



St. Mark's Church

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Worship Services

Wednesday—7 p.m.
Sunday—9:30 a.m.

Office Hours

Monday—Thursday:
8:30 a.m.—3:30 p.m.

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The Lookout

April 2019

"The thing about new life..."

A long time ago, I was gifted the scripture from Hebrews 10:31 - "It is a terrible thing to be in the hands of a living God." At the time I had no idea what it meant or why this scripture was nagging me. I was in a transitional time in my life, lots of change was happening, and stability was on short supply. Then, I came to understand this scripture in context of the Lenten journey to the cross, and from the cross to the empty tomb. New life isn't always greeted with a welcome mat and a handshake. The comfort of an empty tomb has given me pause several times already during this Lenten journey. Much like this scripture from Hebrews, it is a terrible thing to be in the hands of a living God. The cross was enough of a cruel death but at least it had certainty. It felt final. The empty tomb, however, brings uncertainty and challenges everything we thought we knew about this God we have been following. That is the terrible thing about being in the hands of a living God. This God is living and moving and changing everything we thought we knew. Truly a terrible thing. Yet there is something about this new life that helps us appreciate the terrible thing that is certainty. Because of the empty tomb, new life happens.



In the early life of the church, the followers of Jesus knew the topsy turvy world of risking resurrection. Following Jesus could cost them their life, and often did. There is trust that God is living and breathing in all that we do. The thing about new life was that it was everything for them. The apostle Paul tried to convey this to the people of Athens who erected a statue to 'An unknown God.' Paul said to them, now we know who this God is.... "God's purpose was for the nations to seek after God and perhaps feel their way toward him and find him—though he is not far from any one of us. For in him we live and move and have our being." (Acts 17:27-28)

The same is true for us today. It is in God that we live and move and have our being. And if that is true, then it truly is a terrible thing to be in the hands of a living God because life will never be the same. That's the thing about new life....it changes everything because God has risen from the dead.

— Pastor Andy





Sharing Our Bounty

APRIL

As you shop for our food baskets, think of the letter "P" (like in "April"): PERSONAL AND PAPER PRODUCTS are not able to be purchased by people who receive food vouchers. Let's help them with SOAP, DETERGENT, BATHROOM TISSUE, PAPER TOWELS, DEODORANT, RAZORS, etc.

And as usual, any and all food products are also greatly appreciated.

THANK YOU



SENIOR + CONNECTION

ST. MARK'S SENIOR CONNECTION

Tuesday, April 9th, 2019

11:00 A.M. – 1:00 P.M.

Springtime Brings Thoughts of Baseball!



Join us for a baseball stadium themed lunch with all the fixins'.



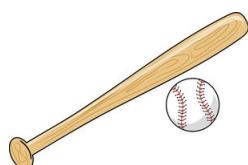
We welcome guest speaker Dennis Biddle

President of the Yesterday Negro League and former pitcher for the Chicago Five baseball team.

**Join us for lunch, music, devotions and program.
All are welcome, invite a friend.**

**Thank You for March donations
110 packages of socks for the homeless!**

Questions? Contact Rockie Matson
262-549-9192



St. Mark's would like to thank Nancy Mitchell for her service to our church as our Administrative Assistant. Due to the reconstruction of the job description and new office hours, we are now in the process of seeking a new Administrative Assistant.

Rene Bjerke will be serving as our temporary Administrative Assistant and we ask for God's guidance and wisdom as we move forward into transition.

Any questions or concerns, please contact any member of the Personnel Team - Kevin Goralski, Rich Friedeck, Suzanne Lorenz, Terry Inman.



TREASURER'S REPORT

As we approach our sabbatical time this summer, I would like to say "Thank You" to the past congregational leaders who have planned for this event. We have a little over \$26,000 in our sabbatical account to help pay for the Pastor who will lead us through this time in our spiritual journey. This group of leaders had the foresight to plan for this event.

Respectfully submitted,
Marilyn Timper
Treasurer

{cup of comfort}
this is where the healing begins

Fear not, for I am with you.

I am your god,

I will strengthen you,

I will help you,

I will uphold you in my righteous right hand.

Isaiah 41:10

Please join this group of fellow Christians for balm for your heart and faith to trust in god's loving ways.



CUP OF COMFORT CAFÉ

THURSDAY, APRIL 11, 2019

10:00 A.M.

