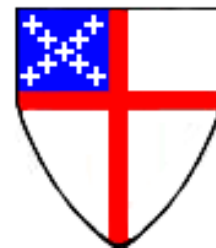




# Saint Mark's Messenger

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Blessed summer to you St. Mark's,

I have been reflecting and praying about something I said to you over two years ago: Lions are cool, but winged lions can fly. I have been praying a lot about our flight and as I close out my second year with you, I hope you are as joy-filled as I am about what we have done. I have never been happier or more proud to be a priest at a parish than I have been at St. Mark's.

The more I serve you the more I fall in love with you. I sit in the air-conditioned building and give thanks to your vision, your generosity, and your faithfulness.



## **I give extra thanks for –**

1. The foundations that have partnered with us, including The Nelson Hicks Foundation and the Katherine Soles Foundation which have both been so generous. We also received one of the only Church Periodical grants given in the *state*.
2. Our church partners First Lutheran, St Katharine Drexel, Trinity Methodist, and Grace Presbyterian. We had an amazing Vacation Bible School and a wonderful community night at Swan Park with Joyful Noise.
3. Lizzie and to Emma for the gift of live music at almost all our services.
4. Those looking and in discernment for Holy Orders

I'm so excited to continue walking this journey with you. It's going to be amazing.

In the next year we're hoping we can make some more substantial improvements to our building. We will be applying for some more grants to help with these projects, which include looking to add a lift going to the office & education level and a gender neutral/ family bathroom somewhere in the building. We have also been given some money towards the cost of replacing the wood burning fireplace with a gas fireplace in the social hall.

There are many signs of life and growth at St. Mark's. We are back to Sunday school several times a month, we had Vacation Bible school for the first time in a while, and we are partnering with our local churches to do ministry.

Summer is speeding by us but the ministry and mission that we are embarking on together warms my heart like an August day in Wisconsin.

God bless your summer!

**Fr. Mike**

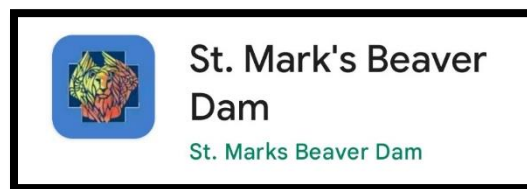
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*St. Mark's app available on android phones only (for the moment)*

## **Prayer Requests**

Prayer requests for the Saint Mark's Prayer Chain can be made to Vanda Wiegert at [invanda.w@gmail.com](mailto:invanda.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 & Dave, Pam, Rod, Mandy, Bruce, Viola, Cordelia, David, Marie & Jerry Frank, Ernie & Joyce, Barbara

**Our Men & Women in Service:** Dennis Adams, John Bahler, Barry Hilbert, Matt Hoffman, Anthony Kuenzi, Brian Lampert, Christopher Schoebel, Jon Weirough, Noah Hornbacher, Trevor, Nick Bures, Trace Olsen, Robbie Mantle, and Isaac Garside.



## Triologue Town Halls Begin Thursday

As a delegate to our Diocesan Convention I plan to attend some of these meetings. Won't you join me and check out what is going on?

From July through October, the Triologue Steering Committee will hold a series of [Town Hall meetings](#), in person and on Zoom, to discuss [the proposal](#) for reunion among the Dioceses of Eau Claire, Fond du Lac, and Milwaukee, and hear the hopes and concerns of the people of our dioceses.

Use the links below to register for the meeting(s) you would like to attend. You will receive a Zoom link to join the meeting once you have registered.

### Zoom meetings

[Thursday, July 13, 1 p.m.](#)

[Thursday, July 13, 6 p.m.](#)

[Tuesday, July 25, 10 a.m.](#)

[Tuesday, July 25, 6 p.m.](#)

[Saturday, July 29, 10 a.m.](#)

[Wednesday, August 9, 1 p.m.](#)

[Wednesday, August 9, 6 p.m.](#)

[Monday, August 21, 10 a.m.](#)

[Monday, August 21, 6 p.m.](#)

[Saturday, August 26, 10 a.m.](#)

[Thursday, October 5, 1 p.m.](#)

[Thursday, October 5, 6 p.m.](#)

[Saturday, October 7, 10 a.m.](#)

### In-Person Town Hall Meetings

Wednesday, September 13, 6 p.m. Diocese of Eau Claire location TBD

Saturday, September 16, 10 a.m. Diocese of Eau Claire location TBD

Wednesday, September 20, 6 p.m. Diocese of Fond du Lac location TBD

Saturday, September 23, 10 a.m. Diocese of Fond du Lac location TBD

Wednesday, September 27, 6 p.m. Diocese of Milwaukee location TBD

Saturday, September 30, 10 a.m. Diocese of Milwaukee location TBD

If you are unable to attend any of these town halls, you can also find the answers to some [frequently asked questions](#) about reunion on the Triologue website or email your questions to [contact@episcopalwisconsin.info](mailto:contact@episcopalwisconsin.info).

