

ST MARK'S
LUTHERAN CHURCH

ST. MARK'S MESSENGER

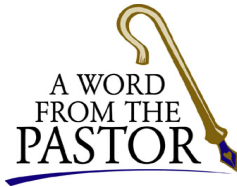
July, August 2023

Valley, Nebraska

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From the pastor...



As of this item in the newsletter, Pastor is out of surgery. The surgeon said that it wasn't as bad as he expected. Pastor Barbara is in her room and the plans are for her to come home tomorrow. Please continue to pray for healing for her.

PRAYER WORKS!

from the PMA...

SEASONS

This spring God provided us with the most glorious blooming trees. Most years find the blossoms blown off by wind or hail leaving us a very short opportunity to enjoy their beauty and fragrance. This year was different. It was as if God knew we needed a longer time to enjoy beauty and peace in our lives. Now that time has passed, the trees have dropped their blossoms and the petals have been replaced by healthy green leaves. The sadness for the close of the blooming season has been replaced by the images of growth and progress. This sign and growth encourages us to hope for the future and look forward to the next season and the rest of the year will bring. Thank God for the seasons in our lives for he is present for all of them. Neither wind or hail or time distances us from Him.

PMA Karen



On June 18th, we welcomed these New Members into our St. Mark's family of faith;
The Gotch family – B.J., Sara, Wyatt and Brinley (By transfer)
Mary Peters (Affirmation of Baptism)
Wanda Prosocki (Affirmation of Baptism)
Roberta "Bert" Sampson (Affirmation of Baptism)
Please keep these New Members in your prayers and make them feel welcome into our family.

If summer takes you away from St. Mark's on Sundays, don't forget your offering is still important. Thanks!!



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Cell 202-5495

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Cell 490-2330
for newsletter or bulletin into.

St. Mark's Website:
StMarksValleyNe.com

St. Mark's Facebook Page:
www.facebook.com/StMarksValley

A PRAYER FOR ST MARK'S COUNCIL
Liberating God, lead us through our council to follow with bold confidence as we work to expand faith in new places.
Amen.

JULY NEWS FOR WOMEN OF ST. MARK'S

FAITH CIRCLE NEWS

FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE NEWS

We met on June 8th with 6 members in attendance. Teri Dreesen led our Study from "Gather" and Sharon Wilson served as Hostess.

We discussed the upcoming Salad Luncheon & Silent Auction to be held on July 21. There were signup sheets at our meeting for making salads and working during luncheon.

For our July meeting we will go to Masters Hand for lunch on July 14th please join us if you can, contact Barb Kahlandt so she can make our reservation.

JOY/PEACE CIRCLE NEWS

COPE

The following items are in short supply at the COPE food pantry and they have requested that we concentrate on bringing these items.

Canned fruit
Canned beans
Dry beans
Spaghetti sauce

Birthdays in July



It has been requested to have personal birthdates put in the newsletter. If we are going to do this we need you to be sure that we have your birth date. Please let the church office know your date if you have not already done so.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO THE FOLLOWING

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| 1 – Mitchell Lopeman | 17 – Lavender Gutierrez |
| 2 – Jerry Authier | 17 – Alyssum Janke |
| 2 – Lesley Chvatal | 17 – Lily Janke |
| 6 – Amanda Mace | 17 – Jaxon Lewis |
| 7 – Jaina Hemphill | 17 – Brett Welding |
| 7 – Briana Hughes | 19 – Lorrie Denker |
| 7 – Carson Stanzel | 19 – Timothy Petersen |
| 8 – Sandy Trofholz | 17 – Jeannie Scholz |
| 12 – Dick McKie | 21 – Marilyn Bengston |
| 12 – Jessie Richmond | 24 – Gillian Goff |
| 12 – Greg Snide | 25 – Sharon Josoff |
| 14 – Heather Bills | 27 – Dawn Hackworth |
| 14 – Brinley Gotch | 28 – Bill Kennec |
| 14 – Pam Lathrop | 28 – Kurt Lehmkuhl |
| 14 – Tina Petersen | 30 – Shelby Archer |
| 15 – Jenifer McKie | 30 – Dan Trost |
| 16 – Karen King | 31 – Andrew Sake |



Birthdays in August



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HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO THE FOLLOWING"

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| 2 – Courtney Allen | 18 – Devin Lopeman |
| 2 – Barrett Hinrichs | 19 – Nickolas Kahlandt |
| 2 – Susan Hinrichs | 19 – Toni Peacock |
| 6 – Olivia Hughes | 23 – Sandy Critel |
| 7 – Elton Peterson | 25 – Kelly Hinrichs |
| 11 – Madison Burkholder | 25 – Nicholas Josoff |
| 11 – Donald Shunk | 26 – Hadley Peters |
| 12 – Karly Zaugg | 27 – Cheryl MacDonald |
| 12 – Wyatt Zaugg | 28 – Melinda Kahlandt |
| 13 – Bob Scholz | 28 – Jim Sake, Jr. |
| 14 – Mike Dye | 29 – Kris King |
| 16 – Thomas Smith, Jr. | 30 – Melissa Welding |
| 16 – Brynley Chvatal | 31 – Sabina Safford |
| 17 – Charlie Sake | |

