

St. Mark's Lutheran Church

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Upcoming Events

Sat., Feb. 10th – 9:00 a.m. – Men's Breakfast

Sun., Feb. 11th – 4 Chaplains Service

Wed., Feb. 14th – Ash Wednesday
8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Pastor will be
available to do imposition of ashes

Wed., Feb. 14th – 5:00 p.m. – NET Dinner
at OLV Catholic Church

Wed., Feb. 14th – 6:30 p.m. – Ecumenical
Worship Service at OLV Catholic Church

Sat., Feb. 17th – 5:00 p.m. Movie Night

Sun., Feb. 18th – Special Congregational
Meeting

Sun., Feb. 18th – 12:00 p.m. – Church Council
Meeting

Wed., Feb. 21st – 5:00 p.m. – NET Dinner
at the Reformed Church

Wed., Feb. 28th – 5:00 p.m. – NET Dinner
at St. Mark's Church

Congregational Meeting

There will be a special congregational meeting on Sunday, February 18th, immediately following our worship service. We will be discussing and making an important decision regarding the possible sale of a small plot of land that is currently owned by St. Mark's. Please plan to attend this meeting for each member's opinion and vote is important. Please contact Ron Lower if you have any questions.

Prayers and Concerns for January

Family of Hazel Jenkins

Kevin Arbacheski family

Craig Rumph

Chad Hillicoss

Mark Bartholomew

Ed Guntert

Linda and Ron Connors

Tom Nesbitt

Janice Frazee

Niles McCoy

Andreanna Blesser

Eric Mattson

Val Smith

Bible Verse for February:

*A new commandment I give to
you, that you love one another;
just as I have loved you, you also
are to love one another.*

John 13:34 (ESV)

Thought for the Day:

*Faith is seeing light with the
eyes of your heart, when the
eyes of your body see only
darkness.*



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Servers for February

Feb. 4th:

Reader – Ginny

Prayer – Ron

Ushers – Dennis / Diane

Counter – Sharon

Feb. 11th:

Reader – Ron

Prayer – Carolyn

Ushers – Ron / Denise

Counter – Diane

Feb. 18th:

Reader – Eric

Prayer – Cheryl

Ushers – Bob / Peggi

Counter – Carrie

Feb. 25th:

Reader – Nannette

Prayer – Ron

Ushers – Deb R. / Marie

Counter – Deb P.



"DID YOUR CUP RUNNETH OR
SPILLETH OVER, REVEREND LLOYD?"

February Birthdays:

Bob Meunier	Feb. 1
Eric Mattson	Feb. 13
Bill Morton	Feb. 23

February Anniversaries:

Ron / Edna Lower	Feb. 16
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St. Mark's Income vs Expenses

Here is the summary of income and expenses for the year 2023:

Income	\$72,611.49
Expenses	52,883.27
Balance	\$19,728.22

Altar Flowers

We are blessed to have beautiful flowers adorn our altar every Sunday. At the beginning of the year, members of our congregation are asked to sign-up for the purchase of flowers. The cost of the flowers is \$20. To make a payment to cover the cost of the week(s) for which you signed up, please put your check or cash in an envelope with your church envelope number and the date for which you are donating the flowers, then place it in the offering plate. Thank you and thank you, Altar Guild, for picking up the flowers for our Sunday worship service!

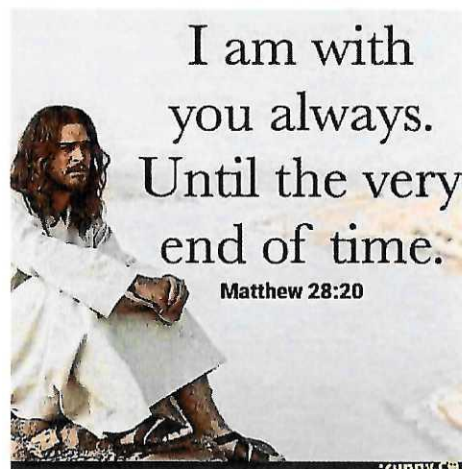
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Four Chaplains Service

In the month of February, the American Legion is invited to churches in our area to share the story of four Army chaplains who made the ultimate sacrifice. Those chaplains were Father John P. Washington, Rabbi Alexander D. Goode, and the Revs. George L. Fox and Clark V. Poling – all who gave up their life jackets on a sinking Army transport in the North Atlantic so that others might live. As men of God, they truly showed their love of Christ and others through this selfless act. We will have the privilege of hosting the American Legion during our worship service on Sunday, **February 11th**, so please plan to join us to honor these brave men.

