

MARKSMAN

SUNDAY WORSHIP

One Service Schedule
through November 20

9:30 am Combined Service
both on-site and online on
our YouTube channel
StMarksLutheranChurch
WashingtonIllinois.
Nursery provided.

10:30 am Fellowship Hour
with coffee and donuts.

10:45 am Sunday School
Pre-school through 12th
grade

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It has been my pleasure to step in and do what I can since Pastor Westphal left on June 26 to pursue other opportunities. Each day has been a little different. There have been and will be challenges to overcome but my outlook continues to remain positive, and I take joy in knowing what can happen here at St. Mark's. What an honor it is to traverse these waters with each and every one of you.

As I have been calling members of this church, I have encountered those who are relieved by the past survey, and those who were disappointed. And yet, I have a sense that regardless of where people were on the survey, we all have the desire to work together as one body to face the challenges and rewards ahead.

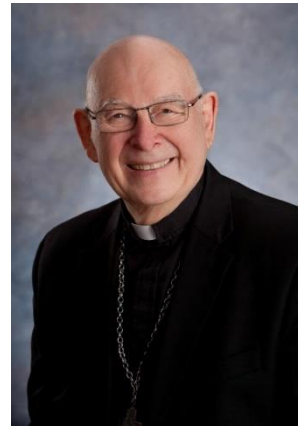
As we approach the future I hope that together we can aspire to the following:

- We will do all we can with all the resources we have
- We will take a positive approach to everything
- We will be welcoming to all who come to us
- We will reflect on the past to help us grow
- We will be aware of our mistakes and do all we can to correct them

Finally, we are thankful for our new staff members and their commitment to St. Mark's. Whether it is Sunday ministry items, or the behind the scenes, I am grateful for their support, encouragement, and joy.

May the Holy Spirit continue to lead and guide us.

~ Pastor Dick Hanson



Greetings from our new Interim Pastor:

"The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, God's mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness." Lamentations 3:22-23

Jambo, Jambo! Is the every day greeting in Tanzania. My husband Jeff and I have just returned from a Road Scholar trip on Tanzania and the Great East African Migration. It was a fabulous adventure in which we experienced the welcome and hospitality of the people every day. *Jambo, Jambo!* Their daily greeting reminded me of God's mercies, new every morning.

Jambo, Jambo! Now, I greet you, the people of God at St. Mark's. Jeff and I (and our dog Willie and cat Iris) are looking forward to this next adventure. I am excited to be closer to my parents who live at Lutheran Hillside Village and to see what God is up to at St. Mark's in this next phase of your journey in calling your new lead pastor.



Since leaving Washington, IL after high school, I graduated from Wittenberg University, spent two years as a youth staffer with the former Lutheran Church in America, graduated from the Lutheran School of Theology in Chicago, served congregations in Chicago, South Beloit, IL, Ferguson, MO (as co-pastor with Jeff), and St. Louis, MO. I retired at the end of 2018, but then took a part-time call for almost 2 years as Director for Evangelical Mission with the Central States Synod.

Jeff and I have lived in the St. Louis area for the past 28 years. Our son Eric lives in a nearby suburb. We enjoy live music, both cooking at home and eating out, volunteer activities with our "home congregation," and reading. My hobbies include "doing lunch" with friends and occasionally knitting prayer shawls.

So, *jambo, jambo!* May you too be reminded of God's greeting, God's mercies, new every morning.

~ Pastor Kendra Nolde

WORSHIP

Our Worship Service will stay at one combined service until Pentecost which begins on November 27, 2022.

The Church Calendar:

We are now in what is called the Ordinary Time – the day after Pentecost until the final day before Advent. We focus on Christ's reign as King of kings and on the age of the church.

