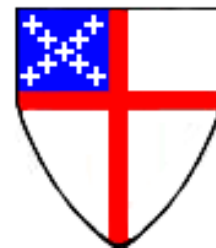




Saint Mark's Messenger

Beaver Dam, WI Maison Yaroch, Newsletter Editor April 2023



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Will you come and follow me

If I but call your name?

Will you go where you don't know

And never be the same?

Will you let my love be shown,

Will you let my name be known,

Will you let my life be grown

In you and you in me?



This is the chorus from a song called The Summons. We sang it at my mom's funeral on March 25th. While we have made it through another desert of lent and now gather for April's Easter Joy, my mom would have been 81 on Easter Sunday. Her 1st Easter in Heaven with her mom, dad, and all the saints & angels that go before us. People have said that I don't know how people without faith make it through moments like this, and I can tell you that this is very much true. Because I feel like a concrete mixer has run over me, and without all the prayers, cards, love, meals, and support my family and I would not have survived the riptide of my mom's death.

As much as losing my mom tears a hole in my heart, I have always believed the reflection of who we are is the legacy we leave. The outpouring of love, support, and tribute for my mom, to my Dad and brother Jeff and sister Shelly and our families, has been incredible. The legacy of love, hospitality, and strong faith has come flowing over us. To quote star wars, "The force was strong in this one."

If I ever doubted how important a faith community was I couldn't now. The outpouring of love and prayers has lifted me and carried me and my family through this loss. It has been a balm for the soul and a source of courage.

As we celebrate Easter may we soak in not only the joy of the resurrection but also the charge of being sent forth to share that joy.

God bless you and Happy Easter.

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Fr. Mike

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Holy Week Schedule

April 1st – Chrism Mass. 10am. (All Saints Cathedral Milwaukee)

April 2nd - Palm Sunday. 9am. Liturgy (St. Mark's)

April 5th - Stations of the Cross. 6:30pm (St. Mark's)

April 6th - Maundy Thursday. 7pm (St. Mark's)

April 7th - Good Friday. 3pm & 6:30pm (St. Mark's)

April 8th - Holy Saturday. 7pm (St. Mark's)

April 9th - Easter Sunday. 9am (St. Mark's)

Other April Events

April 1st - Mission trip meeting. 1 to 4.
St. Thomas Episcopal Church Menasha

April 20th - Home Eucharist at Vanda Wiegert's Home 6pm
314 Washington St, Beaver Dam, WI

Christmas Stocking Project

These are some of the Christmas stockings we create here at St. Mark's. Each one is made according to the buyers wishes, such as color palette, sports interests, jobs, hobbies, etc. What makes each one unique are the jewelry additions. There are lots of beads and sequins but it's the jewelry that can't be duplicated. If you're doing spring cleaning this year and run across broken bracelets or a lost earring or things you no longer want would you consider donating them to the stocking project? We have been doing these since the 1940's and haven't duplicated one yet. You can talk to Linda Zamzow or Jody Langfeldt about it. ~**Linda Zamzow**



Angels Among Us

Here at St. Mark's we take Jesus' command of "feed my sheep" literally.

Three ways we see this happen here are;

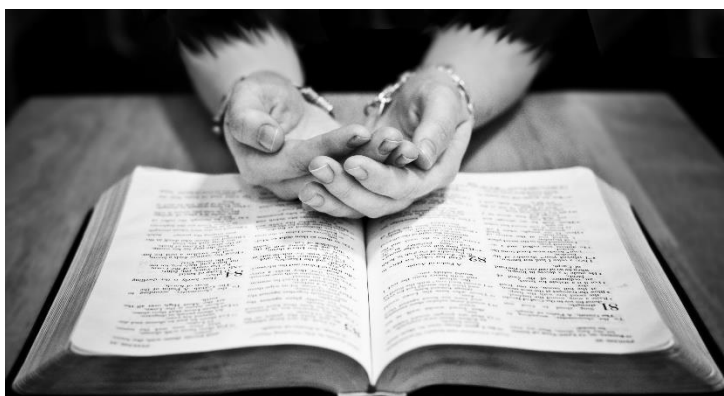
1. Coffee hour hostess. No one is obligated to sign up for this outreach, those who do are interested in bringing each other together for fellowship and for that we are grateful and say thank you.

