



# The Lookout

August-September 2022

## 'Sent-ness'

"Peace be with you, as the Father sends me, so I send you." - John 20:21

This summer, we explored our 'sent-ness' during our Some Type of Retreat. Sometimes our 'sent-ness' is subtle. Think of the ending of our worship; 'go in peace, serve the Lord' (or some rendition of this). Other times our 'sent-ness' is more open like our upcoming "Inasmuch Day." This day is dedicated to living into the words of Jesus in the 25th chapter of Matthew, "Truly I say to you, in-as-much-as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to Me". Inasmuch Day helps us live into being a launching pad into our community.

There is something about this 'sent-ness' that helps us connect not just to those that we serve, but to Jesus as well. Jesus knew that sending his followers into the world would make us closer to him.

Inasmuch Day also helps us live into that part of our mission statement that encourages us to 'go.' This September 10th, I invite you to participate in our 'sent-ness' as we gather for Inasmuch Day. Here are some of those opportunities:

- \* Making Simple Bears for Christmas Clearing Council
- \* Tying Fleece Blankets for North Pole Project
- \* Cookie Delivery in the Community
- \* Random Acts of Kindness
- \* A Project or Two at Hope Center



Why would Jesus send us into the world, into our community? Jesus sends us to be a comfort in the midst of challenge, light in the midst of darkness, peace in the midst of conflict, and love in the midst of hate. Jesus also sends us so that we might share what we have experienced in our own relationship with him; love, peace, and hope. We share this 'sent-ness' with one another helping us practice as a community together.

~ Pastor Andy

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In Person and Live Streaming  
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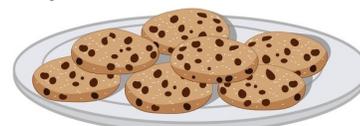
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# Sharing Our Bounty



**FOOD Pantry**  
OF WAUKESHA COUNTY

## August and September

As children head back to school, they need breakfast. Let's try to fill our basket with cereal and fruit cups and applesauce, as well as other food items. School supplies are also needed.

### THANK YOU FOR CARING FOR OTHERS!



# SENIOR + CONNECTION

**Thursday September 15, 2022**

11:30 a.m. social time

12:00 p.m. lunch will be served in the courtyard

12:45 program in church

## How We Got to the Moon and Back with Jim Adams

Jim Adams is a retired educator and aerospace engineer, a personal friend of the Sindelar family. Using models and slides his presentation will take us on the first lunar landing and safe return to earth. The complexity of the lunar trip is presented in a way that is understandable to all ages. He even includes a few personal lessons learned along the way. This promises to be an exceptional story of a small-town boy following his dream of becoming a aeronautical engineer and participating in man's greatest adventure to leave the planet earth and explore the moon.

It will be necessary to register for this event so the right amount of food is purchased. Registration will take place after church services on September 4<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>.

**Cost is \$5.00 per person (payable at time of registration. Cash preferred.)**  
Any questions please call Anne link 414-379-4619



"Fear not, for I am with you." Isaiah 41:10

**The Cup of Comfort Ministry welcomes YOU** to join us as we gather to raise our spirits and support one another and share what is on our hearts.

**Through music, scripture, sharing, prayer and listening, we offer God's gifts of balm for your heart and peace for your mind.**

**Our Next Gatherings are:**

**Thursday, August 11th & September 8th**

We meet in the upstairs lounge at 10:00 am

If you have any questions or concerns about attending one of our gatherings, please call me, I would be happy to share with you.

Anne Link 414-379-4619

**\*ALL ARE WELCOME\***



## Senior Connection Flag Day and Fellowship from July



## August Sermon Series

Voices from the Margin - Rediscovering the witnesses of the gospel message with lesser known characters of the Bible. This series is intended to lift up voices in the Bible that may not otherwise be heard. They are voices that are marginalized by gender, social norms, oppression, and sometimes authors and editors. Their voices still proclaim the gospel message of a loving God.

