

St. Mark's Church

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Worship Services

Wednesday 1st & 3rd 6:30 p.m.
Sunday 9:30 a.m.

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The Lookout

October 2019

ALL IN

June 19th, 2016 will always be one of my favorite days in history. It was the day the city of Cleveland actually won a championship by beating the Golden State Warriors in the NBA finals. That day was also a make or break winner take all game 7 battle for the title. I need to pause here and tell you that I never, NEVER!, thought I would live long enough to see any of the Cleveland sports teams ever, EVER!, win a championship. June 19th, however, was the end result of a very long season. The season started months before. That year, the Cleveland CaVS basketball team chose **ALL IN** as their mantra for the season. **ALL IN** represented a commitment to winning a championship. Everything the organization planned to do, made decisions around, or emphasized was seen through a lens of **ALL IN**.



In the same way, Christ talked about our commitment to the message of the gospel and the kingdom movement he was starting had to be **ALL IN**. Jesus had a high invitation and high challenge for people who wanted to be a part of this message of salvation and experience this kingdom movement. In one moment, Jesus saw crowds pressing in, then leaving quickly, the disciples ask Jesus about this **ALL IN** challenge. "Many of his disciples said, "This is very hard to understand. How can anyone accept it?" (John 6:60) "At this point many of his disciples turned away and deserted him." (John 6:66)

Jesus' response shows his humanness. Then Jesus turned to the Twelve and asked, "Are you also going to leave?" (John 6:67) Jesus' vulnerability in this moment is crucial. He is wondering if people are getting the message, if they believe in this movement. The crowds come and go as they please but if this core group of followers doesn't 'get it' and go **ALL IN**, what is the point?

And so Peter responds with words that only his heart and the Holy Spirit could inspire; "Lord, to whom would we go? You have the words that give eternal life. We believe, and we know you are the Holy One of God." (John 6:68-69) Peter's words continue to move the hearts of the faithful from generation to generation. These words are so powerful that we decided to put music to it and make it an offering. It is a response of being **ALL IN** for believing this message of salvation and committing our lives, our time, and our resources, to being a part of this kingdom movement. So church, this **ALL IN** approach works for NBA championships, for discipleship commitment, and we are inviting you to make it part of your church commitment this year.

Can you go **ALL IN**:

Worship regularly?

Attend service opportunities (Like INASMUCH day)?

Be a mentor?

Participate in a retreat?

Support St. Mark's activities when you see them on the calendar?

Experience Bible Study?

Volunteer at church or any of our partner organizations?

May our response to this invitation be much like Peter's; "Lord, to whom would we go? You have the words that give eternal life. We believe, and we know you are the Holy One of God." Simply put, I'm **ALL IN**.

Pastor Andy

Gathered together by God, to Grow and Go Out!



October

The Food Pantry and Salvation Army appreciate all that we donate to them. They don't care if it is **GREEN AND GOLD** food to represent the Packers, or if it is **BROWN AND ORANGE** food to represent the Browns—they'll very happily accept red, purple, white, or any color food!! Let's fill our baskets to the brim this month.

THANK YOU



SENIOR + CONNECTION

ST. MARK'S SENIOR CONNECTION

Tuesday, October 8, 2019

11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.



David Zimmerman is returning to share more stories and history of the

Green Bay Packers

Put on your favorite team gear and join us for

A TAILGATE LUNCH

FELLOWSHIP AND FUN

BRING A FRIEND – ALL ARE WELCOME!

Questions? Contact Rockie Matson 262-549-9192

TREASURER'S REPORT

Year to Date

August 2019

Income = \$20,457.49

Expenses = \$33,802.30

Difference = (-\$13,344.81)

Respectfully submitted,
Marilyn Timper
Treasurer



{cup of comfort}

this is where the healing begins

Blessed be the God and Father
of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the Father of mercies and God of Comfort.
2 Corinthians 1:3

Whatever your cares and concerns might be, you are invited to join this group of fellow Christians to receive God's gift of balm for your heart and peace for your mind. We do this with scripture, prayer, music, sharing, and plenty of coffee and cookies. Consider spending an hour with this group to share or just listen. You will be welcome!

CUP OF COMFORT CAFÉ
THURSDAY, October 10th, 2019
10:00 a.m.

UPSTAIRS LOUNGE

Questions? Call: Anne Link
414-379-4619



Ruth Circle

Monthly meeting of Ruth Circle will be on **Wednesday, October 16th at 1:00 p.m.** in Fellowship Hall. We share devotions and a discussion from Grace for a Woman's Heart, as well as enjoy dessert. All women are welcome. Please call Karen Handford at 262-547-2070 or Mavis McGrath at 262-968-3160 with any questions.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Do you love to knit or crochet, or would you like to learn?