UPSTAIRS MEETING ROOM

It doesn't matter what is troubling you or causing you pain. We are here for you through fellowship, prayer, music, sharing,

COFFEE AND COOKIES

Questions? Call: Anne Link 414-379-4619

From Deacon Marcia Marquardt

"I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who remain in me, and I in them, will produce much fruit. For apart from me you can do nothing." John 15:5



Dear St. Mark's Family and Friends,

I remember, when my kids were young, watching a teacher take a group of preschoolers on a walk. She led the group by having each child hold onto a section of a long rope. The teacher held one end of the rope. The assistant held the other end. All the kids held one section in-between. They were all linked together. As long as they stayed attached to the rope, they would be able to head out on their adventure with their teacher leading the way.



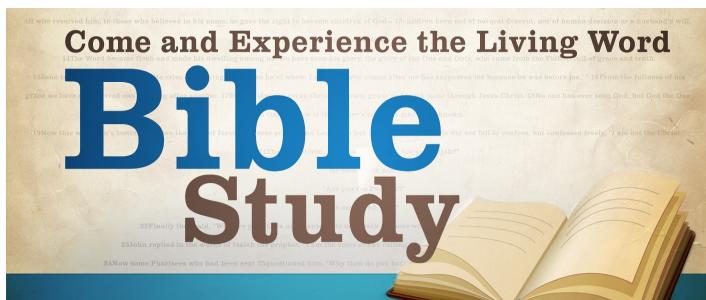
That's a great illustration of Jesus' invitation to us. He invites us to an adventure where we can be abundantly fruitful—to really make a difference in our world for him. But the key to that adventure is to stay linked to him. Throughout Our Sabbatical (May 12-August 3), we will explore what that kind of attachment to Jesus is like for us and seek to deepen our relationships with him. And we'll challenge ourselves to see where Jesus might be calling us to be fruitful in our own lives and in our communities.

One way, you might prayerfully consider being fruitful this summer is by serving in the **Magnificent Mystery**

Mission Tour August 12-16. Barb Geiger, Deb Gerner, and I will be leading a group to serve in various organizations in mystery spots throughout Wisconsin. We hope to line up service projects that will help us learn about and make impact in several issues, like poverty, homelessness, aging, grief, addiction, etc. We might be cleaning a homeless shelter, doing lawn work for someone in need, or playing games at a nursing home. We'll take time each day to connect deeply with God and encourage each other in faith. We'll be sleeping in beds and on air-mattresses in the vacation homes of trusted friends. Why mystery locations? To add a little fun! We anticipate that the trip will cost around \$200 per person. This trip is open to adults and teens. Come to hear more about it on Sunday, April 14th at 11:00 am in the sanctuary.

Jesus, you lead us in a way that gives us the opportunity to make a difference in our world for you. Help us to explore what it looks like to be connected deeply to you. Guide us to be fruitful. Amen.

In His Service,
Marcia



Wednesdays and Thursdays

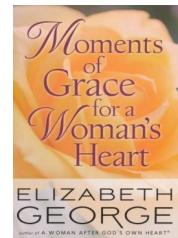
Dig into the worship Scriptures for the upcoming Sunday and apply principles to your life on Wednesdays at 3:30-5:00 pm and Thursdays at 10:00-11:30 am. **No studies on April, 17th & 18th.**

Each week Marcia Marquardt offers some background information to help the group understand what is happening in the text. She asks questions that lead a discussion to discover and apply principles for living. No Bible experience necessary! Some people are quiet and some discuss. Some come every week and some come when they can. **All are welcome!**

RUTH CIRCLE

Ruth Circle will meet on **Wednesday, April 17th** at 1:00 pm in Fellowship Hall for coffee and dessert, and then up to the church lounge for our devotions and topic discussion. Our hostesses will be Mary Martinson and Sue Remfrey. We will be discussing pages 115-122 in our book, Moments of Grace for a Woman's Heart.

Please let either one know if you will be there. Any questions, please call Carole Wolter at 262-542-8807.





Off to Seminary

"Ndank ndank mooy japp golo ci naay", these were the first Wolof words I heard when I landed as a Peace Corps trainee in Senegal, West Africa. You are probably thinking like I was at the time, Ndank ndank a what?!? But, for that reason, these words were the perfect first words to hear because they mean, "Slowly, slowly one catches a monkey in the bush", a Wolof proverb for it takes time to achieve your goals. Before I served in the Peace Corps, I thought I had my whole life sorted out. I had just graduated from the University of Wisconsin-Madison with my B.S. in Biological Systems Engineering, and I decided to serve with the Peace Corps to have experience living abroad and because I have an affinity to use my talents to help others. My plan was to do the Peace Corps thing and then come back, get an environmental engineering job and that would be that. Simple. But I think God has different plans.

