

The Lookout

April, 2018



St. Mark's Church

424 Hyde Park Avenue
Waukesha, WI 53188
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Worship Services

Wednesday—7 p.m.
Sunday—9:30 a.m.

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Monday—Thursday:
8:30 a.m.—3:30 p.m.

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PICK UP YOUR CROSS!

Then he said to the crowd, "If any of you wants to be my follower, you must give up your own way, take up your cross daily, and follow me. If you try to hang on to your life, you will lose it. But if you give up your life for my sake, you will save it." Luke 9:23-24

You have seen it, the large wooden, life-size cross placed in worship every Lenten season for the past 6 years. It probably never occurs to you how it got there. Yet, faithfully, it arrives without notice as a reminder of the greatest symbol of our faith. It gets in the way, literally, of life as normal.

You may not know it, but moving this very heavy object is a sacred moment. It is filled with painful grunting and celebratory joy. It is also filled with gratitude when it is finally in place. Last year, the usual suspects, Stan, John, and myself, began the yearly efforts of picking up this cross. It was during our dialogue that I had an epiphany about Jesus' mandate to pick up your cross.

Stan: "It feels like it (the cross) got heavier this year."

John: "No, we are just a year older."

Me: "It's a good thing we don't have to do this alone."

This year, the cross moved into the sanctuary with a different group of disciples. (Thank you Larry and Bob!) And still, I ponder my response from a year ago. After all the hoopla of the Winter Olympics, it might best be said that picking up your cross is not an individual event. When Jesus invites us to follow him by picking up our cross, I don't believe he meant that we are asked to do this alone.

Watch what happens during the liturgy when this cross moves on Maundy Thursday and Good Friday. No one person is asked to pick up the cross. On Maundy Thursday, the cross is moved out of the sanctuary by a few brave and willing souls. On Good Friday, I carry this cross back into the sanctuary with the help of at least one other person. And it takes three of us to lift it into place that very same day. Even on Holy Saturday, a group of faithful disciples gather to put together the preparations of the Easter Garden.

By the time you receive this message about the cross, it will be Easter and we will be celebrating the joy of the empty tomb. That too, is an exercise in a communal effort. So church, as we pick up our cross, know that when life is difficult and the burden too heavy to carry, we belong to a community that will do the hard work with you. You are never asked to do life on your own. Together we are there to help carry the load and pick up the cross in order to follow Jesus. This year it might feel heavier than others, but rest assured, you won't have to do it alone.

- Pastor Andy



Sharing Our Bounty

APRIL — BIRTHDAY PARTY ITEMS

Everybody loves a birthday party—including the families who patronize the Food Pantry and Salvation Army. Consider donating paper plates, napkins, “goody-bag” items...whatever you would buy for a child’s party.

Food items, as always, are very welcome, too.

THANKS TO ALL!

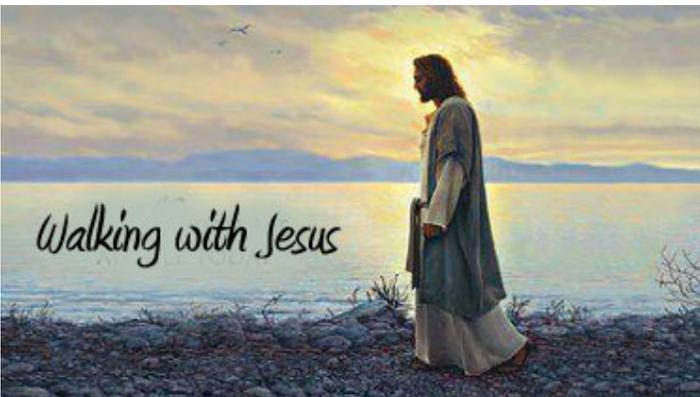


WALK WITH JESUS: A Bilingual Good Friday Family Experience

Experience the Holy Week story as a family on **Friday, March 30 at 6:30-7:30 p.m.!** 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, too!

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



AGAPE PIE FEAST

Let’s welcome Spring with an Agape Pie Feast! Join us for worship on **Wednesday, April 11 at 7:00 p.m.** Bring a pie to share after the service or just come and eat. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex. We hope to see you there.



BINGO AT LINDEN GROVE

You are invited to help host Bingo at Linden Grove Rehabilitation and Nursing Center on **Tuesday, April 17 at 2:15 p.m.** You can share the love of Jesus and bring joy and smiles to the residents there!

We will meet on the second floor at Linden Grove (425 University Drive in Waukesha). Please bring prizes and sugar-free cookies.

Sign up in the church lobby. Contact **Darlene Bjerke #262-549-0359** for more information.



