

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS
TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY
10:30-12:30
AND WHEN NEEDED.

~June 2024 Newsletter~

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PASTOR TIM'S OFFICE HOURS
TUESDAY & THURSDAY
10 A.M.-1 P.M.
*Unless otherwise noted in
bulletin.*

WELCOMING

WORSHIPPING

SERVING

Summer Bucket list to grow your faith



Pray or meditate in the morning to start your day in a peaceful way.



Host a game night. Engage in community with others you may not see often.



Volunteer! As easy as picking up trash in the neighborhood, serving food at the library or anywhere you see fit.



Write a letter to a loved one. Be intentional with your words.



Invite a friend or coworker to church. With service outdoors it may be less intimidating for them.



Attend worship on the lawn. Hear about God surrounded by his creations.



Compliment a stranger. You never know what they are going through, and you may just make their day.



Bake a treat for a neighbor or say Hello to a new neighbor and make them feel welcome.

2024 Church Council

- LuAnn Barber
- Michael Barber (Treasurer)
- Matt Fritz (President)
- Virginia Grossman
- Sharon Lee
- Dave Odden
- Sharon Paprocki
- Lance Uttke
- Lou Ann Uttke (Vice President)
- Laura Zsebe (Secretary)

Next Council Meeting: June 19th 7:00 p.m.



Join the 3rd Tuesday group for fun and games on June 18th. All are welcome to come for some games, some laughs and maybe even some treats. See you there.

Hello St. Markes Faithful,

After receiving over 20 questions for the what do you wonder summer sermon series here are the 6 most voted for.

Summer Sermon Series - What do you Wonder?

- May 26, Week 1 - What is the overarching theme of the Bible?
- June 2, Week 2 - Why do the 4 Gospels tell the same story so differently?
- June 9, Week 3 - Which Sin is the worst?
- June 16, Week 4 - Is the Second Coming still coming?
- June 23, Week 5 - What do we do with the violent images of God in the Bible?
- June 30, Week 6 - Where is God when I am hurting

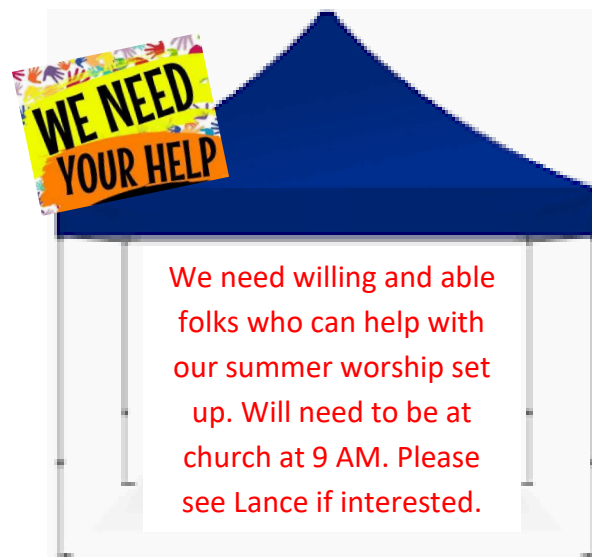


Jesus was known for answering a question with a question and I hope we can have some fun and explore these questions. Thanks for your participation and see you in church (on the lawn.)

Pastor Tim



Save the date of June 23rd for the church picnic. It will be at Vretenar Park, Saint Francis. Please share suggestions for games and activities with Jill Hyatt, Susan Ploetz, Laura or Joe Zsebe. Volunteers are needed so please share your time and talents.



WE NEED YOUR HELP

We need willing and able folks who can help with our summer worship set up. Will need to be at church at 9 AM. Please see Lance if interested.

We are grateful for Larry Kromberg, Tim Uttke, Beth Kelley, Mike Barber, Gerry Zakovich, Laura and Joe Zsebe for the work they accomplished at the spring clean up day at St Mark.



THE BURDEN WAS LIGHT

If you missed it, do not be dismayed. See a Property Committee member or join the Community Gardening group if your willing to help with tasks (we have a list of them).

Share your time and talent, you are welcome and appreciated

ENJOY SUMMER but please remember our fall events.

Our OKTOBERFEST collection LONGJOHNFEST is long underwear for the Warming Room. At both meals served this winter requests for this winter item were overheard. Remember we think of it as an essential as we shovel or play in the snow. Those using the Warming Room know it as a luxury. Please shop the sales to provide this luxury.

Plans for RALLY DAY are underway with a special meal planned. The traditional collection this year is pet food and the kids will walk it over to Project Concern. Also time to check those God's Work, Our Hands t shirts.

LWR WANTS YOU. LWR NEEDS YOU. WHAT IS LWR?