Which is why I am very excited to announce that I will be attending Trinity Lutheran Seminary in Columbus, Ohio starting this fall. The road to this decision has been long and winding with many conversations with family and friends, long runs on the Glacial Drumlin Trail, and a lot of me saying, "Are you sure, God?" The love and support of my church community both here at St. Mark's and at my home church Immanuel in Watertown has meant the world to me. I am excited to share this journey with you and look forward to your continued support in prayer! Yay God! ~ Rita Argus



Take a 5-day tour in mystery spots throughout Wisconsin on August 12-16 to make a difference with the love of Jesus for others. Find out more about the trip by attending an information meeting on Sunday, April 14th at 11:00 am in the sanctuary or contacting Barb Geiger, Deb Gerner, or Marcia Marquardt. The trip is open to adults and teens, and will cost about \$200 per person.

Lookout Mailing

Thank you to the following volunteers:

Mary Jo Christensen, Roger & Darlene Bjerke, and Barb Ruhe



Special Gifts

Coffee hours, Men's Breakfasts, Faith Fermenters, Senior Connection, Ruth Circle, Shirley Kopshinsky gift for quilters, Pastor Alexis Turto

Restore & Renew Giving Campaign

Anna Miller, Rodney & Hannah Brandenburg, Elwyn & Sandra Bischman, Robert Solberg, Kyle & Theresa Domnie, Roger & Darlene Bjerke, David & Joan Hojnacki, James & Lynne Plaster

The tablecloths for the round tables in Fellowship Hall were purchased by Ruth Circle as a gift for the Restore and Renewal of the Fellowship Hall.

Memorials

Memorials for Duane Hurd:

Chuck & Barb Helling, James & Debra Bogstrom, John & Betty Thompson, Charles & Shirley Kopshinsky, Roger & Darlene Bjerke, Terry & Donna Inman, Jack & Kathy Westphal, Jeff & Deborah Hoeft, Barbara Payne, Durward & Janice Nimmo, Wayne & Jan Radenbaugh, Laurie Duranceau, Frank & Carrie Buhleda, Gerald & Jill Ristow, Bonnie Simon & Nonie Borgstrom, Paul & Carol Becker, Larry Hawkinson, Gary & Dorothy Hintz, Ryan & Becca Ruder & Family, Nancy Skeffa, Marge Kadrich, Andrew & Carole Casper, Marion Rankin, Carl & Barbara Lancelle, Steven & Deborah Nikolas, Katrina Geitner, Barbara Haessig, James & Patricia Unger, Ernestine Schultz, Michael & Linda Nivinski, Charles & Mary Ann Sindelar,

Memorials for Eileen White:

Nancy Schank, Delores Grulke, Charles & Mary Ann Sindelar, Greg & Carrie Wagner, Deb Gerner, Kay Alzuhn, R.T. & Mary Jo Christensen, Richard & Victoria Friedeck, Richard & Maxine Minch, James & Sarah Rohlik, Peter & Erika Milosevich, Marica Iverson, Thomas & Louise Hinz, Eric & Lynn Delzer

Memorials for Eileen White to St. Mark's Quilters

Robert & Caroline Lussow, Roger & Darlene Bjerke, Donald and Nancy Neitzel, John & Betty Thompson, Stacey Henneman, Elaine Spelius, Susan Atherton, Joan Kelly, Mark & Vonnie Schoenleber, Beulah Basalla, Michael & Kristine Daly, Fred & Margaret White, Edward & Diane Pollock, Jeffery & Karen Wandsneider, Barbara Rezner, James Updike

In Memory of Sue Patrick: Eric & Lynn Delzer

In Memory of Joyce Orton: Eric & Lynn Delzer

Telling Stories of Gratitude

In the glass of life, do you see your glass as half full? Are you able to find the goodness in the everyday-ness of life? Are you thankful even when life is difficult and scary? If you answered "Yes" to any of these questions, you probably have a strong sense of gratitude. The quality of being thankful; that readiness to show appreciation for and to return kindness.

Historically, philosophers have suggested that gratitude is one of the most important emotions for the success of society. Modern psychology research confirms that gratitude is an essential social emotion that can benefit the lives of people who practice gratitude. In the Bible, thankfulness is recognizing who God is and what God has done. God's word is filled with many reminders of how powerful and vital a thankful heart can be in this world.

We have so much to be grateful for in this life each and every day. But reality is that sometimes constant life demands, struggles and worries give more room to defeat than to a heart of thanks. Or we forget, in the midst of busyness and pressures, just to pause and give thanks for all that God has done and continues to do in our lives.

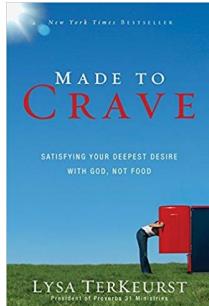
Ultimately, living gratefully is about more than merely appreciating what you have. True gratitude ignites compassion, inspiring us to share our blessings with others.

