



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

Did you know the full moon in May is known as the Flower Moon? This year it will appear on May 23. It is said to herald the peak of spring and the season of rebirth and renewal. This typifies May, which typically seems to be a happy month; spring is in the air and flowers are blooming. It kicks off what is often termed as the wedding or commencement season. And we recognize several holidays and observances. As with other months, May observances range from the notable to nearly inane; for instance, we celebrate Mother's Day but can also



celebrate National Brisket Day. Among the most special holidays in May is Memorial Day (now, the last Monday in May); the day on which we honor and mourn those who died in the service of our country, particularly those who died in battle or as a result of wounds sustained in battle while serving our country.

As Christians, amidst the May observances, we have a special day of commemoration, Ascension Day, which occurs 40 days after Easter; this year it is May 9. After spending three years together, the disciples saw Jesus die, rise from the dead, and then bodily ascend into heaven. Just like the disciples, we are left here on earth to carry out God's work, and there is a lot of God's work to do.

Sometimes when we think of God's work we only think of the door-to-door type of evangelism; however, God's work is interwoven in daily living. Stewardship of time, talent, and treasure always represent ways in which we can carry out God's work. Spring especially makes us begin to recognize the many opportunities available for us to consider how to use our time and talent in helping with needs of and around the church. From helping at the pizza booth, lifting up each other in times of fellowship, or taking care of trustee projects. "Many hands make light the work" is an adage often attributed as first written by John Heyword, but seems to apply. There are always projects at the church on which we can work, but spring seems to magnify the needs. There are sign-up sheets for various activities or projects available in the Fellowship Hall; please prayerfully consider participating in a project or an activity.

Bible Studies



Join us Sunday, May 5 for a study titled, "From Age to Age." What variety of answers would you get if you asked, "How old are you?" How does our physical age affect God's plan and purpose for us?

On Sunday, May 12, we plan to discuss setting our focus. How do we keep our eyes on the prize, focusing on what really matters. Kathy Stranford will facilitate the scripture based on these topics.

If you are interested in a weekday study, Community Bible study meets here at St. Mark on Thursday mornings from 9-10:30am. Currently the study is from II Samuel, covering David's reign as king. How could a man who committed adultery, planned a murder, still be called a man after God's own heart? If you'd like to come to check it out, we'd love to welcome you. Others from our community belong to this group, so it's an outreach as well. Talk to some of our member participants to get their feedback. (Monica Smith, Sally Hacker, or Marilyn Ryan). If you are interested in more information, please contact Kathy Stranford (faster response by text) 585-944-4564 or kstranford@gmail.com. Jesus said, "man does not live by bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord". When we pray the Lord's prayer, give us this day

our daily bread it means not only does He meet our physical needs, but when we feed on His word, we grow spiritually.

Voters' Assembly & Elections

The second quarter Voters' Assembly meeting will be held on Sunday, June 30, in the Fellowship Hall after worship at which time elections will be held. The offices up for election this year include the following: President, Vice President, Chair of Education, Chair of Stewardship.

If you have any questions about the responsibilities associated with any of these positions, contact a church council member. Consider joining the leadership team by using your skills set to fill the role of any of these positions. Nominations and self-nominations should be sent to Sharon Langford, secretary@stmarkmendon.org.



Ladies Aid News



Ladies Aid pleased to announce that we are hosting a "Wine and Cheese Pairing" event on Wednesday, May 8, 6-8pm. This is open to everyone in the congregation. We are asking that those who are planning to attend bring one of the following: a bottle of wine, cheese/crackers, chocolate and/ or other. Please look for the sign-up sheet in the Fellowship Hall

to indicate what you will be bringing. Paper products (plates and cups) will be provided. Please contact Monica Smith at (585) 522-4945 if you have any questions or if you are interested in attending, but unable to sign up in person.

Got Tech Skills?

Web Manager

Do you have computer and website skills? The SMLC website needs some attention and monitoring. If you are interested in serving as the SMLC Website Manager, please contact any of the council members for information.

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Firemen's Carnival Pizza Booth



Pizza Booth

Join the fellowship and have fun working the SMLC Pizza Booth at the Mendon Firemen's Carnival May 30 – June 1. There is something for everyone to do! If you have any questions, contact Vicki Laube. Sign-up sheets will be in the Fellowship Hall.

Call Process

Having reviewed the St. Mark self-study, Rev. Pingel, president of the Eastern District of The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod is preparing some instructions for the call committee. He is also exploring possible candidates for consideration. Members of the call committee will be listed in upcoming bulletin announcements and their work will begin soon. We have known from the outset that the length of time of the pastor vacancy is unknown; thank you for your continued patience.



