

ST. MARK'S
LUTHERAN CHURCH

All Saints Sunday
Pentecost 23
November 5, 2023
Worship Service 9:30 am

St. Mark's Lutheran Church

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Senior Pastor

Rev. Scott Bacon

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Rev. Dick Hanson

All Saints Sunday

9:30 am

November 5, 2023

The time of gathering music provides us with an opportunity to visit with God. Please take these moments to prepare your heart for worship. Thank you for joining us for worship today,

***Welcome Pads** – are located at the end of pew, please sign and pass to your neighbor.*

***Nursery Available** and is located adjacent to the Gathering Space. **Nursing Nook** – A private room for nursing mothers is available on the upper level of the sanctuary to the right of the elevator. **Activity Worship Bags** – There are books, puzzles, lacing, etc. for use during the service for children. Reuseable items are returned to the ark at the end of the service.*

PRELUDE

Gloria Busman

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand as you are able.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, in whose image we are made, who claims us and calls us beloved. **Amen.**

Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy One, we are not faithful in using your gifts. We forget the least of our siblings. We do not see your beautiful image in one another. We are infected by sin that divides your beloved community. Open our hearts to your coming, open our eyes to see you in our neighbor, open our hands to serve your creation. Amen.

Beloved, we are God's children, and Jesus, our Beloved, opens the door to us. Through Jesus you are forgiven, by Jesus you are welcome, in Jesus you are called to rejoice! Let us live in the promises prepared for us from the foundation of the world. **Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Karli Roedell

O God, generous and supreme, your loving Son lived among us, instructing us in the ways of humility and justice. Continue to ease our burdens, and lead us to serve alongside of him, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

LITANY FOR ALL SAINTS DAY

Today we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus who frees us from the chains of sin and death and offers new life. **God is our refuge and strength; Jesus is our merciful savior.**

When we were baptized in Christ Jesus, we were baptized into his death. We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live a new life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. **We remember those from our congregation who have died in the year that has passed since last All Saints Sunday; our brothers and sisters in Christ who have been raised to new life by the power of the resurrection.**

Carol Reinholtz	12/18/2022	Barbara Spring	05/21/2023
Lester Roth	02/25/2023	John Keys	06/05/2023
Marlo Presby	03/11/2023	Nancy Sizemore	07/14/2023
Elmer Armstrong	05/19/2023	Bernard Lange	09/02/2023
James Huber	05/19/2023	Edith Wenger	09/20/2023

We offer silent prayer for others known to us and for all who have died in faith and now live with you. *Silence for reflection and confession.*

Jesus said, “I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live...” (John 11:25). **We worship today with this promise in our hearts. We worship God with all the saints in faith and we look forward to that day when we are united in the heavenly Kingdom of God with those who have gone before us. Amen.**

OPENING SONG:

“My Lord, What a Morning”

#438

The congregation may be seated.

FIRST READING: Micah 3:5-12

Dan Funcannon

The LORD announces judgment against prophets who can be bribed to give favorable oracles. Because rulers too can be bribed to practice injustice, Micah announces the coming destruction of Jerusalem. Later, Jeremiah escaped execution because of Micah's daring precedent (Jer. 26:18-19).

⁵Thus says the LORD concerning the prophets who lead my people astray, who cry "Peace" when they have something to eat, but declare war against those who put nothing into their mouths. ⁶Therefore it shall be night to you, without vision, and darkness to you, without revelation. The sun shall go down upon the prophets, and the day shall be black over them; ⁷the seers shall be disgraced, and the diviners put to shame; they shall all cover their lips, for there is no answer from God. ⁸But as for me, I am filled with power, with the spirit of the LORD, and with justice and might, to declare to Jacob his transgression and to Israel his sin. ⁹Hear this, you rulers of the house of Jacob and chiefs of the house of Israel, who abhor justice and pervert all equity, ¹⁰who build Zion with blood and Jerusalem with wrong! ¹¹Its rulers give judgment for a bribe, its priests teach for a price, its prophets give oracles for money; yet they lean upon the LORD and say, "Surely the LORD is with us! No harm shall come upon us." ¹²Therefore because of you Zion shall be plowed as a field; Jerusalem shall become a heap of ruins, and the mountain of the house a wooded height.

