



MARKSMAN

SUNDAY WORSHIP

Summer Schedule
through September 4

8:30 am traditional on-site.
Nursery provided.

9:30 am fellowship with
refreshments.

10:30 am contemporary
both on-site and online on
our YouTube channel
StMarksLutheranChurch
WashingtonIllinois.
Nursery provided.

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Sharing some good news

In a congregation the size of St. Mark's, a strong staff is critical for ministry in our congregation and in the community. It is also an attractive feature for potential senior pastors considering an interview here.

During the past year there has been significant efforts devoted to the working environment at St. Mark's. I believe these efforts will help attract and keep your future senior pastor and other staff. Here are just some of the things that have been done:

- + The expectations for staff have been made clearer and more realistic.
- + Compensation packages have been reviewed and adjusted to provide more competitive packages. (In addition, two full-time lay staff now have some health benefits.)
- + Pastor Hanson was given a staff position as a visitation pastor after more than thirteen years on short-term contracts.
- + Last June, guidelines were established for communication:
 - Speak directly with the responsible person
 - Set reasonable expectations
 - Before speaking, ask yourself: Is it true, kind, useful?
 - Seek constructive solutions to problems

Now, a year later, I surveyed the staff who are here this June on how well we all follow these guidelines. I asked for their responses on a 1-4 scale, from 1 (Seldom or none of the time) to 4 (Most of the time). The average response was 3.6. This demonstrates a strong commitment to good teamwork.

Many thanks to the members of the staff, Executive Team and Personnel Committee who have worked so hard to help make this happen.

~ Pastor Westphal



WORSHIP

Pentecost- is the day we remember when the Holy Spirit descended on Jesus' disciples. Ten days after Jesus' ascension, the disciples, gathered in Jerusalem, saw tongues of fire, heard wind rushing and could speak in many languages. They were able to share the good news with people of different nationalities. On that day alone, about 3000 people devoted their lives to Christ. That is why Pentecost Sunday marks the birthday of the Christian Church.



THANK YOU



Thank you to all who bid on the beautiful quilt hand-stitched by Pastor Maureen Stein, assistant to the Bishop, to benefit Lutheran Disaster Response for Ukrainian refugees. Of the many strong bids received, there could only be one winner. That winner is from a bid collected online from Linda in Gig Harbor, Washington, for a grand total of... Wait for it... \$5,100.00!!!

LIBRARY



"It is what you read when you don't have to that determines what you will be when you can't help it."

— **Oscar Wilde**

"Books are the quietest and most constant of friends; they are the most accessible and wisest of counselors, and the most patient of teachers."

— **Charles W. Eliot**

"Good friends, good books, and a sleepy conscience: this is the ideal life."

— **Mark Twain**

"If you only read the books that everyone else is reading, you can only think what everyone else is thinking."

— **Haruki Murakami,**

"You can never get a cup of tea large enough or a book long enough to suit me."

— **C.S. Lewis**

"Outside of a dog, a book is man's best friend. Inside of a dog it's too dark to read."

— **Groucho Marx**

Our Church Library has a wonderful selection of books, CDs, videos. Come check it out and while you're there maybe a book or two!

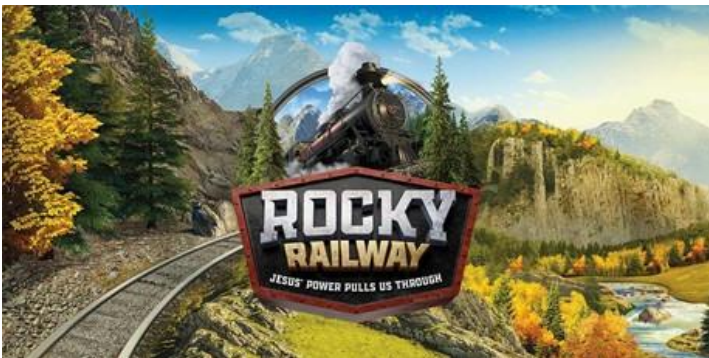
CHILD CARE & PRESCHOOL

Childcare and preschool are heading into summer! We had lots of time outside this spring, and are looking forward to more this summer. At the end of May, we had a preschool graduation of 24 kiddos heading off to kindergarten next year. The end of the school year is always bittersweet. We love to see our children grow and thrive, but it's always sad to say goodbye. We are fortunate to be a part of their lives for just a while. This time of year calls to mind the verse from Ecclesiastes 3:1— For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven.

