



## Disciples of Jesus, Connecting Our Community to Christ

Hello St. Mark,

Welcome to Crossroads, where faith meets our life together as the church. Visit our website where you'll find our Sunday livestream, worship videos, Sunday bulletins, an audio bible, personal devotions, calendars and more.

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## President's News

*Christ is risen!  
He is risen indeed  
– Alleluia!*

This time of year is so exciting. We hear birds starting to sing and see all sorts of new life

sprouting. The new life seems to come from something that appeared to be dead – but it wasn't. Doesn't that seem like Easter? Do you consider Easter over? Have you followed the commercial trend of taking down all decorations immediately after the designated "special day" to get ready for the next seasonal event? Think again. Easter is a festival season that lasts 50 days (7 weeks). It begins on Easter Sunday with the celebration of Christ's Resurrection and ends on the Day of Pentecost (Whitsun) when the Holy Spirit descended on



the disciples. So, in 2024 the season is celebrated from Easter Sunday, March 31 until Pentecost Sunday, May 19, 2024.

As Christians, we have left the forty days of Lent (a season of penitence) and have begun the fifty days of joyous celebration. Even the color of the paraments in the church reflect this celebration – they are white. Did you notice? We now look at events in the church's life, the accounts of resurrection and the post-resurrection appearances of Jesus to discover their meaning and reflect on how these events tell us how we as a community are to live.

As we reflect on how we are to live, as Christian stewards, we also should remember our responsibility and commitment to the work of our Lord, including our commitment to His work through our efforts at St. Mark Lutheran as well as the community.

So, if you have put your Easter decorations away, be certain you have not stopped your Easter celebration. In fact, let us live in a continual celebration of Easter. Let us be renewed and reinvigorated in our commitments to the Lord.

Christ is risen; He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

## *Gratitude and Appreciation*



We at St. Mark give our heartfelt thanks to those who have graciously provided opportunities for worship and Bible Study as well as other forms of support.

Now that Lent has come to a close, we thank Pastor Zuber for leading mid-week Lenten devotional worship during the 5 weeks of Wednesday worship. What a blessing it was to be led through the journey of Lent.

We also thank North Coast Catering for providing the delicious mid-week dinners before worship during Lent.

As the Easter season arrives, we will experience the departure of Pastor Deknatal as our weekly leader of worship. We thank Pastor Deknatal for leading us in worship and Bible class for the last two months, as well as worship on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. We have been enriched by his sermon series and our study of scripture in class following worship. We will look forward to the two Sundays in April when Pastor Deknatal will join us again.

Also, as Easter season arrives, we are blessed to welcome Pastor Jeff Hering who will lead worship in April and May. Pastor Hering led us in worship for the month of January and the start of the February and we look forward to having

him return to St. Mark.

## Elections

The second quarter meeting will include elections. Those elected will start their term of office in September. The positions up for election this year include the following: President, Vice President, Chairpersons of the Boards of Christian Education and Stewardship. If you are interested in running for any of these offices, please let Sharon, the church secretary know. Elections will be held in late May or early June. Prayerfully consider if your skills and interests could be used in one of these leadership positions to continue the mission of St. Mark.



## Ladies Aid News



Our next meeting is Saturday, April 13 at 11am. We will be finalizing plans for a proposed wine, cheese and chocolate event with a tentative date for later in April or May. Depending on the date of this event, the other month would possibly be bowling in conjunction with the youth.

*Stay tuned for more details.*

## Self Study

The completed self-study will be available for review in the Fellowship Hall following worship on Sunday 7 April.

## Solar Eclipse

Global Event: Total Solar Eclipse

Local Type: Total Solar Eclipse in Rochester, New York

Begins: Mon, Apr 8, 2024 at 2:07 pm

Maximum: Mon, Apr 8, 2024 at 3:21 pm 1.021 Magnitude

Ends: Mon, Apr 8, 2024 at 4:33 pm  
Duration: 2 hours, 26 minutes  
Totality: 3 minutes, 39 seconds

If you are watching any part of the eclipse, remember to wear certified eye-wear. Of course if you miss this one, there's another opportunity on August 12, 2026 that will be viewable in Spain and Greenland. There won't be another in North America until March 2033 and that is only in parts of northern Alaska.

## Portals of Prayer

The Portals of Prayers  
for the upcoming quarter  
are available  
in the entryway and the narthex.  
Remember to pick up your copy.



