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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
Parking Lot Service**

Anytime—online

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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.

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**ST. MARKS NEWSLETTER
January 25, 2023**



**Become
Part of
Our
Church
Family**

Join us as a Disciple of St.
Mark's!

Are you interesting in
becoming a part of the
St. Mark's family? It is easy to
do. Let Pastor Heather know
of your interest. There is a
short form you will be asked
to fill out and then we will find a date to introduce you to the congregation
as a family member. If you have any questions, let Pastor Heather know.

On Sunday, February 12, the
NFL will host its annual
football game between the
champion AFC and NFC
teams. Millions of people
around the world will watch
these two teams face off and
tackle their way into history.



There are millions of people
around the world who also will
be hungry that day due to
food shortages and food de-
serts. We can help tackle this problem in our own area.

On Sunday, February 12, you are asked to bring canned or boxed
non-perishable food items with you to worship to give to ECCCM as a
part of the "Souper Bowl of Caring." Monetary donations will also be
welcomed. To add an element of fun and competition to our day, you will
be able to vote for the team you hope or feel will win that evening's game
by placing your food item in the bin with the team of your choice. You will
be able to do the same with your financial gifts. And for those who really
do not care about who wins the game but want to help tackle hunger in
our community, there will be a container that says "I do not care who
wins but I do care about those who are hungry."

Help us tackle hunger in Catawba County on February 12!



The One Blood Bloodmobile
will be in St. Mark's Parking lot
February 1st from 1:00pm to
6:00pm.

Church Staff

Pastor Heather Langan: Senior Pastor
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Larry Smyre Interim: Church Custodian (828-459-2161)

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 February 20 at 6:30pm
The next newsletter mailing will be February 8, 2023

Church Office Hours

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

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ANNOUNCEMENTS



Dear St. Mark's,
Thank you for remembering us during the Christmas season. Your continued support of the preschool is greatly appreciated.

Congratulations to the members and Pastor Heather. May your ministry grow in God's love and service.

Love
Selena Setzer

2022 Annual Reports
Due

Please send to the office no later than February 20th.

secretary@smlarkc.org

2023
YEAR BOOK

"A GLANCE AT 2022"

ST. MARK'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
3216 West Main Street
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828-459-2161

St. Mark's Evangelical Lutheran Church is a member congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

St. Mark's Lutheran Church

"Helping one person might not change the world, but it could change the world for one person." Thank you so very much for helping our organization change the world for some very sick children and their families.

Thanks again for all you do to help others!!
Mark Sigmon, President of Hearts and Hope



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

Family of Dale Stewart, Uncle of Judy Smyre

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	Celia Hollar Tammie Hoyle Meredith Huret JD Little Rudy Little Hazel Setzer Tom Schaefer Kaye Shaffer	Sandy Sherrill Brenda Sigmon Tim Sigmon Dee Stewart Richard Tallant Brian Waters Susan Williams	Please pray for COVID victims. Please pray for all front line Covid caregivers. Please pray for all those isolated, and those in Assisted Living
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"Faith expects from God what is beyond all expectation." - Andrew Murray

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Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.

Matthew 5:16

Children's Ministry Page

WORDSEARCH PUZZLE GOD'S "BEE-ATTITUDES" MATTHEW 5:1-12

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MOURN	THIRST	PURE	HUNGER	HEART
FILLED	MEEK	MERCY	POOR	EARTH
KINGDOM	INHERIT	HEAVEN	BLESSED	SPIRIT



St. Mark's welcomes Rachel Kay Issac as our Nursery and Children's Church Leader

Rachel Kay Isaac is a 27 year old Claremont native. She graduated from East Carolina University in 2017 with her Bachelors of the Fine Arts degree in Theatre For Youth and also obtained her K-12 Theatre Arts Teaching License. Rachel currently teaches Theatre at Newton Conover Middle School and Discovery High School. In the past, she has worked as the Youth Programming Coordinator at the Arts of the Pamlico and as a teacher at D.H. Conley High School in Greenville, NC. Rachel loves teaching students of all ages and is very dedicated in making sure all of her students feel welcome and have a safe and loving learning/working environment. When you don't find her teaching or directing, you can find her acting on the stage at the Green Room in Newton, dressing up as Disney Princesses, or spending time with her loved ones.

With Rachel Isaac joining our staff, we will now have a nursery available every Sunday morning from 9am until the conclusion of our worship service. The nursery is for infants through preschool. The children from the nursery and also the preschool and early elementary children who attend worship will come together under Rachel's leadership for Children's Church. Children's Church is a modified worship service during which the children are learning about the seasons of the church year, the parts of worship, and how to worship through activities and their own worship practices. The children who are in the nursery may return to the worship service after Children's church or stay with Rachel until the end of the service. Just let her know when you bring your young child to the nursery. Both the nursery and Children's church are in a classroom off of the Family Life Center

St. Marks Women , SAVE THE DATE , April 29: 11 o'clock

We will be celebrating Ladies Day in honor of Mothers Day ! We will be crowning our 2023 Woman of the Year ! If you have someone who inspires you , puts a smile on your face , is a mentor or role model or anyone you feel is deserving please send written letter into the office or give to Elaine Simmons . All nominations must be in no later than Monday, April 17 . Our theme is His Eye is on the Sparrow!



Children's Milk Pail ; Each month we will be designating our noisy bucket offering to different groups or organizations. We thank you St. Marks for your generosity, care and compassion for those in need . **January** we were able to send \$1000.00 to Brian Waters and family ; please continue to pray for them as Brian continues to recover. Upcoming list as follows : **February**; Council on Aging ; a non profit organization providing services and activities for adults 60 and over . They partner with libraries, recreation centers, churches etc. to serve senior citizens throughout Catawba county .