~ Ellie Gramm and Amanda Stuart
Childcare and Preschool Directors



CHILDREN & FAMILY



Volunteers for VBS

It's not too early to start thinking about VBS at St. Mark's. This year the theme will be "Rocky Railway; Jesus' Power Pulls Us Through". It will take place July 25-28, from 6:00pm - 7:30pm. This is an opportunity to pour into our youth in a fun and interactive way that can help make the Bible come alive to young and old! To volunteer for VBS, please email Gwen at zieglergwenm@gmail.com

YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

Retreat at LOMC

Instead of the Detroit Mission Trip, we are going on a high school retreat Thursday, July 7 through Saturday, July 9 at Lutheran Outdoor Ministries Center in Oregon, IL. During this retreat, there will be opportunities for hiking, archery, canoeing, swimming and nightly campfires with worship. There will also be opportunities to help with work projects that the camp might need done. This will be a great opportunity for the youth to be refreshed, grow spiritually, and get their hands dirty helping out. Incoming freshmen through seniors are encouraged to join us!

Please contact jlafary@stmarkswashington.org to register or would like more information.

Upcoming Events

May 22 - End of Year Cookout in SMLC Parking Lot (food, games, fun) - 4:00pm

June 12 - Pool party at Washington Park Pool - 6pm-8pm

July 7-9 - Senior High Retreat at Lutheran Outdoor Ministries Center

July 23 - Outdoor Movie Night in the SMLC Parking Lot (Please Bring Your Own Chair) - 8pm-11pm

Key Fall Confirmation Dates

September 7 - Confirmation Informational Meeting

September 14 - First Night of Confirmation

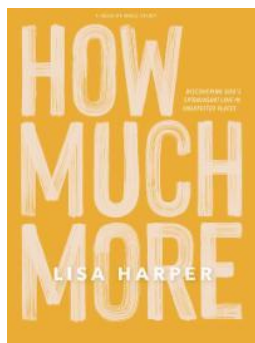
I am in the process of planning a confirmation retreat in October. More information will be coming on that soon. This retreat is not required but it is highly encouraged as a way for our students to bond.

As always if you have any questions, please email me at jlafary@stmarkswashington.org

~ Jeremy Lafary

Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministries

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY



Summer Women's Bible Study at St. Mark's

Wednesday Evenings 6:00-8:00pm
June 8 – July 20

How Much More: Discovering God's Extravagant Love in

Unexpected Places, by Lisa Harper. Use the link in the Buzz to hear Lisa explain the heart behind this study. A suggested donation of \$20 will cover the cost of the participant workbook and offset the cost of the DVDs. Scan the QR code to register for this study today!



Contact Nancy Vogel with questions.

CARING

Before you buy any medical equipment, call the office and 309-444-4618 and let us know what medical equipment you are needing. We have many different things that you may borrow instead of buying.

Wheelchairs, crutches, walkers, bedside commodes, bath/shower chairs, canes, bedrails, bathtub rails.

There is never a charge for these items all we ask is that when you are finished with them you bring them back.

We are Blessed to have this program and encourage our members, friends and community to use them as needed.

We also have limited items that we can give until gone:

Men's Incontinence pull ups and pads

Women's Incontinence pull ups and pads

Bed protector pads.



~ Mary Hills, Parish Nurse

parishnurse@stmarkswashington.org

SPECIAL DATES

BIRTHDAYS

June

Max Tessier	06/06
Dean Essig	06/09
Don Welk	06/10
Marjorie Vogelsang	06/14
Larry Lambert	06/20
Chuck Wiechmann	06/24
Shirley Gerken	06/30

July

Bachman, Em	07/10
Barton, Steve	07/12
Eckhart, Mary	07/24
Hexamer, Virginia	07/06
Jasper, Ronald	07/14
Knapp, Robert	07/21
Kuykendall, Dorothy	07/19
Larson, Bert	07/24
Scherr, Lois	07/27
Uphoff, Donna	07/23

ANNIVERSARIES

June

Calvin & Diana Burroughs	06/13
Don & Nancy Howerter	06/19
John & Linda Keys	06/12
Ronald & Linda Poehlman Sr.	06/25
Carol & Jack Pudik	06/11
Tom & Chris Sleight	06/19

July

Dave & Lynn Horwath	07/18
Daniel & Carole Meyer	07/15
Jim & Linda Wetzel	07/25
Les & Penny Wright	07/10

COUNCIL

Highlights from the April 23rd, May 3rd & May 17th council meetings

Mission Coordinator — Nancy Vogel was appointed as our New Mission Coordinator, which is also a Council position.

Burton Street House — Due to the robust response to our Special Appeal, the team coordinating the Burton Street House project is ready to begin the process of securing a general contractor to put together a phased implementation plan.

Proposal to Affiliate with the LCMC — On April 23rd, representatives from the Call Committee explained their proposal to explore affiliation with the Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ as a way to generate more candidates for the position of Senior Pastor. On May 3rd, the Council met with Bishop Roth to explore what this would mean for our relationship with the ELCA. Subsequent discussions resulted in the scheduling of the informational meetings and survey process which was communicated to the congregation through Temple Talks, the Buzz and mailings.

