

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY

10:30AM-12:30PM

AND WHEN NEEDED.

~July 2025 Newsletter~

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PASTOR TIM'S OFFICE HOURS

TUESDAY 11:00AM-5:00PM

WEDNESDAY 10:00AM-12:00PM

THURSDAY BY APPOINTMENT

**UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED IN THE
WEEKLY BULLETIN**

WELCOMING

WORSHIPPING

SERVING



2025 Church Council

- LuAnn Barber
- Matt Fritz
- Virginia Grossman
- Beth Kelly
- Sharon Lee
- Lori Liebenstein
- Dave Odden
- Jan Orzewalla
- Sharon Paprocki
- Lance Uttke (President)
- Lou Ann Uttke (Vice President)
- Laura Zsebe (Secretary)

Next Council Meeting:

August 13th at 7:00 p.m.



WINNING TICKET DRAWN FOR THE QUILT WAS

LORI LIEBENSTIEN

THANKS FOR EVERONE

Susan, Penny, Sue, Laura, Leo, Laurie, Addy, Robin,
Cathy, Marion, and Jan

**YOUR DONATIONS ADDED \$150 FOR GLOBAL
REFUGEE RELIEF**

BRINGING OUR DONATION TOTAL TO \$679.

The council approved St. Francis HS using our church as a reunification site in the case of a school emergency. There is nothing at this time for us to do, however we may need some people that are close to be able to open the church in an emergency situation. Please contact Lance Uttke if interested or able to help.

How Connected do you feel at St. Marks?

Hello St. Marks faithful,

At our church council retreat we discussed how we can become more connected to each other relationally. Churches where people know each other's names and feel a sense of being connected become not just a church but a community or even a family. To this end we will be trying some creative approaches to helping you become more connected. Have you ever wished you could remember someone's name at church? We all do. To that end, one of the ways we will try to connect people better is by helping you remember the names of those you see in worship. We have some creative ideas we will be implementing this fall.

We also will be undertaking a campaign this fall to get together in people's homes to talk about who and what we are all about. We need your participation and cooperation as we gather to talk about our mission, our finances, our building and building needs and how we will choose to become the church on the next 20 years. These meetings will be in homes and we will share a tasty dessert as we gather to dream about what St. Marks can be. We are in a really good place and want to continue to build momentum and connections. I look forward to seeing you and getting to know you better this fall.

Peace and Joy,
Pastor Tim

PROJECT CONCERN
PERSONAL CARE NEED OF
THE MONTH
JULY IS DISH SOAP
AUGUST IS DEODORANT
THERE IS A BOX IN THE
NARTHEX LABELED FOR
PROJECT CONCERN FOR YOUR
DONATIONS.

3rd TUESDAY AGAIN

Join us in the
Gathering Space July
15th at 1:00 pm for
simple cards, chat or
quilting for LWR.

ST MARK'S CHURCH PICNIC 2025

SOME LIKE IT HOT!



Thank you to everyone who helped with the annual picnic in any way. There are always too many names to share, as many hands make light work. Thank you for keeping this tradition alive and well. Until next year!



Save the date for the Cudahy Family Library Outdoor Concert!

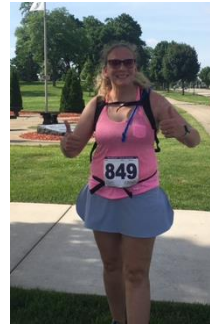
Tuesday, July 22nd. (Rain date Wed., July 23rd.)

Music by the popular cover band Mt. Olive from 6:30-8:30 pm.

Food and beverages will be provided and served by St. Mark's beginning 5:00 pm.

We plan to arrive at 4:00 pm for setup and grilling. Proceeds from the service are designated for St. Mark's operating expenses. Your attendance and help will be greatly appreciated. If willing and able to help, please contact Lori Liebenstein. **Join us for good food, great music, and fun!**

ST MARK PEOPLE IN THE GOOD RACE - PROJECT CONCERN HUNGER RUMBLE



Thank you to those who rumbled and to Doug Stewart for his vision and years shepherding his dream to reality.



THE SEEDS THAT WERE SOWN

Have sprouted and are now growing in St Mark's Community Garden. Be sure to check out the progress of this year's effort to grow fresh produce for the Project Concern food pantry (If you happen to see a weed or two feel free to remove them and put it in the composting bin at the rear of the church). Thanks



MYCELIUM RUNNING

A mushroom garden has been donated and is located near the front entry to the church. In the near future watch for the first "flush" of Wine Cap mushrooms



Lutheran World Relief

Please check out the table at the kiosk for your LWR project. For those interested in quilting we have our first session at 11:00 on Tuesday July 15th in Fellowship Hall. There are instructions on the kiosk table or check the LWR website. Spend an hour or bring your lunch and spend the afternoon as we explore and try this way of serving. If interested after five or Saturday sessions are possible. To float this boat contact is Susan Ploetz.

FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT – ST. MARK'S EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH AS OF MAY 31, 2025

2025 Financial Plan Approved at Annual Congregational Meeting \$151,289	Operating deficit as of April 30, 2025	\$ (16,481)
Monthly Giving Needed to Achieve Plan \$12,607	Gifts received	8,739
2025 Anticipated Receipts \$137,750	The missions supported by these gifts:	
Monthly Giving Needed to Match Receipts \$11,479	10% Benevolence (Synod, LSS, Interfaith, Divine Intervention, Habitat for Humanity, Tricklebee Café, Project Concern, Outreach for Hope, Camp)	874
	Current expenses	10,029
	Total investment in missions	10,903
	Operating deficit as of May 31, 2025	\$ (18,645)
	Operating deficit offset by accumulated funds for the following:	
	Designated benevolence for Good Samaritan Fund	\$ 9,875
	Designated benevolence for Local Missions	13,618
	Designated for Special Appeals*	4,168
	Total funds designated	27,661
	Net operating cash flow available to fund expenses	\$ 9,016
	Building/Memorial Fund gifts received	\$ 268
	Designated Benevolence/Special Appeal* gifts received	\$ 722

*Special Appeals include at various times - Walk to the Well, Divine Intervention (Warming Room), Sunday School, Habitat for Humanity, Veterans Outreach, Community Garden, Kitchen Remodel, etc.

DIVINE INTERVENTION WARMING ROOM

The Warming Room Guests after a good meal prepared by volunteers (like you) are able to stay overnight at Tippecanoe Church. The floor of the church fellowship hall will accommodate up to 20 people. It was observed the mats used by the guests in some cases are not much for comfort.

St Mark is willing to provide 25 x 77 x 3 inch self inflating sleeping pads for the guests next season with your help

Sherpers offered us a reduced price for these mats of \$40 each

We are asking for your help to purchase 20 of these "bed rolls" to be donated the Warming Room next season (by December 1st)

They will on display at the Gathering Space and if you or a group of your friends would contribute \$40 for each bed roll you will offer a little more comfort for another person in need.

Be sure to hear Judy from the Warming Rom on July 13th describing a success story of the Warming Room ministry.

RIGHT AWAY

The replacement of sidewalk stones and the street approach in the City right of way is happening.

Some concrete is damaged and needs replacement to eliminate hazards.

The property committee appreciates your patience during this project and asks for your assistance to help with the lawn restoration work associated with the work.



St. Mark's Ev. Lutheran Church

May 21, 2025

Church Council Minutes

St. Mark's Mission Statement

Living Christ's call to "love one another" St. Mark's is committed to **welcoming** all people into the warmth of God's loving presence through **worshipping** God, and **serving** all.

Members Attending: President Lance Uttke, Lu Ann Barber, Matt Fritz, Virginia Grossman, Beth Kelly, Sharon Lee, Dave Odden, Jan Orzwalla, Sharon Paprocki, Pastor Tim, Lou Ann Uttke, Laura Zsebe

Excused: Lori Liebenstein

Call to Order: President Uttke called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

Devotions: Pastor Tim led the meeting with a prayer.

Addition to/Approval of Agenda: Add under new business Cudahy Days. Motion to approve as amended made by L. Barber, with a second by S. Paprocki; Motion carried.

Approval of previous minutes: Reviewed meeting minutes from 4/16/2025. Motion by L. Barber with a second by M. Fritz; Motion carried.

Pastor's Report: Pastor reported that Maundy Thursday service was great, had a good turnout. Easter was good. The Lockin was good, we had 26 that registered with 1 not spending the night. The first draft of my book is finished, now I am revising it. The council retreat will be at church instead of my house, as I have 2 funerals to attend to after the retreat.

Mission Priorities: This will be discussed at the council retreat.

Old Business:

1. **Car Show update-Aug 16:** When Lou Ann Uttke went to Cudahy city hall, they said that we need to have 75% of the people on the block sign off to approve that we have their permission to have the car show and block off the street, from the alley down to Kingan. We will go house to house on Sunday to get the signatures.
2. **Appointed Benevolence Groups:** tabled until plan time.
3. **Council Timeline Update:** February: Installation of Council Members & add Update Council Binder; March: Remove discuss Confirmand meal & add Council Mission Discussion; April: remove Finalize Confirmand Meal; May: remove Confirmand Meal, Add Summer dates to meet if needed; August: Add Confirmation meal; September: Finalize Confirmation meal; November: Add Finalize date for Annual Meeting; December: removed Finalize date of Annual meeting
4. **Council Retreat:** This will be held at church instead of Pastors house. Pastor & Sharon will provide the breakfast meal.
5. **Insurance Change Progress:** We moved our insurance to Brotherhood Mutual through Lightwell Insurance Advisors effective May 20, 2025 to May 20, 2026. Our GL coverage with Lightwell is '6 Million aggregate. Beth talked to different churches to see what type of coverage they had. The premium with Lightwell is \$9,274.00 annually verses Church Mutual which was \$11,500 and the coverage was less. Motion to accept the proposal of insurance from Brotherhood for 5/2-/25-26 was made by B. Kelly with a second by S. Paprocki; Motion carried.

New Business:

1. **Summer Meeting Plans:** We will meet in June or July if needed.
2. **Property Use Question:** Church use requests can be approved by the Property Chair. The chair will decide if the request needs to go to committee to decide.
3. **Ramp discussion:** We discussed and tabled it, sent it back to Property for more clarification and to have someone talk to the person who made the request.
4. **Cudahy Days:** National Night Out August 7th from 4to 7 pm. The theme is Safe & Healthy Cudahy. We were asked to participate. We agreed to and we will have a 10x10 space.

General Item:

1. **Committee Reports:** Written report from Property and Social Ministry.
2. **Finance:** B. Kelly reviewed the written report with council
3. **Communication:** On July 13 we will have a guest from Tippecanoe during the church service.
4. **Adjournment:** motion to adjourn made by LA Uttke with second by S. Paprocki; motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m. Meeting closed with the Lord's prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Lou Ann Uttke, Volunteer Recording Secretary