## Bulletin Submissions

The church office will be closed April 5 – 15. All materials for the April 7 and 14 bulletins will need to be submitted no later than April 2.

## Events in Eastern District

*“Set Free—Finding True Freedom in God’s Word”* A two-day conference in Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ontario by Pastor Barry Keurulainen. Friday-Saturday, July 12-13. A free conference for pastors and laypeople. For more information and to register, please contact Pastor Ritter: 289-213-8650 or [trinitynotl@gmail.com](mailto:trinitynotl@gmail.com).

*A Women's Candlelight Dinner is being hosted at Trinity Lutheran Church, Ithaca on April 7, at 5pm.*

All women are invited to gather for fellowship, delightful cuisine, and inspiring speaker, Beverly Wicher, the wife of our recently retired District President, Dr. Chris Wicher. Bev shares a compelling narrative of navigating the valley of the shadow of death while illuminated by the light of Christ. Attendees are encouraged to bring a main dish, side dish, or dessert to share. *For more information, please contact Peg Burlew [peg@burlew.us](mailto:peg@burlew.us) or Linda Terry*

[ljtery107@gmail.com](mailto:ljtery107@gmail.com) - or call the church office at [607-273-9017](tel:607-273-9017) and speak with Hannah.

Dr. Charles and Susan Whited of First Trinity (Tonawanda, NY) invite you to join them for a 10-day tour of the Holy Land, leaving October 29. We will visit Jesus' birthplace in Bethlehem, take a boat ride on the Sea of Galilee, walk the path Jesus took from the Garden of Gethsemane to the dungeon in Caiaphas' house, travel the Via Delarosa (way of the cross) through Jerusalem, and so much more. It is the spiritual adventure of a lifetime. For information call (716-835-2220) or email Pastor Chuck at [cwhited@firsttrinity.com](mailto:cwhited@firsttrinity.com).

## April Celebrations



### WEDDING

- Peter Baird 4/3
- Marlene Hampson 4/18
- Kristen Waterstram Rich 4/22
- Ron Coyle 4/23
- Gail Maffett 4/26
- Len Fiaschetti 4/26
- Joe Mynio 4/28
- Ed Blythe 4/28
- Margaret Heiss 4/29

Dave & Amanda Bendschneider  
4/22

## April Calendars

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April 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 2pm Chime Choir	3	4 7pm Choir Practice	5	6
7 Sun Worship	8 L A R E CLIPSE 2024	9 2pm Chime Choir	10 7pm Council	11 Sun Community Bible Study	12	13 11am Ladies Aid
14 Sun Worship	15	16 2pm Chime Choir	17	18 Sun Community Bible Study	19	20
21 Sun Worship 10:20 Bible Study	22	23 2pm Chime Choir	24	25 Sun Community Bible Study	26	27
28 Sun Worship 10:20 Bible Study	29	30 2pm Chime Choir				

### April 2024 Server Calendar

	April 7	April 14	April 21	April 28	May 5
<b>Elder</b>	John Lehning	Chuck Bannister	Guenther Heiss	Ted Veit	Guenther Heiss
<b>Ushers</b>	Chuck Bannister & Guenther Heiss	Guenther & Margaret Heiss	Peter Lehning & Ted Veit	Scott & Kathy Stranford	Sally Hacker & Margaret Heiss
<b>Crooner</b>	Sally Hacker	Kristen Waterstram-Rich	Georgette Peterson	Kathy Stranford	Sally Hacker
<b>Altar Care</b>	Margaret Heiss	Marlene Hampson	Margaret Heiss	Kristen Waterstram-Rich	Sharon Fiaschetti
<b>Office Help</b>	April 5 Sharon Fiaschetti	April 12 Kristen Waterstram-Rich	April 19 Burt Mitchell	April 26 Marlene Hampson	May 3 Sharon Fiaschetti
<b>Scripture Readings</b>	Acts 4:32-35	Acts 3:11-21	Acts 4:1-12	Acts 8:26-40	Acts 10:34-48
	1 John 2:1-2:2	1 John 3:1-7	1 John 3:16-24	1 John 4:1-11 (12-21)	1 John 5:1-8
	John 20:19-31	Luke 24:36-49	John 10:11-18	John 15:1-8	John 15:9-17



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