Lutheran World Relief was founded in 1945 by U. S. Lutherans to aid in the recovery of post-war Europe. It's mission is now worldwide. Making kits of needed items for school and personal care has been a tradition of the Sunday School on Rally Day. Items were collected by the congregation over the summer and then assembled. During the pandemic families assembled their own kits. This year the Rally Day collection is pet food for Project Concern but the Social Ministry Committee wants to keep LWR in our mission. This year the Sunday School kids were asked what they thought we should collect in October and they chose the personal care kits. The requested items are listed below so you can watch the sales for towels. Do you hate to shop but like to sew? Are you blessed with bored grandchildren or friends? Think about sewing towels with them.

If you are intrigued with this opportunity, check the LWR site for other kit instructions. Quilts and fabric are a need as are baby care kits. Cloth diapers are required but there are instructions for making them from t shirts or flannel. Cost is greater but what fun to buy those tiny socks.

INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING IN EACH PERSONAL CARE KIT (BINS WILL BE IN THE NARTHEX JUNE 10TH)

ONE light-weight bath-size towel (between 20" x 40" and 52" x 27"), dark color recommended. Shop for light- or medium-weight towels, which are easier for kit recipients to hand wash and air dry, take up less storage space and are considerably less expensive than the fluffier towels we may prefer to use. • Bath towels vary in size. The 52" X 27" size listed in the guidelines is the maximum size. 20" x 40" is a good guideline for a minimum size.

TWO or three bath-size bars of soap equaling 8 to 9 oz., any brand, in original wrapping.

ONE adult-size toothbrush in its original packaging. Multi-packs may be used by sealing an individual toothbrush in a business-size envelope, no plastic bags or wrap. The committee can do this for you'

ONE sturdy comb.

ONE metal nail clippers (attached file optional).

HOW TO PACK KITS • Fold the towel in half. Place the rest of the items in the towel, fold and roll so nothing falls out, and secure with yarn, ribbon, string, or rubber bands. • The kids will do this if you only want to buy items.

PLEASE GIVE NEW ITEMS ONLY. • Please do not donate items with any religious symbols, messages, or your group's name. • Please do not donate any items decorated with a U.S. flag, patriotic or military symbols, or references to the armed forces, including camouflage. • Do not add other items or leave out any of the items listed. Do not enclose the Kit or any of its contents in plastic ba

IF WRITING CHECKS IS YOUR PREFERRED WAY OF SERVING. The shipping fund welcomes your donation. Make check payable to St. Mark's with LWR shipping in the memo.

THANK YOU.

PROJECT CONCERN PERSONAL CARE NEED OF THE MONTH

JUNE IS HOUSEHOLD CLEANERS AND
SCHOOL SUPPLIES
JULY IS SHAMPOO

THERE IS A BOX IN THE NARTHEX LABELED FOR
PROJECT CONCERN FOR YOUR DONATIONS.

COME ON DOWN Y'ALL...

June 25th St. Mark's will be selling food at the Cudahy Family Library Concert. Volunteers are needed, sign up in the narthex. Come and support the church as well as the community.

Bootjack Road

Tuesday, June 25 @ 6:30 pm

Bootjack Road plays all things Country, Rock, and some surprise jams. Hailing from the country towns of Wisconsin, Bootjack Road is the Midwest's newest rockin' country band. Expect an infectious good time!

Food sold by St. Mark's Ev. Lutheran Church
Rain date: June 27 @ 6:30

Please join us for the

The Eleventh Annual Musical Benefit Concert for Project Concern



featuring
music by the families
and friends of

**St. Mark's
Lutheran Church**

3515 E. VanNorman Ave.
Cudahy, WI

including:
St. Mark's Cathedral Choir
St. Mark's Handbell Choir
St. Mark's Brass
Plus a variety of solos and small ensembles

June 2, 2024

2:00 p.m.

Free will offering and nonperishables will be accepted at the door.

Please watch for April minutes in an upcoming newsletter as they were unavailable at time of printing.

Hunger Rumble 5K run/walk

A community event to benefit Project Concern Cudahy/St. Francis

June 22, 2024

Sheridan Park, Cudahy



Register at <https://projectconcerncudahy.org> or <https://5kevents.org/eventlistings.html>

FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT

Building/Memorial Gifts for April 2024 \$140

Balance as of March 31, 2024 \$(14,724)

Gifts for April 2024 **\$9,779**

Benevolence/Special Appeal Gifts**\$170**

The missions that were supported by these gifts

- Samaritan fund, local missions, world hunger, Lutheran Theology (from communion envelopes) and other special appeals

\$170

- 10% Benevolence (Synod, LSS, Interfaith, Camps, Divine Intervention, Tricklebee Cafe, Habitat, Project Concern, Outreach for Hope)

\$1,040

Current Expenses \$9,242

Total investment in missions..... **\$10,452**

Deficit as of April 30, 2024 **\$(15,228)**

2024 Financial Plan as set at Annual Congregational Meeting

Monthly giving needed to fulfill the missions of the people of St. Mark's (operating expenses, stewardship, education, benevolence, etc. \$11,389

Merciful Father, we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.