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

ST. MARKS NEWSLETTER
October 25, 2023

OPPORTUNITIES TO GATHER
AT ST. MARK'S

Sundays—Worship
10:00 Service in Sanctuary
9:00am Sunday Morning Learning
10:00 Drive-Up in Front For Radio
broadcast on FM 101.5

Anytime—online
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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
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To All Members of St. Mark's Lutheran Church

CONGREGATIONAL
MEETING

The annual Congregational Meeting of St. Mark's
Lutheran Church will be held on November 12,
2023 immediately following the worship service.

During the meeting we will have the following business.

1. To approve the Annual Budget for 2024.
A copy of the proposed budget that comes to you in form of a motion to except
by the church council is included in the mailing. If you would like a detailed copy
please call the church office and one will be provided for you. Also there will be
copies at each door leading into the sanctuary.
2. To save time November 5th, 9:15-9:45am a question and answer time will
be in the choir pews if you have questions before the meeting.
3. Election of four Council Members to serve 2024-2026. At this time we have
two nominees Carol Schaefer and Matthew Watkins. If you are interested in
serving please contact the church or Terry.

Sincerely

Dear St. Mark's Family,

What an amazing reception you gave
us on October 22nd! My family and I
were very impressed and grateful for
the wonderful lunch, fellowship and
welcome you gave us. The beautiful
quilt also was very thoughtful and we
will cherish it forever.

We were so excited and pleased that so many of the St. Mark's Family were in
attendance that day. Thank you very much for the warm welcome to your
church and community. We all have much to look forward to in the months
ahead as we help our congregation grow in love and in numbers. You did an
excellent job planning this event for us. It was a very positive day for our family
that we will always remember.

Thanks again and God bless you.
Rev. Dr. Ted Rust

THANK YOU
SO MUCH
YOU ARE VERY MUCH APPRECIATED!

Church Staff

Rev. Dr. Ted Rust: Interim Pastor (828-459-2161)

Wendy Hefner: Family Ministries Director
wendy@smarklc.org (828-270-6008)

Emily Schuttenberg: Minister of Music (828)-459-2161

Maria Wright: Preschool Director
mw9268@gmail.com (828-234-5943)

Randy Abernathy: Preschool Director
mimab@charter.net (828-781-1702)

Deanna Butcher: Finance Secretary
deanna@smarklc.org (828-459-2161)

Debbie Smith: Administrative Assistant
secretary@smarklc.org (828-459-2161)

Larry Smyre: 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 November 20 at 6:30pm
The next newsletter mailing will be November 8, 2023

Church Office Hours

Monday - Thursday, 9:00am—2pm

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

September Worship Attendance

9/3/23 - 94
9/10/23 - 94
9/17/23 - 56
9/24/23 - 75




Thank you

St. Mark's Family,
Thank you so very much for your generous donation from the "Noisy Offering"! Your love and support means so much to us. Love ya, Mean it!!
Preschool Staff & Board

household shower

Wedding and household shower for Matthew and Lisa Watkins
Sunday, November 12th immediately following the worship service in the Family Life Center
Gift Cards Welcomed






MEMORIAL/HONORARIUM GIFTS RECEIVED TO THE GLORY OF GOD

For St. Mark's Preschool: In memory of Jackie Devlin given by Hilka Cox
For St. Mark's: In memory of Jackie Devlin given by Donna Evans, Ted Sigmon
In memory of Tim Sigmon given by Paul & Kathy Gibson, Ted Sigmon

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING WITH ACUTE HEALTH CHALLENGES

(Those with ongoing health challenges and extended friend and family members of St. Mark's are listed weekly in our Sunday worship bulletin.)

Mike Benfield Harley Brown Gary Carpenter Jan Carpenter Chris Cloninger Eva Cloninger Keegan Dixon Alanna Dotson	Jerry Herman Jo Marilyn Hewitt Celia Hollar Tammie Hoyle Exie Little Rudy Little Gaye Morrison Glenn Morrison	George Setzer Brenda Sigmon Hal Sigmon Johnny Sigmon Ryan Sigmon Bishop Tim Smith Dee Stewart Tony 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 Homes.
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November Altar Guild Hilka Cox & Exie Little	 November Tabulators Jean Cloninger, Evelyn Setzer & Cathy Sigmon	 November Ushers Kendra Hendren Marlene Epps	
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“Worry about tomorrow steals the joy from today.”
Barbara Cameron

Coloring Page



Love Your Neighbor as Yourself

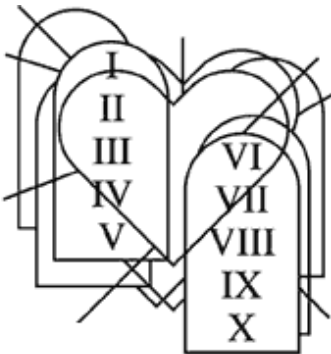
Children’s Ministry Page

The Greatest Commandment

Mark 12:28-34

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V R B S E C O N D E M C E Y N
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I P Q U E S T I O N S G Z C N

MIND	SOUL	YOURSELF	ANSWER	QUESTIONS
NEIGHBOR	IMPORTANT	STRENGTH	TEACHER	KINGDOM
GREATEST	LOVE	LAW	SECOND	HEART



The Outreach Team will be packing Backpacks on November 15th at 10:00am, let Cathy Sigmon know if you’d like to join us.

