

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
March 13, 2024

“We know love by this, that Jesus laid down his life for us– and we ought to lay down our lives for one another.” 1 John 3:16

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

	3/17/24 @10:00am	3/24/25 @10:00am	3/31/24 @10:00am	4/7/24 @10:00am	4/14/24 @10:00am
Ushers	Aaron Carpenter Kendra Hendren	Aaron Carpenter Kendra Hendren	Nicky Setzer Carol Schaefer	Jean Cloninger Matthew Watkins	Jean Cloninger Matthew Watkins
Greeters	Susan Williams Dotty Isenhour	Susan Williams Boyce Hollar	Larry & Judy Smyre Hilka Cox	Steve & Kay Deal	Steve & Kay Deal
Read Lessons	Cheryl Brown	Denise Arndt	Rachael & Hadley Theisen	Elaine Simmons	Rev. Dr. Bill Hollar
Carry Cross (Youth or Adult)	Tamarah Hefner	Larry Smyre	David Theisen	Larry Smyre	Rev. Dr. Ted Rust
Acolyte (Youth or Adult)	Terry Hefner	Denise Arndt	Silas Carpenter	Tamarah Hefner	Sadie Hendren
Assisting Minister	Kermit Nash	Carol Schaefer	Rachel Theisen	Dale Sherrill	Kermit Nash

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

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:

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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If you need to change Sundays or you need to be taken off the list of worship volunteers please call Pastor Ted Rust 252-675-5936

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Congregation Council

2024	2025	2025
Kendra Hendra	Jean Cloninger	Carol Schaefer
Hilka Cox	Blake Sigmon	Matthew Watkins
Aaron Carpenter	Jonathan Ray	Nobia Summer
Bill Dotson	Nicky Setzer	

The year denotes rotation off Council.

Congregation Council meets on March 18th at 6:30pm
The next newsletter mailing will be March 27, 2024

Church Office Hours

Monday - Thursday, 8:00am-3:00pm
Friday 8:00am-12:00pm

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God's work. Our hands.

New Ministry **“Complete Support Group”**

“Complete Support Group” will meet Sunday, April 14th at 4:00pm. This group will help anyone going through a difficult loss, transition, or issue that is causing pain or sadness and will be led by Dr. Rev. Ted Rust.

Everyone is welcome to attend—no exceptions.

For more information or to let Ted know you will be attending please call him at 252-675-5936.

We will meet in the Family Life Center at 4:00pm on April 14th.

Please consider attending to receive support and give support to others.



MEMORIAL/HONORARIUM GIFTS RECEIVED TO THE GLORY OF GOD
For St. Mark’s: In loving memory of Dee Stewart given by Kermit Nash

THOSE PERSON AND FAMILIES WHO ARE GRIEVING, NAMED AND UNNAMED.
Family of Dee Stewart

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 Alanna Dotson	Jo Marilyn Hewitt Celia Hollar Tammie Hoyle Rudy Little Gaye Morrison Glenn Morrison	George Setzer Brenda Sigmon Hal Sigmon Johnny Sigmon Larry Smyre	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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 March Altar Guild David & Lisa Tucker	 March Tabulators Hilka Cox, Elaine Simmons & Jan Carpenter
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“He said” Love, as I have loved you.” We cannot love too much.
Amy Carmichael

Word Search Puzzle

The Power of His Love

John 12:28-33

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E N Q T D F I M P W X D Q E D
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E D P E H P W A I V I N G C G
R I W A O I M T V N V K V E E
C A G L O R I F Y E C M V L L
W F G B L I F T E D N E Y Q F

WORLD	DIE	TIME	HEARD	CROWD
ANGEL	HEAVEN	MYSELF	LIFTED	MEN
VOICE	FATHER	GLORIFY	PRINCE	SHOW
JUDGEMENT	DRAW	EARTH	THUNDER	NAME



Multiple Choice

Choose the word that best matches the definition.
Check your answers in John 12:28-33 (NIV)

- ___ 1. Everyone and everything
A. lifted B. angel C. voice D. all
- ___ 2. To be raised up
A. earth B. all C. voice D. lifted
- ___ 3. A heavenly servant of God, often pictured as a human with wings
A. earth B. Jesus C. lifted D. angel
- ___ 4. The end of life
A. all B. death C. voice D. crowd
- ___ 5. To bring praise and honor to God
A. glorify B. death C. earth D. draw
- ___ 6. The land surface of the world
A. earth B. lifted C. draw D. death
- ___ 7. The Son of God
A. Jesus B. Andrew C. Philip D. John
- ___ 8. What we humans use to speak or sing
A. all B. voice C. draw D. lifted
- ___ 9. To attract someone or something
A. voice B. lifted C. draw D. crowd
- ___ 10. A large group of people
A. death B. earth C. crowd D. draw



Holy Week Services

3/24 Palm Sunday Service 10:00am
3/28 Maundy Thursday 6:30pm
3/29 Good Friday Service 6:30pm
3/31 Sunrise Worship Service 8:00am
3/31 Congregation Breakfast 9:00am
3/31 Easter Worship Service 10:00am



Do you have a special lady in your life you would

like to acknowledge and nominate for Woman of the Year 2024? Maybe it's your mother or someone fulfilling the role of mom, someone courageous, someone who makes a difference in the world or who loves fiercely and makes you feel valued? Who is your hero or champion you are blessed to know?

