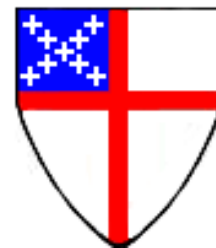




Saint Mark's Messenger

Beaver Dam, WI Maison Yaroach, Newsletter Editor February 2024



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Blessings St. Marks,

I want to talk about peace this month. Peace in the world, peace in our church, peace in our families, and peace in our hearts.

It is one of the promises God makes us. If you give God your heart and have faith you will have Love, Joy, Hope and Peace. Scripture calls it Peace beyond all understanding (Philippians 4:7)

The question is how do we do this?

I read an article that was talking about what prayers might be appropriate for Christians to offer during this time that would be welcomed and not feel like we're making a political statement, which is an excellent question.

It's a Jewish tradition to recite the psalms during troubled times, especially when people are in distress, and I think this is actually a good interfaith way to do something without crossing lines. The Jewish Rabbis recommend Psalms 6, 20, 46, 79, 83, 121 and/or 130 as being particularly appropriate and traditional.

January is the month when we pray for Christian unity. I thought that in February, with all the chaos in the world and all the conflict, it might be something we could do to raise a common voice in the midst of all the noise. I want not only peace in my heart but genuinely want peace in our city, nation, and the world. This seems like a way to at least start.

Lots of events and gatherings in February so stay warm and I hope to see you soon.

God bless,

Fr. Mike



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What's Happening, February?

February 4th – Reads and prayers of the people, anyone interested and current members are welcome

February 7th – Choir practice at 5:30PM

February 14th – Ash Wednesday, the start of Lent. Service at 6:30 PM

Wednesday during Lent there will be soup & bread at 5 PM. The Lenten study will be reading the coming Sunday's gospel, watching a reflection on it, and discussion.

Also on Wednesday's during Lent we will be reading the stations of the cross

February 15th – Home eucharist at church. 6PM. Fr.Mike will be cooking this time

February 21st – Choir practice at 5:30PM



If you write a check to St. Mark's please include on the memo line what the check is for
Including that little bit of information would help the counters out greatly



Prayer Requests

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

We ask Prayer for:: Brian L, Mandy, Charlotte, Bill, Therese, Ernie & Barb, Linda & Jerry,
Deb's sister Joyce, Steve, Derek, Brett, Erin, Jim, Wendy, Grace, Kyra, Jerry & Marie Frank, Viola-Cleo,
Jhana Maya, Alan Bruce, Cordelia, Cori & David, Barb & Eric, Bill, and Rich

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.



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS, BAPTISMAL ANNIVERSARIES, AND WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

*DID I MISS ANYONE?? please let us know by emailing (disastercas@hotmail.com).
If your Birthday, Baptismal Anniversary or Wedding Anniversary is not listed, if your name is spelled in-correctly, your special day is missing, or if someone should be taken off: HELP US.*

Birthdays

2 – Peter Panzer
8 – Jena Clark
9 – Millie Garside
14 – Cori Drexler
17 – Sue Hilbert
19 – Erin Weirough
22 – Isaac Tess
24 – Dan Hilbert
26 – Gerry Foster

Baptismal Anniversaries

3 – Julie Sherwood

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.

| 4-Feb | |
|-------------|---------------------------|
| ACOLYTE | Betsey Schlueter |
| ALTAR | Gayle Day & Betsy Lampert |
| CHALICE | Fred Ellis |
| COUNTERS | Carol Starr & Joann Ellis |
| INTERCESSOR | Ken Peters |
| READER | Jody Langfeldt |
| USHER | Linda & Bob Zamzow |

| 11-Feb | |
|-------------|----------------------------|
| ACOLYTE | Jim Merrill |
| ALTAR | Carol Star |
| CHALICE | Fred Ellis |
| COUNTERS | Jim Merrill & Joyce DeZarn |
| INTERCESSOR | Christine Merrill |
| READER | Julie Sherwood |
| USHER | Dave Drexler & Ken Peters |

| 18-Feb | |
|-------------|-----------------------------|
| ACOLYTE | Fred Ellis |
| ALTAR | Joyce DeZarn & Sue Hilbert |
| CHALICE | Jim Merrill |
| COUNTERS | Cori Drexler & Linda Zamzow |
| INTERCESSOR | Julie Sherwood |
| READER | Jody Langfeldt |
| USHER | Linda & Bob Zamzow |

| 25-Feb | |
|-------------|------------------------------|
| ACOLYTE | Betsey Schlueter |
| ALTAR | Linda Zamzow & Traci Brehmer |
| CHALICE | Fred Ellis |
| COUNTERS | Jim Merrill & Joyce DeZarn |
| INTERCESSOR | Joann Ellis |
| READER | Amy Diebaren |
| USHER | Ken Peters & Helper |