Other Sundays after Pentecost:

Green is used, to indicate our growth in faith as we follow the teachings and ministry of Christ. Some assemblies use differing shades of green throughout the Sundays after Pentecost, a lighter green in summer and a darker green in fall

Source:
www.elca.org, www.aquinasandmore.com

THANK YOU

Dear Members of St. Mark's,

*I would like to take this opportunity to thank all
thank all St. Mark's members who sent me a
birthday card.*

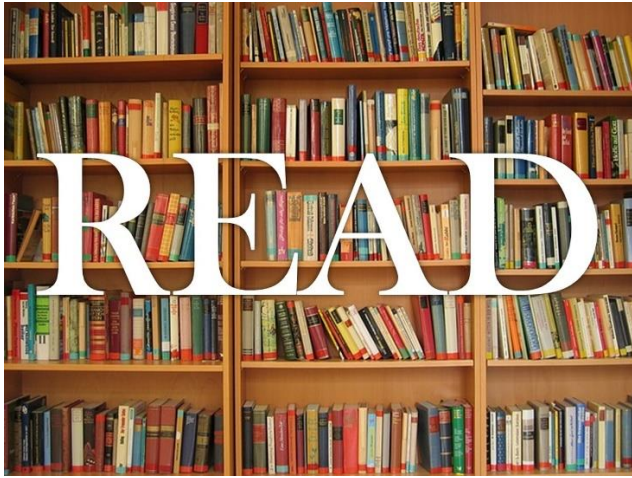
*It was humbling to know that so many people
"care"*

Thank you one and all.

~ Mary Eckhart



LIBRARY



When the apostle Paul was in prison he wrote letters of encouragement to churches and disciples. The letters rarely included a request for anything in return. But in 2 Timothy Paul specifically asked for a cloak to keep him warm – and his books. Charles Spurgeon, the 19th century ‘Prince of Preachers’ who regularly spoke to thousands, reflected on Paul’s request:

“He is inspired, and yet he wants books! He has seen the Lord, and yet he wants books! He has had wider experience than most men, and yet he wants books! He had been caught up in the third heaven, and had heard things unlawful for a man to utter, yet he wants books! He has written a major part of the New Testament, and yet he wants books! The apostle says to Timothy and so he says to every Christian, ‘Give thyself to reading.’ The man who never reads will never be read; he who never quotes will never be quoted. He who will not use the thoughts of other men’s brains proves he has no brains of his own.”

Perhaps we can be inspired by Paul’s love of books. The word disciple is derived from the Latin *discipulus* which literally means ‘pupil’ or ‘learner’. Reading is definitely not the only way you can learn, but it is one of the most straightforward. Pete Greig, the founder of the 24/7 prayer movement, put it like this: “Reading isn’t really about reading, it’s about ‘do we want to learn?’”

KRISH’S BEST BOOKS

If it has been a long time since you invested time in reading, you will want to read books that inspire you as well as help you. Let me suggest six books that may whet your appetite:

1. The Hiding Place

Corrie Ten Boom (Hodder & Stoughton)

Want to learn how to resist tyranny? Read this book and you will not be the same again.

2. The Gospel in a Pluralist Society

Lesslie Newbigin (SPCK)

This is the book that made me want to be a theologian. It has so many big ideas that, like me, you may need to read it twice in a row.

3. Every Good Endeavour

Tim Keller (Hodder & Stoughton)

Here’s a book that gives us a fresh vision for our daily work.

4. When Helping Hurts

Steve Corbett & Brian Fikkert (Moody Publishers)

This book will radically challenge the way you engage with global poverty. It might make you the awkward person at your church meetings too.

5. How to Read the Bible for All Its Worth

Gordon Fee (Zondervan)

This book will change the way you read the Bible. There’s gold on every page.

6. Unapologetic

Francis Spufford (Faber & Faber)

The first apologetic I can remember that speaks to a Guardian-reading audience. (Warning: contains strong language)

Source:

Krish Kandiah November 23, 2021

www.premierchristianity.com

CHILD CARE & PRESCHOOL

Summer breeze made us feel fine! Summertime means no preschool and lower numbers in childcare. We enjoyed quieter summer days filled with special movies or ice cream on the square. As summer comes to a close, we will say goodbye to our kiddos going to kindergarten and hello to our friends just beginning or moving up classrooms. Our new preschool school year is starting up as well! It will begin the day after Labor Day. There are still openings in our 3 year old preschool classes if you'd like to join us this year! We look forward to a new school year of fun and learning!



