

St. Mark's Lutheran Church  
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Our Mission  
To Proclaim the Gospel  
To Make Disciples  
To Embody Christ's Love

ST. MARKS NEWSLETTER  
May 24, 2023

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



All are invited to come to Kermit's Park (4586 Hwy 70 West, Claremont) on Sunday, June 4, to worship in God's creation. Our worship service will begin at 10 am. You are welcome to bring your own lawn chair or may use one of the chairs available that day. A golf cart to help people who need assistance moving from their cars to the picnic shelter will be available also.

Following the service, we will have a potluck (covered dish) meal. The church will provide all the paperware, cups, utensils, ice, and beverages (water and tea). We ask that all food items including meats, vegetables, sides, and desserts be provided by members of the congregation. Please also bring a serving utensil with your food item.

There will be 2 inflatables (a bounce house and a water slide) for enjoyment after the service. So do not forget to bring your bathing suit, sunscreen, and a towel. You are also welcome to bring other yard games and toys such as frisbees, bubbles, balls, and so forth. Let us start summer with worshiping together outdoors and having fellowship with our St. Mark's siblings.



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 June 19 at 6:30pm The next newsletter mailing will be June 14, 2023		
Church Office Hours		
Monday - Thursday, 9:00am—2pm; Friday, 9:00-12:00pm		
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Evangelical Lutheran Church in America  
God's work. Our hands.

**Rachel's Day**

In honor of Rachel's Day we will be  
collecting diapers, wipes and toys for  
the Family Resource Center.

Rachel's Day is observed the first  
Sunday in May by the Women of the  
ELCA. Rachel's Day is based on  
Jeremiah 31:15-17 where Rachel  
grieved for her children, to mourn the  
loss of our children and to renounce  
the forces of evil and fear that  
plagues our nation.

This will be the last Sunday for  
donations.



Jackson Brown and his team mates  
from Bunker Hill High School placed 6th  
in the 4 x 800 relay at the State 2A  
Track Championship Meet.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to Ken and Nobia Summer, new members of St. Mark's who joined May 7th.



Congratulations  
2023  
Graduates

Quentin Caudill  
Braeden Fox  
Keegan Dixon



**Prime Time Seniors**  
**Memorial Day Lunch and**  
**Commemoration Program**  
**Friday, May 26th, 11:30 am**  
Call the church office by May 25th  
to make reservations for a BBQ lunch.



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

Family of JD Little  
Betty Jean Sigmon, sister-in-law of Cathy Sigmon and nieces Lisa Widener and Kim Brietzman

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING WITH ACUTE HEALTH CHALLENGES**

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

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WORDSEARCH  
Filled with the Holy Spirit