~ Roger French, Recorder

MISSION MATTERS

I'm excited to be the newly appointed mission coordinator at St. Mark's! I have started exploring both in-house and off-site mission opportunities and activities for people of all ages in which to get involved. Please watch the weekly Buzz and bulletin for upcoming opportunities to support missions at St. Mark's.

~ Nancy Vogel
Mission Coordinator

Operation Christmas Child Update: Many of the shoeboxes packed by members of St. Mark's in 2020 went to the country of Ukraine. It appears that the distribution of those shoeboxes to

children may have been delayed (perhaps due to COVID). I have recently received several emails from people in Ukraine who have just received shoeboxes my family and I packed in 2020. I'm assuming many of the shoeboxes YOU packed in 2020 have also recently been given to children living in Ukraine. Your generosity is truly making a difference in the lives of children!

Here's a sampling of the notes my family has received:

My name is Anya. I am 24 years old. I am from Ukraine, I live in Kharkiv. At this time, because of the war, I am in the small town of Koshmanivka, Poltava region. I have two sons Artem and Timofey, they are 4 years old. We received your boxes, the boys were very happy. Many thanks for taking care of us from the other side of the world.

My name is Yuliia. I and my family live in Kharkiv in Ukraine. I have two daughters, Bogdana and Arina, who are 16 and 12 years old. They were very happy to get your gift today! Thank you very much! As you probably know, in our country is war now. Our hometown was constantly bombed, so we had to leave it and move to a quieter place. So it's nice to feel that people you don't know give joy to others. We are very grateful for your support! Pray for our country please! We believe that everything will be fine.



WOMEN OF THE ELCA

WHIP Collections

The May collection for WHIP is **peanut butter**. In June, we will be collecting **jelly**. In April, 96 boxes of cereal and 60 misc. items were donated. 222 families were served, and six new families were registered. Thank you for your continued support which helps WHIP to serve our friends and neighbors in need.

Bake Sale at Lutheran Hillside Village

A big Thank You to those who donated baked goods for the Lutheran Women of Greater Peoria bake sale held at Lutheran Hillside Village on May 6th. Proceeds were raised in the amount of \$2,057.25 for the LHV Benevolent Fund for those who have outlived their resources.

LWGP Meeting on May 13th

Our WELCA group hosted the Lutheran Women of Greater Peoria general membership meeting in the Family Life Center on May 13th. Our guest speaker was Karen Henrikson, who gave an inspiring 'cake talk' entitled "You are His Masterpiece." Thank you to our helpers and to Pastor Westphal and Rob Whitney. It was a very successful meeting!

Piece and Comfort Quilters Group

Quilters group is in need of donations of fabrics to make the quilts and clean, gently used full, queen and king sized sheets for the backing. If you can help with donations, please contact Linda Keys at 309-472-2483 or drop off in the Beckwith Hall donation center in the cabinets to the left of the counter area. Piece and Comfort quilters group meets at Church on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 9:30 a.m. in Room LL-29, and you are welcome to join in!

Foster parents needed through LSSI

There is a great need in central Illinois for foster parents. Lutheran Social Services of Illinois is asking members of our congregation to prayerfully contemplate this urgent demand. Long-term foster families are needed as well as short-term. As a short-term caregiver, you would serve as a respite or emergency foster

family. Lutheran Social Services of Illinois provides supportive services for children in need and their families. Foster care services focus on placing children who have experienced neglect or abuse into loving and secure homes. Children's Community Services offers numerous other services to at-risk children and their families in their communities. Lutheran Social Services of Illinois is a licensed child welfare agency – License #013005. If you have questions, please visit their website LSSI.org or contact Dawn Presley at (309) 671-0300, ext. 4258.

*For I have chosen him, so that he will direct his children and his household to keep the way of the LORD by doing what is right and just...
Genesis 18:19*

~ Linda Wetzel and Pam Ripley

EMPLOYMENT

St. Mark's Staffing Needs

Perhaps you or someone you know is looking for a new opportunity and possess the skills needed for one of our open positions. There are both ministry staff and childcare/preschool positions available.



Church Positions:

Children and Family Ministry Director

A/V Director

Assistant A/V Director

Daycare and Preschool Positions:

Childcare/Preschool Substitute Teacher's Aide

Childcare/Preschool Substitute Teacher

Childcare/Preschool Teacher Floater

SUPPORTING OUR CHURCH

2022 Financial Report

YTD Ending April 30, 2022

General Fund

Total income: \$328,447.00 (includes
\$95,000 in pre-paid pledges)
Expenses: \$238,349.30
Net income: \$90,097.70

Special Appeal

Pledged: \$95,467.00
Received to date: \$54,978.65

Special Appeal funds have been used first for the Childcare Renovation project. Combined with the additional \$46,800 contributed by the Childcare, **we have received enough to fully fund this project! Thank you for your support.** Now the remaining Special Appeal funds will be put into a dedicated fund to remodel the Burton Street House, when those plans are finalized.