Thank you St. Marks for the many stories of gratitude which are a part of our fabric of church life.



Conversations about Weight Loss Monday, April 1st at 1:00-2:30 pm

Sometimes we define ourselves by our circumstances—by a brokenness or wound from the past. God sees us as forgiven, set-free, accepted, holy, and made-new children of God. Adopting God's view of ourselves can impact the way we see our circumstances and define ourselves. It can free us and give us the strength to make the choices that are healthy for us.



Come for a Conversation about Weight Loss on Monday, April 1st at 1:00-2:30 pm in the upstairs lounge. We will discuss the struggles and victories as we work toward healthy living, and connect deeply with God for the strength, care, and support that are needed. We will use concepts from the book, *Made to Crave* by Lysa TerKeurst. While supplies last, copies are available free of charge.

Bring along a recipe that helps you in healthy living and a tip that strengthens and redirects you as you struggle with obstacles. We'll make recipe copies at the event for the other participants. Marcia Marquardt and Jennine Szwankiewicz will lead the conversation. Mark your calendar for more Conversations on May 6th and June 6th at 1:00 pm.

PRAYER SHAWL Ministry



Love to knit or crochet, or just want to learn? Come join the prayer shawl ministry group.

We meet once a month on the 1st Monday of the month at 6:30 pm. If there are any questions, please contact Mary Jo Christensen at mjchristensen1958@wi.rr.com or Anna Miller.

St. Mark's Quilters

Join us in creating quilts to give to various charities, shelters and individuals in our area. We meet every Monday from October to Memorial Day. All are welcome to come, and attendance every week is not required. No sewing/quilting experience is needed. We have quilts to tie and the fellowship is priceless! Come when you can and leave whenever you need to. Any questions, call Vickie at 262-549-4825 or 414-333-4331 and be sure to leave a message.



Sunday School Classes!

Cross+Generational Sunday School will be held on the 2nd Sunday of each month in the school year at 9:00 am in the lower level gathering room by the elevator. Enjoy a creative, interactive, faith building class for adults and children of all ages. Mark your calendar for Cross+Generational Sunday School on April 14th, and May 12th. Children will remain in worship during those Sundays for the entire worship service.



Cross Generational

Sunday School classes for 4K & 5K and Grades 1-8 during the worship service for the remaining Sundays—the 1st, 3rd, 4th, and 5th Sundays during the school year. Children are excused for their classes after the Children's Message and return before Communion. Classrooms are located in the lower level.

For more information, contact lead teacher Suzanne Lorenz (sfl@cmhlaw.com).



Save the Date!

Mark your calendar for these events to enjoy time together, grow in faith, and reach out into our community.

- Blair Flair on Friday, May 17th
- Church Picnic and Neighborhood Block Party on Sunday, September 1st
- Churchwide Retreat on Friday & Saturday, October 4th & 5th
- Inasmuch Day of Service on Saturday, October 19th
- "Finding Calm in the Chaos" Retreat on Saturday, November 2nd



Greater Milwaukee Synod

2019 Churchwide Assembly:

We are excited to be the host synod for the 2019 Churchwide Assembly and we need you to help this event run smoothly. About 600 volunteers will be recruited in the coming months to usher, iron albs (liturgical vests), provide technology assistance to voting members, monitor doors, greet visitors and much more. There are more than 15 different exciting volunteer opportunities. For more information go to <http://www.cwa19.org/volunteer-positions/> or ask your church staff and leaders about the opportunities.

Worship Bags for Young Families

We have added some new items to the Worship Bags: "Lift the Flap" books, felt boards, magnetic paper dolls, and reusable sticker sheets. Pick up a bag for your child from the two stands that are located at the back of the worship space. Each bag's contents are different. You might like to try a new one each time you bring your child to worship.



MEN'S BREAKFAST

Join us on **Saturday, April 13th at 8:00 am.** If you have any questions please contact Tim Nekich. All men are invited and welcome to join us for food and fellowship.



Easter Breakfast

Make plans to start your Easter morning with fellowship and food at our annual Easter breakfast. Sign up is available in the Narthex to bring fruit, baked goods, beverages and other Easter favorites. Please bring your items to the church on Saturday, April 20th 10-11:30 am if they need to be plated or prepared ahead of time. **Celebration of Jesus' resurrection will begin at 8:45 on Easter morning.** Hope to see you there.