**Sunday August 6<sup>th</sup>**

**Will be an INSIDE Clean-Up Day after church**

**If you are able, please stay and help out. It would be much appreciated : )**



# AUGUST BIRTHDAYS, BAPTISMAL ANNIVERSARIES, AND WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

*DID I MISS ANYONE?? please let us know by emailing ([office@stmarksbd.org](mailto:office@stmarksbd.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**

6 – Emily Tess  
15 – Cyndi Helmer, John Weirough  
17 – Fr. Mike Tess  
20 – Shannon Wesener  
22 – Bob Weirough  
28 – Carter Scott Merwin

## **Baptismal Anniversaries**

5 – James Merrill Sr.  
17 – Azalea Helmer

## **Wedding Anniversaries**

## **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.

## AUGUST 2023

6-Aug	
ACOLYTE	Jim Merrill
ALTAR	Gayle Day & Betsy Lampert
CHALICE	Kevin Luebke
COUNTERS	Cori Drexler & Linda Zamzow
INTERCESSOR	Deb Kuenzi
READER	Jodi Langfeldt
USHER	Jerry Frank & Helper

13-Aug	
ACOLYTE	Betsey Schlueter
ALTAR	Kevin Luebke & Carol Starr
CHALICE	Jim Merrill
COUNTERS	Jim Merrill & Carol Starr
INTERCESSOR	Christine Merrill
READER	Joann Ellis
USHER	Dave Genereaux & Helper

20-Aug	
ACOLYTE	Kevin Luebke
ALTAR	Joyce DeZarn & Sue Hilbert
CHALICE	Jim Merrill
COUNTERS	Jim Merrill & Vanda Wiegert
INTERCESSOR	Bob Zamzow
READER	Linda Zamzow
USHER	Bob & Linda Zamzow

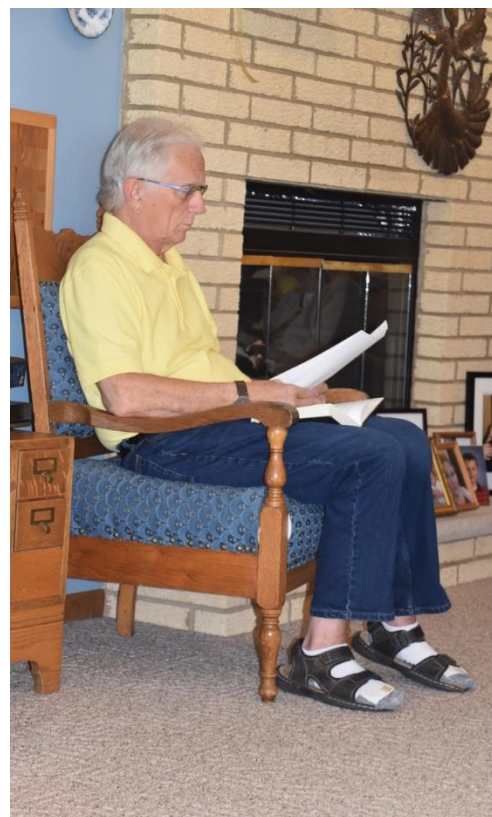
27-Aug	
ACOLYTE	Betsey Schlueter
ALTAR	Traci Brehmer & Linda Zamzow
CHALICE	Kevin Luebke
COUNTERS	Joyce DeZarn & Linda Zamzow
INTERCESSOR	Deb Kuenzi
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# Home Eucharist

with this month's host Millie Garside

photos by David Genereaux & Maison Yaroeh



## **Vestry Meeting Minutes**

**May 21st, 2023**

**Members Present:** Linda Zamzow, Jody Langfeldt, Christine Merrill, Kevin Luebke, Maison Yarocho, Mark Brehmer, Deb Kuenzi, Carolyn VonRuden, Fr. Mike Tess

**Missing Members:** David Drexler, Ken Peters, Fred Ellis

**Meeting Started:** 10:55AM

Fr. Mike opens with prayer

Mark moves to approve the April minutes

Kevin seconded

All say aye

### **Treasurers Report**

**Income** - Ahead of budget

**Expenses** - "Quite a bit behind budget"

1. It was forgotten that Fred would not be here for this meeting so there wasn't a more detailed report to give
2. Mark wants to know how we would like to see the budget presented in the future, Deb would like to know what areas we're more in trouble in

**Major Improvements** - Has been a line item forever, \$500 is put in every year but that doesn't carry over. It was started during non-balanced budgets

Linda accepts the treasurers report

No Correspondence

### **Old Business**

**Altar Guild Booklet** - Nearly finished, just needs to be looked over

**Outreach –**

- Penguin Project
- Library
- St. Vincent's
- PAVE
- Salvation Army
- Church Health Service
- Clothes for Kids
- Life Academy
- Cribs for Kids
- Special Olympics
- New Beginnings Homeless Shelter
- NAMI
- 5 Stones Dodge County
- Stone Soup