Multiple Ways to Give

Thank you for your support of St. Mark's.

Weekly Offering Checks can be brought to the collection boxes in the sanctuary or mailed to St. Mark's, 200 S. Main Street, Washington, IL 61571. You can set up an online automatic gift from your bank as well.

Website - Give through the link.

Mobile App - Download the free GivePlus app from the App Store or Google Play, and search for St. Mark's by zip code. Follow the instructions to donate.



Text - Send a text to 833-948-2192, enter the amount you would like to give, and follow the instructions.

ST. MARK'S STAFF

Pastor Westphal, *Interim Senior Pastor*

Pastor Hanson, *Visitation Pastor*

Jeremy Lafary, *Youth and Young Adult Director*

Rob Whitney, *Executive Director of Operations*

Yvonne Shields, *Bookkeeper*

Mary Hills, *Parish Nurse*

Cindy Marshall, *Administrative Assistant*

Karie Foster, *Custodian*

Peter Jackson, *Traditional Music Director*

Emma Paul, *Contemporary Music Director*

Lyn Sly, *Accompanist*

ALTAR FLOWERS

JUNE

June 5, 2022	Glen and Cindy Calvert
June 12, 2022	Calvin & Diana Burroughs
June 19, 2022	NEEDED
June 26, 2022	NEEDED

JULY

July 3, 2022	NEEDED
July 10, 2022	Dan and Beth Funcannon
July 17, 2022	Dave Seibert
July 24, 2022	Jim & Linda Wetzel
July 31, 2022	NEEDED

AUGUST

August 7, 2022	Don Hofford/Lori Tigue
August 14, 2022	Dee Mertens
August 21, 2022	Lori Weston
August 28, 2022	NEEDED

COMMUNICATION

Marksman Changes

Communication is always important, especially during emergencies. After the pandemic hit, the Marksman newsletter changed from a quarterly to a monthly publication to keep our members connected and informed. As the pandemic abates, more people are in worship and able to read the bulletin and hear announcements. Therefore, the Marksman is moving to a bimonthly schedule.

The deadline for the next Marksman is
July 15, 2022.

SERVING

READERS NEEDED!

There's an easy yet effective way you can be a part of St. Mark's worship experience. Each Sunday, at least one person per service, Traditional and Contemporary, are needed to read the scripture passages. Afraid of those Old Testament names and places, don't be, the scripture is sent out to readers a week in advance so you can practice. If, after reading it through, you're still stuck on a difficult one, Pastor Westphal, Pastor Hanson, or Jeremy would be happy to help out. Upcoming dates readers are needed:

- June 05 - late service
- June 12 - early service
- June 19 - late service
- June 26 - early service

July and August dates are open also.
Call the office at (309) 444-4618 or email office@stmarkswashington.org to sign up today!

USHER'S NEEDED

Especially during the summer months!

Do you feel like God is nudging you to serve? If so, then please consider ushering. This is another way to be a part of St. Mark's worship experience and

serve God. To sign up to be an usher call the church office, 309-444-4618 or email office@stmarkswashington.org.

For more information about ushering see Dee Mertens.

CALANDER

Sunday, June 5

- Pentecost Sunday
- 11:45 am: Congregational Meeting Regarding Call Committee Proposal and Congregational Survey Submission

Monday, June 6

- 5:30 pm: Safety Team Meeting
- 6:00 pm: Mission Endowment Fund

Tuesday, June 7

- 6:00 - 7:00 pm: Congregational Survey Absentee Submission

Wednesday, June 8

- 6:00 pm: Women's Bible Study

Thursday, June 9

- 3:30 - 5:30 pm: Congregational Survey Absentee Submission
- 7:00 pm: Special Council Meeting to Discuss Survey Results
- 7:00 pm: WELCA Meeting

Sunday, June 12

- 6:00 pm: Youth and Young Adult Pool Party

Wednesday, June 15

- 6:00 pm: Women's Bible Study

Sunday, June 26

- 11:45 am: Tentative Special Congregational Meeting/Vote to Leave ELCA

Thursday, July 7 - Saturday, July 9

- Lutheran Outdoor Ministries Center High School Retreat

Friday, July 15,

- Marksman Deadline

• Saturday, July 23

- 8:00 pm - 11:00 pm: Outdoor Movie Night in the SMLC Parking Lot (Please Bring Your Own Chair)

Monday, July 25-Thursday, July 28

- Vacation Bible School (6:00pm-7:30pm)