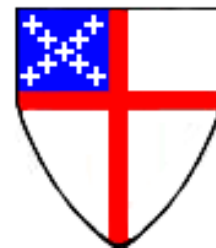




# Saint Mark's Messenger

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Hello St. Mark's,

Holy smokes! The summer is flying by and August 14th will make it one year for me at St. Mark's. I am so grateful for you all! You're faithful, generous, and incredibly kind. We've had quite a bit of change in a year, and I know that's not easy, but you have met the change with grace and class. My family and I are so appreciative of your love and hospitality.

It has been a very busy summer so far with the leadership working hard on a couple of projects. Most of the energy has been going into developing our new website though, which should be up and going by the fall. We've also been working on being strategic and forward planning for the life of the church community. Ideally, we will be 6 months ahead in our planning. For instance, at July's Vestry Meeting we started talking about fall stewardship and the annual cookie walk.

Some might be wondering: why a new website? Our website was developed and maintained for the last 20 years by Kit Marceil. And while he has done an amazing job, he has told us that he is ready to pass the baton. We've hired a consultant, who specialize in helping small businesses and organizations, that will help our new website meet the needs of our community going forward. It will allow for easier access to live streaming, sermons, information, upcoming events, and donating to the church. I am super excited for the new possibilities and am so grateful for Kit's incredible dedication to keeping the information up to date. It's a huge task which he has done faithfully. Thank you so much Kit.

We now have a master calendar in the Narthex right by the staircase to the loft. This will be where building use and events are coordinated as we get busier at the church. We put it in a central location where everyone could have access to it so everyone can keep up on what's going on.

Speaking of schedules: I will be coming out with a schedule for ministry training for new and current readers, acolytes, intercessors, chalice bearers, and ushers as well as eucharistic ministers to the homebound. If you're considering joining a ministry this is a great time to sign up. You can contact Maison in the office or me if you're interested. We'll be having refreshers and training every six months to a year depending on need.

We're planning a Youth/Young Adult Mission/High Adventure trip for next summer, sometime in June or July, and we've invited Grace Episcopal from Missouri to join us. We'll be working on a Habitat for Humanity house for 2 days and then going to Boundary waters in Minnesota for 5 days for canoeing and camping. The age group is intentionally wide so that a wider group of youth and young adults are eligible. Older adults interested in being on the leadership team are always welcome. More information will be coming.

Starting in September there will be confirmation class 3 Sundays a month after church for Sept. and Oct. Bishop Lee comes in November, and we'll have confirmations, receptions, and reaffirmations. Please see me if you are interested in being confirmed Episcopalian, received into our church from another faith tradition,



or to reaffirm your faith.

I will also be continuing my parish home visits; calling a few members every week with a couple questions and an opportunity to visit you in your home if you would like.

It has been a busy summer but it will be an even busier fall. I am looking forward to taking the ride with you St. Mark's.

Enjoy your summer,

God bless,

Fr. Mike



## **St. Mark's Welcomes Your Talents!**

We have a wonderful church community. We recognize that we are a small congregation, and we really try to do as much with it as we can. God has given us many talents and has made each of us unique. Why would God do that? Surely God would like for each of us to find ways to use our unique talents to go in peace and love and serve the Lord. At St. Mark's, we want to tap into that to build as vibrant and welcoming a congregation as we can!

Did you know...? We welcome contributions to this newsletter from anyone who has something to add? Email Maison Yarocho in the office with your idea!

Did you know...? We ask for volunteers to do things like clean the church, as well as our liturgical volunteers? Maybe you're more of a behind-the-scenes helper. That's great!

Did you know...? Many of the church decorations were made by our own talented crafters?

Did you know...? We could use more tech-savvy people to help stream services or learn how the organ works?

Did you know...? We want to hear any other ideas you may have, on what talents YOU'VE thought you'd like to use and share with us. Let any vestry member know what you have in mind, and we'll be happy to talk about the possibility.

The point is--as a small church, we rely on each other in many ways, and we know the Holy Spirit moves people in different ways. We'd love to help you move in the ways you feel called. Anything that helps us fulfill our mission is wonderful!

Let's not kid ourselves--covid19 has caused some serious interruptions and will continue to do so. St. Mark's has done well in moving forward together, and as we look to find our new normal, working our church mission is a great place to start!

