

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS
TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY
10:30-12:30
THURSDAY AND FRIDAY
AS NEEDED

~April 2026 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
***PASTOR TIM WILL BE OUT OF THE**
OFFICE FROM APRIL 13-APRIL 24.

WELCOMING

WORSHIPPING

SERVING



2026 Church Council

- Emily Buckner
- Virginia Grossman
- Beth Kelly
- Sharon Lee
- Lori Liebenstein
- Dave Odden
- Jan Orzewalla
- Sharon Paprocki (Vice President)
- Terra Scott (Secretary)
- Lance Uttke (President)
- Lou Ann Uttke
- Christa Wittenberg
- Laura Zsebe

Next Council Meeting:
April 15th at 7:00 pm

PROJECT CONCERN
 PERSONAL CARE NEED
 OF THE MONTH
APRIL IS
HAND/BAR SOAPS
MAY IS
HOUSEHOLD
CLEANERS
 THERE IS A BOX IN THE
 NARTHEX LABELED FOR
 PROJECT CONCERN FOR
 YOUR DONATIONS.



Your LENTEN SPECIAL GIFT
 FFH envelopes may be offered
 at Easter along with your
 Easter offering during the
 offertory.



Your gift will be added to St
 Mark's Habitat For Humanity
 Building on Faith gift.
 Milwaukee Habitat for
 Humanity is planning to build
 40 new homes this year!!



April a time for hope

I love spring. Especially, when the cool, rainy (or snowy) days of spring give way to warmer, shorts wearing weather. I also love to walk our property and see all the new growth that is taking place. Each year in the fall, my wife has me go out and plant bulbs of various kinds all over our property and by Spring I totally forget what and where I have planted. Soon enough little shoots break through and show themselves. In John's Gospel, Jesus says, "unless a seed dies and is buried in the ground it remains just a seed. But if it dies and is buried it produces new life, multiplying itself 100-fold." Jesus was not just talking about seeds. I think he was referring to us too. It is about us dying to our selfishness which you know is kinda a default mode. When we sacrifice our own interests in favor of others our sacrifice is multiplied and bears much fruit. As we begin to experience warmer weather may we too experience self-giving love for our neighbors through acts of kindness, generosity and service.

Peace and Joy to you,
Pastor Tim

PALM SUNDAY VISITOR

Angela Gordon Black (AKA Ms Sims) hailing from Kingston Jamaica made a short visit to St Mark. She first became a friend 26 years ago when St Mark participated on its first Mission Jamaica trip and has been a friend for all these years. St Mark in the past helped support her Callaloo Mues preschool, by providing a delivery bicycle and helped with her Earth Angel Feeding Program feeding children on their way to school in Kingston



2023 Mission Jamaica team with Angie and a Missionary remembrance

ST. MARK'S COMMUNITY
YOUTH & TEEN
MUSIC CONCERT



St Mark's Lutheran Church
3515 E Van Norman Ave, Cudahy

Sunday, May 3rd at 2PM

Come and celebrate the musical talents of our St. Mark's youth, family & friends!

Featuring Recital Pieces,
Student Selections from Band & Orchestra
Small Ensembles &
Solo Performances!

All Youth Are Invited to Participate!

For More Information, Contact:
Kelly Clifton at
KellyKnightClifton@gmail.com

SIGN UP HERE!
SCAN QR CODE



All community youth and teen musicians are invited to participate! This event is not limited to members of St. Marks, and we are excited to have you join us!



**THANK YOU SNOW
SHOVEL ENTHUSIASTS!**
IT WAS A GREAT SEASON!

WARMING ROOM SERVICE

Has ended at the end of March. Thanks for all who served, donated sleeping mats and enjoyed Oktoberfest keeping this service in operation another season.

WINDOW TRIM WORK GIVE THANKS

To Phil Shaw and Pastor Tim for completing the the wood trim pieces for the east windows. Pastor provided the oak header pieces and Laura Zsebe prefinished them. The sills are still to be completed with some patching and finish when the weather permits the windows to be opened for ventilation.

Sunday School and Youth Happenings

Sunday, May 17th

Last day of Sunday School before summer break.

Various times in July

Consider signing your kids or your family up for a couple days or a week at Lutherdale Bible Camp in Elkhorn. There are scholarships available.

See Christa Wittenberg with any questions.

SPRING CLEANING AND PLANTING PLANNED

The property committee has planned to host a church cleanup day on Saturday, May 16th From 9 to noon.

Including exterior items and the planting of the garden weather permitting. Plenty of jobs are available for everyone.

3rd Tuesday

Gathering together has been a struggle this winter but we are proud we know enough to stay home and let younger folk struggle with the elements. We are hoping to resume April 14th at 1:00 pm. If you have a call for organizing, 3rd Tues is waiting for you. Contact Susan or Joe.

SPRING



On the first day of spring, Master Gardener Jim assisted by Sharon and Paul Zsebe pruned the landscape shrubs preparing them for the growing season ahead.

EARTH DAY April 22nd is about CARING FOR CREATION Is one day enough?

Buying things these days certainly can be expensive and unavoidable at times.

It can even be more expensive when we consider the hidden costs

Like, how is it made, will it last? And when it's no longer wanted what will happen to it?

Can it be repurposed or recycled? How is it packaged, can the packaging material be repurposed or recycled?

If you answer no to any of these questions it all ends up in an ever-growing landfill.

Will you bring it home in another plastic bag?