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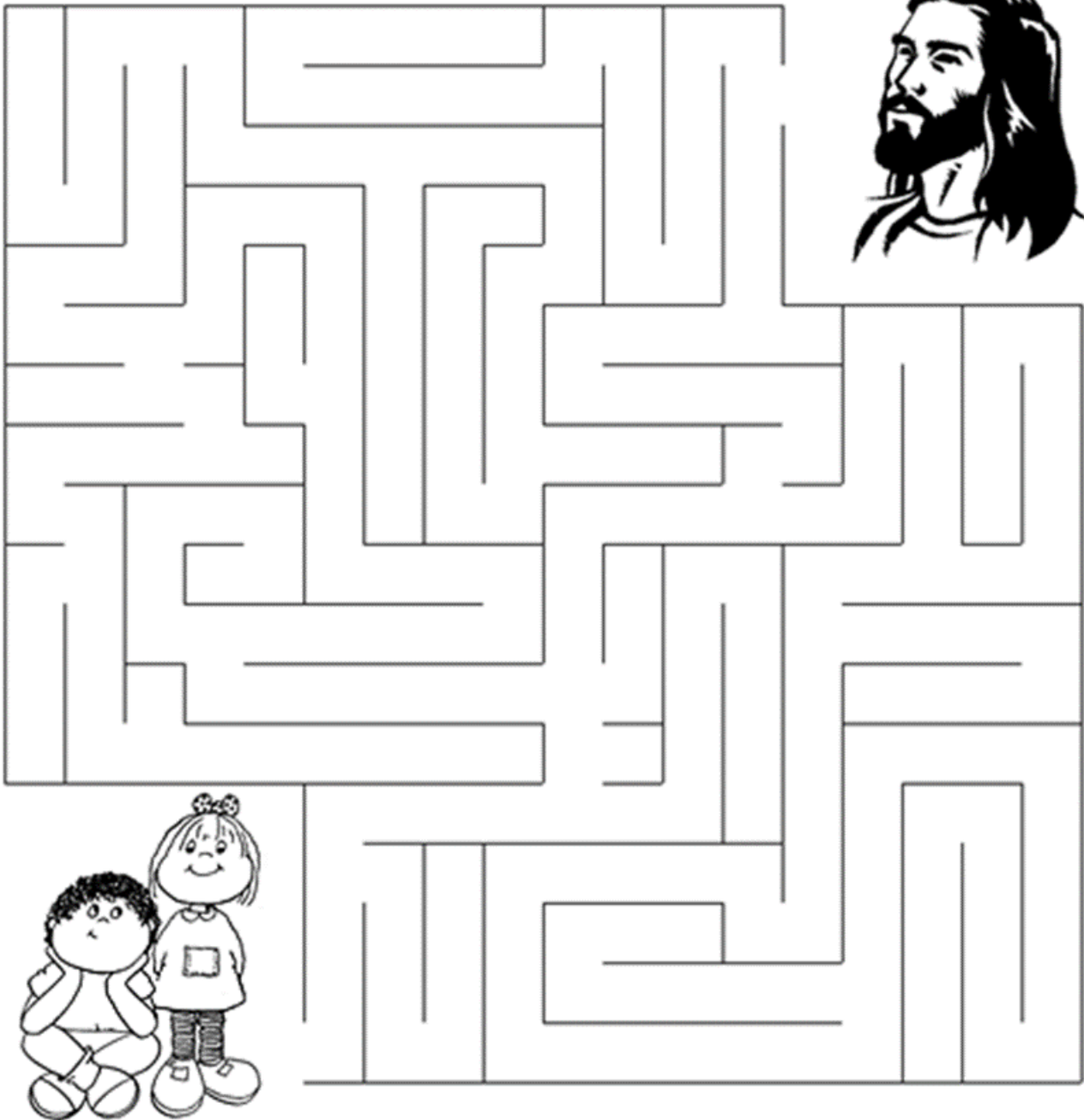
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“Difficulties to a Christian are only miracles that have not yet happened.” - unknown



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## MAZE PUZZLE

I can help my friends find the way to Jesus



### 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!



Father’s Day Sunday School  
Sunday, June 18th, 9:00am

Father’s, Grandfather’s, Uncles, all are invited to attend Sunday School with their child/children on Sunday, June 18th.

We will have a special lesson and craft for all to work on together. Plan to attend as we celebrate the special “Father Figure” in our lives.

St. Mark’s Lutheran Church  
Council Meeting 4/17/2023

- I. Call to Order: 6:33pm
- II. Opening Prayer
- III. Roll Call: Pastor Heather, Terry, Carole, Nicky, Kendra, Hilka, Denise, Kyle, Jean, Marlene. Excused Absence: Jonathan, Aaron, Blake
- IV. Approval of Minutes March with the correction that Denise was present
- V. Pastors Report: attached.
- VI. Wendy’s Report: attached
- VII. Action Items: Change May council meeting to 5/22
- VIII. Finance Report: Attached
- IX. Team Reports:
  - a. Personnel: no report
  - b. Women of the ELCA: attached
  - c. Fellowship: upcoming meal for city workers
  - d. Worship and Music: no report, there was no meeting
  - e. Property: working on fire Marshall stuff and another tree was cut down
  - f. Outreach: attached
  - g. Stewardship: no meeting
  - h. Youth and Learning: no meeting.
  - i. Congregation Care: met last Thursday and are working on reconstruction
  - j. Preschool: meeting in May. Redefining mission statement. Graduation is coming up. Quarterly report is being worked on.
  - k. Technology: working on the webpage
  - l. Memorial: none
  - m. Safety: met, reviewed cameras and other avenues for safety
- X. Old Business: Team Liaison's need to work with the team to turn in a new description of team and pictures for the website
- XI. New Business: Each council member needs to ask 1 other person to assist during their usher months to greet people and assist where needed. We discussed the need to hire a 2<sup>nd</sup> person to assist Rachel with the children’s church and nursery. Personnel can work on getting that done.
- XII. Adjournment and Lord’s Prayer: 8:02pm