## August Special Offering: Hunger Appeal for Tanzania Churches

The Stewardship Team is inviting a special offering for churches in Tanzania. For 25 years, the Greater Milwaukee Synod of the ELCA has partnered with our Sisters and Brothers in the Diocese of Meru in Tanzania. They are experiencing a drought that has continued over the past three years, and they need our help. Eight thousand families are in urgent need of food. A gift of \$65 can buy 220 pounds of corn that feed 65 families. A gift of \$100 can buy 220 pounds of beans that provide 175 meals. Our special offering will help hungry people across the world. We'll collect this special offering during August. Checks may be made payable to: St Mark's Lutheran Church with "Hunger Appeal" on the memo line. You can find out more about this need at [www.partnerswithmeru.org/projects-8](http://www.partnerswithmeru.org/projects-8). Thank you for making a difference with your generosity!

## Fall Stewardship Appeal But As For Me and My House, We Will Serve the Lord

During September and October, you will be hearing more about what God is doing at St Mark's through his people serving others. Faith journey stories, letter, and brochure will inform you of our commitment to God's work through St Mark's for the coming year. Together, we are on God's mission! Your generosity supports that mission.

On "We Will Serve the Lord" Sunday, October 16th, we will gather our Estimate of Giving cards in worship and celebrate with a meal together after worship. Save the date and watch for more information in the coming weeks!

## Thrivent Members

Do you have a Thrivent Financial policy? Do you have a project on your heart that might help others? Thrivent offers some members ways to make a difference through "Choice Dollars" and project funding. We encourage you to designate your Thrivent Choice Dollars to benefit St. Mark's or another of your favorite non-profits. If you would like to explore applying for project funding or need help figuring out the Choice Dollars, contact Pastor Andy or Marcia.

## Welcome Back to In-Person Worship

You are invited to worship in-person at St Mark's and online through Live Streaming on Sundays at 9:30 am. We have Welcome Team members at each entrance to assist with seating, Bulletins and Prayer Request cards. The lower entry is open and available with elevator access. This provides easier entry for those that park in the handicapped spots.

**Masks are optional** while we practice social distancing in the church building. Thank you for your patience and understanding. God is with us and working in our midst during this time. We turn to him asking to give us compassion, grace, and faith to continue guiding us.

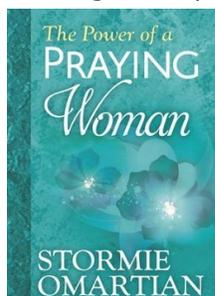
## Brainstorming Faith Formation

Pastor Andy is meeting with families with children to brainstorm faith formation opportunities. Brainstorming brings creativity to our baptismal responsibilities to help raise each generation in the foundations of our faith. Feel free to email ([gopastorgo@gmail.com](mailto:gopastorgo@gmail.com)) or text (262-337-3755) pastor Andy with your ideas.



## Ruth Circle

To all ladies! You are invited to join Ruth Circle. It is a fun group of ladies. We meet on the third Wednesday of each month September through May. We will meet in Fellowship Hall at 1:00 pm. We chat with each other, have a devotion, and discuss a chapter in our book, *The Power of a Praying Woman* by Stormie Omartian. We will begin with pages 81-88 in September. If you need a book, we have a free one for you! You don't need to come every month to enjoy the group or the book! Mark September 21st on your calendar. We'd love to have you join us. Let Mavis or Karen know you are coming and get a book if you need one. Call Karen Handford at 262-565-3770 or Mavis McGrath at 262-968-3160 if you have any questions or concerns.



## A Ride to Worship

Need a ride to Sunday Worship? Could you pick someone up and bring them to Worship? We recognize a growing need for transportation to Worship. Contact Pastor Andy or Marcia if you can help or have a need.



## From Your Council

On behalf of the entire council, may God bless each and every member of St. Mark's, their families and their loved ones.

Thank you, Lord for we have been blessed with a beautiful summer, filled with lots of sunshine and record temperatures. It is our hope that everyone was able to enjoy the season and visit a few of the many festivals our area has to offer.

But now that the summer is nearly over, we look forward to Autumn with cooler temperatures, the colors of the forest as only God can paint them and our getting back into the routines of work and school.

Personal note... A huge thank you to those who helped fill the void left by a certain council member on his long summer vacation. You are appreciated.