Let's celebrate her !!! Turn in your handwritten letter to the office or Elaine Simmons no later than April 2 .

Ladies Day in honor of Mothers Day Saturday, April 27: 11am-1pm .

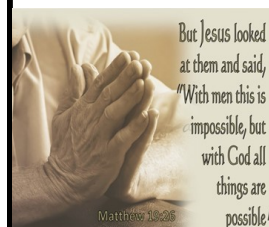
Our theme is

"Gods Providential Hand".

Get ready to be inspired by our

Guest speaker Debbie Smith

She will be sharing how Gods Providential Hand led them to adopt a child from Bulgaria



Lunch is provided.
Please RSVP to the office by April 22 .

St Mark's Lutheran Church

God Can!

SUMMER CAMP Week

July 22-26, 2024

3216 West Main Street



Scan Code to Register

Camp Hours:

Monday–Friday 9am–4pm

Before and After Care is available

Daily meals and snacks included.

Camp Activities:

- Fun
- Friends
- Games
- Crafts
- Water day

LIMITED SPACE!

828.459.2161

To register, call or email: wendy@smarklc.org



PER PERSON

Church members receive a \$20 discount

Second child in same family receives a \$20 discount

Second child discount does not apply to members.

We need your help!

If you are in the hospital or have a scheduled surgery or just need a visit from Pastor Ted, please notify the church office.

You may also call him directly at 252-675-5936.

We can't visit you or pray for you if we're not aware there's a need.

Thank you.

Blessing Box Schedule

3/3-3 Carol Schaefer, 3/10-16 Nobia Summer

3/17-23 Jan Carpenter, 3/24-30 Nobia Summer



Rev. Dr. Ted Rust’s February 2024 Report To Council and Members of St. Mark's Lutheran Church

February Visits by Pastor Rust working 30 hours a week

2/4 Carolyn Sigmon
2/4 Eric Sigmon
2/4 Chris Cloninger
2/4 Betty Williams
2/4 Terry Hefner
2/4 Tamarah Hefner
2/5 Jimmy Sigmon
2/5 Staff Member
2/5 Local Pastor
2/5 Hal Sigmon
2/5 Fannie Bell Sigmon
2/5 Prospect
2/6 Counseling
2/6 Bruce Sigel
2/6 Larry Smyre
2/6 Follow up with Prospective Member
2/11 Jimmy Sigmon
2/11 Brian Sigmon
2/11 Care-giver
2/11 Dee Stewart
2/11 Shut-in not home
2/12 Jo Hewitt
2/12 Bill Hewitt
2/12 Richard Kale
2/12 Pat Kale
2/12 Miriam Keisler
2/12 Ginger Carpenter
2/12 Hal Sigmon
2/12 Fannie Bell Sigmon
2/13 Rachel Hall
2/13 Jack Whitener
2/13 Forest Tallant
2/13 Brenda Sigmon
2/14 Eva Cloninger
2/14 Jaretta Harrington
2/14 Meeting with Church Leader
2/14 Prospective Member
2/18 Shut-in not home
2/18 Counseling
2/18 Hazel Setzer
2/18 Kathy (Daughter)
2/18 Roger (Son-in-law)
2/19 Member with concerns
2/19 Prospect
2/19 Staff
2/20 Gaye Morrison
2/20 Glenn Morrison
2/20 Visitor ⁴


2/20 Person in grief
2/25 Nicky Setzer
2/25Evelyn Setzer
2/25 Prospect
2/25 Jimmy Sigmon
2/25 Brian Sigmon
2/26 Youth
2/26 Council Member
2/26 Hospital visit at Catawba Hospital
2/26 Loretta Stephenson at Frye Hospital
2/27 Prospective Member
2/27 Jennifer Priest Prospective Member
2/27 William Hollar
2/27 Counseling

