

St. Mark's Lutheran Church

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Upcoming Events

May 12 – 9:00 a.m. – Mother's Day Breakfast

May 13 – 6:00 p.m. - Council Meeting

May 22 – 5:00 p.m. – Net Dinner

Council Members:

President – Diane France
Vice President – Georgia VanDyke
Secretary - Lori Roney
Treasurer - Debbie Palmatier
Members - Jim Brigadier, Dennis Foland and Lisa Bartholomew.

Council has adopted a policy for anyone that wishes to use the fellowship hall for an event. All requests are to be sent to Lisa Bartholomew. She can be reached at 231-9494. She will handle all the arrangements, scheduling, paperwork and payments. This will allow for a one point person contact rather than having too many people involved.

Prayers Concerns

Please lift the following people up in prayer:

Family of Joan Chamberlain
Family of Carolea Wilkens
Family of Ronnie Barry, Jr.
Family of Stan Scislawsky
Family of Bob Varella
John Motta
Joseph Motta
Morgan Gordon
Janice Frezee
Rhea Dawn Owens
Linda Briggs
Sheila Coger
LJ Akey
Dan Shultes
Jeff Kingsbury
Louise Langone
Lorraine Robinson

Prayer Ministry

You are invited to participate in a prayer ministry. We meet on Thursdays at 5:30 p.m. in St. Mark's sanctuary. If you are unable to attend and have a prayer request you would like lifted, please contact the church office or feel free to place your written request in the prayer box located in narthex.

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Happy Days !!!!!

Birthdays: May

Gloria Falcone	May 2
Mary Schaffer	May 8
Claude Brown	May 8
Dennis France	May 11
Debbie Brigadier	May 13
Sharon Nesbitt	May 22
Ed Johnson	May 24
Kobe Gordon	May 28
Brianna Gordon	May 30

Anniversaries: May

None

Did you know St. Mark's offers the following opportunities for you and your family to participate?

Phoebes - every Monday from 9-2 PM

Youth Sunday School - Held during the worship service message

Adult Sunday School - Sundays from 9:15 - 10 AM

Prayer Ministry - every Thursday night beginning at 5:30 PM

Men's Prayer breakfast - second Saturday of each month

she's your mom

and She's going to love you forever, no matter What — you can't treat her just any Old Way and think it doesn't matter. Don't treat the person who loves you the most... the worst. Don't take her for granted. She may not let you see it, but your shortness, impatience and harsh words make her steal away to a quiet place and cry. Her heart hurts to understand why you Seem angry with her. She will not always agree With you, but She will always love you. And it doesn't matter how Old you are. or how Old She is. treasure your mom.

You'll never have another one.
I can do it

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!!!

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Servers for May

May 5:

Candle Lighter – Mason P.
Ushers – Chris / Beth C.
Reader – Deb P.
Greeter – Deb P.
Prayer – Deb B.
Counter – Carrie F.

May 12: (Mother's Day)

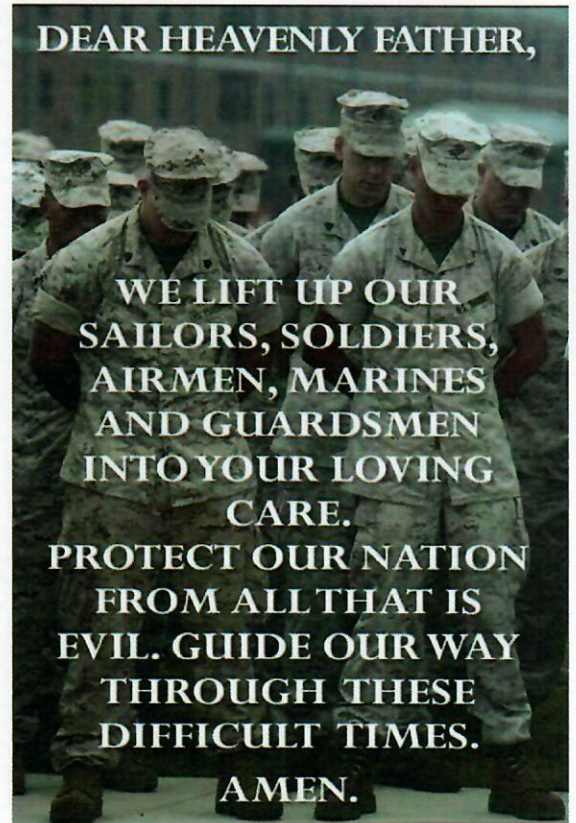
Candle Lighter – Dylan H.
Ushers – Lori / Dean R.
Reader – Lori R.
Greeter – Ginny T.
Prayer – Ron L.
Counter – Deb P.