Lookout Mailing

Thank you to the following volunteers:

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

Baptisms

- March 4—Jaxon Bork, child of Andrew & Maggie Bork
- March 4—Ahlia Glocka, child of Jason & Samantha Glocka
- March 11—Paisley McElmeel, child of Tim & Courtney McElmeel

Funerals

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

- The family of *Lois Hubacher*, who passed away unexpectedly on March 7th.
- The family of *Fern Warren*, who passed away on February 26th.
- Linda Stark and family on the death of her mother, *Betty Coel*, who passed away on March 4th.
- Steve Ellifson and family on the death of his mother, *Eva Ellifson*, who passed away on February 26th.

Restore & Renew Giving Campaign

Jim & Lynne Plaster, Roger & Darlene Bjerke, James & Minda Portz, Kevin & Laura Goralski, Jessica Coss, Hannah & Rodney Brandenburg, Janet Rake, Bob Solberg, Holly Wolfe, Anna Miller, Con & Avis Beranek, John & Betty Thompson, Joan & David Hojnacki, Pastor Andy & Becky Fetters, Elwyn & Sandra Bischmann, Nick & Julie Jennings, David & Edith Gazinski

Memorials

In Memory of Mary Fiebrink:

Cathleen Becker, Mark Boettcher, Daniel & Diane Carstens, Phillip Forslund & Alicia Miller, Francis Hayes, George Skelton, Timothy & Kathleen Kraker, Michael & Dianne Mockler, William & Denice Smith, Jewelers Mutual Insurance Co., Mark & Judith Bledsoe

In Memory of JoAnne Dobbeck:

Ann Fricker

In Memory of Pat Simmerman:

Tammy Ranseier, Dale Wagner, Brian & Julie Baumler, Mike & Mavis McGrath, Roger & Darlene Bjerke, Tom & Sue Beranek, Ken & Lana Matchett, Randy & Pam Hebert, Walter & Marion Rindt, James & Shirley Totsky, Bobbie & Gary Ramsey

In Memory of Eva Ellifson:

Charles & Mary Ann Sindelar



Special Gifts

Special gifts given this month by: Coffee Hour, Faith Fermenters, Men's Breakfast, Ruth Circle, Senior Connection, Earline Hollub, Christine Fenner, MaryAnn Sindelar, and Janine Lang

Easter Garden

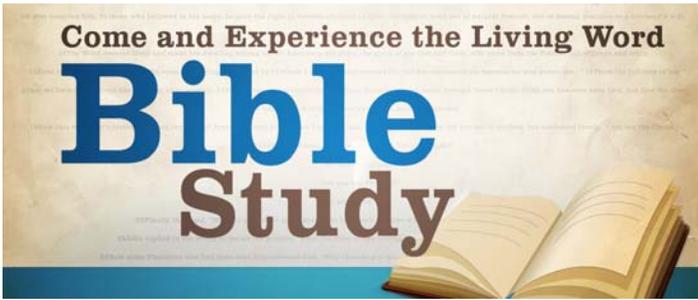
Dave & Joan Hojnacki, Bob & Mary Johnson, Stan & Eunice Indermuehle, Angela Zamzow, Barb Kehoss, Charles & Mary Ann Sindelar, Mike & Mavis McGrath, John & Marya McGrath, Barbara Ruhe, Lester & Beverly Shaw, James & Minda Portz, Marty & Maxine Gerken, Brian & Julie Baumler, Heather Warner, Darrell & Tammi Boehm, Marlene Fleischmann, Chris & Mary Jo Christensen, Carl & Cleo Smith, Jeff & Debbie Hoeft, Lorraine Gregory, Shirley Kopshinsky, Kevin & Laura Goralski, Earline Hollub, JoAnn Payne & Family, Jeff & Rene Bjerke, Anna Miller, Neil Butchart, Durward & Jan Nimmo, Jon & Tracy Schrantz, Wayne & Delores Haylett, Marilyn Timper, Linda Stark, Michelle Herbner, Mary Foley, Tom & Charlene Brandenburg, Dave & Carol Pugh, Gene & Barb Geiger, Delores Grulke, Marie Nichols, Nancy Mitchell



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.



BIBLE STUDY:

Wednesdays and Thursdays

Dig into the worship Scriptures for the upcoming Sunday and apply principles to your life.