2. The second way is when we bring in non-perishable food for the Dodge County Food Pantry. The collected food is taken to the pantry at least once a month and often more than that. Food prices are affecting all of us and we may be more reluctant to donate to a pantry than before but as I am bringing in my donation I am also giving thanks for all of the families with teenagers with those hollow legs of theirs who will benefit. They are our future and as you know... it takes a village.

3. The third way to help feed our sheep seems to be near and dear to the hearts of St. Mark's parishioners. Meals-on-wheels is a local program that delivers meals to those who are homebound, recovering from an illness or surgery, are older and alone or have a medical problem that keeps them unable to prepare meals every day. The program was started in 1973 as a way to keep people living in their own home and out of a nursing home. It has been very successful and will hopefully be around for another 50 years. Those angels among us from St. Mark's who have worked on the meals program are, Bob and Linda Zamzow, Vanda Wiegert, Deb Kuenzi, Jody Langfeldt, Fred and Joann Ellis and Dan and Sue Hilbert.

When Jesus said "feed my sheep" we heard and obeyed.

~Linda Zamzow



Prayer Requests

Prayer requests for the Saint Mark's Prayer Chain can be made to Vanda Wiegert at imvanda.w@gmail.com. Please keep her updated as to when they can come off the prayer chain.

We ask for prayers of comfort, healing, and strength for: Cori & David, Lila & Dwayne, Marsha, Doris & Jan, Steve, Derek, Cheryl, Sandy, Linda, Marie, Rod, Brett, Erin, Larry, Paula, Jack, Mandy, Charley, Jim & Ann, Clayton & Nancy, Rita, Rebecca, Joann, Jaci & John, Ken, and the family of Josh Kopmeyer

Our Men & Women in Service: Dennis Adams, John Bahler, Barry Hilbert, Matt Hoffman (deployed), Joshua Kent, Anthony Kuenzi, Brian Lampert (deployed), Christopher Schoebel, Jon Weirough, Noah Hornbacher, Nick Bures, Robbie Mantle, and Trevor.



APRIL BIRTHDAYS, BAPTISMAL ANNIVERSARIES, AND WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

*DID I MISS ANYONE?? please let us know by emailing (office@stmark-beaverdam.org).
If your Birthday, Baptismal Anniversary or Wedding Anniversary is not listed, if your name is spelled in-correctly, or your special day is missing HELP US*

Birthdays

1 – Kevin Panzer
3 – Alexis Mienke, Leopold Cramer
5 – Ernie DeZarn
9 – Kathy Wiegert, Dustin Streiff
16 – Ann Tess
18 – Carol Starr
19 – Emily VonRuden
26 – David Drexler
27 – Debra Kuenzi
29 – Bill Panzer
30 – Betsy Lampert, Adam Tess

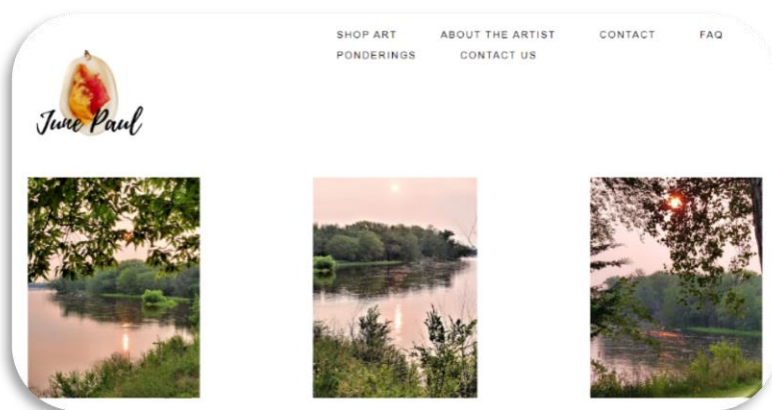
Baptismal Anniversaries

1 – Holly Streiff
10 – Parker Harmon
17 – Ron Neste
19 – Jena Clark
27 – Debra Kuenzi

Wedding Anniversaries

Notice:: If you have anything to email to the office or Maison please email disastercas@hotmail.com until further notice. Despite people's efforts, including several days of email and phone tag, our office email address is still not working. As soon as it gets figured out we'll let you all know

LOST AND FOUND:: After the Christmas Cookie Sale it was discovered that a container was misplaced somewhere. It is two glass cake pans, 9x13 each with a plastic raspberry colored cover. If you see them somewhere at church or they inadvertently ended up at someone's house please bring them back ~ **Linda Z.**



This isn't a fundraiser, but it is an awesome way to support a member of our church! Please consider checking out **June Paul Creations** if you're in the market for, or are a lover of, beautiful paintings and photography! Go to www.jgpaulcreations.com for more and support a local artist today :)

Fundraising at St. Mark's

Soon the season will begin for our fundraisers.