~ Ellie Gramm and Amanda Stuart
Childcare and Preschool Directors

CHILDREN & FAMILY

Hello everyone, my name is Shannon Boynton and I would love to introduce myself as the new Director of Children and Family Ministry at St. Mark's Lutheran Church. I come from a small town called Aledo, Illinois which is about 1.5 hours away from the Peoria area. I moved to Metamora, Illinois on July 15, 2022. I have my associate's degree in Fine Arts from Black Hawk College in Moline, IL. I then went to live in the Chicago area for the next 6 years and attended Concordia University Chicago (Lutheran private college) in River Forest, IL.



There, I obtained my bachelor's degree in Communication and minor in Women's Gender Studies. I recently graduated with my master's degree in Gerontology from Eastern Illinois University during the Covid-19 pandemic. I grew up in a loving home with my mother, grandmother, and grandfather. Relationships and community building is what I love doing most and I am so excited to do that here at St. Mark's. I grew up in the church life, myself, and have been through baptism, communion, confirmation, and Sunday school. I am so excited to get to know you all more and can't wait to continue the legacy here at St. Mark's!

~ Shannon Boynton
Director of Children and Family Ministries

SUNDAY SCHOOL/RALLY DAY

Mark your calendars! Sunday School is returning to St. Mark's with our kick-off on Rally Day, Sunday, September 11, 2022! Sunday School registration has begun! We will be implementing a new structure for Sunday School, and we are ecstatic! This new structure involves music, crafts, lesson, and most importantly, FUN! One of my goals as coming into this new role is to provide a safe and fun environment for the children of St. Mark's Church.

SUNDAY SCHOOL BLAST Registration 2022-2023

Attention St. Mark's Lutheran Church youth and parents, we are gearing up and excited for our 2022-23 Sunday School year! We hope you will attend this school year and enjoy our new Sunday School format. This new structure will be interactive and include fun activities such as crafts, music, bible-related videos, and lessons. Please click the link below to fill out the registration form or scan the QR code provided.



YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP



A group of Jr. High Youth went to the Dream Center and helped pack backpacks to be handed out during their backpack drive. We also got to help deep clean the kitchen that St. Mark's help support!

High School Youth

For the upcoming year, I am seeking a few volunteers for our various activities! We have a lot of fun things planned but I am going to need some help from parents and the rest of our faith community. If you're interested in helping out please let me know and we will work on what dates we need filled. Thank you so much!

Fall Kickoff!

On Sunday, September 11th from 5pm-7pm, we will be having a video game truck here at St. Mark's to help us kick off our fall activities! In addition, we will also be having pizza, ice cream, and other goodies to help us celebrate the start of a new year. This event is open to Jr. High and High School students so make sure you invite all of your friends to join us!



Upcoming Events

September 11 - Jr. High and High School Sunday School Begin (9:45am-10:45am)
September 11 - Youth Group Kick-off - Laser Ops Mobile Gaming Truck (5pm-7pm)
October 2 - Apple Picking at Tanner's Orchard (2:00pm-5:00pm)
October 16 - Service Opportunity at Dream Center Peoria - Serving food at the soup kitchen (1:00pm-6:00pm)
October 30 - Halloween Party/Gargon @ St. Mark's (5:00pm-7:00pm)

Confirmation News

September 7 (6:00pm-7:00pm) - Confirmation Informational Meeting
September 14 (6:30pm-8:00pm) - First Night of Confirmation
October 7-8 - Confirmation Trip at Lutheran Outdoor Ministries Center
(More information will be coming on the Confirmation Trip 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

CARING

The job of Parish Nurse is very rewarding! Not only do I get to meet people but I get to share in their experiences.

