

St. Mark's Lutheran Church

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Upcoming Events

Wed., Apr. 12th – 5:00 p.m. – Net Dinner
at OLV Catholic Church

Sat., April 15th – 6:30 p.m. – Movie Night

Sun., Apr. 16th – 12:00 p.m. – Church Council
Meeting

Wed., Apr. 26th – 5:00 p.m. – Net Dinner
at St. Mark's

HOLY WEEK EVENTS

Palm Sunday – Sun, April 2nd – 10:30 a.m.
– St. Mark's Worship Service

Maundy Thursday – April 6th – 6:00 p.m.
Seder meal and prayer at Our Lady of the
Valley Catholic Church

Good Friday – April 7th - 12:00 noon –
Ecumenical Walk of the Cross
7:00 p.m. – Worship Service at Reformed
Church

Saturday Vigil – April 8th – 6:00 a.m. –
6:00 p.m. at St. Mark's

Easter Sunrise Service – April 9th –
6:30 a.m. – Coltrain Funeral Home

Easter Sunday – April 9th - 10:30 a.m. -
St. Mark's Worship Service

Prayer Chain Requests In Mar.

Family of Kathleen Dillion
Family of Lauren (Norberg) Coleman
Family of Carlos Ibarra
Family of Thomas Buzon
Family of Larry Wayman

Cody Martin
Sharon Amendola
Pastor Dave
Colleen Davidson
Craig Rumph
Nathan Parslow
Rev. Ted Hummel
Dan Rocco
Frederick Wellington
Kris Palmatier
Families who have experienced the
devastating tornadoes in Mississippi and
Alabama

Thought for the Day:

*Just remember, every flower that
ever bloomed had to go through a
whole lot of dirt to get there.*



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Servers for April

April 2nd:

Reader – Ron

Prayer – Ron

Ushers – Dennis / Carrie

Counter – Sharon

April 9th:

Reader – Nannette

Prayer – Carolyn

Ushers – Deb R. / Marie

Counter – Diane

April 16th:

Reader – Ginny

Prayer – Cheryl

Ushers – Dean / Lori

Counter – Carrie

April 23rd:

Reader – Deb P.

Prayer – Ron

Ushers – Aaron / Allison

Counter – Deb P.

April 30th:

Reader – Bob

Prayer – Carolyn

Ushers – Lisa / Nannette

Counter – Sharon



April Birthdays:

Pat Becker	Apr. 3
Nikki Gordon	Apr. 5
Diane France	Apr. 20
Sandi Johnson	Apr. 23
Maurice VanDyke	Apr. 24
Amanda Howland	Apr. 28

April Anniversaries:

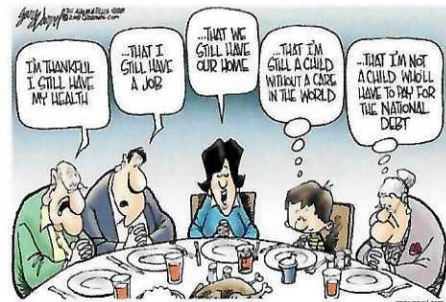
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St. Mark's Income vs Expenses

Here is the summary of income and expenses for the month of **February 2023:**

Income	\$4639.59
Expenses	5920.12
Balance	(\$1280.53)

Fuel Fund	\$1298.15
Fuel Expenditure	2047.74
Balance	(\$749.59)



Holy Week Events

Palm Sunday

Sunday, April 2nd – 10:30 a.m. at St. Mark's

Lenten Bible Study

Thursday, April 6th – 4:00 p.m. at St. Mark's

Maundy Thursday Passover Meal (Seder) and Prayer

Thursday, April 6th – 6:00 p.m. at Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Church

Good Friday Ecumenical Walk of the Cross

Friday, April 7th – 12:00 noon starting at corner of Wells and Main Street
at Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Church

Community Good Friday Service

Friday, April 7th – 7:00 p.m. at Reformed Church

Saturday Vigil

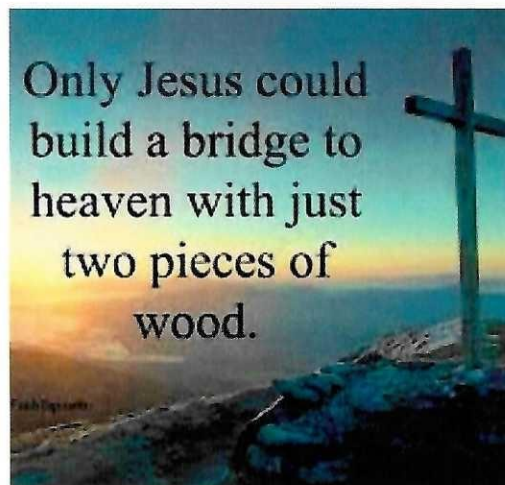
Saturday, April 8th – 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. at St. Mark's
Church will be open so you may come at any time, stay as long as you would like to
spend quiet time with our Lord