PSALM: Psalm 43

Dan Funcannon

¹Give judgment for me, O God, and defend my cause against an ungodly people; deliver me from the deceitful and the wicked. ²For you are the God of my strength; why have you rejected me, and why do I wander in such gloom while the enemy oppresses me? ³Send out your light and your truth, that they may lead me, and bring me to your holy hill and to your sanctuary; ⁴that I may go to the altar of God, to the God of my joy and gladness; and on the harp I will give thanks to you, O God my God. Why are you so full of heaviness, O my soul, and why are you so disquieted within me? Put your trust in God, for I will yet give thanks to the one who is my help and my God.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand for the Gospel

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Bishop Busboom

Alleluia. You have one instructor, the Messiah; the greatest among you will be your servant. *Alleluia. (Matt. 23:10, 11)*

GOSPEL: Matthew 23:1-12

Bishop Busboom

Jesus encourages his disciples to obey the words of Moses they hear from their teachers but to shun the hypocrisy and pretension of those who do not practice what they teach.

¹Jesus said to the crowds and to his disciples, ²“The scribes and the Pharisees sit on Moses’ seat; ³therefore, do whatever they teach you and follow it; but do not do as they do, for they do not practice what they teach. ⁴They tie up heavy burdens, hard to bear, and lay them on the shoulders of others; but they themselves are unwilling to lift a finger to move them. ⁵They do all their deeds to be seen by others; for they make their phylacteries broad and their fringes long. ⁶They love to have the place of honor at banquets and the best seats in the synagogues, ⁷and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces, and to have people call them rabbi. ⁸But you are not to be called rabbi, for you have one teacher, and you are all students. ⁹And call no one your father on earth, for you have one Father—the one in heaven. ¹⁰Nor are you to be called instructors, for you have one instructor, the Messiah. ¹¹The greatest among you will be your servant. ¹²All who exalt themselves will be humbled, and all who humble themselves will be exalted.”

The Gospel of our Lord. **Praise be to God.**

The congregation may be seated.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

Pastor Scott

THE MESSAGE:

“Jesus sees”

Bishop Greg Busboom

SONG OF THE DAY: *“Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty”*

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WE WORSHIP GOD THROUGH OUR GIVING

Jeremy

God of power, God of plenty, all things belong to you. We bring your gifts to the table, that all might be fed. Form us into the body of your Beloved, Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

OFFERTORY RESPONSE*“For the Beauty of the Earth”* verse 3

#879

Please stand as you are able.

APOSTLES’ CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and

was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Lord in Your Mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord, be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God. **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

The congregation may be seated.

COMMUNION NOTES

If you need a communion packet, raise your hand and an usher will bring it to you.

*St. Mark's welcomes all baptized persons to the Lord's Table who believe our Lord is truly present in the sacrament. **Children** who have not been confirmed or received instruction in Holy Communion are invited forward for a blessing. **Adults** who are not baptized and others who choose not to receive the sacrament are invited to come forward for a blessing. **Please indicate that you desire a blessing by crossing your arms across your chest.** The ushers will direct you from your row toward the aisle. Come forward to the serving stations. If you desire to commune, extend your hand to the pastor, who will give you a wafer. Then, move to the communion assistant next to the pastor where you will be offered a tray with wine (dark colored) or grape juice (light colored) in disposable cups which can be thrown away in receptacles.*

COMMUNION MUSIC: *"The King of Love My Sheperd Is"* Hymn #502

Please stand as you are able.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Lord Jesus, in this simple meal you have set a banquet. Sustain us on the journey, strengthen us to care for the least of your beloved children, and give us glad and generous hearts as we meet you on the way. **Amen.**

BLESSING

May the God of all creation, in whose image we are made, who claims us and calls us beloved, who strengthens us for service, give you reason to rejoice and be glad! The blessing of God, Sovereign, Savior, and Spirit, be with you today and always. **Amen.**

BENEDICTION

Almighty and merciful God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG: *“For All the Saints”* verses 1-4 #422

