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ST. MARKS NEWSLETTER
April 26, 2023



Our Mission
To Proclaim the Gospel
To Make Disciples
To Embody Christ's Love

OPPORTUNITIES TO GATHER
AT ST. MARK'S

Sundays—Worship

10:00 Services in Sanctuary

9:00am Sunday Morning Learning

10:00 Drive-Up in Front For Radio
broadcast on FM 101.5

Anytime—online

www.smarklc.org
YouTube.com
Facebook.com - Links

Media

Christ in our Home devotional
Please call the church office.

A NOTE ON OUR WORSHIP

TOGETHER IN THE NAVE

MASKS ARE OPTIONAL

WE ASK THAT YOU OBSERVE SOCIAL
DISTANCING FOR THE SAKE OF
YOURSELF AND YOUR NEIGHBOR.

PLEASE NOTE:

Worship times and places are subject
to change for the sake of safety due
to COVID-19

You may view our services live on St.
Mark's Lutheran Church's YouTube
page. Become a subscriber by going
to the page and clicking on the
subscribe button. The service will
remain there after each service for
later viewing.

http://www.youtube.com/@st.marks
lutheranchurchclar6483

The week of April 17, 2023, St. Mark's lifelong member, Hazel Setzer age 96, met a milestone using the gift of sewing that God had given her in God's call to her as a disciple. Hazel has worked for many years, sewing quilts at home and with the St. Mark's Quilting ministry, dresses, and other items to use herself and for others. But last week, Hazel sewed her **3,000th** dress that will be given to a girl somewhere in the world. With the help of her daughter, Kathy Goodson, who cuts out the fabric pattern for each dress, Hazel sewed and then continued to sew more dresses that will be sent through the organization, Dress a Girl Around the World. This organization is a Campaign under Hope 4 Women International (a 501 (c) 3 organization) bringing dignity to women around the world since 2006. Hope 4 Women International is a nondenominational independent Christian organization. Each dress has a special patch attached to the front of the dress. This dress with its special patch raises a girl's dignity as well as how she is viewed by others in her community. It also indicates to predators that this girl is under the care of an organization stopping predators from taking the girl or hurting them. The dresses that Hazel has sewn have gone to Africa and many other places world wide saving women and girls. Here are a few pictures of the dresses that Hazel has sewn including some of them on the females who received them.

To honor Hazel's ministry and this milestone, on Sunday April 30, we will be taking a special offering during worship to help Hazel purchase fabric and thread for the new dresses she will be sewing. Fabric and thread costs are rising. Yet over all these years, Hazel through her own money and through the gifts of others providing fabric and thread has continued to sew. It is our hope that through the generosity of this special offering, Hazel will be able to sew many more dresses for many more years to come.

To learn more about this organization and how you can help, go to <https://www.dressagirlaroundtheworld.com/>.



Directory Update:

This month, a new yearbook and membership directory was published for St. Mark's. It has come to our attention that the mailing address and phone numbers of some of the disciples of St. Mark's were not included. We apologize for this error and are working to publish a new directory with the correct information. If you have one of the new yearbooks and your information is not correct, or if you have changed your address, phone number, or other contact information in the last year and have not shared it with the church office, please do so as this will help ensure that you receive communication from St. Mark's in a timely manner. Thank You

Church Staff

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Congregation Council

2023	2023	2024
Terry Hefner	Kyle Sigmon	Jean Cloninger
Denise Arndt	Hilka Cox	Blake Sigmon
Marlene Epps	Kendra Hendren	Jonathan Ray
Carol Schaefer	Aaron Carpenter	Nicky Setzer

The year denotes rotation off Council.

Congregation Council meets on May 22 at 6:30pm
The next newsletter mailing will be May 10, 2023

Church Office Hours

Monday - Thursday, 9:00am—2pm; Friday, 9:00-12:00pm

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ANNOUNCEMENTS



Graduations are just around the corner.

If you have a child or grandchild that is a member of St. Mark's who is graduating from high school, college, or graduate school, please share their information with us.

We would like to recognize them in worship on Sunday, May 14. We would like their name, parents' names (if St. Mark's members), grandparents' names (if St. Mark's members), school graduating from, degree (if applies), and future plans, please include a picture of them. Please share this information with the church office by May 8.

Email: secretary@smarklc.org

ELCA Youth Gathering
July 16—20, 2024

2024 ELCA
Youth Gathering
including MYLE the tAble
Young Adult Gathering

The gathering is open to all **current 8th - 10th graders** who will be rising 10th—12th graders next summer.

Contact Wendy for more information!