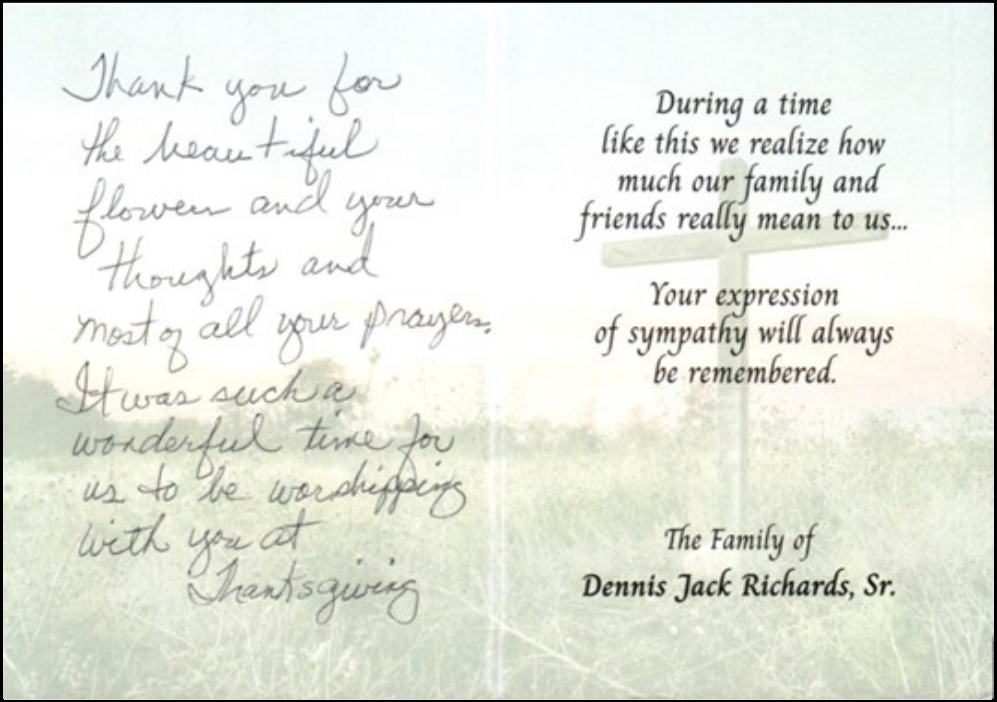
Other Work of Pastor Rust: Preach God’s Word every Sunday, Teach Bible Class at 9:00am, organize and preach at midweek Lenten Services, send out letters to all members about Lent and attending Worship Services, Do Pre-school Chapel Service on February 6, Attend Worship Team Meeting, Attend Outreach Team meeting, Attend Church Council Meeting February 19th. Visit the sick, those in nursing home and those who are home-bound, Recruit new workers, Write Newsletter articles, play the Piano for 2 Ashe Wednesday Services, visit Loretta Stephenson in Frye Hospital on February 26, Preach online every week.

Ted works all day on Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday morning. He drives home Wednesday afternoon. On Thursday, Friday and Saturday, Rev. Bill Hollar and Wendy Hefner cover pastoral care needs.

February 2024 Worship Attendance	2/4	66
	2/11	74
	2/14 Ashe Wed. 12:30pm	28
	2/14 Ashe. Wed. 7:30pm	23
	2/18	73
	2/20 Lent Service	28
	2/25	73
	2/27 Lent Service	35

286 was the total for February 2024 or an average of 72. Rev. Dr Ted Rust’s 9:00am Sunday Bible Study averaged 16 each week,





Stewardship Reflections

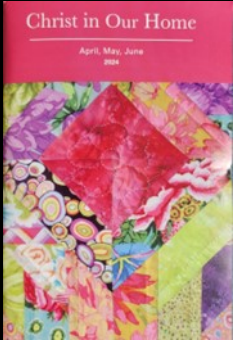
Leftovers are such humble things.

We would not serve them to a guest, and yet. We serve them to our Lord who deserves the very Best. We give him leftover time, spare minutes here and there. Leftover cash we give to him such few coins as we can spare. We give our youth to the world, to hatred, lust and strife. Then in declining years we give to him the Remnant of our life. Author Unknown.

Just a thought: Are we giving God our all or without even realizing are we giving him our leftovers?

Saint Mark’s Lutheran Church
Ministry Financial Analysis

2/29/2024	Month	Year
General Fund	\$ 20,567.52	\$ 56,583.01
Expenses	\$ 21,596.53	\$ 46,581.09
	\$ (1029.01)	\$ 10,001.92



April –June
Christ in our Home is available for pickup.
If you need one mailed to you please call the church office.

Easter Lilies! Reserve by March 25

Lilies are available for purchase to decorate our sanctuary for Easter. The cost is \$12. You may purchase lilies to the Glory of God, in memory or in honor of someone special.

Please write checks to St. Mark’s with Easter lilies on the memo line.

Name _____

Phone _____ # of Lilies _____ X \$12 = \$_____ Total _____

In Honor _____

In Memory _____

