

# St. Mark's Lutheran Church

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## 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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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.

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### Council Members:

**President - Marie Whittaker**  
**Vice President - Chris Cash**  
**Secretary - Lori Roney**  
**Treasurer - Debbie Palmatier**  
**Members - Jim Brigadier,**  
**Dennis Foland and Lisa**  
**Bartholomew.**

## Prayers Concerns

Please lift the following people up in prayer:

Dennis Foland  
Dennis France  
Araxi (Dutton) Palmer  
John Tully  
Eric Cooper  
Brenda Lammers  
Pr. Allen Griffith  
Natalie family

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## Upcoming Events

**May 6 – Ecumenical Handbell  
Concert – 3:00 p.m. at Reformed  
Church**

**May 13 – Mother's Day  
breakfast – 9:00 a.m.**

**May 14 – Council meeting –  
7:00 p.m.**

**May 20 – Senior Recognition  
Sunday – 10:30 a.m.**

**May 23 – NET Dinner –  
5:00 p.m.**

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## Happy Days !!!!!

### Birthdays: May

May 5 – Gloria Falcone  
May 8 – Claude Brown  
May 8 – Mary Schaffer  
May 11 – Dennis France  
May 13 – Debbie Brigadier  
May 14 – Augie Kauffmann  
May 19 – Marie Whittaker  
May 22 – Sharon Nesbitt  
May 26 – Stephanie Nicole  
May 28 – Kobe Gordon  
May 30 – Brianna Gordon

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## Pantry Needs

Pat is requesting financial donations to help her purchase fresh food for those requesting food from our pantry. If you are being led by the Lord to assist in this ministry, please contact Pat.

There is also a need in the clothing pantry for boy and girl's clothes, sizes 5 – 14. These can be new or gently used. If you have any donations, please contact Pat for this as well.

**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

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## Holy Humor

"I'd move heaven and earth to break 10," said the golf addict as he desperately banged away in a sand trap. "Try heaven," advised his partner. "You've already moved enough earth."

Tal Bonham



## In A World of Darkness and Light

The Bible tells us that in the beginning *'The earth was without form, and void; and darkness was on the face of the deep'*. The Bible also tells us that God was in the beginning and *God said 'Let there be light, and there was light. And God saw the light, that it was good; and God divided the light from the darkness.'* Again, the Gospel of John instructs us that, *'In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.'* *'And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.'* Jesus says to us, *"I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life."* The Bible then instructs us, *'And this is the condemnation, that the light has come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil.'*

In a recent popular periodical its editors made a list of '21 Books You Don't Have to Read'. The Holy Bible was included on this list. There are comments made regarding people who may or may not have read it. They state 'overall it is certainly not the finest thing that man has ever produced. It is repetitive, self-contradictory, sententious, foolish, and even at times ill-intentioned.'

In recent history we have witnessed more than one popular view in the world to inhibit and/or restrict faith in God. From public prayer, to Biblical wording on public buildings, and now to the Word itself. The news has reported that several people have responded to this periodical's list. One response, by a priest, reported that some 3.9 billion people have read, or heard readings from, the Bible. This is impressive considering the current world population is reported to be 7.2 billion people. If these numbers are accurate, why would the Bible be on a list of 'Books You Don't Have to Read'?

A truth I believe that has been with us from the beginning is that each of us has the free will to choose. As stated in the Bible, *'choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve; as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.'* Hear these other statements from the Bible: *'Your word is a lamp to my feet, And a light to my path.'*; *'Your word I have hidden in my heart'; 'I will delight myself in Your statutes, I will not forget Your word'; 'This is my comfort in my affliction, For Your word has given me life'; 'My soul faints for Your salvation, But I hope in Your word'; 'I have restrained my feet from every evil way, That I may keep Your word'; 'The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart'; 'I am your fellow servant, and of your brethren the prophets, and of those who keep the words of this book. Worship God.'*

Friends, these verses from the Word give me encouragement and confirmation that the Bible is a book that I must read. I must read it every day so that it is in my heart, on my mind, and revealed through my life. There are many voices that offer what they believe the Bible does or does not have, of what it says or does not say, of what it means or does not mean. I can only tell you that my help comes from above. I read the Bible prayerfully, and I petition God to give me the understanding I need so that I may follow where God leads me, live as God intended for me to live, and profess the way, the truth, and the life, which is the Word made flesh, my Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Ruth Caye Jones wrote in the lyrics of the hymn 'In Times Like These', "In times like these you need a Savior, you need an anchor, you need the Bible."

In God We Trust / Love and Prayers, Pastor Dave



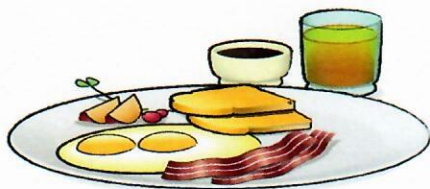
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## Committees:

**Financial information not  
available this month.**

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## Mother's Day Breakfast



On Sunday, May 13, at 9:00 a.m. the men of St. Mark's are hosting a special breakfast to celebrate Mother's Day. All women and their families are invited to join us in this delicious meal.

## Servers for May

### May 6:

Acolyte - Dylan  
Ushers - Dean / Lori  
Reader - Sharon  
Greeter - Janet  
Prayer - Beth  
Counter - Deb P.

### May 13:

Acolyte - Lisa  
Ushers - Dennis / Diane  
Reader - Marie  
Greeter - Deb P.  
Prayer - Carolyn  
Counter - Diane

### May 20:

Acolyte - Dylan  
Ushers - Bill / Bonnie  
Reader - Jim B.  
Greeter - Ginny  
Prayer - Jim B.  
Counter - Carrie

### May 27:

Acolyte - Lisa  
Ushers - Maurice / Ginny  
Reader - Sharon N.  
Greeter - Harry  
Prayer - Chris  
Counter - Deb P.



# Senior Recognition Sunday

May 20, 2018 – 10:30 a.m.

Some members of our St. Mark's church family will soon be embarking on new endeavors. A number of the 2018 MCS graduating class have been confirmed, attended and/or participated in various activities sponsored by our church. We would like to take this opportunity to wish them well as they begin the next phase of their life's journey. Please join us at our worship service for this special time of recognition.