Easter Sunrise Service

Sunday, April 9th – 6:30 a.m. at Coltrain's Funeral Home parking lot

Easter Sunday Worship Service

Sunday, April 9th – 10:30 a.m. at St. Mark's



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Flowers for Easter

Each Sunday flower arrangements adorn our altar, making our sanctuary so beautiful. Easter Sunday lilies will be placed throughout the church and we are requesting help to purchase them. As God leads, please consider making a donation toward this endeavor. Please place it in an envelope, indicate it is for flowers and place it in the collection plate. Thank you!

Installation of Officers

During our worship service on March 12th, an installation of officers was held at St. Mark's for the following Council members:

President – Marie Whittaker
Vice-president – Georgia VanDyke
Secretary – Lori Roney
Treasurer – Debbie Palmatier
Members at Large – Diane France,
Debbie Roberts, Ron Lower

Please hold our Council members in prayer as they seek to do God's will for our church.

Clothing Closet Reminder

St. Mark's is no longer accepting anything but clothing and shoes. Both must be in excellent condition. Please call Pat McCoy at (518) 231-4632, before you leave anything at church. Your cooperation is appreciated.

NET Dinner

Wednesday, March 22nd, St. Mark's hosted their monthly NET dinner when they served pancakes, sausage, applesauce and desserts. Our next NET dinner is being held April 26th.



Yummy desserts!!

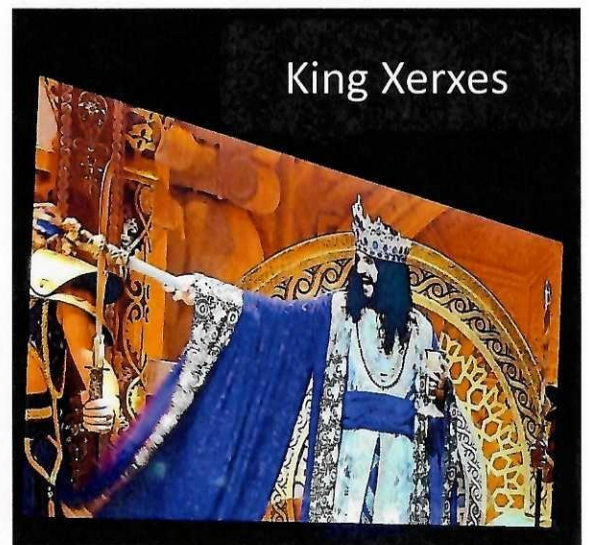
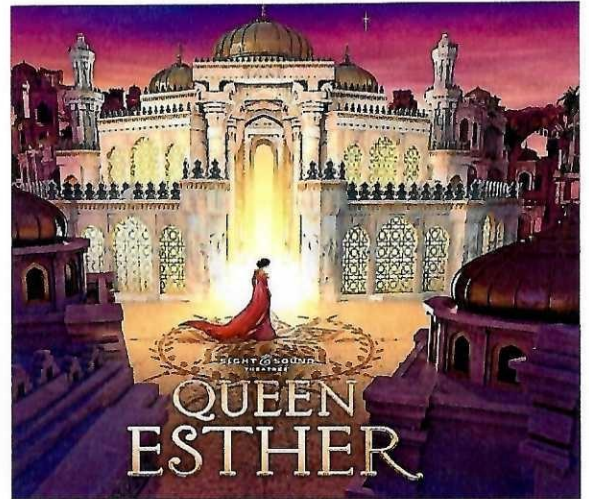
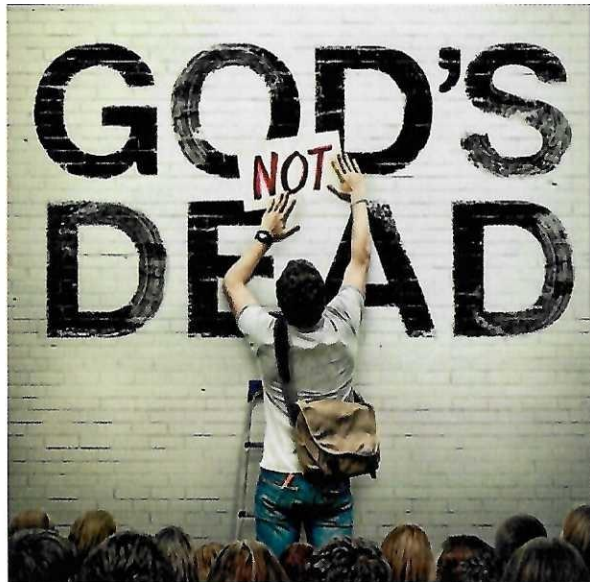


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Movie Night

Saturday, March 18th, St. Mark's fellowship hall was filled with royalty as we watched the story of Queen Esther played out before us. We were reminded that God can use ordinary people to fulfill His plan. While we don't always understand why things happen as they do, we are to maintain our faith and trust in Him. God keeps His promise to never leave us nor forsake us, just as we witnessed in the life of Queen Esther and her people.

