

St. Mark's Lutheran Church

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Upcoming Events

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

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

**Sept. 18th – 6:00 p.m. – Choir
Rehearsal Resumes**

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

Family of Vaughn Crewell
Family of Don Crowell
Family of Karen Toften
Family of Eric Race
Pete Rossi
Little Jackson Bywater
Donnie Palmatier
Pete Gabrielson
Bonnie Russell
Doris Blake
Sharon Becker
Bob Muenier
Mary Nespica
Julius Nespica
Anne Marie Marquit
Baby Callie Shaw
Ben Banewicz
Irene Fancher



Men / Women's Deodorant
Toothbrushes / Hand Soap
Toilet Paper / Shampoo

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Happy Days !!!!!

Birthdays: September

Dolores Wenzel	Sept. 6
Noelle Bywater	Sept. 8
Leonard Cater	Sept. 10
Pat McCoy	Sept. 13
Tamara Guerrero	Sept. 13
Everette Foland	Sept. 14
Robin Gordon	Sept. 15
Chris Cash	Sept. 17
Mason Palmatier	Sept. 18
Marie Whittaker	Sept. 19
Cody Martin	Sept. 25
Sharon Amendola	Sept. 28

Anniversaries: September

Leonard/Marie Cater	Sept. 10
Maurice/Karen VanDyke	Sept. 11
Niles/Pat McCoy	Sept. 17
Bill/Vanessa Gordon	Sept. 20
Jim/Deb Brigadier	Sept. 23

"Coats for Kids"

Yes, winter will arrive again this year! Please save your "gently used coats" and consider buying a new child's coat.

Give away will be first week November.

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

Operation Christmas Child

Time passes so quickly and it is difficult to believe that Operation Christmas Child collection week is only about three and a half months away. If you have not already done so, now is the time to purchase school supplies for the shoeboxes you will pack. Providing a few basic items such as paper, pencils, a pencil sharpener, and crayons may give a child what he or she needs to attend classes. Please remember to include hygiene items such as a bar of soap, washcloth, comb, and toothbrushes as well as clothing items and small toys such as a ball, stuffed animal, jump rope, doll, cars, etc. Toys are something that many parents are unable to afford, and what child doesn't like to play with toys?

Labor

This month starts off with the Labor Day Holiday. Labor Day 2019 is the 125th anniversary of Labor Day being celebrated as a national holiday. Labor Day, the first Monday in September, is a creation of the labor movement and is dedicated to the social and economic achievements of American workers. It constitutes a yearly national tribute to the contributions workers have made to the strength, prosperity, and well-being of our country. It is celebrated by many with parades, bar-b-ques, and a last fling of summer so to speak as it has been dubbed the unofficial end of summer.

Labor is defined as the expenditure of physical or mental effort especially when difficult or compulsory; work, especially hard physical work. That may be the reason why the term is used to describe the birthing process. Whether it is a worker earning a wage or a mother bringing new life into the world, labor at one point or another involves pain. Is the pain factor why we choose to create ways and means to remove it from the process? Could that be part of the reason why we have an epidemic in our world today to chemically escape pain or at least the reality of it and life?

What do we labor for in this life? With all that is striving for our attention, our time, our desire, our labor....what is it we truly want? When all is said and done where, and with what, do we want to end up? Ah, heaven, isn't that goal of this race we are running? By the Grace of God through Jesus Christ, who is the author and finisher of our faith, we have been given the opportunity to receive the gift of salvation that was bought by His blood. The pain and suffering He endured for us was nothing less than labor. Labor of love.

The scriptures tell us in Romans 8:6 *The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷ and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we **suffer** with Him, that we may also be glorified together.¹⁸ For I consider that the **sufferings** of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.*

James M. Black penned these words back in 1893 (which by the way was one year before the U.S. Congress passed an act making the first Monday in September a legal holiday-Labor Day),

*Let us **labor** for the Master from the dawn till setting sun,
Let us talk of all His wondrous love and care;
Then when all of life is over, and our work on earth is done,
And the roll is called up yonder, I'll be there.*

As we continue our race to the finish line and as we count up the holidays that we enjoy so much, let us reflect on who and what we are laboring for. We are saved and live by faith, but we labor for love...and God is love. May we not just long for our holidays, let us make everyday a Holy Day. Let us labor for the Lord; let us labor for love.

In God We Trust / Love and Prayers, Pastor Dave

Who Will Take Grandma?

Who will take Grandma? Who will it be?
All of us want her, I'm sure you'll agree!
Let's call a meeting, let's gather the clan
Let's get it settled as soon as we can
In such a big family there is certainly one
Willing to give her a place in the sun.

Strange how we thought she would never wear out
But see how she walks, arthritis no doubt.
Her eyesight is faded, her memory's dim
She's apt to insist on the silliest whim
When people get older, they become such a care
She must have a home, but the question is where?

Remember the days when she used to be spry,
Baked her own cookies and baked her own pies?
Helped us with lessons and tended our seams
Kissed away troubles and mended our dreams
Wonderful Grandma! We all loved her so!
Isn't it dreadful, she has no place to go.