Come join the prayer shawl ministry group on Monday, October 7th. We usually meet on the 1st Monday of the month in fellowship hall at 6:30 pm. If there are any questions, please contact Mary Jo Christensen at mjchristensen1958@wi.rr.com or Anna Miller.



From Deacon Marcia Marquardt

"Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, 'Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?' And I said, 'Here am I. Send me!'" Isaiah 6:8

Dear St. Mark's Family and Friends,

As I write, I am preparing for a vacation in the Smoky Mountains. I'm so thankful for the gift of this vacation. We've been preparing by reserving places to stay, researching things to do, exploring what the weather might be like, and planning what to pack.

Yesterday, a woman prayed for me. I was touched by her words. She prayed that God would use my vacation to not only refresh me, but also to give me an opportunity to touch someone new. She helped me prepare for my vacation in a different way—a deeper way than just lining up places to stay and things to do. She helped me prepare my heart for God's work in the midst of this time away. She helped me be more aware and ready to share God's love, presence, and power with the people I meet. She helped me ponder about what God might have in mind for this time away.

As she prayed and helped prepare my heart, I remembered the Magnificent Mystery Mission Tour. That team spent four sessions this summer exploring Scripture and a study book to prepare their hearts for that time of serving. I saw God work humility, willingness to do whatever it takes, compassion, empathy, kindness, trust, and surrender into these servants of God. Each attitude was an important part in the preparation for the kind of serving that was experienced and conversations with the people we met.

Where are you going today? What will you be doing? Who will you meet? Are you aware of what God might have in mind for you to do and the people you might meet and impact right where you are? Today, I'm praying for you just as this dear woman prayed for me. May God give you opportunities today to touch another's life with his love, power, and presence.

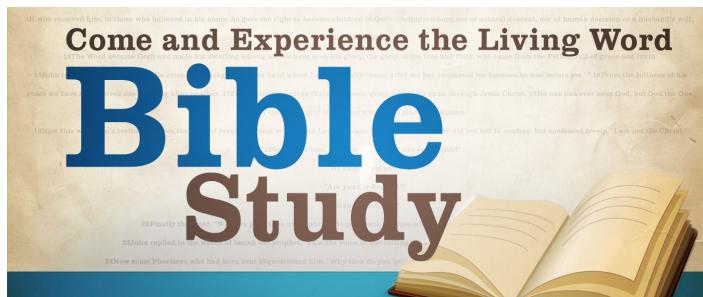
God, you've got something special in mind for us today. Prepare our hearts to respond in ways that accomplish your purpose and plan. Help us overflow with your love and power. Amen.

In His Service,
Marcia



“Our fingerprints
don’t fade
from the lives
we touch.”

— Judy Blume



Wednesdays and Thursdays

Dig into the worship Scriptures for the upcoming Sunday and apply principles to your life on Wednesdays at 3:45-5:15 pm (please note that new time) and Thursdays at 10:00-11:30 am in October, except Thursday, October 10th.

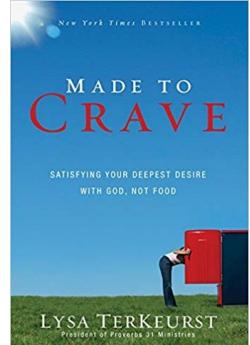
Each week Marcia Marquardt offers some background information to help the group understand what is happening in the text. She asks questions that lead a discussion to discover and apply principles for living. No Bible experience necessary! Some people are quiet and some discuss. Some come every week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

Conversations about Weight Loss

Monday, October 7th at 1:00 pm

Come for a Conversation about Weight Loss on Monday, October 7th 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.

Marcia Marquardt and Jennine Szwarkiewicz will lead the conversation. Mark your calendar for more Conversations on November 4th and December 2nd at 1:00 pm.





Jesus turned water into wine but here at St. Mark's, we needed to start with grapes. The wine used in today's communion was made by Amelia and Madison, and their Oikos families.



Inasmuch Day on October 19th

Make a difference! Invest a few hours of your time in a service project. Discover the joy of serving Jesus by serving others. Some projects will be at our church. Some will be in the neighborhood and community. We'll have lunch in the fellowship hall for volunteers. Pick up a brochure and sign up in the church lobby.



A Quiet, Reflective Service of Remembrance, Comfort and Hope Peaceful Worship for The Advent Season

Tuesday, December 10th at 11:00 am

COME-SIT-BE

(You do not need to be "blue" to participate in this special service)

The service will be followed by a luncheon. Pray about inviting someone to join us for the Blue Christmas Service.