Your president in service - Gene Geiger



## PROPERTY TEAM UPDATE

**Parking Lot** – Was crack-filled, sealed and re-stripped on Thursday, June 2nd. The sign that was damaged during winter plowing still needs to be replaced by the snow contractor.

**'Spring Cleaning' Sale** – The Property Team sold 75 metal folding chairs, three 8' tables, two metal candle holders and some misc. items. Total profit = \$260.00

**Spectrum** – Multiple phone issues have arisen in the past few months and multiple appointments with Spectrum technicians have attempted to resolve them. Incoming calls were going to voicemail and not ringing in the office. Outgoing calls were going out on the elevator emergency line. Shorts were happening in our old PBX wiring system. Four new phones were purchased and connected directly to the modem and the issues appear to be resolved!

**HVAC** - The air conditioning units were serviced on July 18th. The two roof units are operating well and new MERV filters were installed. The back-up unit on the north side of church is leaking Freon and has been disconnected because it is not needed.

The back-ordered (since August 2021!) thermostats for Pastor Andy and Marcia's offices finally came in and were installed on July 28th. The back-ordered gaskets for the water pump were also installed!

### Many thanks to:

**To our summer volunteer 'hill mowers':** May – Larry S., June – Mark W., July – Larry S., August – Frank R., September – Terry I.

**To our gardeners:** Mary J., Sharon C., Mary Jo C., Sue S., & Ann for weeding, trimming and raking the gardens outside Fellowship Hall.

Respectfully submitted,  
Christine Fenner  
Property Chair



## My children played today by Anna Miller from August 9, 1993

My children played excitedly upon the rug today, and I took the opportunity to bow my head and pray.

"Oh, thank you God for giving me these special, precious joys who mean the very life to me as they play with their little toys.

And thank you for their perfect bodies that move so effortlessly, as they run and jump and laugh out loud with unending energy.

Please give me strength and patience, seasoned well with love and care, as I teach them of the boundless wonders in this world that we all must share.

Oh, give me guidance as I send them out upon life's trails, that they will know that Yours is a love that never, ever will fail.

Please give me wisdom when I sag from the weight of this awesome task to know that all I simply must do is to turn to you and ask!

And may I never take for granted the loan you have given to me, of these wondrous little people who love me unconditionally."

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## Mission Moments



Ruth Circle leading worship at Linden Heights.

The Tower Hill Neighborhood Association picnic was held at Horeb Park on July 30th. 65 people from the area around St. Mark's enjoyed a cookout and information about how the Association can help to improve life in our neighborhood. Our members shared root beer, played games and gave out prizes to the 15 children who attended.



"Some Kind of Retreat" was held on July 16th



## From Deacon Marcia Marquardt

*"Kind words are like honey— sweet to the soul and healthy for the body."  
Proverbs 16:24*



Dear St Mark's Family and Friends,

Sometimes a little sweet treat can give us a boost. I appreciate the words in Proverbs (printed above) that remind us that kind words can do the same. Kind, encouraging, authentic words give us a boost and strengthen us.

I've got a file of notes, cards, and printed emails that I've kept over the years. That file of encouraging, supportive words is like a treasure chest to me. I've added the newest notes from the beautiful celebration of our staff in June. Thank you! Thank you for pouring "honey" over my soul to strengthen me.

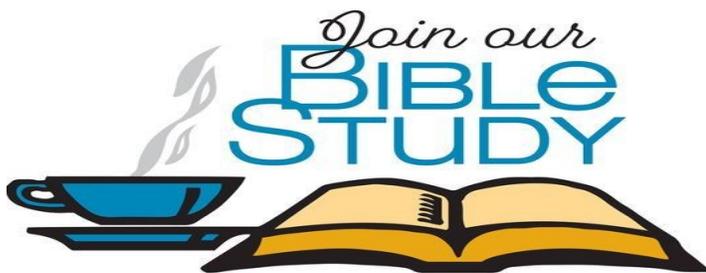
What would the days and weeks ahead be like if you and I were on the alert to offer kind words as strengthening "honey" to the people we meet? From the clerk at the store to the colleague at work/school to a family member near us, we have the opportunity to be an encouraging and uplifting presence in their lives through our words. What a difference that would make!