MEMORIAL/HONORARIUM GIFTS RECEIVED TO THE GLORY OF GOD

For St. Mark's: In memory of Alice Inabelle Little given by Jason Daniel (JD) Little and family

For St. Mark's Preschool: In memory of Kaye Schaffer given by Hilka Cox

THOSE PERSON AND FAMILIES WHO ARE GRIEVING, NAMED AND UNNAMED.

Family of Raymond Lee Gentry

Family of Melanie Stewart Cranford

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING WITH ACUTE HEALTH CHALLENGES

Harley Brown Gary Carpenter Eva Cloninger Jerry Craig Jackie Devlin Keegan Dixon Alanna Dotson Mike Evans	Jerry Herman Jo Marilyn Hewitt Celia Hollar Tammie Hoyle Meredith Huret Exie Little JD Little Rudy Little	Gaye Morrison Glenn Morrison George Setzer Sandy Sherrill Brenda Sigmon Tim Sigmon Bishop Tim Smith Dee Stewart Richard Tallant	Please pray for COVID victims.
			Please pray for all front line Covid caregivers.
			Please pray for all those isolated, and those in Assisted Living Homes.

“The greatest lesson for enduring happiness is to serve others.” - Justin Jepsen

On May 15-17, Bethany UCC *and St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Claremont* are partnering up with Carolina Caring to host three evening event that's open to the entire community. The three seminars will be held in the Fellowship Hall at Bethany UCC Claremont and are free of charge to all who attend.

Rev. Sandi Hood, who is both a Hospice Chaplain and the Pastor of Peace UCC in Hickory, will lead off on Monday, May 15 at 6:00 p.m. to explain NC law and how to make your healthcare wishes known. Everyone who attends this night will receive a free toolkit, including the legal forms necessary to complete an advance directive.

Then, on May 16, one of the estate attorneys from Patrick, Harper and Dixon in Hickory will be with us to explain NC law as it pertains to probate court, a Durable Power of Attorney, a Last Will and Testament, and what it means to “get your affairs in order.” Again, we'll meet at 6:00 p.m. Because we're including time for questions and answers, we're also including a light supper on this night.

The third night, May 17, begins at 6:00 p.m. and includes a form for funeral planning so that both your family and your church know your specific final wishes. (*St. Mark's also has a form you can use to indicate your wishes for your funeral*) Even if you aren't a member of Bethany *or St. Mark's*, you can use either form for keeping in your own records and to share with your church office. Also on this night, there will be a notary present to notarize the Advance Directive for anyone who would like this service. There will be no charge for the notarization service on this night.

Where There's a Will . . .

. . . there's a plan in place. Bethany UCC and Carolina Caring are teaming up to present a program on estate planning. Listen to presentations explaining NC law as it pertains to probate court, a Durable Power of Attorney, a Last Will and Testament, and what it means to “get your affairs in order.” A notary will also be available to notarize documents free of charge.

This three day workshop can also assist you with Advance Directives for you or your loved ones.

May 15–17, 2023 (Mon–Wed) 6:00 PM
Bethany United Church of Christ.
2952 Bethany Church Rd, Claremont, NC 28610

Monday receive a free toolkit of information and legal.
Tuesday a meal will be catered for the meeting.
Wednesday a notary will be available to notarize for free.

For more information or to register, contact Rev Kathy Naish at 704.604.2670
Or contact Wendy Hefner at 828.270.6002

Children's Ministry Page

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

The Shepherd's Voice

John 10:1-10

H I G K T G V L F T Z Z T E Z
F O L L O W R E A L I M S F T
V E S H E E P A X I J M T L U
R Z S A V E D D E F N U H I J
A Y O E N H X S D E D E I S R
T C S Q A I N E T D
A L H E M G O F E M
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M L V O I C E J G K N O W I W
M S T R A N G E R J E O F R H



LIFE	LEADS	NAME	PEN	VOICE
KNOW	STRANGER	THIEF	LISTEN	FOLLOW
SHEEP	ROBBER	GATE	SHEPHERD	SAVED



Parent's Night Out
Friday, May 19
6:00 PM - 9:00 PM



Hosted by members of the Learning Team.
Pizza, drinks and snacks will be served.
Activities will include games, movies and crafts.
Register by Wednesday, May 17th.



Held in the Parish Hall
for children ages 5 yrs - 12 yrs.

Sunday
School for
Children of
All Ages!
9:00 AM
Parish Hall
Classrooms



LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

Lutheran World Relief offering total was
\$5167.00

Mother's Day - Sunday,
May 14th, 9:00 AM in the Parish
Hall

Mother/Grandmother/Nana/Grammy
Favorite Aunt/Friend

You are invited to join your favorite kid
in Sunday School for a special lesson
and craft in your honor.

Who better to celebrate with than
the ones who make this day special
for you!