~ Kevin Luebke

*Saint Mark's is a faithful worshipping community, strengthened by the sacramental life and empowered by the Spirit to proclaim Christ's love through teaching, serving, and witnessing.*



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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](http://www.jgpaulcreations.com) for more and support a local artist today : )

## 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.



Thank you!

~Linda Zamzow

**TALENT FAIR::** The vestry is looking for new fundraisers and this has been suggested. Each of us has been given gifts of the Holy Spirit and are encouraged to use them for the good of the church and each other. A talent fair is a silent auction that sells our talents to the highest bidder. What talents? Can you bake a pie, knit a hat and scarf, sew a quilt, create a half dozen freezer meals? Not good at creating? How about sweat equity hours. Raking a lawn, washing a car, sitting with a child or a parent while you run errands or driving someone to do errands. The list can be as endless as there are talents. We make up a flyer explaining our gifts with a paragraph and/or a picture and display it at church for a period of time, while people make written bids. What we need next is a few of you to help decide on the details. When? How long to keep the bidding going. Who to invite to bid, the community? Our membership isn't big enough to do all of the buying so who do we invite to join us! Where to set up. Has anyone been a part of one of these before? We could use some direction. You can talk to anyone on the vestry with ideas or questions. ~Linda Zamzow

# Prayer Requests

Prayer requests for the Saint Mark's Prayer Chain can be made to Vanda Wiegert at [imvanda.w@gmail.com](mailto:imvanda.w@gmail.com) or if you are requesting on a Sunday morning, please write your name and the person's name who you are requesting a prayer for to be added to the Prayer Chain and give to Vanda. Please keep her updated as to when they can come off the prayer chain.

We ask for prayers of comfort, healing, and strength for: Ernie and Joyce, Marsha and Bob, Cori and Dave, Amy and Julie, Marie and Jerry, Hal and Martha, Nancy and Clayton, Josh, Terri, Don, Martha, Nick, Dave, Robert, Jack, Ken, Lorraine, Ravi, Patrick, Bill, Charley, Ozzie, and Steve B.

## Prayer Announcement::

***We are starting the prayer list fresh in August! Which means if you have somebody you'd like on the list, if you have a prayer request, you will need to email Vanda otherwise they will no longer be on the list. Thank you.***

## Around the Parish

We have lost some of our members who have gone on before us to be with Our Father in Heaven. Please say a prayer not only for the repose of their soul, but also for the spouses and family members left behind.

Remembering: Tom Guptill, Robin Peters, Mary Jane Drews, Paul Lampert, Karen Buss...Steve B, Ken, Don, Betsy, and other family members who are missing their loved ones.

## Our Men & Women in Service

***Lord, keep our servicemen and women safe, whether they serve at home or overseas. Hold them in your loving hands and protect them as they protect us. Amen.***

Dennis Adams, John Bahler, Barry Hilbert, Matt Hoffman (deployed), Joshua Kent, Anthony Kuenzi, Brian Lampert (deployed), Christopher Schoebel, Jon Weirough, Noah Hornbacher and Trevor.

***(If you have updates to this listing of our service men and women, please give me any additions, corrections or persons to remove because their service time has ended.)***







## AUGUST 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**

4 – Robert Horne  
15 – Cyndi Helmer, John Weirough  
17 – Fr. Mike Tess  
20 – Shannon Wesener  
22 – Bob Weirough  
25 – Christopher Marceil  
28 – Carter Scott Merwin

### **Baptismal Anniversaries**

5 – James Merrill Sr.  
17 – Azalea Helmer

### **Wedding Anniversaries**

31 – Andy & Meredith Harmon

### **Your Music Committee Joann Ellis and Ken Peters**

St. Mark's is blessed to have become the recipients of a beautiful electronic piano gifted by Ken Peters in honor of Robin Peters. We will begin singing once a month starting in September. The songs have been chosen and recorded for those who wish to practice. If you are interested in being part of the choir, please contact Ken Peters @ 920-210- 2936 or email: af16889327@yahoo.com

## **We are, for now, Mask Optional For Our Services**

Please continue to wear a mask if you are at risk or feel more comfortable doing so. We will continue to monitor the Health Department's suggestions and change as needed.