DISMISSAL

Beloved of God, go in peace to love and serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PRAYER LIST

Prayer requests are left on the prayer list for three weeks. To add or remove names, please call the office 309-444-4618 or send an email to office@stmarkswashington.org

PRAY FOR	REQUESTED BY	PRAYER/PRAISE
The Gilmore family, Dennis's grandmother, Betty Mason, passed away.	Pastor Scott	Comfort and strength during this time
David Blasco	St. Mark's staff	Healing
Elaine Lucas	St. Mark's staff	Healing
Evy Blancaflor	Marsha Rigg	Healing
Tammy Smallwood	Dee Mertens	Health
Stan Bradle	His family	Health
Greg Stepp	Sandy Jackson	Health
Randy Pruitt	Bethany Marshall	Health
Carolynn Chamberlain	Laurie Mathes	Health
Kirsten Tharp	Elaine Lucas	Health
Reed Fry	Joe & Carol Madden	Health
Bob Page	Laurie Mathes	Health
Joanne Hofford	Donald Hofford	Health

Happening today:

Please welcome our guest, Bishop Greg Busboom. He took office of the Central/Southern Illinois Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) on September 1, 2023, succeeding Rev. Dr. S. John Roth.

Bishop Busboom holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in English and history from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign; Master of Divinity degree from Trinity Lutheran Seminary in Columbus, Ohio; and Doctor of Ministry degree in congregational mission and leadership from Luther Seminary in St. Paul, Minnesota. Trinity and Luther are two of seven ELCA seminaries. He previously served as lead pastor at St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Springfield, Illinois before being appointed Bishop.



YOUTH EVENT

Meet in the back parking lot of St. Mark's
today at 4:30 pm

Join us for an hour of heart pumping, team building and brain-teasing fun! Grab your friends to enjoy 60 mind bending minutes of excitement. With the clock ticking, we must work together to discover clues, solve puzzles, decode messages, find keys and escape our haunted room before time runs out!



LIVE ESCAPE ROOM ADVENTURES

931 North Sheridan Road, Suite B, Peoria, IL

Located in Studios on Sheridan just south of the corner of Main & Sheridan

WHIP

November Collection

Peanut Butter may be left in Beckwith Hall or in the basket in the East Entrance off of S. Main Street.



24/7 MEN'S CLUB

Saturday, November 11, 2023

8:30 am in Beckwith Hall

Men's prayer breakfast will meet again on Saturday, November 11, 2023, at 8:30 am. We will meet on the *second and fourth Saturday* of every month. We will do seven service projects a year; hence the name "**24/7 Men's Club**". Contact Pastor Scott for more information. *All men welcome.*



WELCA FALL GATHERING

Saturday, November 11, 2023, 9:30 am in the FLC

All St. Mark's women are invited to the WELCA Fall Gathering on Saturday, November 11, 2023, in the Family Life Center. A continental breakfast will be served at **9:30 a.m.**, followed by a talk by Roger French on the history and architecture of Westminster Abbey. A free-will offering will be taken for WHIP.



THANK OFFERING SUNDAY

November 19, 2023

Our speaker for Thank Offering Sunday is Nancy Hodges of Washington Weekend Snackpac Program. The Washington Weekend Snackpac Program provides free sacks of nonperishable food throughout the school year to children who suffer from food insecurity in our Washington school.

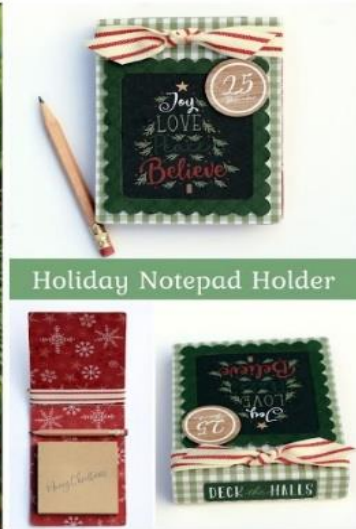
HOLIDAY WORKSHOP

Saturday, November 11, 2023

10:00 am to 2:00 pm in Kammeyer Hall

Like to attend the workshop?