There are TWO options:

- **Wednesdays at 3:30-5:00 p.m.** OR
- **Thursdays at 10:00-11:30 a.m.**
- **Please note that there is NO Bible Study on March 28 & 29.**

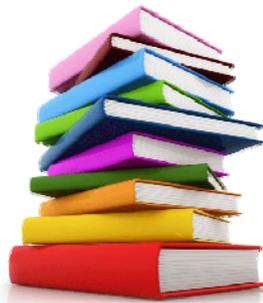
Each week Marcia Marquardt offers some background information to help the group understand what is happening in the text. She asks questions that lead a discussion to discover and apply principles for living.

No Bible experience necessary! Some people are quiet and some discuss. Some come every week and some come when they can. All are welcome!

LITTLE LIBRARY

Our "Little Library" is in need of books and children's DVDs. There is a box in the cloak room to put them in.

There has been a lot of usage in the last several weeks.



PRAYER CHAIN

Do you have a Prayer Chain request? Others will pray for you! Contact Sharon Collins at 262-385-7401 or email at prayerchain@welcome2stmarks.com.

FROM DEACON MARCIA MARQUARDT

"How sweet your words taste to me; they are sweeter than honey. Your commandments give me understanding; no wonder I hate every false way of life. Your word is a lamp to guide my feet and a light for my path. Psalm 119:103-105

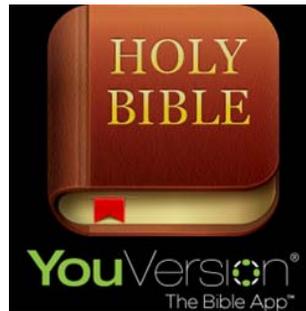
Dear St. Mark's Family and Friends,

Have you had an experience when a verse from the Bible came at just the right moment to convey something important from God? Sometimes God uses the Bible to speak clearly to us.

The Bible is like:

- An intimate conversation with God—where He reveals to us who He is and what He does.
- A book of wisdom—helping us gain insight and discernment for our lives.
- A love letter—expressing and showing God's devotion and investment in us.

But sometimes the Bible is confusing and hard to understand. Sometimes it's difficult to even know where to begin.



I've discovered a great Bible app for tablets and smart-phones called YouVersion Bible. It offers a variety of translations and languages of the Bible. I like reading the New Living Translation which we use in worship at St. Mark's.

This Bible app also shares a Verse of the Day, a devotion and Bible reading plans. It even has an audio function that offers a dramatized reading and videos of sections of the Bible. And the best part about the app is that it's **FREE!** It's made it easy for me to carry my Bible with me wherever I go and I have access to God's wonderful Word at any time. The Verse of the Day is a quick way for me to spend a little time listening to God through the Bible. Check it out for yourself!

As always, I'd love to get to know you better. Stop me at church or contact me to sit down for a conversation.

In His Service,

Marcia



“RESTORE & RENEW” UPDATES



The old AC units above the Narthex ceiling were removed on February 21. New, smaller units will be installed at a future date. These smaller units will allow for a more complete opening of the Narthex ceiling vault.

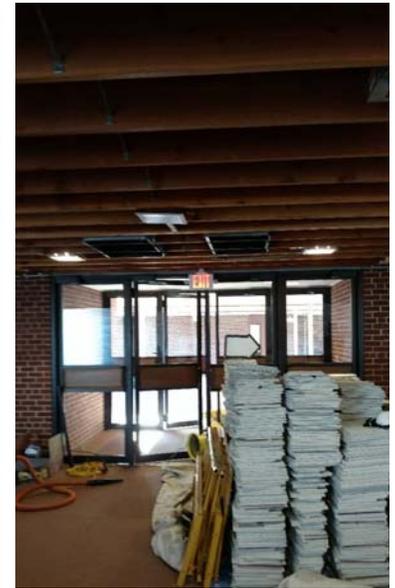
Architectural drawings were completed on February 26. The drawings and our application for a permit were submitted to the City Building Inspector on February 27.

Roman Electric retrofitted the outdoor front walkway lights with LED lights on March 7. The old ballasts were removed and the new LED lights will reduce the energy draw of each light by 80%. Lights for the Sanctuary and Narthex are on order. The strip for the wood chase that will hold the up-lighting on the side walls of the Sanctuary has been installed.

The building permit was approved and picked up on March 12. (There were no contingencies that would have required us to worship elsewhere during construction.) Work began immediately in the Narthex area. Framing of the vaulted ceiling in the loft area above the existing Narthex ceiling is proceeding. All the old ceiling tiles were removed from the Narthex area by volunteers on March 15. Insulation around electrical conduits was also taken out to open the areas for the electrician. The ceiling area has been temporarily covered with plastic sheeting to help keep the area clean.

Next steps in the Narthex include: finishing the loft framing, new lights, new insulation, and drywall.

Please let Jim Plaster or Christine Fenner know if you have any questions or concerns.