Movie Night

Movie night is resuming on **Saturday, February 17th, at 5:00 p.m.** in our fellowship hall to watch a Christian feature. The title of the feature is yet to be determined so please join us to see this "mystery" movie.



"Souper Bowl" Sunday



Sunday, **February 11th**, many eyes will be focused on touchdowns being made by two football teams at Super Bowl LVIII. That same day our congregation will have their eyes focused on a different kind of touchdown at our own "Souper Bowl". Instead of a football, our game ball is a can of soup, and we are asking you to provide a "game ball" by bringing a can of soup of any kind to worship service.

With each can of soup donated, the game score increases with the winner being St. Mark's Food Pantry. Thank you for your support and your generosity in helping to feed those in need.

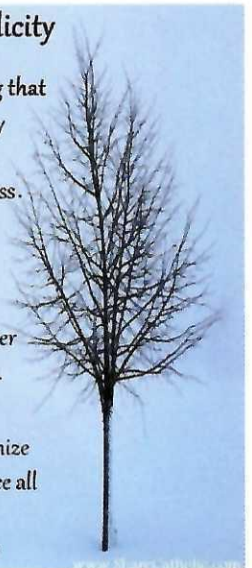
A Prayer for Lenten Simplicity

Free me, Lord Jesus, from anything that obstructs my way to you. Clear away the clutter of petty grudges. Remove smudges of resentment and bitterness. Cleanse me of thoughts filled with anger envy, or self-pity.

Create space in my life for more kindness and less spitefulness, greater generosity and stronger compassion.

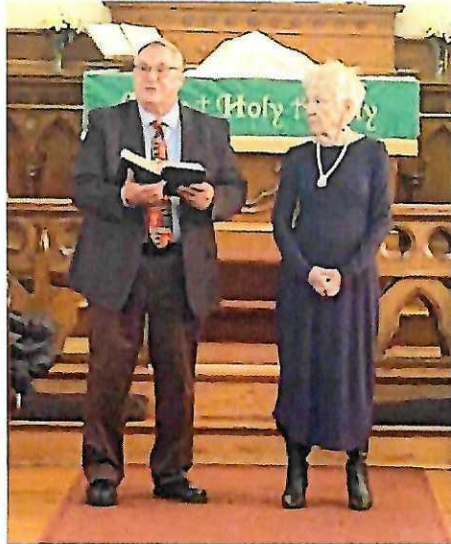
Enlarge my heart with a spirit of gratitude this Lent, so that I recognize the simple gifts that lay in abundance all around me.

In your sacred name, I pray. Amen.



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Welcome, Cathy Allen!



On Sunday, January 14th, Cathy Allen became a member of St. Mark's. Cathy has been a member of our choir for several years and we are pleased to welcome you as our newest member. May God bless you!



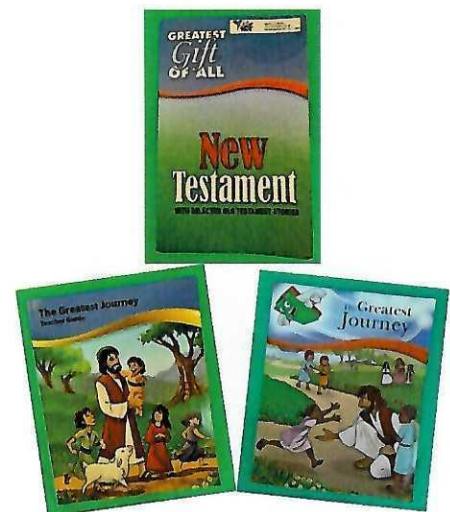
Mike Saccocio with our Mitten Tree donations for City Mission

OCC "The Greatest Journey"

Thank you to all who prayerfully packed shoeboxes. As the children receive their gifts, another journey is about to begin for them.