Email Sue Eldred at suesholidayworkshop@yahoo.com



"GNOME FOR CHRISTMAS" HOLIDAY WORKSHOP

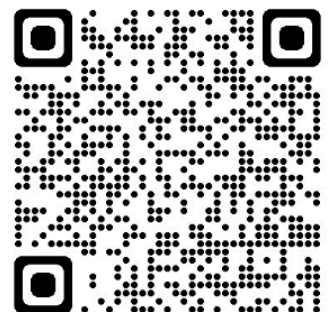
SATURDAY NOVEMBER 11th
10:00 - 2:00

ST MARKS LUTHERAN CHURCH
200 S. MAIN ST. WASHINGTON, IL

email suesholidayworkshop@yahoo.com to sign up

COST OF THE WORKSHOP INCLUDES MATERIALS, LUNCH & PRIZES

\$40



Use the QR code to read the blog link about the Holiday Workshop.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Shoebox Brigade is Sunday, November 12!

It is that time of year again; time to start packing shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child! Pick up a shoe box in the gathering space. Please join us as we share the love of Jesus to children all over the world! Please have the shoe boxes back to the church by **Sunday, November 12** for the annual Shoebox Brigade!



BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENINGS

Sunday, November 12, 2023

If you wish to have your blood pressure checked after service next Sunday, Mary Hills, our very own Parish Nurse, will be in the Gathering Space during Fellowship Hour beginning at 10:30.



KINDRED SPIRIT SISTERS

Sunday, November 12 at 11:30 am

Linn's Buffet in Morton

To make a reservation please call Kathleen Peters at 309-444-2360 or Sue Madden at 309-444-3096
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All single and widowed women are welcome!

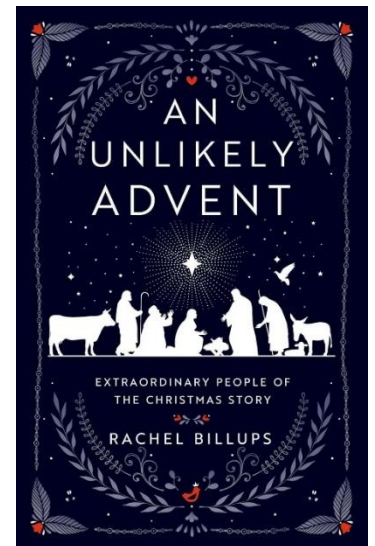


BEYOND OUR WALLS

2024 stewardship appeal is underway! Please prayerfully consider making a committed pledge to be caretakers of our beautiful church building that honors our Lord as we expand and grow ministries, build youth and family programs and extend the message of St. Mark's to potential new faces. In addition, a special appeal contribution will fund St. Mark's 150th anniversary activities and events in 2024 and 2025. Turn in your completed commitment sheet to the church office or place in any offering box located in the sanctuary.

SUNDAY MORNING ADULT BIBLE STUDY CLASS

Please join us on November 19, December 3, 10, and 17, starting at 10:45am in the conference room. **An Unlikely Advent** study authored by Rachel Billups will explore the stories of Elizabeth and Zechariah, Herod, the magi, and the shepherds. Each set of unexpected characters has something to teach about living faithfully on the journey to Christmas.



SEND IN YOUR RECIPES!

The 150th Anniversary Cookbook team will continue to accept recipe and reminiscence submissions through November. The team needs main dishes with beef, ham, pork, or fish, recipes on vegetables, and recipes for appetizers. Please send your recipes to recipes@stmarks.org or place them in one of two picnic baskets located in Beckwith Hall or the gathering space. Thank You!



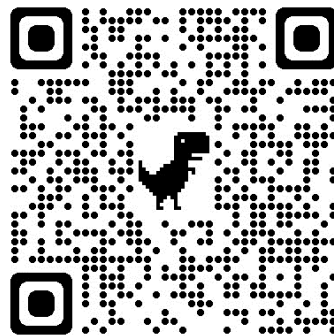
RECIPES WANTED

CENTRAL/SOUTHERN ILLINOIS SYNOD YOUTH GATHERING November 17 -19, 2023 in Carlinville, Illinois

St. Mark's Youth are going to be attending the Central/Southern Illinois Synod Youth Gathering in Carlinville Illinois at Lake Williamson Retreat Center!