Walk with Jesus

Cross+Generational Good Friday Event

Experience the Holy Week story as a family on Friday, April 19th at 6:30-7:30 pm! Travel to Jerusalem for Palm Sunday, sit down for the Last Supper, pray in the Garden of Gethsemane, discover the sacrifice of Good Friday, and celebrate freedom from our sins at the empty tomb that first Easter morning. All ages are welcome! Invite friends to come to this bi-lingual event, too!

Interested in helping? We'll need people to lead and prepare stations, deliver fliers in the neighborhood, and welcome guests. Contact Pastor, Marcia, or Cathy Hernandez for more information.

Caring for Grieving Young Families



Please consider using your time to help those at a time of tragedy. Volunteers are needed to sew infant burial outfits. Patterns are available, but you are also welcome to create your own designs. Children's Hospital is constantly in need of these outfits. In July, they used 81 outfits. You do not need to be able

to sew. Help is also needed to deconstruct donated wedding gowns to be used to make the outfits. This can be done at your home. If you could not make it to the meeting in January and want more information, please call Mary Beth Nytes at 414 651 8873.

Welcome to Pastor Mark Thompson

Pastor Mark Thompson will serve part time, 20-25 hours a week, starting April 28th through August 17th. That is 2 weeks before Pastor Andy leaves and for 2 weeks after he returns. Pastor Mark is married to Rev. Kristin Nielsen, Assistant to the Bishop. They have two children, Joshua (21) and Maia (18). Pastor Mark has been in the Greater Milwaukee Synod since 1996. He first served with Kristin for 10 years at Good Shepherd Lutheran in the Sherman Park neighborhood of Milwaukee. Rev. Thompson was then an interim pastor for 6 years, followed by a 5-year call to Memorial Lutheran in Glendale. Pastor Mark is now called to a half time ministry, Breaking the Chains Church. The congregation is located in the Felmers Chaney Correctional Center in Milwaukee. Pastor Mark's hobbies include traveling and all things related to golf. Please join in welcoming him to St. Mark's as we move forward in learning and growing as a congregation through this time of God's plan for abiding in him and continue to



"Gather Together by God to Grow and Go Out."

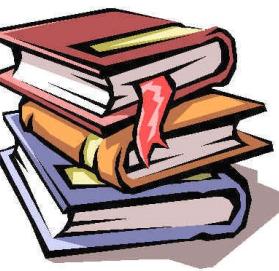


Blessings Box

Did you notice the large wooden box in the church lobby? It is our Blessings Box that is ready to be placed near the courtyard entrance around Palm Sunday (weather permitting). Did you know that most of Blair School children are eligible for free lunch? We want to try a simple way to help our neighbors around the church by offering a Blessings Box this Spring and Summer. It is a wooden box on a stand that will function just like our Little Library. Members and neighbors can place soft items, like boxed cereals, macaroni and cheese mixes, socks, gloves, and school supplies, to share with others. When someone has a need, they can take an item. When someone can share, they can place an item in the Little Supply Pantry. We hope to **dedicate our Blessings Box on Palm Sunday, April 14th.**

Our Church Library

The church library in Fellowship Hall will be operating on an honor system – no need to sign out the books. Read, Share and Return the books when you are finished so that others might enjoy them.



OPEN OFFICE HOURS

Pastor Andy will host open office hours on **Wednesdays** from **9:00—11:30 a.m.** at Roots Café in downtown Waukesha, located at 363 West Main Street.

Please drop by to say hello, ask any pressing questions, have a cup of coffee, or simply check in.

Recycle your used eyeglasses and hearing aids

St Mark's continues to participate in the recycling program for eyeglasses and hearing aids conducted by the Lions International. To date over 500 glasses and 25 hearing aids have been donated to the program. Please bring your donation to church and deposit in the gray bin located in the back of the church.



Thank you St. Mark's Lutheran Church for your Supporting Partnership of Healing Hearts. Because of your support these last 8 years, we've been able to help over 900 participants, representing children in over 350 families, who face loss because of a death, divorce, incarceration, or other life-altering events. You've not only helped these families, you've built a better community for us all. Thank you.

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April 14th—Palm Sunday

Worship at 9:30 a.m.

April 17th—No Wednesday Worship

April 18th—Maundy Thursday

Worship at 7:00 p.m.

April 19th—Good Friday

Worship at Noon

Walk with Jesus at 6:30 p.m.

April 21st—Easter

Worship at 9:30 a.m.

*You are invited to take part in the
Easter Vigil services on Saturday, April 20th
at Saint Luke's or Christ the Servant.



SPECIAL MUSIC

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| April 7 | St. Mark's Singers |
| April 14 | Rita Argus |
| April 21 | St. Mark's Singers |
| April 28 | Amelia Anderson |