And what would the days and weeks ahead be like if you and I shared the same kind words with ourselves? Instead of a pattern of self-criticism, we could rely on the grace of God to help us express affirming words and thoughts to ourselves even in the midst of our weaknesses. What a difference that would make!

I'm taking a Sharpie marker today and writing "Kind Words" on my honey jar. I want to remember the power to encourage and strengthen myself and others through my words. I'm praying for you today, too, that God will do the same in you.

*God, you said that we belong to you and that you love us no matter what. Help us to use our words to strengthen ourselves and others. Amen.*

In God's Love and Grace,  
Marcia



### Summer Bible Study on Thursdays Fall Bible Study on Wednesdays AND Thursdays

**All are welcome!** We study the worship scriptures for the coming Sunday and apply it to our lives.

**In August**, the study meets on Thursdays at 10:00-11:30 am on Zoom AND In-Person in the fellowship hall.

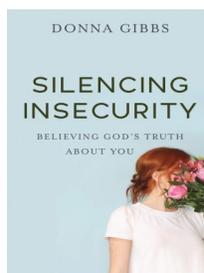
**In September**, the study meets on Wednesdays at 3:45-5:15 pm on Zoom and on Thursdays at 10:00-11:30 am on Zoom AND In-Person in the fellowship hall.

Zoom meeting ID number:  
817 7030 6574  
Contact Marcia for the passcode.

### Conversation about Silencing Insecurity Mondays, August 1st and September 12th at 3:30-5:00 pm

Beginning June 6th, women will gather to read and discuss the book, *Silencing Insecurity* by Donna Gibbs each month. The book offers practical help to expose the vulnerabilities and lies that produce insecurities. Using God's perspective, we will discover a new way to think of ourselves.

Books are available free of charge while supply lasts. There is no homework. We read the book together in the conversation. Marcia Marquardt leads the discussion. Contact Marcia for more information.



Zoom: 817 7030 6574  
Contact Marcia for the passcode.

**Mark your calendar for more  
Conversations on  
October 3rd and November 7th.**

## St. Mark's Quilters

The quilters have been very productive this summer while still meeting every other Monday. They have produced 87 quilts since May. Our quilts have been sent out to many destinations to warm people who need comfort in a difficult time as well as those who are celebrating.

We used our supply of horse and animal related material to donate 17 adult and 4 children's quilts to Lifestriders. This organization provides counseling and therapeutic horseback riding programs for people with Alzheimer's, children and adults with special needs, sex trafficking victims, and veterans. Twelve adult, 7 children's quilts and 5 baby quilts went out to the Homeless Veterans Initiative. Waukesha Fire Station #1 received 5 quilts to use whenever needed. Four quilts went to comfort members and relatives with Cancer. Quilts were presented to the families in memory of Lana Matchett and George Markle. A baby quilt was donated to a precious, preemie baby.

In celebration of their graduation, we had three graduates who picked out their favorite quilt. A special quilt was presented to Stan in honor of his dedicated service to St. Mark's and the many years of support he gave to the quilters when setting up and cleaning up quilt sessions.

The Lutherdale Quilt Auction will be held on Saturday, August 13th from 9 am – 3 pm. We picked out and delivered 14 quilts to be auctioned off to raise money for Lutherdale programs. Watch for a report about the auction in the next Lookout. For more information about Lutherdale or to view all of the quilts please check out their website at <https://www.lutherdale.org/quilt-auction>

We have quilts available to give away. If a need is found anywhere in the community, please let us know. Any questions, call Vickie at 262-549-4825 or (cell) 414-333-4331 and be sure to leave a message.

Vickie Friedeck and Cathy Hernandez



## Reach Out and Say Hello

We need care and concern in a time of social distancing. Pick up the phone and call someone to say hello. Think about the people who normally sit in the pews around you and give them a call. Think about those who live alone or in assisted living and give them a call. Contact Pastor or Marcia if you need a phone number.