APRIL MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT

April Budget = \$24,045

April Expenses = \$19,976

April Giving = \$23,199

YEAR TO DATE FINANCIAL REPORT

January – April Budget = 96,180

January – April Expenses = \$91,531

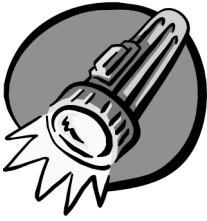
January – April Giving = \$84,154

End of year 2022 Balance in Savings = \$64,404

End of April 2023 Balance in Savings = \$64,404

End of April 2023 Balance in Checking = \$9,754

End of April 2023 Worship Enhancement Total = \$3,138



COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

**This is a synopsis of the Council meeting held
on May 9, 2023.**

- After receiving several very high bills from the gas company, it was discovered that the thermostats in the Gathering Room and Fellowship Hall had been set on hold. Therefore the furnaces were running all the time. Signs will be created to be put on ALL thermostats indicating that they should not be put on hold.
- The last day of Sunday School for the summer will be May 14, 2023.
- Vacation Bible School will be held on the last week of June at St. John's Catholic Church. Watch for further details.
- Men In Mission will help with the Pancake Feed at Valley Days.
- St. Mark's outdoor food pantry will be completed this summer.
- A cork board will be purchased from Amazon and ordered by Chris Bonacci for approximately \$62. This board will be hung in the Fellowship Hall for signup sheets, etc.
- Council will not meet in June or December unless there is business to take care of.

St. Mark's Women of ELCA
Is sponsoring a
Salad Luncheon
Friday, July 21, 2023
Event to include a Silent Auction

Doors open at 10:30 a.m.

1st seating at 11:00 a.m. – 11:55 a.m.

2nd seating at 12 noon to 1:00 p.m.

There will be a variety of delicious salads available
\$10.00 per person. Carry out available
Walk-ins welcome
Bring your family and friends

Do you have a family favorite salad recipe? We need volunteers to make salads and help the day of the luncheon. If you would like to share that favorite recipe, we are assembling the salads recipes and will have the recipe collection available for \$5.00 at the luncheon. Submit that favorite recipe to Bev Griffin at bevgene@cox.net by July 7th

We are seeking donated Silent Auction items, please email Karen Frost kfrost3@cox.net

Funds raised by the event will go towards our Charitable Giving

Please see sign-up sheets in Narthex for additional information

Mail advance ticket orders are available

Questions call Marilyn Ramsey at 402-359-5130 or email Barb Kahlandt at bkahlandt@gmail.com

Come join us!



SCRIPTURES FOR SUNDAYS IN JULY 2023

July 2

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

First Reading	Jeremiah 28:5-9
Responsive Reading	Psalms 89:1-4, 15-18
Second Reading	Romans 6:12-23
Gospel Reading	Matthew 10:40-42

July 9

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

First Reading	Zechariah 9:9-12
Responsive Psalm	Psalms 145:8-14
Second Reading	Romans 7:15-25a
Gospel Reading	Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

July 16

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

First Reading	Isaiah 55:10-13
Responsive Reading	Psalms 65:[1-8] 9-13
Second Reading	Romans 8:1-11
Gospel Reading	Matthew 13:1-9, 13-23

July 23

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

First Reading	Isaiah 44:6-8
Responsive Reading	Psalms 86:11-17
Second Reading	Romans 8:12-25
Gospel Reading	Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

July 30

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

First Reading	1 Kings 3:5-12
Responsive Reading	Psalms 119:129-136
Second Reading	Romans 8:26-39
Gospel Reading	Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

SCRIPTURES FOR SUNDAYS IN AUGUST 2023

August 6

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

Old Testament Reading	Isaiah 55:1-5
Responsive Reading	Psalms 145:8-9, 14-21
Epistle Reading	Romans 9:1-5
Gospel Reading	Matthew 14:13-21

August 13

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

Old Testament Reading	1 Kings 19:9-18
Responsive Reading	Psalms 85:8-13
Epistle Reading	Romans 10:5-15
Gospel Reading	Matthew 14:22-33

August 20

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

Old Testament Reading	Isaiah 56:1, 6-8
Responsive Reading	Psalms 67
Epistle Reading	Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32
Gospel Reading	Matthew 15:[10-20] 21-28

August 27

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Old Testament Reading	Isaiah 41:1-6
Responsive Reading	Psalms 138
Epistle Reading	Romans 12:1-8
Gospel Reading	Matthew 16:13-20

PRAYER CONCERNS

Pastor Barbara Oshlo	John & Lorrie Denker	Deb Harland
Gwen Rittgarn	Steve Whitley	Rick & Janae
Janet Pennington	Chris	Gregg
Kelsey & Stefan	Ruth	Jean Krahmer
Carmen Dau	Maxine Nash	Gary
Lois Schaefer	Lawrence Bonacci	Julie Dunn
Charlotte	Paula O'Brien	Kari
Caregivers Among Us	Helen Kirchmann	Care Center Staff
All Those Grieving	Covid Patients	The family of
Care Center Residents		Carl Seieroe

ALL OUR HOMEBOUND MEMBERS

Chet Ryan	Donna Fintel
Joan Kahlandt	MaryLou Finn
Dee Christiansen	Annie Hurt
Millie Richards	Donna Hovendick

For all military serving at home and around the world. We include prayers for their families as they hold things together in their absence.



From Laughing with Lutherans

The Old Testament text was from Jeremiah, so the teacher asked the kids, "Can anyone tell me what a prophet is?" A boy answered, "Oh yes, it's when you have a lemonade stand, and you pay back your mom for the ingredients, and what's left is your profit."