### **Reception of Wine at Holy Eucharist**

We will be returning to normal Eucharist! Which means no more tiny cups. As useful as they were to have during the pandemic, they made the process of giving bread and wine a lot clunkier and messier. Now that we're starting to move back to normal here, slowly but surely, it's been decided it's time to include Eucharist in that change. So, while we still cannot allow anyone to drink from the cup, everyone will now be able to intinct.



**Sign-Up Sheets for both Home Eucharist and Coffee Break are up on the bulletin board by the Lion's Den. Please sign up for one or the other (or both!) if able.**

**We really need people for both.**

**Notice:** The church now has a new phone number: **920-356-5132**

# Home Eucharist

with this month's host Millie Garside

photos by David Genereaux





## Home Eucharists

**Next Home Eucharist:** August 18<sup>th</sup>

**Hosted By:** Joyce DeZarn

**Address:** N10960 County Rd A, Fox Lake, WI 53933

**The Following Home Eucharist:** September 15<sup>th</sup>

**Hosted By:** Fr. Mike & Heidi Tess

**Address:** 318 E MacArthur St, Sun Prairie Wi, 53590

**Anyone who wants to attend can! We'd love to have you : )**

### **AUGUST 2022 LITURGICAL MINISTRIES**

7-Aug	
ACOLYTE	Rosie Spang
ALTAR	Gayle Elbert/Betsy Lampert
CHALICE	Jim Merrill
COUNTERS	Jim Merrill
INTERCESSOR	Bob Zamzow
READER	Libbie Kacuba
USHER	Dave & Cori Drexler

14-Aug	
ACOLYTE	Michael Weirough
ALTAR	Libbie Kacuba
CHALICE	Heidi Tess
COUNTERS	Cori Drexler
INTERCESSOR	Cori Drexler
READER	Deb Kuenzi
USHER	Jerry & Marie Frank

21-Aug	
ACOLYTE	Nate Weirough
ALTAR	Joyce DeZarn/Sue Hilbert
CHALICE	Jim Merrill
COUNTERS	Libbie Kacuba
INTERCESSOR	Deb Kuenzi
READER	Jody Langfeldt
USHER	David Genereaux

28-Aug	
ACOLYTE	Rosie Spang
ALTAR	Linda Zamzow/Tracy Behmer
CHALICE	Heidi Tess
COUNTERS	Kevin Luedke
INTERCESSOR	Christine Merrill
READER	Linda Zamzow
USHER	Bob & Linda Zamzow

# **St. Mark's Episcopal Church**

## **Vestry Meeting Minutes**

### **June 26<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

**Members Present:** Joann Ellis, Kevin Luebke, Christine Merrill, Erin Weirough, Linda Zamzow

**Also Present:** Fr. Mike Tess, Rector; Jody Langfeldt, Senior Warden; Dave Drexler and Ken Peters Co-Junior Wardens; Fred Ellis, Treasurer; David Genereaux, Visitor, and Mason Yaroach, Clerk of Vestry

**Call to Order:** 10:34 AM

Opened with prayer by Fr. Mike, followed by a reading from The Blessings of Brokenness by Jody

Linda made a motion to accept the minutes as presented, \_\_\_\_\_ seconded the motion; Motion Carried

Joann made a motion to move Jr. Warden's report up to before the Treasurer's Report on the Agenda, Chris seconded the motion; Motion Carried

#### **Jr. Warden's Report**

1. Want to get started on the wall preparation for the new glass window, requested permission to take wheel down and move it to where guests sign in. Permission granted by Vestry to move Bell Wheel. Linda made a motion to empower the Jr. Wardens to spend up to \$340 on the window project, motion seconded by Joann. Motion Carried.

2. Lawn mower blew a gasket, Jody has offered up her push mower

3. New faucet was installed in the Fireside Room sink.

4. Gas fireplace insert for Fireside Room put on hold until next year. Guesstimate to complete the Gas Fireplace. Insert is \$200

Fr. Mike suggests community grocery list, all agree, list will be on refrigerator.

#### **Treasurer Report**

Fred Ellis presented the Balance Sheet and Profit and Loss Statement for the month ended May 31, 2022. Questions were asked and explained or will be followed up on. Joann accepted the Treasurers Report as presented on behalf of the Vestry.

