

St. Mark's Lutheran Church

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Upcoming Events

**March 11th – 5:00 p.m. – NET
Dinner - Catholic Church**

**March 14th – 9:00 a.m. – Men's
Breakfast**

**March 16th – 6:00 p.m. - Council
Meeting**

**March 18th – 5:00 p.m. – NET
Dinner - Methodist Church**

**March 25th – 5:00 p.m. – NET
Dinner – St. Mark's Church**

Council Members:

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

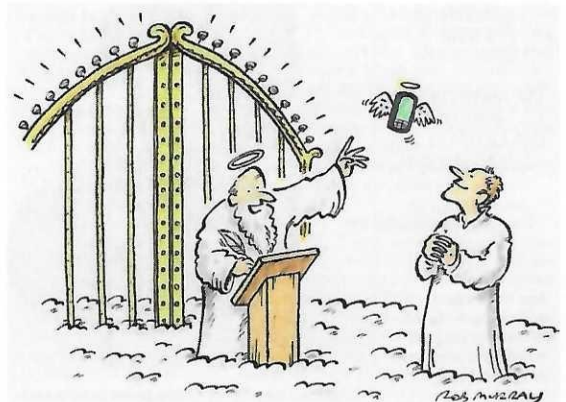
*The two most powerful forces in the world
are love and prayer. Use them!!*

- Francis Tardiff

Prayers Concerns

Please lift the following people up
in prayer:

Family of Mary Robinson
Family of Donald Karsch
Harold Porter
Elizabeth Haley
Bob Muenier
Charlotte Bell
Carol Hartzell
Cathy Karsch
Reuben Mickle, Sr.
Amanda's Triplets:
 Jess / Macee / Josh
LJ Akey
Jessica Gordon
Stephen
Vern Gordon
Jackson Bywater



"You'll be relieved to hear your phone died too."

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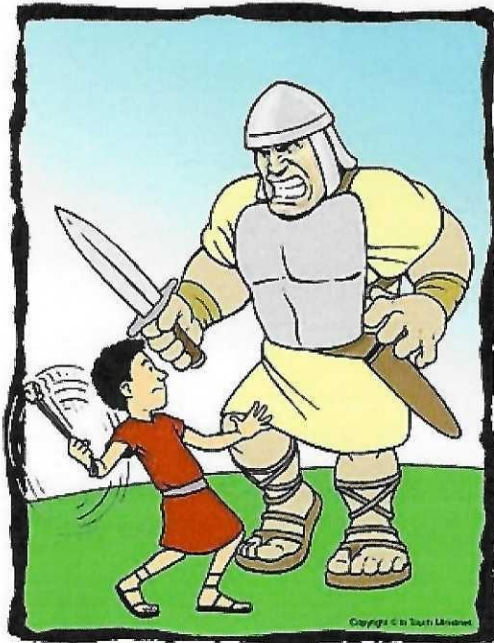
Happy Days !!!!!

Birthdays: March

Carrie Foland	Mar. 1
Jim Brigadier	Mar. 14
Dylan Hillicoss	Mar. 14
Mary Chichester	Mar. 14
Cheryl Cater	Mar. 19
Dean Roney	Mar. 22
William Cronin	Mar. 22
Linda Amond	Mar. 26
Virginia Tinney	Mar. 27

Anniversaries: March

Pastor Dave / Melody Mar. 24



*Sometimes God will put a Goliath in your life
for you to find a David within you.*

- Guidepost

**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

Bible Study - Sundays from
9:15 - 10 AM

Council Mtgs. - Third Monday of
each month at 6:00 p.m.

Choir Rehearsals - Every Wednesday
from 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

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

Men's Prayer Breakfast - second
Saturday of each month

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.

Being in the Body of Christ

We have many friends and families blessing us with their presence in our worship services. I have been asked about, and this month I would like to take time to define, some of the words we use to describe a personal commitment in our faith. I am speaking of Baptism, Confirmation, and Membership in a congregation.

