

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

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

~August 2026 Newsletter~

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PASTOR TIM'S OFFICE HOURS
TUESDAY 10:00AM-4:00PM
AND BY APPOINTMENT
UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED IN
THE WEEKLY BULLETIN

WELCOMING

PROJECT CONCERN PERSONAL CARE NEED OF THE MONTH

AUGUST IS DEODORANT

**SEPTEMBER IS TOOTHBRUSHES AND
TOOTHPASTE**

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

WORSHIPPING

SERVING

THE PROPERTY COMMITTEE STILL HAS SUMMER VOLUNTEER JOBS AVAILABLE TO THOSE OF YOU WITH TIME AND TALENT TO SHARE

SUCH AS: Class room window casing varnish finish, Paint mailbox and front railing, Complete landscape east side, Front entry wood finish, Clean AC cabinets, Straighten front bollard, Nursery Screen repair, Basement rooms and hallway ceiling paint, NW door paint/ lock, SE door security plate, AC Covers secure, Fascia / soffit Trim, Window Wells (Cleanup), Basement window cleaning, Continue shed work, Window sash restoration, Garden / landscape work, AND MUCH MUCH MORE...

ALL are welcome to come the 3rd
Tuesday of each month for a bit of
socialization, face to face interactions,
fun & games and a treat!

3rd Tuesday is not enjoying the dog
days of summer. Please email Susan
(sploet@yahoo.com) with ideas as to
what you want to do.

Plans are pending for Rally Day/God's Work Sunday. Save the date of Sept. 13th as we rally round the fall schedule.

LWR School kits will be collected and donated to Lutheran World Relief for
distribution to children around the world.

Please pick up a list of items needed for each kit in our Gathering Space and donate
what you are able to by September 13th.

Watch those back-to-school sales for:

Notebooks (70 sheets), rulers (with inches and centimeters), pencil
sharpeners, safety scissors, #2 pencils with erasers, ballpoint pens
(black or blue), crayons (16 or 24 ct) and 2.5" erasers.



Fresh Tomatoes

Hello St. Marks faithful,

For the first time in my life, I can call myself a gardener. I have tried before on a smaller scale with mixed results at best. I was trying to grow things in pots and inevitably would over or under water them. This year however, Sharon and I put in a proper garden and it even has a fence around it to keep out the deer. We planted 23 tomato plants (probably because I didn't think they would all produce due to past experience), bell peppers, wax peppers, jalapeños, cucumbers, summer squash, zucchini, peas, beans and lettuce. Now that it has all come in and we can barely maneuver through the 18" wide walkways it seems like we may have over did things. We had a meal mostly from our garden the other night and it made me feel like a gardener.

What I didn't expect (aside from so many tomatoes) was how spiritual it feels to grow things. We prepared the soil and built the fence and planted but since then the garden has been growing and surprising us every day with new growth and new produce. I can only imagine what it must be like to be God, the first Master Gardener, who has produce and growth happening all the time and how much pride God must have when things grow well.

It begs the question, how are we collaborating with God on our own Spiritual growth. Does it feel like things are growing or do things seem like they are in a season of rest and renewal, both are important. Something to think about as you eat your next ear of corn or BLT.

Peace and Joy,
Pastor Tim

Sunday School begins on
Sunday, September 13th!

If you are interested in helping
with teaching or in general
Sunday school activities,
please reach out to the office.

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:
August 19th at 7:00 pm

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY ANNOUNCES OPPORTUNITIES

Please reach out to Joe Zsebe to build a St Mark Team. Pastor Tim, Jan and Joe joined the Habitat team working on the Luther House on north 23rd St. It is one of the four homes Building on Faith where various churches are the home sponsors. HFH AUGUST CALL FOR DRYWALLING IN OCTOBER



LIBRARY CONCERT

Members of St. Marks created a positive impact serving in our community. Our volunteers demonstrated their willingness to serve at the Friends of the Cudahy Family Library July 21st concert and the people took notice. We received many nice compliments, especially how we have so many people involved by serving

The funds raised for the effort are designated for our various ministries here at St Marks. We are grateful for all our volunteers, the donations of baked goods and of course the generous people who attended the show and supported our concession.



(Photos by Sharon Lee)

Please, watch for YOUR next opportunity to be involved in St Mark's activities, with many helpers, the tasks are easier and good things can be accomplished

CREATING POSITIVE POSSIBILITIES FROM SEED TO FEEDING PEOPLE

See the St Mark's Community Garden grow and produce! The Garden harvest has yielded more than 40 pounds of produce for the Project Concern food pantry. Thanks to Farmer Doug for regularly harvesting and delivering the food to the pantry, to feed people in our community. WE appreciate those caring for the Garden by weeding and planting another crop for late season harvest. Remember this all started last March when our Sunday School students sown some seeds.



Patrick from Project Concern sent the following message... That is a LOT of spinach. With store-bought greens being avoided by many right now, these organic greens have been very popular. Thank you Doug and everyone for the hard work and effort. With gratitude, Patrick

Did you notice the Three Sisters patch in the garden and do you know what that's about? SUPPORT FOR ONE ANOTHER

OKTOBERFEST OCTOBER 11th

Watch for that "winning" 6 pack of Oktoberfest style beer you can donate for the sampling. There will be a signups for the Bavarian style menu items you can donate, and volunteers to serve at the fest. All funds collected at the event are designated for the Divine Intervention Warming Room

Handbell Choir will begin rehearsing on Sunday, September 20th at 8:15 am. There are plenty of bells to share if you would like to join.



ANNUAL ST MARK'S WALK TO THE WELL Will TAKE PLACE ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27th

Get your walking shoes ready and join our group or sponsor our group with a donation

St Mark's Council Car Show coming up in September.

Joins us for our third annual car show on Saturday, September 19th at the South Milwaukee Walmart. Watch for more details in the coming weeks.



Council did not meet in July so therefore did not approve the June meeting minutes. Watch for them in the September newsletter.