#### **Old Business**

##### **1. Stonehouse Digital Consulting**

- a. Andrea proposed consulting-only role; hourly vs. full cost upfront
- b. Contingency needed – Maison cannot be the only one able to run whatever website end up with Chris Merrill agreed to be secondary website manager.
- c. Kevin made a motion to go forward with hiring Andrea for full services for no more than \$5,000. Joann seconded, Motion Carried

##### **2. Directory Update**

- a. Maison has all the photos David took of congregation members, as well as the member sheets that were filled out



- b. Joann & Maison will work on putting the directory together

### **3. Birthday party for July 10<sup>th</sup>**

- a. Joann will coordinate and ask for assistance from Betsy Lampert and Gayle Elbert
- b. Maison will make a flyer

### **4. Choir Update**

- a. Ken left meeting early but Joann said he has 5 hymns and Lizzie has been asked to record them
- b. It was suggested that in September the choir start singing once a month

### **5. Altar Guild Handbook**

- a. Linda has the old one & the new one which was done by Heidi Tess for Good Shepherd. Linda will be making a version specific to St. Mark's

### **6. Zoom Account**

- a. It was decided the Zoom Account get used enough to keep for another year. Joann made a motion to renew for another year at the cost of \$150.00 Linda seconded, Motion Carried.

## **New Business**

### **1. New phone number**

- a. Works, no longer rings only once. It rings three times and then goes to Fr. Mike's Voicemail.
- b. Has been changed on both facebook and the church website

### **2. Other**

- a. Do we want to put our own contact information on the Diocese website – verdict is Yes-Chris Merrill will take care of getting the information to the Diocesan Office..
- b. Linda brought up the lack of web address & Wednesday service times on the sign on our door and the outdoor sign in the parking lot.. Will ask Dave and Ken to fix the parking lot sign, Joann will fix the sign on the door.
- c. Tech grant will be written by Jody and Chris with assistance from Heidi Tess.
- d. Kit renewed the security certificate for our current website
- e. Communal calendar will be put up to help everyone keep track of tasks and events

## **Rector's Report**

### **1. Paul Lampert Window Update – table until next month**

### **2. Eucharist changes**

- a. Individual cups will be discontinued next week. We will be going back to just the using the chalice, but not drinking out of it, everyone will intinct their own hosts

### **3. Passing of the offertory plate will begin in July.**

### **4. Fred & Joann will be donating a basketball hoop, there was a question about liability. Fr. Mike said it would be added into our Insurance Policy.**

### **5. Youth/Young Adults Trip**

- a. Grace Episcopal from Missouri Young Adults presented Fr. Mike a \$1,500. check in thanksgiving for their stay here. Fr. Mike has reached out to them to extend and invitation for them to come back next year to stay at St. Mark's and to work on a Habitat for Humanity house for a few days and then they and St. Mark's Young Adults (ages 18-25) go to Boundary Waters
- b. Youth-driven fundraisers to help pay for it

c. Kids pay a 3<sup>rd</sup>, church budget a line item for a 3<sup>rd</sup>, parishioners would be asked for donations for a 3<sup>rd</sup>

## **6. Shirts & Sweatshirts**

a. Fr. Mike asked about the desire for golf shirts and sweatshirts with the St. Mark's logo. Both were well received, and Fr. Mike will pursue the set up of an online store for purchasing. He will also put the Tess Team Orange Cancer T-Shirts on for purchasing. One half of the proceeds will go to the cancer foundation and one half will come back to St. Mark's

7. Suggests talent fair or silent talent auction for November / late fall – people in the parish use their talents to raise money for the church.

8. Joyce DeZarn will host the August Home Eucharist

## **Records Project Update from David**

a. Liturgical – Top of stairs, Musical – Under front pews, Sunday School – Upstairs in a file cabinet, Priest Records “are around and we will find some eventually”

b. The plan is to eventually get more files scanned

c. David would like to coordinate this project with the diocese as history records are important to them

d. David requested and received Fr. Mike's blessing to check in with the Diocese without officially representing the church

## **Scrip Fundraising Update**

The profit for the month of May was \$116.28.

**Next Vestry Meeting** will be held on July 17, 2022 after church.

Closed with prayer by Fr. Mike

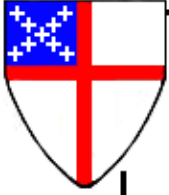
Motion to adjourn by Joann at 12:45 PM

*Minutes Respectfully Submitted*

*Maison Yaroach, Clerk of Vestry*

*with assistance from Joann Ellis and Linda Zamzow*





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through sacramental life, holy scripture  
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