1. Jody asks if we're going through the list every year, or picking three for each year / how are we deciding where charity money goes. Fr. Mike derails a little bit
  - a. If there is money made from Joyful Noise it will go into a fund held by First Lutheran for all three churches / on behalf of all three churches
  - b. It could be considered our outreach for youth since Carolyn couldn't find any / hasn't yet found any charities that benefit that group of people
2. Fr. Mike would like to propose that any charities or groups we donate to are ones everyone on vestry are comfortable with. It must be ones we all want to help
3. Coffee money for May and November will be for UTO
4. The outreach list will also be the coffee money donations list
5. Mark would rather our money go to places that don't already have a lot of sponsorship & financial help

Deb motions that we designate outreach to the Penguin Project, 5 Stones, and Cribs for Kids

Mark seconded

All say aye

**Magnets and Pens** - Jody and Fr. Mike are going to meet sometime this week to work on it further

**Nametags & Whiteboards** - Table for next month because Ken isn't here

**Tech Committee** - We will meet "soon"

**Icon Class** - Scheduling for fall

**Outreach Committee** - Letters sent out May 10<sup>th</sup>. Neither Kevin nor Linda have heard back from anyone (letters were sent out but also emails)

**Safe Church Link** - Jody emailed out to everyone who needs it

**Dementia Training** - A date needs to be set for this. A % of our leadership needs to do it for us to be considered dementia friendly. We get to decide what "leadership" means. Jody will get a hold of Rob to find out how long the training is before we set anything up

**Talent Fair** - October. 8<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup>. It will go online. Carolyn knows people who have done hybrid online / in person silent auctions and she'll talk to them about how they do it. Talents only, and gift cards?? (a mentioned possibility) "Any items online won't be sold in person, any items in person won't be sold online" was suggested by Carolyn as it would be easier on everyone involved. The formation of a Talent Auction Committee happened suddenly. Chris, Carolyn, and Deb (and sometimes Fr. Mike) are the committee members

## **New Business**

**Submission of Convention Delegates** - Joann will help Maison send these in

**Bishop Reception** - A small cake & coffee was agreed upon because it takes place so late at night. Deb will order it & pick it up (edit: Carolyn will pick it up)

**Flowers for the Altar** - Red and white carnations were decided upon

**Altar Decorations** - Wed. the 24<sup>th</sup> of May – some people have agreed to stay after the service to help change decorations

**St. Mark's Obligation for Trip to Mexico** - "We don't really have one" - Fr. Mike. Our cost is just paying for a supply priest. Emily will be reimbursing.

**Advertising Plant & Bake Sale** – Flyers will be put up at 3 laundromats, Piggly Wiggly, Rechek's, the library, and the legion. Electronic advertising at Piggly Wiggly and Rechek's was discussed, as well as the radio and



newspaper. Maison will be putting it on facebook and our website.

**Joyful Noise Update** - Our part in the planning is done. Free will donation will cover Mitch, other churches will also cover Mitch. Fr. Mike has met with Recheck's, Piggly Wiggly, and Walmart regarding food donations (rechecks needs 30 days before the event, which none of us knew)

a. If it rains REALLY BAD it'll be moved to St. Mark's. We were originally talking about moving it to St. Katharine's but the people helping with this event aren't priests, they're younger leaders, so they do not have access to the church

b. Backups for Culvers Root Beer Floats: A&W in Waupun, Annabelle's

**Reboot of Ministerium** - August 29th 10 AM

1. The Guardians will be using the building
2. SSM Chaplains will also be meeting here sometime coming up
3. Fr. Mike was supposed to be gone 2 Sundays in July but will now only be gone 1. Fr. Gary is still on for July 16<sup>th</sup>.
4. Fr. Mike thought his participation in the National Gathering of Episcopal Latinos would be covered by them but it isn't. Fr. Mike suggests we take it out of his discretionary. Mark disagrees. What do we settle on?? "We're covering your outreach" – Mark
5. Virtual Parishioner Thing "really taking off" – Fr. Mike

**Worship & Liturgy Committee** - Have met, have 2 more dates, will meet quarterly. Fr. Mike would like to look at the music so it's not just what the musician's handbook suggests. He wants it to be stuff we know, and more contemporary stuff

### **Sr. Warden Report**

- Read in the e-news: TENS stewardship webinar June 1<sup>st</sup> zoom at 6:30PM
- Looking for people for parish support teams / looking for lay members

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

Dave emailed in:

1. Parking lot will be seal coated and striped June 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup>.
2. New riding lawn mower has been donated. Old mower was hauled away
3. Television has been mounted in upstairs conference room. Electric wiring done for hookup.

**Clean Up Day** – Took about 3 ½ hours, longer than expected, but all went well

**Scrip** - 127.40\$

**Brat Stand** - 699.97\$

### **Vestry Meetings**

June 11<sup>th</sup>

July 16<sup>th</sup>

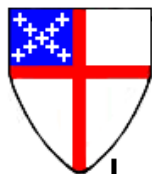
August 20<sup>th</sup>

Fr. Mike closes in prayer

Linda motions to adjourn

**Meeting Ended:: 12:42PM**





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in all people and treat everyone with  
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