For June I traveled 592 miles and transported 8 people. For July I traveled 417 miles and transported 6 people.
I've made over 40 phone calls to the 60 and older group and have visited 20 people in the nursing home.

What an exciting opportunity to meet new people and spend time with our congregants!

~ Mary Hills, Parish Nurse
parishnurse@stmarkswashington.org

What is Monkeypox?

Monkeypox is a rare disease caused by infection with the monkeypox virus.

Monkeypox virus is part of the same family of viruses as variola virus, the virus that causes smallpox. Monkeypox symptoms are similar to smallpox symptoms, but milder, and monkeypox is rarely fatal.

Monkeypox is not related to chickenpox. Monkeypox was discovered in 1958 when two outbreaks of a pox-like disease occurred in colonies of monkeys kept for research. Despite being named “monkeypox,” the source of the disease remains unknown. However, African rodents and non-human primates (like monkeys) might harbor the virus and infect people.

The first human case of monkeypox was recorded in 1970. Prior to the 2022 outbreak, monkeypox had been reported in people in several central and western African countries. Previously, almost all monkeypox cases in people outside of Africa were linked to international travel to countries where the disease commonly occurs or through imported animals. These cases occurred on multiple continents.

Content source: [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#), [National Center for Emerging and Zoonotic Infectious Diseases \(NCEZID\)](#), [Division of High-Consequence Pathogens and Pathology \(DHCPP\)](#)



SPECIAL DATES

BIRTHDAY'S 80 PLUS YEARS

AUGUST

8-1	James Huber
8-7	Marilyn McCoy
8-10	Joyce Gegel
8-14	Bill Shelander II
8-18	Rosella Merkel

8-25	Beverly Mauschbaugh
8-25	Frederick Joos Jr.
8-29	Marge Shaw
8-30	Arlene Crumrine

SEPTEMBER

9-3	Buck Strode
9-9	Don Hofford
9-13	Jeanette Burroughs
9-13	Charles Thomas
9-16	Edith Wenger
9-17	Sue Madden
9-21	Marvine Engel
9-25	Bert Klings
9-27	Daniel Meyer

ANNIVERSARIES 50 PLUS YEARS

AUGUST

8-2-1952	Don & Jo Hofford
8-3-1968	Ron & Judy Bradley
8-4-1968	Fred & Laura Sweetland

SEPTEMBER

9-1-1957	Paul & Shirley Gerken
9-2-1962	David & Anna Rogers
9-3-1966	Gary & Kay Uftring
9-4-1965	Bill & Sharon Porterfield
9-6-1959	Frederick & Shirla Joos
9-13-1968	Duane & Margie Ary
9-29-1957	Lyle & Marge Shaw

MUSIC MATTERS

It's Choir Time!!

I am excited to start rehearsals for choir on **Sunday Sept 11 at 8:30 am** down in the choir room. We will meet every Sunday before the 9:30 Service, practice and then head to the Sanctuary for worship. Looking forward to making music with you.

We welcome anyone who loves to sing!

~ David Blasco

WOMEN OF THE ELCA

Women of the ELCA Report

WHIP Collections

The WHIP collection for September is **canned fruit and applesauce**.

St. Marks donated 74 jars of jelly and 43 misc. items for the month of June. WHIP served 236 families and registered 14 new families. They had 35 jars of recalled JIF peanut butter and contacted parent company Smucker's who mailed a check to WHIP for \$300, much more than the value of the peanut butter. For the month of July, St. Mark's collected 159 cans tuna & chicken and several misc. items. 239 families were served by WHIP in July and they registered 17 new families.

Change for Charity

The recipient for Change for Charity on Sunday, September 25th is Piece & Comfort Quilts. Quilts are made throughout the year by a dedicated group of ladies. Funds are used to purchase quilt supplies and pay to ship the quilts worldwide. The quilts are donated to Lutheran World Relief each October for those in need.