Our next movie night will be held on **Saturday, April 15, at 6:30 p.m.** when we will see "**God's Not Dead**". Join us as we watch how a young college student defends his faith and proves to his class that *God's Not Dead*.



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Operation Christmas Child

Even though spring has just arrived, it is never too early to start thinking about our outreach ministry for Operation Christmas Child and the gifts with which we are able to bless children all around the world. We are blessed that Ruth Palmer has accepted God's call to be our leader for this ministry.

This year Ruth is asking us to think "outside of the box" (no pun intended) when we create our shoeboxes. Instead of each one making individual boxes, she would like to sponsor a "packing party" when we would gather as a group, pack the shoeboxes and enjoy a light meal. So...each month, we are requesting our church family to place an item in a box located in the back of the sanctuary. Then in November we will use all of your donations to pack our boxes. The goal this year for St. Mark's is to send at least 40 boxes.

March was designated as "toothbrush" month; April is "Play Ball" month – suggestions are a squishy ball for little hands to throw, softball, deflated soccer ball (remember with soccer balls pumps are needed), etc.

In this article from Samaritan's purse, we see one example of the impact your shoebox has in bringing the gospel to people around the world:

Millions of Operation Christmas Child shoebox gifts that were collected in November are now being delivered to boys and girls in need around the world. We praise God for every shoebox.

Recently in Ghana, God used shoebox gifts to pave the way for evangelism among several hard-to-reach people groups. "It was very difficult to share the Gospel in some parts of this region," a ministry partner said. "We were not allowed to share anything that was related to the Gospel or be seen in any gathering that was related to Christianity." But by focusing on children and presenting them with gifts, doors opened and people became receptive to the Good News. Many placed their faith in Christ.

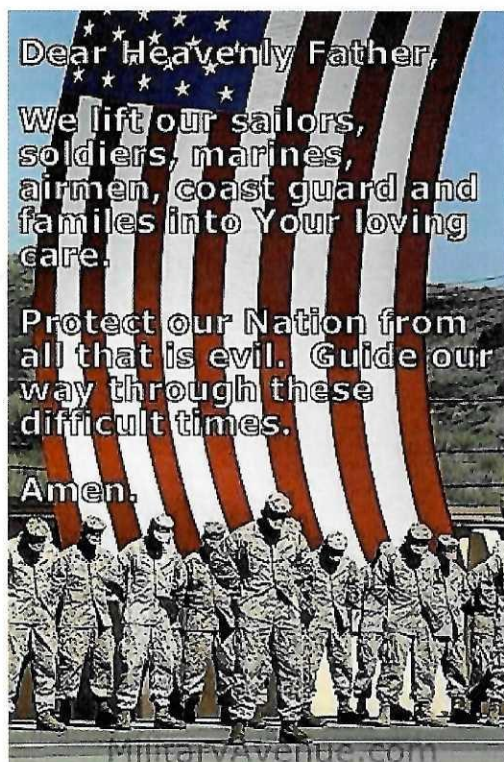
Now, three new churches have been started in areas where none previously existed and three more are planned following additional upcoming festive outreach events. Praise God!

We look forward to seeing what God will do through Operation Christmas Child in 2023!

Thank you, St. Mark's congregation, for your support of Operation Christmas Child outreach ministry.

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Please remember our armed forces and the leaders of our nation in your prayers



TRUE HEROISM

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"When they hurled their insults at him, he did not retaliate; when he suffered, he made no threats. Instead, he entrusted himself to him who judges justly."

- 1 PETER 2:23 -



Guide to Holy Week



Palm Sunday

Sunday before Easter. Celebration of Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem. Observed with palm branches, parades, and celebration.



Maundy Thursday

Thursday before Easter. Commemorates the Last Supper. Often observed with foot washing, stripping of the altar, and overnight prayer vigil to keep watch with Jesus in the garden.



Good Friday

Friday before Easter. Most solemn day of the church year. Observes the day Jesus was crucified. Observed by praying the Stations of the Cross and three hours of silent prayer while Jesus was on the cross.



Holy Saturday

Saturday before Easter. Observes the day Jesus was in the tomb. This is a day of somber reflection, reflecting on what we'd miss in a world without Jesus.



Easter Sunday

Hallelujah! Christ has risen! This day we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus. Sing hallelujahs and celebrate with great joy.



Have a
Blessed
Easter!