One little corner is all she would need
A shoulder to cry on, her Bible to read
A chair by the window with the sun shining through
Some pretty spring flowers still covered with dew
Who'll warm her with love, so she won't mind the cold?
Oh, who will take Grandma, now that she's old?

What? Nobody wants her? Oh, yes, there is one
Willing to give her a place in the sun
Where she won't have to worry or wonder or doubt
And she won't be OUR problem to worry about
Pretty soon now, God will give her a bed
But who'll dry our tears when Grandma is dead?

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Servers for Sept.

September 1st:

Candle Lighter – Dylan
Ushers – Dean / Lori
Reader – Marie
Greeter – Harry
Prayer – Georgia
Counter – Diane

September 8th:

Candle Lighter – Mason
Ushers – Dennis / Diane
Reader – Jim
Greeter – Deb P.
Prayer – Jim
Counter – Carrie

September 15th:

Candle Lighter – Dylan
Ushers – Harry / Sharon A.
Reader – Sharon N.
Greeter – Gloria
Prayer – Deb B.
Counter – Deb P.

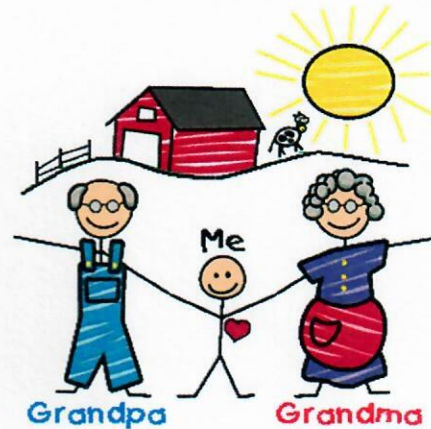
September 22nd:

Candle Lighter – Mason
Ushers – Maurice / Ginny
Reader – Ginny
Greeter – Maurice
Prayer – Ginny
Counter – Diane

September 29th:

Candle Lighter – Dylan
Ushers – Denise / Dennis France
Reader – Sandi
Greeter – Pat
Prayer – Ron
Counter – Carrie

Happy Grandparents Day!



Dear Abby: This is a message about our senior population. Our children grow up, marry and have children. Each grandchild is special. We love them and adore being with them. Then the grandkids grow up and have little ones of their own. By this time we're old and sometimes need help with housework, yard work, or just would like to get out of the house to go eat or shop. We still have feelings, and we're not dead. But while it may not be intentional, it seems there is no time for the elderly.

We may say we're fine and don't mind being alone, but it IS lonely at times. No one calls to say hello or ask if we need anything. How long does it take to make a call? It would be nice if each family member called once a week or came by once a month. The love we've always had for family is still there and strong.

Children and grandchildren, please think about this and remember: The most important thing you can give your elderly relatives is your TIME. Time is the most precious gift of all and doesn't cost a thing. Someday you will be old, too!

— Wise woman in North Carolina

NALC DISASTER RESPONSE NEEDS

BABY CARE KIT TWO lightweight cotton t-shirts TWO long- or short-sleeved gowns or sleepers TWO receiving blankets, medium-weight cotton or flannel, or crocheted or knitted with lightweight yarn, up to 52" square FOUR cloth diapers, flat fold preferred ONE jacket, sweater or sweatshirt with a hood, or include a baby cap TWO pairs of socks ONE hand towel, any color TWO or three bath-size bars of gentle soap equaling 8 to 9 oz, any brand, in original wrap TWO diaper pins or large safety pins	ONE cloth bag or backpack FOUR notebooks of wide or college-ruled paper, no loose-leaf paper ONE blunt scissors ONE ruler ONE pencil sharpener SIX new pencils ONE eraser, PLUS: ----- TWELVE sheets assorted construction paper & ONE box of 16 or 24 crayons for elementary OR ONE Calculator for high school (LABEL Handle)
FLOOD BUCKET ONE 5 gallon bucket with lid TWO large trash bags Comet or scouring cleanser PineSol or liquid floor cleaner Scrub brush Dust Mask (N-95 recommended) Rubber gloves Broom Rakes, shovels, hoes – debris removal tools	ANY Size Quilt or Blanket including fabric printed with religious, patriotic, & military symbols.
HEALTHCARE KIT ONE bath towel ONE wash cloth TWO bars of soap, in original wrapping ONE toothbrush ONE pack of dental floss ONE tube of toothpaste (two if sample size) ONE comb ONE deodorant	NEW and USED HOME DEPOT LOWE'S WALMART TARGET

Please bring your donations no later than October 13th. Georgia and Marie are taking any donated items to the NALC Atlantic Mission District conference they are attending as St. Mark's representatives.

Walk to Fight Suicide



MIDDLEBURGH WALK

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2019

MIDDLEBURGH CENTRAL SCHOOL

REGISTRATION 9AM, WALK BEGINS AT 10:30AM

Register at afsp.org/middleburgh



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