Claremont Friends of the Library  
PO Box 220  
Claremont, NC 28610  
828-514-9081

May 2, 2023

Dear Pastor Langan:

I would like to thank the children and members of St. Mark's Lutheran Church for the \$250.00 donation from the Noisy Bucket Offering to the Claremont Friends of the Library. It is especially meaningful that it was made in my honor. We are excited about using the funds to purchase educational toys for the children's section of the Claremont Branch Library.

To the members of the congregation, I say, remember that this is your library and we are fortunate to have one in our small community. So, please visit often and recommend it to others. As Laura Bush once said, "I have found the most valuable thing in my wallet is my library card."

With sincere thanks,

*Glenn Morrison*  
Glenn Morrison  
President

*Thank You!*

Dear St. Mark's Congregation,  
I am writing to express our deepest gratitude for your generous donation to my mission of making dresses for Dress a Girl. Your contribution of money to buy fabric and supplies will go a long way in helping us make dresses for girls in need all around the world.

Your kindness and generosity will truly make a difference in the lives of these girls, giving them a chance to feel valued and loved. We would never be able to continue on this large a scale without your help.

Thank you again for your gracious donation. You will help mother fulfill his mission of making dresses for girls. You are not only helping these girls but giving mother a purpose at 96 yrs. old.  
Sincerely, Kathy & Hazel

*May 10, 2023*

Dear St. Mark's family,  
Thank you to everyone for the cards, visits and prayers during Gary's illness. He appreciated each and every one.  
Also my beautiful thanks to Pastor Heather for her visits, phone calls and prayers.  
The entire family also wishes to add a thank you to Hilka Cox, Arny Simon and Evelyn Setzer for the delicious lunch following the Celebration of Life service. In addition, our thanks to Pastor Heather for her care and guidance.  
Thanks to all.  
Barbara Shaffer



**June Altar Guild**  
Janet Sigmon, Dotty Isenhour  
& Linda Lytton



**June Tabulators**  
Hilka Cox, Elaine Simmons  
& Jan Carpenter

**ST MARKS CALENDAR –June 2023**

**June**

- 6/1-3 NC Synod Assembly in Greensboro
- 6/4 The Holy Trinity Sunday Worship Service 10:00am at Kermit's Park/Spring Thank Offering/Noisy Offering for Novus Way Ministries (Lutheridge/Lutherock)**
- 6/4 Potluck Meal after service with activities
- 6/5 Women's Bible Study 11:00am
- 6/6 Congregation Care 6:00pm
- 6/6 Property Team 6:00pm
- 6/7 Teens to Zipline 8:30am—2:00pm, please RSVP by May 31st
- 6/11 Sunday Morning Learning/Coffee and Conversation 9:00am
- 6/11 2nd Sunday of Pentecost 10:00am Worship Service in Sanctuary**
- 6/11 Kids invited to Udderly Delicious 2:30pm
- 6/12 6:00pm Youth/Learning Team
- 6/12 6:00pm Worship/Music Team
- 6/12 6:30pm Stewardship Team
- 6/14 Newsletter Mailed
- 6/15 Women of the Vine 6:00pm
- 6/15 Grief Share (Loss of a Spouse) 6:30pm
- 6/18 Sunday Morning Learning/Coffee and Conversation/Father's Day Sunday School 9:00am
- 6/18 3rd Sunday of Pentecost 10:00am Worship Service in Sanctuary/Father's Day/ECCCM Food Collection**
- 6/19 Outreach Team 10:00am
- 6/19 Executive Team 6:00pm
- 6/19 Congregation Council 6:30pm
- 6/21 Kids invited to go bowling 10am-12 noon, please RSVP by June 18th
- 6/25 Sunday Morning Learning/Coffee and Conversation 9:00am
- 6/25 4th Sunday of Pentecost 10:00am Worship Service in Sanctuary**
- 6/28 Newsletter Mailed
- 6/25-30 Pastor Heather at Lutheridge for Campfirmation