## Weekly Email Blast

Stay current with Happenings at St Mark's by receiving the weekly email blast. Contact Marcia Marquardt ([marcia1@wi.rr.com](mailto:marcia1@wi.rr.com)) to get signed up.



## Register for the Women's Retreat: A Break for Busy Bees

What's all the buzz about? You are invited to a Women's Retreat on September 30th-October 2nd at Lutheran Outdoor Ministries Center (LOMC) in Oregon, IL. Our theme will be "A Break for Busy Bees." We'll explore a REST from striving as we embrace our status as God's **BEE-loved** and our value as ones who will always **BEE-Loved** by him. And we'll see how this kind of REST leads us to BEE Love to the world around us from a deeper resource than ourselves. Sounds sweet as honey! Marcia Marquardt will lead the retreat. Pick up a registration form at the welcome center in the church lobby or contact Marcia for more information. Registration deadline is September 4th.



## Financial Information for St. Mark's

**June Financial Report:** The month of June featured several large one-time payments as well as 3 pay dates for our staff (10 of the 12 months have just 2 pay dates). Our expenses exceeded income by \$17,240. The largest expense was a payment of nearly \$9,000 for our property and liability insurance. This payment will cover us until July 1st of 2023. We could pay this expense monthly and keep our budget numbers looking better but it would be an added administrative expense. Another large expense for the month of June was the (overdue) maintenance on the parking lot for \$4200. Now that we are halfway through the year, our net income for 2022 stands at \$309. We anticipated a deficit of \$2446 at this time when we passed the 2022 budget.

**Frank Remfrey, Treasurer**

## St. Mark's Continues Strong Support of Special Offerings

Two or three times in each of the last three years, St. Mark's has held up to its members opportunities to support charities in our community, region and nationally to meet the needs for which they are organized to help. Rather than making such gifts at the end of each year out of remaining funds from our budget, we have been reaching out to members year round explaining the needs and receiving extra gifts above amounts received in our annual stewardship campaign.

In 2020, gifts totaling \$1400 were received for use by ELCA World Hunger and \$695 helped meet the needs of Lutheran Social Services. In 2021, another \$2020 went to ELCA World Hunger and \$1135 was shared by Blessings in a Backpack and Stone Soup Ministry for meeting the food needs here in Waukesha. So far in 2022, \$2550 has gone to supporting refugee relief through Lutheran Social Services and we are currently campaigning for donations to help meet the needs of those encountering drought and famine in the African country of Tanzania.

Special needs like these will always present themselves and with the help of dedicated followers of Christ like you, these needs will be met. If you have ideas of others who could benefit from this outreach ministry of St. Mark's, please speak to Marcia Marquardt.

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## Inasmuch Day on September 10th

Got a few hours to help others? Jesus says, "Inasmuch as you have done it to one of the least of these my brothers (and sisters), you have done it to me." (Matthew 25:40) Let's roll up our sleeves, gather together, and serve like Jesus did.



There's something for everyone—from the youngest to the oldest. Some projects are easy and require little energy and skill. Some projects will require some muscle and strength. Some projects can be done from a chair at church and others will get you talking to new people in the community. Two projects are at church: tying blankets for Children's Hospital patients at a "North Pole" Christmas party and making simple fabric bears as gifts for children through Christmas Clearing Council. Three projects are in the community: random acts of kindness, cookie delivery, and helping at Hope Center (more details to follow).

And we'll gather together in the fellowship hall that day for a lunch together to celebrate all that God is doing in and through us. Watch the email and worship bulletin for more information and registration. It will be a great day of serving!

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## Do you know Ways to Give at St. Mark's? "But As for Me and My House. We will serve the Lord" "Gathered together by God to Grow, and Go out"

Our stewardship theme for 2023 and our mission statement both lead to helping God's people here at St. Mark's grow in their relationship with Jesus through the use of their time, talents, and finances which God has entrusted to them.

Laura Goralski, Stewardship Team member sharing with you the different ways you can contribute. We all know about our giving envelopes that can be placed in the offering plate or mailed to church, but do you know the other convenient ways you can be a cheerful giver?

Take a look at these options:

**Giving envelopes** Place in the offering plate at church. Or mail to 424 Hyde Park Ave. Waukesha, WI 53188. Please include your name on the envelope.