The first one is the Plant and Bake sale. It will be held on Friday and Saturday, June 2nd and 3rd from 8am until noon each day. We sell perennials, bulbs, seed, house plants, and annuals. Where do they come from? From you. Anyone who has overgrown gardens that need thinning can talk to me (Linda Zamzow) and we'll make a date to dig up things that you don't want or need. If you have house plants that you don't want anymore or that need to be divided we can help with that too. You keep what you want and we take the overflow.

For the bake sale anything sells. Not just cookies and bars for this one, although they sell very well, but if you would rather bake a pie or bread or cupcakes or pasties, muffins, trail mix or candy feel free to be creative. Deb Kuenzi and Jody Langfeldt are the heads of this part so see them with your ideas.

We stopped having a traditional rummage sale that day but we will still accept high end donations such as, bicycles, golf clubs, children's furniture. We will have to discuss your donation first as we don't have much space to store large items. If anyone reading this has a yearning to head a rummage sale please see me and we will talk about it. If not, I am asking you to **not** bring cups and saucers, clothing, christmas knickknacks, and the kind of items that you can find at the 100 rummage sales that will be held this summer.

In October we hope to have another talent fair. Now is the time to consider your creative talents and how to make them a reality. Are you a crafter or a sewer? Do you bake or do woodworking? Our talents will be showcased on our website so we will have to have them available to set it up before the beginning date. Put on your thinking caps and help to make this as fun and successful as last year. ~ Linda Zamzow



All sessions will be held at Waypost Camp in Hatley, Wisconsin

Senior (grades 9-12*): June 11-17

Middler (grades 6-8*): June 18-23

Junior (grades 2-5*): June 24-29

Kinder: (ages 4-7 & adult): June 29-July 1

*Note: Completed grades by the end of the 2022-2023 school year.

Save the dates now! Keep an eye out for more info in the new year! EpiscoWisco Camp is a cooperative ministry of the Episcopal Dioceses of Fond du Lac and Milwaukee.

MITCH McVICKER

DOVE AWARD WINNING SINGER-SONGWRITER

If you were here last fall to hear Mitch sing you know how good he is. He'll be doing another concert in Beaver Dam for us, however this time it is being made bigger and better.

St. Mark's is partnering with St. Katherine Drexel and First Lutheran churches for this event

Venue: The band shell at Swan City Park

Date: Thursday June 22nd 2023.

Time: Begins at 4:00pm with a praise band hosted by First Lutheran church, Mitch is on from 7:00-8:00pm, and after that there will be a meet and greet for a while.

SKIDS is considering a bouncy house, games, and activities. There will be a lot of people which gives us an opportunity to get our name and who we are out into the public in a larger way. If you have a talent for organizing or advertising, please consider joining us in the important planning stage. ~ Linda Zamzow



Home Eucharists

Home Eucharists are held the 3rd Thursday of the month.

The sign-up sheet to host is on the bulletin board by the Lion's Den.

Next Home Eucharist:: April 20th

Liturgical Scheduling

Scheduling is done by Joyce DeZarn. If there is an issue, please let Joyce or Maison know. If you won't be here on a day you are scheduled or you need to switch tasks it is **your** responsibility to find a sub and let Maison in the office know as soon as possible.

APRIL 2023

2-Apr

ACOLYTE	Betsey Schlueter
ALTAR	Gayle Elbert & Betsy Lampert
CHALICE	Fred Ellis
COUNTERS	Joann Ellis & Joyce DeZarn
INTERCESSOR	Ken Peters
READER	Fred Ellis
USHER	David Genereaux & Ken Peters

9-Apr

ACOLYTE	Fred Ellis
ALTAR	Libbie Kacuba
CHALICE	Jim Merrill
COUNTERS	Libbie Kacuba & Linda Zamzow
INTERCESSOR	Bob Zamzow
READER	Joann Ellis
USHER	Bob & Linda Zamzow

16-Apr

ACOLYTE	Jim Merrill
ALTAR	Joyce DeZarn & Sue Hilbert
CHALICE	Fred Ellis
COUNTERS	Libbie Kacuba & Jim Merrill
INTERCESSOR	Joann Ellis
READER	Libbie Kacuba
USHER	Jerry Frank & ??