Eastern District Events

Handbell Concert: JOY IN THE JOURNEY Handbell Concert: Faith Lutheran Church, Elma, N.Y., invites our area congregations and members to a free, family-friendly handbell Spring concert performed by the BUFFALO BELLS (not the Buffalo Bills!), on **Monday, May 20 at 7pm**. Refreshments will be served following the concert. Faith is located at 1230 Bowen Road, Elma, N.Y., at the corner of Jameson and Bowen about 1 mile from the Rt. 400 exit. For those of you unfamiliar with the area, Elma is next to East Aurora. You could go early and shop in the well-known Vidler's 5 & 10 in East Aurora.

2024 LLL Men's Retreat at Pioneer on the Lake in Angola, NY. The retreat begins **May 31, at 5 PM with dinner and ends June 2** with brunch at 10am. The speaker will be Rev. Barry J. Keurulainen with the topic: "Living Your Life Rooted in Prayer". This retreat is sponsored by Eastern District Lutheran Hour Ministries and Eastern District LLL. If you have any questions, please contact George Havens at georgehavens765@gmail.com or 585-223-3445.

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.

Mission Opportunity: Trinity Utica and Bread of Life Rome have assisted in the construction of a five-apartment guest house in Liberia, West Africa. This guesthouse project is intended to form a bridge in the proclamation of the Gospel worldwide; that retired or active missionaries going to Liberia will have a safe and better environment to stay. Currently, they are looking for donations to enable the installation of twelve solar panel modules to supply electricity to the guesthouse because there is no electricity currently in the area. One 200-watt, 24-volt solar panel is usually between \$230-245 at Amazon or Rich solar products. Thrivent Team funds have been used to purchase items in the past. Please visit trinityguesthouse.org or email info@trinityguesthouse.org to get more information on this wonderful mission.

May Celebrations



WEDDING

Mike & Kathie Monnat 5/7
Joe Mynio & Georgette Peterson
5/25

BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAYS

Gail Maffett 5/1
Ruth Meyers 5/8
Kristen Waterstram-Rich 5/30

May Calendars

May 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5 8am Worship 10:30am Bible Study	6 8am bulletin items due	7 AM Organ Tuning 2pm Chime Choir	8 6-8pm Wine, Cheese, Chocolate Event	9 Ascension Day 8am Community Bible Study 7pm Choir Practice	10	11 11am Ladies Aid
12 8am Worship 10:30am Bible Study	13 8am bulletin items due	14 3pm Chime Choir 7pm Council	15	16 8am Community Bible Study 7pm Choir Practice	17	18
19 8am Worship	20 8am bulletin items due	21 3pm Chime Choir	22 8am Crossroads Items Due	23 8am Community Bible Study 7pm Choir Practice	24	25
26 8am Worship 10:30am Bible Study	27 MEMORIAL DAY	28 8am bulletin items due 3pm Chime Choir	29	30 8am Community Bible Study 7pm Choir Practice Mendon Firemen's Carnival Pizza Booth	31	1

May 2024 Server Calendar

	May 5	May 12	May 19	May 26	June 2
Elder	Guenther Heiss	Chuck Bannister	Ted Veit	Chuck Bannister	Ted Veit
Ushers	Scott & Kathy Stranford	Guenther & Margaret Heiss	Peter Lehning & Scott Stranford	Guenther Heiss & Ted Veit	Chuck Bannister & Sally Hacker
Greeter	Kathy Stranford	Barb Done	Georgette Peterson	Kristen Waterstram-Rich	Sally Hacker
Altar Care	Sharon Fiaschetti	Barb Done	Marlene Hampson	Kristen Waterstram-Rich	Margaret Heiss
Mowing Team	John Lehning	Jeff Little	Ed Blythe	Peter Lehning	Guenther Heiss
Office Help	May 3 Sharon Fiaschetti	May 10 Barb Mitchell	May 17 Kristen Waterstram-Rich	May 24 Marlene Hampson	May 31 Sharon Fiaschetti
Scripture Readings	Acts 10:34-48	Acts 1:12-26	Ezek. 37:1-14	Is. 6:1-8	Deut. 5:12-15
	1 John 5:1-8	1 John 5:9-15	Acts 2:1-21	Acts 2:14a, 22-36	2 Cor. 4:5-12
	John 15:9-17	John 17:11b-19	John 15:26-27, 16:4b-15	John 3:1-17	Mark 2:23-28 (3:1-4)



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