

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  
November 8, 2023

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. I thank you for all you do to help St. Mark's Lutheran Church make new disciples and grow in love for all persons.

- 1) Thanks be to God for the very successful Popcorn booth at Claremont Days. Special thanks to Terry Hefner and Nicky Setzer for their leadership in this outreach effort.
- 2) Thanks be to God for 112 in Worship 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 our 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.
- 4) Thanks be to God for our new youth and adult crucifers 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
- 5) Pastoral calls and visits 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 Rev. Bill Hollar for making several visits for St. Mark's when Pastor Rust is out of town.
- 6) The Community Thanksgiving Service 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 "Complete Support Group" 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

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

Church Staff		Congregation Council		
Rev. Dr. Ted Rust: Pastor	(252) 675-5936	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2025</u>
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Wendy Hefner: Family Ministries Director		Denise Arndt	Hilka Cox	Blake Sigmon
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Maria Wright: Preschool Director		<i>The year denotes rotation off Council.</i>		
mw9268@gmail.com	(828-234-5943)			
Randy Abernathy : Preschool Director		Congregation Council meets on November 20th at 6:30pm		
mimab@charter.net	(828-781-1702)	The next newsletter mailing will be November 22, 2023		
Deanna Butcher: Finance Secretary		<u>Church Office Hours</u>		
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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 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	Carolyn Sherrill 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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 <b>November Altar Guild</b> Hilka Cox & Exie Little	 <b>November Tabulators</b> Jean Cloninger, Evelyn Setzer & Cathy Sigmon	 <b>November Ushers</b> Kendra Hendren Marlene Epps
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“God hears your every thought, whether you dress it up with Thee and Thou or not.”

Catherine Richmond

Word Search Puzzle

Parable of the Talents

Matthew 25:14-30

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W I C K E D U J R E M N X N U  
K G O S C E M J T S H T Q F A  
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F I Q S W K A F P I P U F I L  
A N M B E M A H E P P S Q F A  
I E O J E R A B I L I T Y J Z  
T D N I P C V U Y K N E S Q Y  
H R E P I L S A Y P E D N E T  
F X Y D N N H N N R S W N N L  
U Q C J G W A Y Q T S R E O X  
L Z G Z G N R C J N U L Q M D  
R Z D M E F E N E O A T W S K  
P R O P E R T Y J T W G F X K  
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JOURNEY	WORTHLESS	TALENT	MASTER
SERVANT	PROPERTY	SHARE	MONEY
ABILITY	WICKED	FAITHFUL	WEEPING
GAINED	HAPPINESS	LAZY	ENTRUSTED





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



Parable of the Talents  
(Matthew 25:14-30)



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.

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

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



WELCA  
Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America



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.




Matthew & Elizabeth Watkins

Married Oct. 28th



## Community Thanksgiving Service

### Sunday, November 19th

### 4:00 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 crafts
- and 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

### WELCOME PASTOR RUST AND FAMILY










## ATAWBA VALLEY COMMUNITY CHORUS

### 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)




### Hayride and Hotdog Supper at Heritage Barn