During the coming year, many of them will be enrolling in *The Greatest Journey* which is a 12-lesson discipleship program that Samaritan's Purse offers through the churches that hand out OCC shoebox gifts. Samaritan's Purse trains volunteer teachers and provides lesson materials as well as New Testaments for each graduate. The printed materials they receive are translated into 91 different languages so each child will be able to read them in their own language.

During the month of February, which is our "love" month, please show some love and consider making a donation of any amount to help defer the cost of lesson materials, New Testaments as well as teacher training. You will find a donation box located in the front of the church. Thank you!



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NET Dinner

Over 100 people enjoyed a delicious chicken parmesan dinner the evening of Wednesday, January 24th. We received rave reviews of a 5-star dinner from those attending.

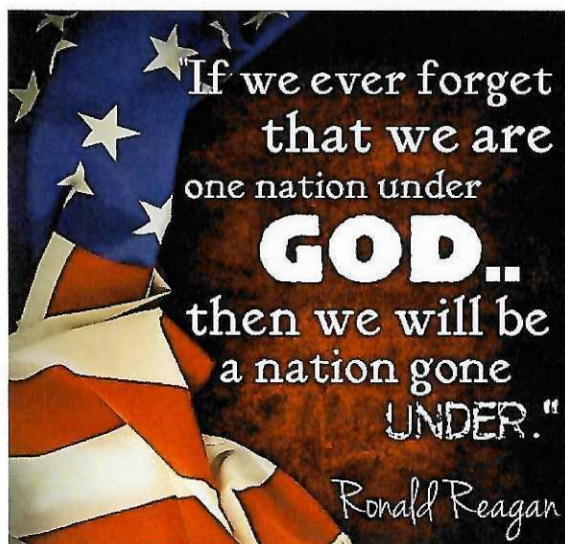


Our next NET dinner will be on February 28th when we are scheduled to serve a turkey dinner with potatoes, stuffing, gravy, vegetable, cranberry sauce and dessert. Yummy!!!



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*Please pray for our
armed forces, our
country, and our
leaders.*



Kitchen Repair...

Over time things in our fellowship hall and sanctuary need repair. We are blessed to have people who so willingly share their knowledge and talent to fix and do maintenance on what we have. Thank you to Dennis France and his "apprentice", Leanne Brown, for repairing the kitchen cabinet door.



Where is The Apostles Creed Found in the Bible?

I believe in God, the Father almighty, (Mt 5 :45)

Creator of heaven and earth, (Gen 1: 1ff; Rom 1: 20)

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, (Mt 3: 17; Phil 2: 12)

Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, (Lk 1: 35)

born of the Virgin Mary, (Lk 2: 7)

suffered under Pontius Pilate, (Jn 19: 16)

was crucified, died, and was buried. (Jn 19: 29 – 42)

He descended into hell; (1 Pet 3: 19 – 20)

on the third day He rose again from the dead, (Mt 28:1-10; Jn 20:11-18)

He ascended in heaven. (Lk 24: 51)

and sits at the right hand of God, (Heb 1: 3)

the Father almighty; (Mk 14: 36)

from thence He shall come again (Mt 16: 27; Acts 10: 39ff;)

to judge the living and the dead. 2 Timothy 4:1

I believe in the Holy Spirit, (Jn 14: 15 – 20; Acts 1: 7 – 8)

the Holy Christian Church, (Mt 16: 18 – 19; Eph 5: 26-27; Col 1: 24)

the communion of Saints, (Mt 28: 19 – 20; 2 Cor 11: 13; 1 Cor 15: 33)

the forgiveness of sins, (Jn 20: 22 – 23)

the resurrection of the body, (1Cor 15: 51 – 54; 1 Thes 4: 13 – 18)

and life everlasting Jn 5: 20)