Baptism the origin of baptism is said to be in the Jewish faith and recorded in the Levitical law as ceremonial washing. One of the purposes was for indoctrination of Gentiles who desired to convert to the Jewish faith. John the Baptist, who was of the Jewish faith, used this ceremony in a new way...preaching a baptism of repentance for the remission of sins. He stated that he baptized with water, but one greater than he would baptize with the Holy Spirit and fire. The act of baptism does not gain anyone salvation, only the sacrifice of Jesus does that. When one is baptized, they are making a public statement of confession of their sinful nature, repentance from their old life, and affirming their faith that Jesus Christ is their Savior. It is stated that going into the water we die to our old selves; coming out of the water we are resurrected with Jesus to a new life in Him.

Confirmation is an intentional commitment to respond to God's grace. Confirmands are generally people who were baptized at birth or a young age where they were not able to fully understand what that commitment meant. Confirmands go through a period of preparation where they receive instruction through classes on the history of the faith, Christian doctrine, spiritual disciplines, and living out the vows to be a follower of Jesus Christ. At confirmation, the confirmand makes a public affirmation of the vows that were made in the baptismal covenant. They make a commitment to live these vows in their life as members of the Church. Confirmation is one step in our journey to seek a closer relationship with Jesus Christ and to explore the questions we have so as to strengthen our personal faith.

Membership in the Church, which is the body of Christ, is achieved by affirmation of Christian doctrine in that there is one God, one Savior - Jesus Christ, the begotten son of God, and the presence of God in our world today - the Holy Spirit. When one admits and confesses to their sinful nature, accepts Jesus Christ as the atonement for the penalty of that sin, and puts their faith and trust in Him alone as their Savior, they receive the grace of God and become a member of the body of Christ. Membership in the church, as a member of a congregation, is becoming part of a community of faith and to unite with a faithful group of fellow believers so as to grow in faith and wisdom to better serve our Lord. Different congregations and/or denominations have varying requirements for being a member of their church. As with any organized group, membership has its privileges. The privilege of having a voice in, and the opportunity to serve in a number of roles in, the life of their church.

In our congregation all are welcome to come and worship, to explore their faith, to find hope, love and peace in a safe and welcoming environment. If you have questions, concerns, or interest in any of the afore mentioned status of Church and/or congregational life, please contact myself or one of our administrative board members to inquire further.

In God We Trust / Love and Prayers, Pastor Dave

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Servers for March

March 1st:

Ushers – Ron / Denise

Reader – Edna

Greeter – Pat

Prayer – Ron

Counter – Diane

March 8th:

Ushers – Bill / Bonnie

Reader – Bonnie

Greeter – Janet

Prayer – Deb B

Counter – Carrie

March 15th:

Ushers – Maurice / Ginny

Reader – Marie

Greeter – Deb P

Prayer – Chris

Counter – Deb P

March 22nd:

Ushers – Dennis / Diane

Reader – Jim

Greeter – Gloria

Prayer – Jim

Counter – Diane

March 29th:

Ushers – Deb R / Marie

Reader – Ginny

Greeter – Barbara

Prayer – Ginny

Counter – Carrie

Prayer for Grace

"Lord, let your ear be attentive to the prayer of this
your servant and to the prayer of your servants who
delight in revering your name...."

NEHEMIAH 1:11 NIV

*Lord, thank You for placing dreams in my heart, for
guiding me further than I thought possible and helping me
overcome obstacles in my life.*





Happy St. Patrick's Day!!!



DO YOU WANT TO FAST THIS LENT?

In the words of Pope Francis

- Fast from hurting words and say kind words.
- Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.
- Fast from anger and be filled with patience.
- Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.
- Fast from worries and have trust in God.
- Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity.
- Fast from pressures and be prayerful.
- Fast from bitterness and fill your hearts with joy.
- Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others.
- Fast from grudges and be reconciled.
- Fast from words and be silent so you can listen.