May Altar Guild
Nicky & Evelyn Setzer



May Tabulators
Jean Cloninger , Cathy Sigmon,
Evelyn Setzer

May

- 5/1 Women’s Bible Study 11:00am
- 5/2 Congregation Care 2:00pm
- 5/7 Sunday Morning Learning/Coffee and Conversation 9:00am
- 5/7 5th Sunday of Easter 10:00am Worship Service in Sanctuary/Noisy Offering for Purple Heart Homes/Congregation Lunch after worship (please RSVP by May 1)**
- 5/8 6:00pm Youth/Learning Team
- 5/8 6:00pm Worship/Music Team
- 5/8 6:30pm Stewardship Team
- 5/9 Property Team 6:30pm
- 5/10 Backpack Team
- 5/10 Newsletter Mailed
- 5/11 Grief Share “Loss of Spouse” 6:30-8:30p,
- 5/14 Sunday Morning Learning/Coffee and Conversation 9:00am
- 5/14 6th Sunday of Easter 10:00am Worship Service in Sanctuary/Mother’s Day/Recognition of Graduates**
- 5/18 Women of the Vine 6:00pm
- 5/21 Sunday Morning Learning/Coffee and Conversation 9:00am
- 5/21 7th Sunday of Easter 10:00am Worship Service in Sanctuary/ECCCM Food Collection**
- 5/21 Preschool Graduation 3:00pm in the Family Life Center
- 5/22 Executive Team 6:00pm
- 5/22 Congregation Council 6:30pm
- 5/24 Newsletter Mailed
- 5/25 Grief Share “Loss of Spouse” Men’s Group 6:30pm
- 5/28 Sunday Morning Learning/Coffee and Conversation 9:00am
- 5/28 Pentecost Sunday 10:00am Worship Service in Sanctuary**
- 5/29 Memorial Day/Offices Closed

ANYTIME

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YouTube.com



- 5/16 Ann & Alan Fairaizl
- 5/18 Jeff & Michelle Hollar
- 5/24 Aaron & Jennifer Carpenter
- 5/31 Nick & Emma Blossom,
Jerry & Melanie Herman,
Tom & Carol Schaefer



- 5/1 Keith Tucker
- 5/3 Randy Sherrill, Rebekah Smyre
- 5/4 Vickie Hicks
- 5/5 Jean Cloninger, James Harrington
- 5/8 Brandon Penley, Haley Sigmon
- 5/9 Denise Arndt, Jessica Williams
- 5/11 Henry Hunt, Korbin Nash

- 5/16 Rev. William Hollar, Chuck Watson
- 5/19 Quentin Caudill, John Pope, Hal Sigmon, David Stephenson,
Rev. Heather Langan
- 5/23 Nick Blossom
- 5/24 Edie Connor
- 5/25 Exie Little
- 5/27 Paul Gibson, Rosemary Isaac
- 5/30 Carolyn Sherrill

Call to Order: 6:35pm
Opening Prayer: Terry
Roll Call: Terry, Pastor Heather, Marlene, Blake, Kendra, Nicky, Kyle, Wendy, Hilka, Carole, Jean, Aaron. Excused: Denise
Approval of Minutes February meeting once name spelling changed
Pastors Report: attached.
Wendy's Report: attached
Action Items: none
Finance Report: Attached. Add Blessing Box to Food Pantry finance line 16056; combine Witness & Social Ministry to Outreach
Team Reports:
 Personnel: attached
 Women of the ELCA: attached
 Fellowship: no report, Sunday breakfast
 Worship and Music: attached
 Property: attached
 Witness: change to Outreach
 Stewardship: attached
 Youth and Learning: attached
 Congregation Care: attached
 Preschool: attached
 Technology: no report. New camera system going well
 Memorial: none
Old Business: Team Liaison's need to work with the team to turn in a new description of team
New Business: Pastor Heather's Mutual Ministry Team has been formed
Adjournment and Lord's Prayer: 8:21pm

Recognize a special mother or woman in your life.

Reserve by May 8th

For \$1.00 per name you can honor a special mother or woman in your life. Names and money can be put in the offering plate or dropped off at the church office. Names will be published in the bulletin Mother's Day, May 14th.

Name _____

Phone _____ # of Names _____ X \$1 = \$ _____ Total _____

In Honor _____




In Memory _____





MAY 2023



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
OFFICE HOURS: Monday—Thursday 9:00am-2:00pm Friday, 9:00am—12:00pm						
	1 11:00am Women’s Bible Study	2 2:00pm Congregation Care	3	4	5	6
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28 9:00am Sunday Morning Learning/Coffee and Conversation 10:00am Pentecost Sunday Worship Service	29 Offices Closed 	30	31			