BLOOD PRESSURE CHECKS

St. Mark's offers free, confidential blood pressure checks on the third Sunday of the month. In order to continue this service, we need trained volunteers to serve on a rotating basis. If you can help out, please contact **Rockie Matson** for details. If you have done this in the past and wish to continue, please let Rockie know that as well at #262-549-9192 or matsonret@att.net.



RUTH CIRCLE

Ruth Circle will meet on **Wednesday, April 11** at **1:00 p.m.** in Fellowship Hall. We will be discussing pages 61-69 in our book, *Moments of Grace for a Woman's Heart*.



Our hostesses are Eunice Indermuehle and Marilyn Timper. Please let them know if you will (or won't) be attending. Any general questions? Please call **Carole Wolter** at **262-542-8807**.



TREASURER'S REPORT—Thru Feb. 28th

Total <u>Income</u>	\$67,994
Total <u>Expense</u>	<u>-84,301</u>
Net	\$(16,307)

Thank you for your commitment to St. Mark's mission.

Marilyn Timper
Treasurer

LISTENING SESSIONS

Two more listening sessions will be coming to St. Mark's. Last year, St. Mark's applied for and received a grant to have the Ziedler Center for Public Discussion help us begin the process of listening to one another. We'll have TWO more opportunities to participate in a range of topics. Stay tuned for more details in upcoming issues.



We look forward to this as a healthy approach to listening to one another. Psalm 40:1 reminds us "I waited patiently for the Lord, and the Lord heard my cry."

SAVE THE DATE!

St. Mark's annual blood drive will be held on **Monday, May 7 from 1:30—6:30 p.m.**

Plan your next donation so you will be eligible on this date. Watch for sign-ups right after Easter.



Photo from Women's Retreat Weekend—March 9-11, 2018



BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO MOURN, FOR THEY WILL BE COMFORTED." -- *Matthew 5:4*

There is a **Funeral Lunch Ministry** at St. Mark's to help God with this verse.



We are the **Funeral Lunch Ministry** at St. Mark's and we are looking for new members.

WHAT DO WE DO? We serve a lunch at St. Mark's following a funeral at our church.

WHY DO WE DO IT? -- Because we care for one another. When a loved one dies, it is a time like no other. When a lunch is provided after a funeral service, the family and friends of a loved one have time to relax, enjoy some delicious food, and share memories and good times spent with the loved one no longer with us here on earth.

WHEN DO WE DO IT? Our ministry of service has no definite schedule; we get together when we are needed. We communicate by phone via a buddy, or a Sign-Up Genius page on the computer. It is all very easy to do.

WHAT DO WE NEED? The team is looking for a new co-leader. It is an on-call position. You would need to order and pick up ham and rolls for the lunch following a funeral. Sign-Up Genius takes care of much of the rest! We also would welcome new members who could volunteer to provide dishes and/or help set-up, serve and clean-up at these luncheons.

Please join our ministry team. Submit your email address and/or phone number with a willingness to serve because you care. Contact **Donna Inman**, tdinman1970@gmail.com, if you are interested in joining the ministry team or being a co-leader.

For further information, feel free to reach out to **Donna Inman, Barb Geiger or Chris Zastrow**.

SENIOR + CONNECTION

ST. MARK'S SENIOR CONNECTION

Tuesday, April 10, 2018

11:00 a.m. — 1:00 p.m.

POTLUCK LUNCHEON



Please bring a dish to share.

Join us for a discussion on Senior Safety
in today's environment.

Questions?

Contact **Rockie Matson** at #262-549-9192



CUP OF COMFORT

Thursday, April 12, 2018

10:00 a.m.

All are welcome!

You are invited to receive God's comfort, feel the support of this fellowship, and hear God's promises to always be with us.

Come and rest for a moment.

Enjoy a cup of coffee and a cookie, too!

Questions? Call **Anne Link** at #262-542-6517.

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March 25—PALM SUNDAY

Worship at 9:30 a.m.—Come early to get some palms before we process into church.

March 28—NO WEDNESDAY WORSHIP

March 29—MAUNDY THURSDAY

Worship with foot washing at 7:00 p.m.

March 30—GOOD FRIDAY

- Worship at noon.
- Walk with Jesus at 6:30 p.m.
A bilingual family experience!

April 1—EASTER

Worship at 9:30 a.m.



SPECIAL MUSIC

Apr 8 Barb Geiger & Tim

Apr 15 Brenda Megna

Apr 22 Erin Colgrove

Apr 29 Amelia Anderson

May 6 Dan & Jamie

May 13 Chad Anderson

May 20 A-Men Choir

May 27 Jen Manvilla