23-Apr

ACOLYTE	Betsey Schlueter
ALTAR	Kevin Luebke & Carol Starr
CHALICE	Kevin Luebke
COUNTERS	Joyce DeZarn & Joann Ellis
INTERCESSOR	Libbie Kacuba
READER	Deb Kuenzi
USHER	David Genereaux & Ken Peters

30-Apr

ACOLYTE	Kevin Luebke
ALTAR	Deb Kuenzi & Jody Langfeldt
CHALICE	Fred Ellis
COUNTERS	Jim Merrill & Carol Starr
INTERCESSOR	Julie Sherwood
READER	Jody Langfeldt
USHER	Bob & Linda Zamzow

Vestry Meeting Minutes

January 15th , 2023

Members Present: Fred Ellis, Joann Ellis, Linda Zamzow, Jody Langfeldt, Christine Merrill, Kevin Luebke, Maison Yarocho, Ken Peters, Mark Brehmer

Missing Members: Dave Drexler, Fr. Mike Tess was late

Meeting Started: 10:58AM

Jody opens in prayer

Joann adds to the agenda

-audit, item c

-new business, item f. lenten services

-retreat

-annual meeting

Linda motions that the December minutes be accepted as amended

Kevin Seconds

All say I

Motion Carried

Treasurer's Report

Horicon State Bank Checking - \$12,582.23

410 - Current Pledges & Contributions - 38,601.86

412 - Giver of Record - Over Budget \$9,748

413 - Loose Offerings - Over Budget \$233.52

416 - Fundraisers - Over Budget \$2518.13

417 - Flowers & Candles - Over Budget \$930

420 - Int.On Invest/Operations - (quarterly) We ended up with \$590.52 extra

Linda asks about paypal fees, if what we paid is a lot for what we got out of it. The fees are a percent of what gets sent to us. 2 1/2 % . Example: if someone sends 100\$ we get 97.50\$

Linda accepts the treasures report

Went over the changes to the draft budget of 2023 from the 1/12/23 financial committee meeting

We budget a lot of stuff we hardly ever use, but we have to budget it just in case

Mark moved that we accept the ECW as amended, and change it as any pledges come in

Ken seconded

All say I

Motion Accepted

Audit - The only problem is that apparently checks over \$1000 need 2 signatures, it was recommended by someone that the financial admin does the bookkeeping and treasurer should look it over if he doesn't already. He does.

Choir Update - no update. If we can get everyone together we've got 10 people. Its hard to get everyone together though for practice. Tabled.

Altar Guild - tabled.

Directory - text directory has been finished aside from a few pieces of information Maison is waiting on

Nomination Notes

1. Correction: Ken is actually staying on until 2024
2. Dave & Jim are currently on as trustee, Andy was trustee but needs to be replaced
3. We need a nominating committee, which is usually the people going off. Which is Joann.
4. Erin Weirough, at this time, still hasn't responded to anything
5. Jody talked with Deb Kuenzi, she is prayerfully considering the one-year position
6. Linda talked to Carolyn VonRuden who is still interested in becoming a vestry member
7. Jody is willing to be Sr. Warden again

Annual Meeting

A. Ask Dave Genereaux if he'd like to do a wrap-up on the records

B. Linda and Joann talked about doing a potluck at the annual meeting. Linda will write something up for Maison to put in the bulletin

C. Eucharist Minister Review - Joann and Fr. Mike talked about it, since James Cleary hasn't been here for the last year we need to submit changes to the parish as he should no longer be listed.

1. Also add Emily Tess as she was approved
2. Ann Tess would like to be approved as eucharistic minister

D. Sometime this year Kevin would like to be trained as a chalice bearer, but not right away

E. Deb Kuenzi and Libbie Kacuba currently make up the home eucharist committee. Joyce DeZarn is interested in being a part of it as well

F. Eucharist Minister - Meredith should be removed from the licensing as she has not attended in over a year. Fr. Mike says she should be removed from all positions*

G. Chalice Bearers - Adam Tess & Fred Ellis

H. Kevin would like to be listed as a lay minister

I. Jody used to lead morning prayer, is willing to be on the list to do it again. Kevin also willing. Christine says we can add Jim as he has also done it before

*Fr. Mike wants it known that Meredith is being removed only because she no longer attends St. Mark's.