So, do you really need it? Do you have enough?

April 22nd is Earth Day, established 1970 through the effort of Wisconsin Senator Gaylord Nelson, raising awareness of our impact on Creation

Opportunities abound for our participation in providing care for Mother Earth with community cleanup groups, Friends of Parks, River Keepers and our continuous individual efforts. If you see something left behind by someone, you can pick it up or recycle it. Be an example

Let Earth Day be more than one day, let us at all times take good care of God's Creation so that every 7th generation may enjoy the Earth's bounty and beauty!



SUNDAY SCHOOL GARDEN SEED PLANTING MARCH 22nd

Our Sunday school students, with their teachers under direction by Master Gardener Jim assisted by Farmer Doug prepared and started the produce seeding for the St Mark Community Garden 2026. "Now this is not dirt it is soil"

Girl Scouts Earn Bronze Badge



Callie, Linda and Olivia researched and learned there are limited habitats available for the Ducks. So, they received plans, bought the materials and constructed Wood Duck nesting boxes

With the help of Milwaukee County Park Ecologists, they were able have them installed at the Grant Park Mill Pond
Next time you visit the park, check them out.

BELL TOWER REPAIRS

The property committee has received 2 proposals for the restoration work needed on the bell tower masonry. We needed to limit the scope of the work to the minimum needed at this time to limit the cost. Both contractors were of the opinion additional work should be performed but understood our finances available for the work.

The work at this time would include the reconstruction of the shifted north elevation to the lentils, replacing the corroded steel. Addressing the other elevation lentils by cleaning the corrosion and protecting them with paint and tuck pointing the capstones, non-mortar and mortar joints were needed on the tower elevations within the funding limits.

Discussed and approved at the annual meeting it is planned to self-fund \$30,000 for these repairs from the gifts in the Building and Memorial funds with your support to repay the funds through a capital campaign.



Egg Hunters Success

SUNDAY APRIL 19th

The Eastwinds along with the St Mark Brass Ensembles will be performing at St Mark at 3 pm



Save the Dates:

April 5th – St. Mark's Easter Breakfast

April 25th – Bowling for Concern

June 7th – Musical Concert for Project Concern at 2 pm

June 13th - Rumble for Hunger (Project Concern)

June 14th – St. Mark's Church Picnic

YES, YOU CAN DO THAT TOO WORKSHOPS

Sharon Lee conducted a bread making workshop on February 28th in the St Mark Kitchen.

AND

Jan Orzewalla will conduct a quilting bee workshop, TBA

AND

Now, how can I fix that workshop
TBA

Watch for the details

Lectio Divina
should resume
on Tuesday, April
28th at 4 pm.

ST MARK'S RUMMAGE MAY 30

Social Ministry is putting the challenge of the Earth Day message into practice with our participation in the city wide rummage sale. Plan your own or donate your treasures to us. Combine your spring cleaning with a spring clearing. Funds raised are donated to ELCA refugee resettlement. Please consider volunteering your time and knowledge.

St. Mark's Ev. Lutheran Church
February 18, 2026
Church Council Minutes
St. Mark's Mission Statement

Living in 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 **servicing** all.

Members Attending: President Lance Uttke, Emily Buckner, Virginia Grossmann, Beth Kelly, Sharon Lee, Lori Liebenstein, Dave Odden, Jan Orzewalla, Sharon Paprocki, Terra Scott, Pastor Tim, Lou Ann Uttke, Laura Zsebe

Members Excused: None

Call to Order: President Uttke called the meeting to order at 7:47

Devotions: There were no devotions since we just had the Ash Wednesday service.

Addition to/Approval of Agenda: Add Office Communication Motion to approve made by Lori Liebenstein with a second by Lou Ann Uttke as amended. Motion carried.

Approval of previous minutes: Motion to approve January minutes with one correction and that was to change the spelling of Jan's last name to Ozwalla made by Sharon Paprocki with a second by Emily Buckner. Motion carried.

Pastor's Report: 3 couples have approached Pastor to have wedding done here next summer. Confirmation is going well. We will have first communion classes starting up with first communion on Maundy Thursday.

New Member Welcome: Lance welcomed the new council members and gave them a binder.

Old Business:

- Bell Tower:** Joe received so far 1 quote done with a drone, which was around \$36,000, more than what we anticipated, however it include refurbishing all 4 sides of the bell tower and not just the 2 sides that need repair. We would like to know what the cost would be to do just the 2 sides.
- Mission Priorities:** Name tag, car show & block party. It has been determined that we need to do more advertising for the car show & block party.

New Business:

- Review Annual Meeting Minutes:** Amend the number of people in attendance from 50 to 37. Under IX change the wording in the 3rd sentence.
- Council Retreat Date and Topics:** The date of May 16th has been chosen, from 9 until 12 at Pastor & Sharon's house, with a pot luck brunch.
- Office Communication:** A recommendation to have the committees put the things coming up on the calendar on a quarterly basis and get them to Julie. Pastor will check what day and time is convenient for Julie to meet with the committee chairs to discuss

General Items:

- Committee Report:** There were written reports from Personnel & Social Ministry.
- Finance:** Beth went over the reports she gives us to explain to the new members. We will take a meeting to discuss the apportioned benevolence to see if we still want to continue to give to all of them listed.
- Communication:** Nothing at this time
- Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn made by Terra Scott with a second by Sharon Paprocki. Motion carried. Meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer. Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lou Ann Uttke, Volunteer Recording Secretary