Lookout Mailing

Thank you to the following volunteers:

Mary Jo Christensen,
Roger and Darlene Bjerke,
Julie Baumler, Rene Bjerke and Barb Ruhe



Special Gifts

Gordon & Jean Stickles, Frank & Sue Remfrey, Larry & Vickie Nines, Mary Foley, Terry & Donna Inman for office computer, Roger & Darlene Bjerke, Jerry & Mary Martinson, Larry & Jennine Szwalkiewicz, Marcia Marquardt, Patricia Mather, Mission Team, People of St. Mark's Congregation, Ray Banks for Card Ministry

Thanks St. Mark's to your generous donations, a whopping \$1253 was raised on Sunday, August 18th, a special collection for Our Sisters' House in Tomahawk, a non-profit home that the Mission Team visited in August. Our Sister's House helps people with temporary housing and other needs as they move toward independence.

Restore & Renew Giving Campaign

Jim & Lynne Plaster, Pastor Andy and Pastor Becky Fetter, Bob Solberg, Rodney & Hannah Brandenburg, David & Anna Miller

Funerals:

The comfort of Jesus is shared with our members and their families who have lost loved ones:

Kathy Straube, mother of Jenna Gapinski, on Sunday, September 15th.

Memorials

In Memory of Stacey Louise Payne: Brian & Julie Baumler, Fred & Rockie Matson

In Memory of James Conley: Mary Ann Sindelar

In Memory of Agnes Carmichael: Mary Ann Sindelar

Pastor Andy will host open office hours on **Wednesdays** from **9:00—11:30 a.m.** at Mountain Top Coffee in downtown Waukesha.



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

Brown Bag Supper with Marcia

Bring your supper and join Marcia Marquardt for conversation and care in the fellowship hall at 6:00-6:30 pm before the Wednesday Prayer Services on October 2nd & 16th. She would love to get to know YOU!



Wednesday Prayer Services on October 2nd & 16th

Refresh your heart and prayer life! Create quiet space to sit with God in the midst of the pressures and noise of our schedules and routines. Come to Prayer Services on the first and third Wednesdays at 6:30-7:10pm.

Through hymns, Scripture, silence, and prayer, we'll create quiet hearts to connect deeply with God and learn more about prayer. We will use candle lighting, prayer stations, brief teaching, discussion, silence, and a variety of prayer forms in the various services to open our hearts to listen and share with God. Some will share and participate. Some will observe. Some will come for every prayer service. Some will come once or a few times. All are welcome.



Beautiful day for the NAMI Waukesha Walk at Frame Park with the St. Mark's team!



MEN'S BREAKFAST

On **Saturday, October 12th** at 8:00 a.m. we will resume our Men's breakfast schedule. We will meet the **second Saturday of each month** through May.

If you have any questions please contact Tim Nekich. All men are invited and welcome to join us for food and fellowship.

Members of St. Mark's-Let's Go All In

Our stewardship appeal at St. Mark's will take place on Sunday, October 13th. This year's theme, **All In** emphasizes what we can accomplish if all of us go all in with our support, financially and for the ministries of our church. On recent Sundays, you have heard about the many programs that make up our church and how we can achieve an even greater impact if growing support is given by you, our members, to meet the areas of growth and need.

In recent years, our campaigns have emphasized stepping up in our giving and realizing that all we have is a gift from God which we are to share with a duty and delight in our hearts. This year we want everyone to go **All In** in converting these important principles into actions.

On October 13th, you are invited to share in personal stewardship growth, as a church in our stewardship together, and after service to celebrate by sharing a meal in fellowship hall. This year the church will provide the main course and all are invited to bring a dish to share.

We have exciting plans to grow the programs and ministries of St. Mark's. We need your help to make this a reality. Let's go **All In** and see what happens!

Beer Lovers United For A Cause

Friday, November 8th
6:30 pm-10:30 pm
at
Oconomowoc
Community Center



Faith Fermenters

Join our Faith Fermenters for our entries into this year's Charitable Hops event. Donations for the event goes to JR Hearts. JR Hearts helps Wisconsin families with children facing a serious illness. Your donation can help them with the burden of mounting medical bills. Last year our Faith Fermenters won the People's choice award for our "Reformation Red Ale."



On September 7th over 400 riders and over 100 volunteers helped raise money in three area family bike rides for the Outreach for Hope ministries in the Greater Milwaukee area.



What a beautiful day God gave us to pedal! We appreciate you, people of St. Mark's, for your prayers, encouragement and donations to Outreach for Hope. See you next fall!



Sunday School

During our Sunday service each week, children are encouraged to listen and participate in a special message. Then join us for a creative, interactive, faith building class for adults and children of all ages. Contact Suzanne Lorenz at sfl@cmhlaw.com or 262-510-8849 with any questions or concerns.



