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Congregation Council

<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2025</u>			
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.					

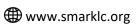
Congregation Council meets on November 20th at 6:30pm The next newsletter mailing will be November 22, 2023

Church Office Hours

Monday - Thursday, 9:00am—2pm

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

ST. MARKS NEWSLETTER November 8, 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

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

Dear Friends in Christ,

These are positive and exciting days as we all continue to serve Jesus and our community in many and various ways. <u>I thank you for all you do</u> to help St. Mark's Lutheran Church make new disciples and grow in love for all persons.

- Thanks be to God for the very successful <u>Popcorn booth</u> at Claremont Days. Special thanks to Terry Hefner and Nicky Setzer for their leadership in this outreach effort.
- 2) Thanks be to God for <u>112 in Worship</u> on All Saint's Sunday. Special thanks to the choir and our talented Minister of Music, Emily Schuttenberg.
- 3) Thank be to God for good attendance at out Adult Bible Study on November 5th. We are studying "Healthy Congregations" and also reading the entire New Testament. Twenty one students participated in the lively discussions.
- Thanks be to God for our <u>new youth</u> and <u>adult crucifers</u> who are helping with Sunday morning worship. David Theisen, Larry Smyre, Christian Rust, Kermit Nash and others inspire us for the willingness to help and serve. Pastor Rust is looking for more youth and adults who could serve once a month or once every 2 months. Call Ted at 252-675-5936 to help. It's easy, but very important
- Pastoral calls and <u>visits</u> are being made both by Pastor Rust and the visitation teams led by Dale and Sandra Sherrill. Many visits have been made on the sick, hospitalized, and dying members. We also have made visits on prospects and members absent from worship. We thank <u>Rev. Bill Hollar</u> for making several visits for St. Mark's when Pastor Rust is out of town.
- 6) The <u>Community Thanksgiving Service</u> is a "go" and will be held here at St. Mark's at 4:00pm on Sunday, November 19th. Please try to attend and share fellowship with 5 area congregations. This is really exciting and positive! Pastor David Hefner of Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church will be preaching with four other pastors also participating.
- 7) The <u>"Complete Support Group"</u> will begin very soon and meet once a month. This is for any person who needs special support and love due to a death or change in their life. All are welcome. Pastor Ted Rust and Pastor Bill Hollar will lead this new ministry.

Jesus says "let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven. " (Matthew 5:16)

Thank you

Pastor Rev. Dr. Ted Rust

MEMORIAL/HONORARIUM GIFTS RECEIVED TO THE GLORY OF GOD

For St. Mark's Preschool: In memory of Melanie Stewart Cranford given by Lydia Stewart

For St. Mark's Chancel Choir: In memory of Jerry Craig, Jackie Devlin, Andy Dison, Mike Evans, Judy Little, Martin Pannell, Chris Sigmon & Charles "Smitty" Smith given by Gary & Susan Carpenter

In honor of Pastor Heather Langan given by Gary & Susan Carpenter

For St. Mark's: In memory of Harley Brown given by Kermit Nash, Hilka Cox, Ted & Janice Sigmon, Kent & Kathy Sigmon

In memory of Tim Sigmon given by Kermit Nash, Keny & Kathy Sigmon

In memory of Jackie Devlin given by Jane Setzer, Elaine Simmons

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

Family of Harley Brown husband of Libby Brown

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING WITH ACUTE HEALTH CHALLENGES

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

Mike Benfield	Jo Marilyn Hewitt	Carolyn Sherrill	Please pray for COVID victims.
Gary Carpenter	Celia Hollar	Brenda Sigmon	
Jan Carpenter	Tammie Hoyle	Hal Sigmon	
Chris Cloninger	Exie Little	Johnny Sigmon	Please pray for all front line Covid
Eva Cloninger	Rudy Little	Ryan Sigmon	caregivers.
Keegan Dixon	Gaye Morrison	Bishop Tim Smith	
Alanna Dotson	Glenn Morrison	Dee Stewart	Please pray for all those isolated,
Jerry Herman	George Setzer	Tony Williams	and those in Assisted Living
			Homes.



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Altar Guild November Altar Guild

Hilka Cox & Exie Little



November Tabulators

Jean Cloninger, Evelyn Setzer & Cathy Sigmon



November Ushers

Kendra Hendren Marlene Epps

"God hears your every thought, whether you dress it up with Thee and Thou or not." Catherine Richmond

Parable of the Talents

Matthew 25:14-30

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SERVANT	PROPERTY	SHARE	MONEY
ABILITY	WICKED	FAITHFUL	WEEPING
GAINED	HAPPINESS	LAZY	ENTRUSTED



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Children's Ministry Page

Multiple Choice Quiz

1.	Put something in a place where it cannot be found A. lazy B. afraid C. hide D. good
2.	A feeling of pleasure, satisfaction, or joy A. good B. happiness C. lazy D. afraid
3.	The coins and bills that are used to buy things A. share B. happiness C. money D. talents
4.	To divide or use something with others A. happiness B. share C. hide D. afraid
5.	Not willing to work A. servant B. money C. share D. lazy
6.	A trip, especially one over a great distance A. share B. journey C. happiness D. afraid
7.	A person who is employed to do work for another person A. lazy B. happiness C. afraid D. servant
8.	To be trusted or loyal A. share B. faithful C. lazy D. happiness
9.	To be filled with fear A. happiness B. servant C. afraid D. lazy
10.	The opposite of bad A. good B. afraid C. lazy D. happiness



Prime Time Seniors Thanksgiving Lunch Friday, November 17th

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

12:00 PM

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

Pastor Ted drew the winner of the game board given by the Stewardship team.

Congratulations to Genesis Hendren!



Ladies save the date!

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



Thank you

2. SCAN THE QR CODE TO DOWNLOAD ORDER FORM

from the Quilt Mission for the box of material that was left at our door.





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:		

Advent Lunch and
Devotions
Wednesday,
Dec 6, 13, 20
12 noon - 1:00 pm

A light lunch will be served from 12:00 pm—12:30 pm followed by a short

Advent Devotional/Bible Study till 1:00 PM.





Christmas Parade Float
Decorating
Saturday Dec. 2 at 10 o'clock
In the church parking lot.

Our theme is JESUS sweetest name I know.

If any questions call Gigi Sigmon 828-292-0101.



'Christmas Movie' Christmas Dinner

(Congregational Covered Dish Meal)
Sunday, December 10th 5:15 PM
Following the Children's Christmas Play at 4:30 PM



Enjoy participating in activities you would find in a Christmas movie including:

- Decorating Gingerbread Houses

- Decorating the Christmas Tree

- Building a Snowman

Christmas craftsand Games for kids of all ages.



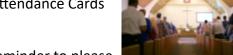
A Great Big Thank You to the Quilting Group.

60 Quilts were sent to Turkey

152 Quilts & 22 School Kits were sent to Lutheran World Relief



Sunday Worship Attendance Cards



A reminder to please

fill out a attendance card when you attend Sunday morning worship service so the church secretary can count you present. If you do not fill out a card she has no way of knowing whether or not you were present and you will not get counted present for that day.

Thank you



ATAWBA VALLEY COMMUNITY HOLDER COMMUNITY

Sunday, December 3 St Mark's Lutheran 3:00 PM



Children's Christmas Play Practice

November 8th, 15th, & 29th (speaking parts only)

December 6 (All cast including younger children)

Saturday, December 9th 10:00-11:30am

(All cast including younger children)