**ANYTIME**

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YouTube.com






- 4 Scott & Andrea Ramsey
- 5 David & Joanna Eckard
- 6 Johnny & Merrill Kistler
- 13 Nicky & Evelyn Setzer
- 15 Harley & Libby Brown, Larry & Jarretta Harrington
- 17 Doug & Jill Brown

- 18 Glenn & Gaye Morrison
- 19 Danny & Randy! Abernathy
- 20 Paul & Kathy Gibson; Ryan & Haley Sigmon
- 24 Tim & Judy Carpenter
- 26 Ed & Mary Crowell
- 28 Amy & Alan Fox



- 1 Kendra Hendren, Don Carpenter, Jody Smyre
- 2 Christopher Thomas
- 4 Patty Little
- 5 Bobby Catoe
- 9 Dale Sherrill
- 10 Drew Theisen
- 17 Michael Sharpe
- 18 Karen Moser
- 20 Janice Sigmon

- 21 Bob Busbee
- 22 Jimmy Fender; Andrea Ramsey
- 23 Rachel Isaac
- 24 Joseph Carpenter, Luke Blossom
- 27 Larry Scott; Susan Williams
- 29 Ethan Campbell
- 30 Randy! Abernathy, Monica Herman, Scott Ramsey



Children's Activity Time


Sunday, June 11th, 2:30 pm

Udderly Delicious and Mini Golf

Hickory (Hwy 70 location)

Contact Wendy Hefner (828.459.2161)

to let us know you are coming!



Youth Activities 6th - 12th grades

Save the Dates

June 21 - Bowling


July 12 - Canoe/Kayaking

July 26 - Prepare for VBS

August TBA - Pool Party

Youth will be able to come to the church early and stay till the afternoon when a family member can pick them up.

Please make these arrangements with Wendy by the registration deadline date for each activity.



Summer Sunday School


Bible Board Games

Each Sunday morning this summer, we will focus on a different board game or game and see how it reminds us that we

Always WIN with JESUS!

9:00 AM every Sunday!

June 11–August 27



Youth Summer Activity

Zip-Lining Trip

Youth grades 6th - 12th

Wednesday, June 7th


8:30 am - 2:00 pm

\$20 per person


Register by Monday, May 31st

by calling the church office

or contact Wendy Hefner



Adding a New Learning Opportunity for Adults!

Sunday, June 11th, adults of St Mark's will have an added option for Sunday School. Pastor Heather will continue to provide an adult class for the lectionary Bible Study, but this new class will give an opportunity for the group to focus on short, in-depth topics such as Revelations, Prayer Life, Living with Worry, etc. The class will have input as to the topics discussed. For those who remember the old A.C.T class (Active Christians Today) this will be similar. Please plan to join us!

Recognize a special Father or Man in your life.

Reserve by June 12th

For \$1.00 per name you can honor a special father or man 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 Father's Day, June 18th.

Name \_\_\_\_\_


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

In Honor \_\_\_\_\_

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In Memory \_\_\_\_\_

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# JUNE 2023



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>OFFICE HOURS:</b> Monday—Thursday 9:00am-2:00pm Friday, 9:00am—12:00pm				1  NC Synod Assembly in	2  Greensboro -----	3  →
4 10:00 The Holy Trinity Worship Service at Kermit’s Park/Spring Thank Offering/Noisy Offering for Novus Way Ministries (Lutheridge/Lutherock)) Potluck meal after the service	5 11:00am Women’s Bible Study	6 6:00pm Congregation Care 6:00pm Property Team	7 Teens to Zipline 8:30-2:00pm RSVP by May 31st	8	9	10
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25 9:00am Sunday Morning Learning/Coffee and Conversation 10:00am 4th Sunday of Pentecost Worship Service Pastor Heather at Lutheridge for Camp till June 30th	26	27	28  Newsletter Mailed	29	30	