Blessings Box

Thanks for supplying our Blessings Box with soft items, like boxed cereals, macaroni and cheese mixes, socks, gloves, and school supplies. When someone has a need, they can take an item. When someone can share, they can place an item in the Blessings Box. People have already been using this resource. **Place item donations directly into the Blessings Box located near the sidewalk at the courtyard entrance to help others.** Thank you!

St. Mark's Quilters

Join us in creating quilts to give to various charities, shelters and individuals in our area. We meet every Monday at 8:30 am from October to Memorial Day. All are welcome to come, and attendance every week is not required. No sewing or quilting experience is needed. We have quilts to tie and the fellowship is priceless! Come when you can and leave whenever you need to.



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.

All Church Retreat

You are invited to an All Church Retreat on October 4th and 5th. If you are thinking that this retreat is only for leaders, it is an **ALL Church Retreat**. If you think that you have to be a member of a team ministry, this is an **All Church Retreat**. And **ALL means ALL!** There is something for everyone at our **Fall All Church Retreat**. We will look at church trends impacting worship attendance. We will spend time dwelling in the word to hear what God might have us do as a church. We will explore creative ways of building community among ourselves and reaching out to our neighbors. We will laugh together. We will share a meal together. You are invited to be church together. This retreat is the evening of Friday, October 4th and the morning until early afternoon on October 5th. Please come as you are able and leave as you must.



ANNUAL MEETING

Mark your calendars! Our Annual Meeting for St. Mark's will be held on **Sunday, November 17th** after worship.



Finding the Calm in the Chaos Retreat on November 9th



Does the uncertainty and chaos of life weigh you down? Come for a retreat for men, women, and teens at St. Mark's to explore God's plan to help us find peace! Through video presentations, discussions, and quiet time with God, we will discover a life of calm and develop tools for combating anxiety. Invite friends to participate. Pastor Andy and Deacon Marcia will lead the retreat. Pick up a registration form at the Welcome Center in the church lobby .



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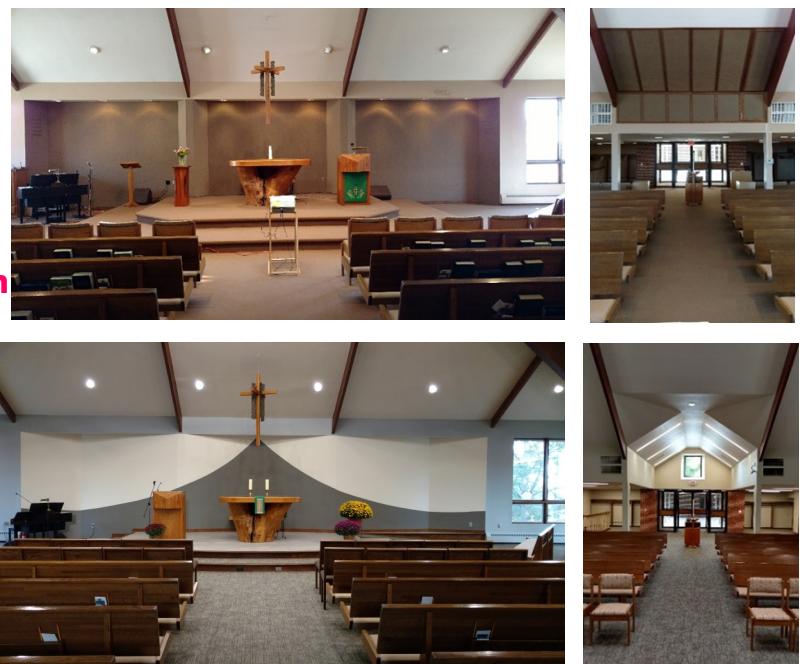


Before Renovation

Do You Remember
Restore & Renew
Renovation Dedication?
One Year Ago – October 21, 2019

Thank you again to everyone who gave so generously – over \$95,000 was received in gifts! The project came in on time and under budget thanks to these gifts and the help of many volunteers!

After Renovation



Downstairs
Before and
After



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Special Musicians Needed: spots are open in November. Please consider signing up with Jen for one or more days and share your talents with us!



SPECIAL MUSIC

October 6: St. Mark's Lady Singers

October 13: Andrew Jacobson

October 20: MaryAnn Sindelar

October 27: Vickie Wagner

Nov 3: Naiza Gohr

Nov 10: Dan Tenant and Jamie Stamborski

Dec 1: St. Mark's Flute Choir

Dec 8: St. Mark's Singers

Dec 15: Barb Geiger and Tim Milo

Dec 22: Megan Buschkopf and Marie Warren