J. Grant for Adult Education Materials - All that needs to be done is filling out a form and deciding what materials we want. It will then be sent to the bishop for comment and approval. If we get this, it will take \$900 off our budget. Joann was thinking more large print common prayer books & large print hymnals, baptism & confirmation books, and newlyweds books.

1. Linda asks if the list needs to be brought to the vestry since it's such a large amount but it's a grant so, if we get it, we aren't spending anything and therefore it does not need to be approved.

2. Mark brought up parish-wide online resources subscription. Not sure if there's an episcopal version, but it's something to look into. When Joann asks if the grant could cover bulletin inserts, she will also ask if it could cover online subscriptions (example given was pureflix - christian movies)

Trees (A Topic)

- A. Linda asked if we should switch to an artificial tree as fresh ones are expensive and getting more expensive every year
- B. Fr. Mike likes live trees but is open to the discussion
- C. Discussion is saved for later

Lenten Services / Lenten Study

- A. Last year we did stations on Wednesday night with a soup & bread study on Thursday
- B. Fr. Mike offers up two options for this year: living compass, as was done for advent, or a book by Rowan Williams
 - 1. The book by the Dalai Lama and Bishop Tutu was also mentioned but will perhaps be used for a bible study in the future
- C. Fr. Mike thinks we should consolidate the Wednesday & Thursday night plans and do what we can all on Wednesday. "Its too much to ask people to come two nights a week"
 - 1. Study and soup at the same time, maybe 5 or 5:45 to 6:30.
 - 2. Services should stay at the same time: 6:30
- D. Linda thinks we should go the route of a book study, as Fr. Mike has offered as a suggestion

Rector's Report

Stonehouse Digital Consulting - Maison is in charge of the website and the app now

- **Contacts Page:** Add Fred's number to finances on the site, add Jody's number as well because she is Sr. Warden

Paul Lampert Window - Betsy would like to donate a substantial amount to a new fireplace instead of a window. Fireplace will cost around \$5,000

Use of Ministries Grant - Between the website and camera stuff it was spent. 'Thank you's were sent

Microphone - We don't have to get a new one. Turns out the one we had was on the wrong receiver. Jim figured it out

Online Store - Closed, sometime next week (the week after this meeting) Fr. Mike will pick orders up. Maybe mid-march for a re-opening time

Jr. Warden's Report

Bathroom - New heater is in

Creche - It was taken down other day, sitting on the side of the building to dry out. Will be stored at Chris and Jim's place

Storage Space Upstairs - Needs to be cleaned up, Ken would like permission to clear it out. Linda would like to help

A. Black candle holders were sanded and repainted by Ken

- B.** TV for the upstairs is here, but the wall-mounted limit is 80lb so Ken is looking for a table or desk we can put it on instead.
- C.** Would like to replace the 8ft tables because they're in bad shape
- D.** Still looking at a statue of St. Marks, \$800 plus shipping
- E.** Would like to eventually remodel the entryway

Stewardship Wrap Up

- A.** Karissa Ballweg & Linda Zamzow will start cleaning on Thursday
- B.** We're pretty close to having the same number of pledges as last year, because we gained some people but we also lost some
- C. Brat Stand Dates** - We don't have any dates yet, but we'll be getting two days. If the first isn't profitable however we won't be doing the second
- D. Cookie Walk Total** - \$ 1957 - did we take out the cost of boxes, gloves, and masks? We don't know

Scrip update - \$151.15

1. The ten 10\$ Ponderosa cards will be given to Fr. Mike and he's going to take some pastors to lunch
2. Shopko cards cannot be transferred or used anywhere. 75\$ loss. Shopko doesn't exist as an entity anymore

Mark moves to gift those scrip card costs to outreach

Seconded by Linda

All in favor say I

Motion Accepted

Next meeting - Annual

Vestry retreat - February 12th

February 19th

March 19th

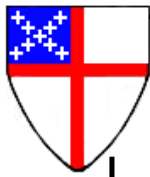
Father. Mike closes in prayer

Meeting Ended:

Minutes Submitted

Maison Yaroach, Clerk of Vestry

with assistance from Jody Langfeldt



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