May 19:

Candle Lighter – Mason P.
Ushers – Diane / Dennis F.
Reader – Marie W.
Greeter – Harry A.
Prayer – Beth C.
Counter – Diane F.

May 26:

Candle Lighter - Dylan
Ushers – Bonnie / Bill M.
Reader – Bonnie M.
Greeter – Gloria F.
Prayer – Ginny T.
Counter – Carrie F.



WHEN YOU SEE A VETERAN
OR SOMEONE CURRENTLY
SERVING IN THE ARMED
FORCES, PLEASE EXTEND A
HEARTFELT "THANK YOU"
TO THEM. REMEMBER,
BECAUSE OF THEM, YOU
HAVE A COUNTRY IN
WHICH TO LIVE IN
FREEDOM. PLEASE PRAY
DAILY FOR EACH AND
EVERYONE OF THEM.

Reflecting in the Darkness

Isaiah 9:2 The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in the land of the shadow of death, upon them a light has shined.

In this day and age being aware of the darkness in the world is as close as the big screens in our homes, the monitors on our desks, or the screens in our hands. There are those who walk in the darkness because *"and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil."* (John 3:19b) Then there are those present in this world who are reflecting the light in the darkness. I was thinking of this when the sun shone through a window of my office and reflected off the face of my watch. As I moved my arm, the light moved to different places in the room where the shadows loomed. In the first chapter of the Gospel of John it tells us: *"There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. This man came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all through him might believe. He was not that Light, but was sent to bear witness of that Light. To bear witness to, to reflect that light to the world."* In Matthew 5 Jesus tells us: *"You are the light of the world; Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven."*

As I mentioned, there is much darkness in the world. The Bible states the light should be witnessed to. Jesus tells us that we are the light of the world and to let our light shine. It's scary because light stands out in the darkness; light draws attention. It seems safer, more comfortable to go unnoticed. To drift through life without the attention being a light can bring. It is interesting though how drawing attention and being noticed for worldly ways is acceptable and is more comfortable for some.

I have found that it is easier than I thought to reflect the light of the Lord into the world, to 'brighten someone's day'. To not try to create or look for grand opportunities, but rather to take every small and seemingly insignificant opportunity to do so. When this is done often enough, the world becomes a brighter place. When Jesus was born in a manger, a great light entered the world. He drew people to Him and as Jesus grew and stepped out

into the world, He continued to draw people from near and far. Those who came, those who are hungry, those who labor, those who are heavy laden, they came and they received what they needed. They, like all of us, need the light, for light gives comfort, it gives security, it gives rest and peace from the fear that the darkness creates.

Once again we have celebrated the entry of the light into the world and then the resurrection of that light from the darkness of the tomb of death. Now let us celebrate as that light has been entrusted to us to share to the entire world. No fear, no doubt, no uncertainty-- just the pure joy of reflecting God's love, God's light into the dark and desperate corners of the world. Whether we are noticed or not, it is the light we reflect that will bring peace and comfort to all who receive it. For we are not the light, we are to bear witness to the light; we are to reflect the light so that it glorifies our God and our Savior Jesus Christ.

No matter how we became aware of the darkness in this world, let us not just reflect on it. Instead let us reflect the light of Jesus Christ in it because darkness cannot overcome the light. Thanks be to God.

In God We Trust / Love and Prayers, Pastor Dave