Kitchen cleaning on October 3rd

WELCA ladies will clean the Family Life Center kitchen on Monday, October 3rd beginning at 9 a.m. Please join in if you're able to help.

Kindred Spirit Sisters

Will continue to meet the second Sunday of the month. All widowed and single women are welcome. If you would like more information please call Kathleen Peters at 309-444-2360 or Sue Madden at 309-444-3096.

Funeral Meal Ministry

Did you know that St. Mark's provides lunch for families at St. Mark's who lose loved ones? If the family requests a luncheon after the funeral, we are there for them. Would you consider joining a funeral meal ministry team? There are multiple teams, so you wouldn't be asked very often to help. Team members help with set-up, serving and clean-up for the

luncheons and by providing food. If interested, please contact Sandy Larson at (309) 367-4543.

Piece and Comfort Quilters Group

The group is in need of donations of fabrics to make the quilts and clean, gently used 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. Also needed are ladies to work at home sewing tops. Linda Keys or Linda Fitzgerald can meet with you and show you how to make the tops. Bundles are made up, so all that's needed is to sew them into a top.

~ Linda Wetzel and Pam Ripley

EMPLOYMENT

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: Contemporary Music Director

Daycare and Preschool Positions:

Childcare/Preschool Cook

Childcare/Preschool Substitute Teacher's Aide

Childcare/Preschool Substitute Teacher

MISSION CONNECTIONS

Habitat Build

September 10 and November 5

Don your overalls, work boots and gloves! St. Mark's needs your help



with a Habitat for Humanity build project. Aaron and Linda, grandparents of six, are in desperate need of a safe space to raise the children they love. They have adopted five of them and are in the process of adopting the sixth. Their current home is a one bedroom with a dinning room converted for the children. With no room inside for the kids to play, and an unsafe location in Southside Peoria, the home is inadequate. You have the opportunity to help build their new home with five bedrooms where they can raise the children in a safe environment. Both the September 10, and November 5 dates are a Saturday mornings from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm.

To sign up for this volunteer opportunity, or any other questions, please contact Cindy Shuckford at (309) 431-9229 or cindy_shuckford08@hotmail.com. We look forward to serving together and showing God's love to Aaron, Linda, and their 6 grandchildren

Red Cross Blood Drive September 19

Did you know that there is someone in our country in need of blood every two seconds? By donating blood you can play a role in saving lives such as those receiving cancer treatments, undergoing surgery, or following a traumatic accident. St. Mark's Lutheran Church will be hosting a Red Cross Blood Drive on Monday, September 19, 2022 from 12:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at Five Points, Washington. Blood donors and event volunteers are needed.

If you would like to donate blood, we would love to have you join us at this event! You can schedule an appointment by scanning the QR Code or by calling 1-800-Red Cross (1-800-1733-2767). Walk-ins are welcome but appointments are preferred.



**American
Red Cross**



Scan to schedule
an appointment.

Volunteers Needed for the Blood Drive!

Perhaps you're unable to donate blood, volunteers are needed to bake cookies for the event, operate the check in desk, hand out snacks, and escort donors to and from the blood donation area. You can sign up to volunteer by scanning the QR Code to the right or calling the church office at 309-444-4618.



SUPPORTING OUR CHURCH

2022 Financial Report YTD Ending July 31, 2022

General Fund

Total income: \$431,588.50 (includes \$95,000 in pre-paid pledges)
Expenses: \$394,884.69
Net income: \$36,703.81

Special Appeal

Pledged: \$95,467.00
Received to date: \$66,734.14

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.** The funding for the Burton Street House Appeal Has been reached (\$25,000), additional funds will now be split 50/50 between the Burton Street House Appeal and a Dedicated Childcare Capital Projects Fund

COMMUNICATION

The next Marksman will contain information for events happening in October, November and December. If you would like to submit an article for the Marksman please email the church office at office@stmarkswashington.org or call the office at 309-444-4618.