The Backpack Program serves children in forty+ local schools who face hunger on the weekends in Catawba and Alexander County. Each week school is in session, over 1,200 children receive a bag full of food weighing up to 7 lbs. The food supplied is either purchased in bulk (at cost) or donated by various community members and local businesses. Through our calculations, it costs \$200 for one child to receive meals each weekend, all school year long.

The Backpack Program exists thanks to the constant support and continued dedication of our community. The program is driven by volunteers who give their time, talent and treasures. These special volunteers work hard packing bags, stocking shelves, organizing inventory, fundraising and seeking community support to secure financial contributions.

Help us fight local childhood hunger and reduce the barrier to a good education!
For more information on this program, please contact Amanda Drum, Backpack Program Coordinator, at backpack@thecornertable.org or 828-464-0355.

To sponsor a child or learn more about this opportunity, please call 828-464-0355.
*Please note the Backpack Program is located at a different location than our Community Kitchen.

Backpack Program Warehouse
1925 Tate Blvd SE
Hickory, NC 28602



St. Mark’s purchased 13 chicks. When chicks grow up to become chickens, their eggs not only provide on ongoing supply of protein –rich meals, they can also help start a small business and generate a steady source of income.



St. Mark’s purchased 4 piglets. This gift is a source of natural fertilizer, helping a family’s crops grow tall and strong. If needed, taking a pig to a marketplace is like cashing out a savings account. The funds can be used to pay school fees for children or cover an emergency trip to the clinic.



St. Mark’s purchased 2 shares. We know that milk “does a body good”, providing a calcium packed source of nutrition for growing children. A family can start a small business selling extra milk, cheese, yogurt , butter and more. With food, funds and fertilizer, the gift of a cow has got it all.



St. Mark’s purchased 3 Rooster’s. More chickens on the farm mean more eggs to eat and sell at the market. This gift is a great leap forward for a family struggling with hunger and poverty.



St. Mark’s purchased 5 goats. Goats can go where other animals can’t, surviving in some of the world’s most challenging terrain. Goat’s milk provides nutrition for children and their families, and goats are quick to reproduce, which means a family can pass this life saving gift onto others.

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11/20 Congregation Council 6:30pm

11/22 Newsletter Mailed

11/23 Happy Thanksgiving Offices Closed

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5- Zachary and Mally Gardner
7-Hal and Fannie Belle Sigmon
20-Chuck and Debbie Watson
28-Richard and Sandra Tallant



2-Blake Sigmon
5-Mary Crowell
7-Pennie George
8-Ann Fairaizl
9-Carter Breitzman
10-Judah Theisen
11-Tim Sherrill
13-Richard Schroeder
14-Michael Miller

16-Fannie Belle Sigmon
20-Gary Carpenter, Tim Carpenter, Jan Carpenter
21-Jim Stewart
22-Lisa Widener
25-Boyce Hollar, Ted Sigmon
26-Kathy Whisnant
28-Bryson Van Horn



**Prime Time
Seniors
Thanksgiving
Lunch**

**Friday, November 17th
12:00 PM**

**This will be a catered meal by Boxcar
and sponsored by St Mark’s.**

**Call the church office (828.459.2161)
before Sunday, Nov. 12th to make your
reservation.**

Ladies save the date!

Saturday, April 27 our annual women’s
celebration in honor of
Mothers Day !



St. Mark’s Women will have mums for sale for \$15.00 each. Proceeds will go to the WELCA Thankoffering November 19th. If you would like to purchase one “In Honor or In Memory” of someone please fill out the form below and either drop it in the offering plate or drop of at the church office no later than Monday, November 13th. Checks can be made out to St. Mark’s Women.\$15.00 Mum

In Honor of:_____

In Memory of:_____

Given by:_____

**The Children’s
Christmas**



Program will be held on Sunday, December 10th at 4:30pm, a covered dish dinner will follow at 5:00pm. Please let Wendy Hefner know how to include your children/grand-children in the program. Look for information on rehearsals in upcoming bulletins.

October Noisy Offering amount was \$232.50
This was given to the Lutheran Disaster Response.



November’s Noisy Offering will be given to the Corner Table and ECCCM

The Corner Table
Feeding Needs of Catawba County
COMMUNITY KITCHEN • BACKPACK PROGRAM • FROZEN MEALS



November 2023



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