**Pew envelopes** Complete and place in the offering plate or mail to address above.

**Text to give** at 262-383-2338. Secure and safe. When you text to give, you will be directed to this site, follow "next steps". How your phone is set up is used to pay such as Apple Pay, Pay Pal, or credit card. <https://support.breezechms.com/hc/en-us/articles/360001278913-Give-by-Text#text-giving-commands>.

**Click on the link found on the church website** [www.welcom2stmarks.com](http://www.welcom2stmarks.com). Secure and safe. When you click on the link it takes you to our electronic giving process [www.stmarkslutheran.breezechms.com/give/online](http://www.stmarkslutheran.breezechms.com/give/online). You can choose the fund, choose one time giving or choose from other options such as weekly or monthly, choose giving by credit, debit, or from your bank.

**Give electronically** Secure and safe. The web site for this is [www.stmarkslutheran.breezechms.com/give/online](http://www.stmarkslutheran.breezechms.com/give/online). The options are the same as listed above.

**No Internet or texting?** No problem, call the office and our staff can complete this for you. 262-547-8213.





## PRAYER CHAIN

Do you have a Prayer Chain request? Others will pray for you! Contact **Lana DeCoto** at: [lrdecoto@gmail.com](mailto:lrdecoto@gmail.com)  
Thank you to Sharon Collins for her service these past years.



**Weekly Communion Offered**  
**Holy Communion** will be offered at the altar every Sunday for those who are worshiping in-person with at your seat communion provided upon request. Those at home with Live Streaming may use their own elements of bread/cracker and fruit of the vine.

## Remember the Blessing Box



Thanks for supplying our Blessings Box with food and supplies. It's an opportunity for us to share the love of God with our neighbors in need. Please place donation items directly into the Blessings Box located near the sidewalk at the courtyard entrance or in the box near the church entrance.

**Thank you!**

## Prayer Shawl Ministry

Did you know that participating in hobbies can lower your stress levels and promote a sense of relaxation? Consider joining the Prayer Shawl group. You don't know how to knit or crochet but would like to learn? We can teach you! **Come join us this fall.** Our group gathers on the second Monday of each month at 1:00 pm. Our upcoming meeting are: Sept. 12th, Oct. 10th, Nov. 14th and Dec. 12th.

If there are any questions, please contact Anna Miller at 262-544-5721 or Mary Jo Christensen at 414-405-4075 [mjchristensen1958@wi.rr.com](mailto:mjchristensen1958@wi.rr.com).



## Weddings

**Congratulations to  
Caitlin Duranceau  
and Ryan Hahn  
July 8th**



**Congratulations to  
Michelle Igielski  
and Ben Miller  
July 9th**

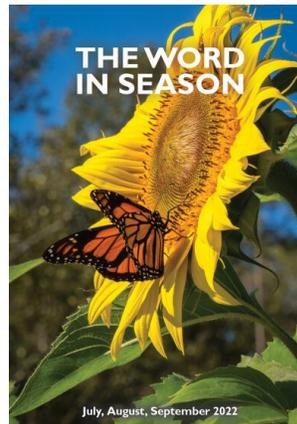
## Funerals

God's Comfort and Peace for the family of **Lana Matchett** (wife to Ken Matchett), who died on July 16th, 2022. Funeral was held on July 23rd, 2022.



Our Sympathy and Prayers for the family of **Brian Baumler** in the death of his father, Rich Baumler on July 24th, 2022.

## Devotional Booklets Available For July-September



Looking for a way to connect with God daily? Try **The Word in Season** devotional booklets. They are a **FREE** quarterly resource that provides a brief Scripture reading, message, and prayer for each day. Their small size makes it easy to place in a pocket or purse. They are available at the entry stations and in the Blessings Box and Little Library at the church.

## Zoom Meeting Numbers

We will be using the church's Zoom account for online meetings and small group gatherings in the future. Here are the numbers:

**Faith Formation Gatherings, including Bible Study**  
Zoom: 817 7030 6574 Pass: 945456

**Church Meetings**  
Zoom: 823 2326 4353 Pass: 830997