This retreat is for youth aged sixth grade through high school. The cost for each participant is \$50 and we do have scholarships available if they are needed. If you are interested in going, please ask Jeremy Lafary, our Youth Director, for a registration form.

For more information, contact Jeremy at 309-409-8325 or send him an email jlafary@stmarkswashington.org.



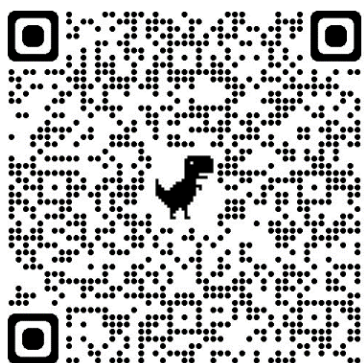
GRIEFSHARE

Tuesday, November 14, 2023
6:00 to 8:00 pm


Participants will watch a video, receive a booklet and join in a group discussion about the ways to face the holidays after the loss of a loved one.

Please register online at: griefshare.org or by using the QR code

In the "Find a Group" bar, type in Washington IL, and click on the Surviving the Holidays Event or call the church office at 444-4618.



Grieving a loss? Know someone who is?



GriefShare

Surviving the Holidays

Encouragement, support, and valuable tools to
navigate the challenges of the season.

Join us for this 2-hour seminar

Tuesday, Nov. 14th from 6:00-8:00pm

St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Washington IL
Call or go online to register: 309-444-4618

griefshare.org/holidays

TODAY'S SERVANTS AT ST. MARK'S

USHERS Dee Mertens, Bruce Mathes, Bret Shuckford, Deb Morse, John Antrobus

DEACONS Margie Ary, Kevin Eack, Bill Flowers, Steve Barton

READER Dan Funcannon

AUDIO/VISUAL Colin Earle, Pam Marcoline-Griffith, Barry Moore

FELLOWSHIP HOSTS Glen and Cindy Calvert

NURSERY Jan Braskich and Hailey Shuckford

CLUBHOUSE Abby Swanson

ALTAR GUILD Diana Lindahl



The Altar Flowers are given in memory of our grandparents, parents and all saints who have gone before us. Given by families Marla and Sam Reeder and Cheri and Tony Rodgers

Serving next Sunday, November 12, 2023

Ushers Joey Metzloff, Steve Barton, Dave Rest, Beth Funcannon

Deacons Cindy Calvert, SueAnn Billimack, Diana Lindahl, Case Pudik

Reader Beth Funcannon

Audio/Visual Erika Schierer, Colin Earle

Fellowship Mary Hills, Tina Schierer, Erika Schierer, Eva Schierer

Nursery Sam Schweizer

Clubhouse Joni Nightingale and Brady Nightingale

Altar Guild Diana Lindahl

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Sunday, November 5	9:30 a.m.	Worship Service
<i>All Saints Sunday</i>	10:30 a.m.	Fellowship Hour
<i>Guest Bishop Busboom</i>	10:45 a.m.	Sunday School
	4:30 p.m.	Youth Event- meet in back parking lot of St. Mark's
Monday, November 6	9:30 a.m.	Staff Meeting
	6:30 p.m.	Evangelism Meeting
Tuesday, November 7	10:00 a.m.	Christian Book Club
Wednesday, November 8	6:30 p.m.	Confirmation
	6:30 p.m.	Cross Trainers
Thursday, November 9	10:30 a.m.	Finance Team Meeting
	4:00 p.m.	Worship Planning Meeting
Friday, November 10	12:00 p.m.	Set up for Saturday
Saturday, November 11	8:30 a.m.	24/7 Men's Group-Beckwith
	9:30 a.m.	WELCA Fall Gathering- FLC
	10:00 a.m.	Holiday Crafting Workshop- Kammeyer
Sunday, November 12	9:30 a.m.	Worship Service
	10:30 a.m.	Fellowship Hour
	10:45 a.m.	Sunday School
	11:30 p.m.	Kindred Spirit Sisters