memorial Hall
 2:00 p.m. Halloween Event

Birthdays



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



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| 2 - Betty Schmidt | 11 - Louise Weseman |
| 2 - Gail Churney | 17 - Larry Berglund |
| 8 - Dick Philipp | 18 - Robert Tolppi |

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 October 10. If you want to help prepare the meal please talk to Sue Underhill or Sandy Neuendorf



November Monthly Memo
News Articles

Please send your articles for the **November Monthly Memo** to st.marklutheran248@gmail.com by **Tuesday, October 19**. Thank you.

Community Luncheon Grab and Go

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

The Community Luncheon, supported by the Norwich Area Clergy Association, 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 NACA 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, Tom Seidel, Jim Quarto, Robert Clapp, Claire Shaffer, Marian Lowry, Candy Krajewski, Dale Ann Beebe, 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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