They have provided us with newsletters which have been placed on the entry tables as you enter the sanctuary or you may call them at 828-328-2269 to receive their information via email or postal service.

March : Pregnancy Care Center, **April**: Claremont Library, **May**: Purple Heart Homes, **June**: Novus Way Ministries (Lutheridge, LutherRock, Luther Ranch , Luther Springs), **July**: Safe Harbor, **August**: Catawba County Humane Society, **September**: St. Marks preschool, **October**: Lutheran Disaster Response , **November**: Corner Table and ECCCM, **December**: Sipes Orchard Home .

We still have available Sunday's for Altar Flowers. Please let the office know if you would like to sponsor the altar flowers in honor, in memory or for someone's birthday. Altar flowers are \$54.00. See available Sundays below.

Feb. 5th & 26th. Mar. 5th & 12th. April 23rd & 30th. May 7th, 14th & 21st.
June 18th. July 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd & 30th. Aug. 13th & 20th. Sept. 17th & 24th.
Oct. 1st. Nov. 5th, 12th & 19th. Dec. 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th & 31st.





Save the Date

*Pastor Heather's
Installation as our new
Senior Pastor*

Sunday, March 5, 2023
In St. Mark's Sanctuary
4:00pm Installation Service
5:30pm Catered Dinner
****Reservations required for meal****
More details to follow

We need your help! We have a number of volunteer opportunities available. If you are interested, please let the church office know.

Nursery/Children's Church assistant - You would work with our Nursery/Children's Church leader to take care of the children.

Children's church guide - You would walk the children from the sanctuary to Children's church

Worship Assistant - You would help read the scriptures and assist with the prayers, creed, and communion

Archivers - You would help to organize and record the history of St. Mark's



Worship Leaders needed for February and March, please let the office know if you can assist for one of the following services.

2/22 @ 6:30pm for Ash Wednesday
2/26, 3/5, 3/12, 3/19 & 3/26

February Tabulators

Cathy Sigmon, Evelyn Setzer
Jean Cloninger



February Altar Guild

Dale & Sandy Sherrill

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YouTube



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ST MARKS CALENDAR –February 2023

February

2/1 Blood Drive 1:00pm—6:00pm

2/3 Council Retreat 6:00pm-9:00pm

2/4 Council Retreat 9:00am-3:00pm

2/5 Sunday Morning Learning/Coffee and Conversation 9:00am

2/5 5th Sunday after Epiphany 10:00am Worship Service in Sanctuary/Noisy Offering

2/6 Women's Bible Study 11:00am

2/6 Learning/Youth 6:00pm

2/7 Worship/Music Team 6:00pm

2/8 Newsletter Mailed

2/9 Congregation Care 2:00pm

2/12 Sunday Morning Learning/Coffee and Conversation 9:00am

2/12 6th Sunday after Epiphany 10:00am Worship Service in Sanctuary/Preschool Sunday/Super Bowl of Caring

2/13 Support Team 6:30pm

2/14 Property Team 6:30pm

2/19 Sunday Morning Learning/Coffee and Conversation 9:00am

2/19 Transfiguration Sunday 10:00am Worship Service in Sanctuary/ECCCM Food Collection

2/20 Witness Team 10:00am

2/20 Executive Team 6:00pm

2/20 Congregation Council 6:30pm

2/22 Newsletter Mailed

2/22 Ash Wednesday Service 6:30pm

2/26 Sunday Morning Learning/Coffee and Conversation 9:00am

2/26 1st Sunday of Lent 10:00am Worship Service in Sanctuary

ANYTIME

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YouTube.com



2/13 – William & Linda Hewitt
2/14 – Donald & Debbie Herman

2/1 – Jill Brown
2/2 – Susan Carpenter
2/6 – Braeden Fox, Nicky Setzer
2/8 – Colene Hall
2/9 – Ashley Arndt
2/10 – Johnny Carpenter, Tammy Moore
2/11 – Sandra Tallant
2/14 –Elizabeth Azar, Paisley Carpenter
2/17 – Ty Hefner
2/24 – Ashlyn Grant, Debbie Saunders, Dee Stewart
2/25 – Gary Arndt
2/29—Bradley Langan



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VOLUNTEER TRAINING

Rising Hope Farms
We Need YOU!!!



Come be a part of something amazing!
Volunteer with us!

- Get community service hours for school
- Great way to serve our special needs community
- Learn about and have fun with horses



When:

March 11, 2023 OR* March 18, 2023
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Where:

Rising Hope Farms Arena
3775 Bethany Church Road
Claremont, NC 28610

*You only need to attend one (1) training event.

What:

RHF offers many ways to volunteer. For example, learn how to become a side walker for a child with special needs and help him/her accomplish great things through therapeutic horsemanship!

*Absolutely NO horse knowledge required.







For more information contact:
Sandy Sherrill , Volunteer Manager @
828-302-7240
sandybs310@yahoo.com
or scan the QR code above!



FEBRUARY 2023



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
OFFICE HOURS: Monday—Thursday 9:00am-2:00pm Friday, 9:00am—12:00pm			1 1– 6:00pmBlood Drive 	2 	3 6-9:00pm Council Retreat	4 9:00am-3:00pm Council Retreat
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26 9:00am Sunday Morning Learning/Coffee and Conversation 10:00am 1st Sunday of Lent Worship Service	27	28				