Vestry Meeting Minutes

November 12th, 2023

Members Present: Linda Zamzow, Jody Langfeldt, Christine Merrill, Maison Yaroach, Fred Ellis, Carolyn VonRuden, Mark Brehmer, Fr. Mike Tess, Dave Drexler, Deb Kuenzi, Ken Peters

Missing Members:

Meeting Started: 10:40AM

Fr. Mike opens with prayer

Carolyn motions to accept October minutes

Kevin seconds

All say aye

Treasurers Report

Horicon Bank Balance – \$19, 006. 02

410 – Current Pledge Contributions – \$6,707.40 Over Budget

412 – Giver of Record – \$133.30 Under Budget

413 – Loose Offerings – \$6 Under Budget

417 – Flowers & Candles – \$363. 68 Under Budget

418 – Misc – \$452 for renting out the downstairs

420 – Int.on Invest/Operations – \$314.35 Over Budget

514 – Rector's Travel - \$1,315.87 under budget, but he will not be charging mileage anymore

519 – Misc.Snow/Lawn – \$513.30 Under Budget

542 – Heat/Lights/Water – \$80.97 Under Budget

544.4 – Internet – \$903.43 Over Budget

a. Mark suggests making a separate line item for the internet bill as that is different from internet services, but we currently combine the costs in the budget

550 – Maintenance – \$6,051.45 Over Budget

Carolyn accepts report as is

Correspondence

1. A new counseling center in Waupun, Kairos, sent some cards; they are taking appointments & new clients
2. We received a couple of grant applications if anyone is interested
 - a. The Constable Fund is for religious education
 - b. The Roanridge Trust is for leadership development
 - c. deadline is January 2nd

Old Business

Silent Auction Update – Most people have picked up their stuff, we're down to the last 2 items. \$947 was made

so far at the time of this meeting

- a. Mark suggests breaking each fundraiser into its own line item so we can see what exactly each one brings in, to see which ones are worth it
- b. We'll be hanging onto the big items that didn't sell (note: Ken bought one of the last big items during the meeting)
- c. The smaller ones that didn't sell will get sent back to the person,
- d. Deb brings up a program of some kind to help with the online portion of the auction – they take 5% of sales

Little Library – Tabled

Tech Committee – Standing still for now. Fr. Mike will take it back up when he gets back from North Carolina

Safe Church Training – Remember to do it and send Maison your certificates

Dementia Training – No date selected yet for the walk through

Evangelism Grant – Fr. Mike will check into these

Ash Receptacle – Has been put out but needs to be moved a little farther away. Ken will take care of that. There are American Disability Act regulations about how close it can be to a doorway

Stewardship –

- a. We will have a budget meeting / finance committee meeting in early to mid December
- b. Pie chart is off the table, it will be a bar chart (or maybe both) Matthew suggested a bar chart would show the numbers better
- c. Pledge cards will be in the letter Chris is writing
- d. Linda asks if we have an ending date for when pledges need to be in. A finance committee meeting date needs to be set before we can pick an end date for pledges. There is arguing over pledge end dates and budget meeting placement & date for several minutes.
- e. A decision was finally made. The finance meeting will be November 20th at 5 PM and the pledge card end time will be December 10th

Vestry Nominations & Changes –

- a. Rod Day has accepted
- b. Jake and Karissa will let Fr. Mike know their decision soon
- c. Traci has already said yes
- d. Deb is coming off but will still do the auction
- e. Carolyn will be jr. warden
- f. Jody was supposed to come off vestry but will be Sr. Warden again. This position is picked by Fr. Mike and he requested she stay on, she agreed
- g. Linda has to go off as she hasn't been off in 20 years
- h. Chris has agreed to do one more year
- i. Ken will be ending his time as Jr. Warden but will still work on projects

Columbarium – Jody asked Dave Drexler if he would be willing to look at the documents on it, he has agreed

Snow Removal Plan – John Mining will be contacted. Same price as last year: \$65. It will be another 65\$ if he has to salt

Advent Stations – Still a yes, we are doing them

Tapestry Donation – Fr. Mike couldn't get it yet because he got covid but it is coming

New Business

Cookie Walk – Maison will make and print the flyers, same as last year. Linda asks for 20 copies and suggests putting them in the Tri-County, as well as other local businesses. It would cost around \$30 puts it in 3 times.

- a. Facebook, Insta, etc. will be handled by Maison
- b. Carolyn will do Daily Dodge and the radio
- c. Jody will figure out how many addresses there are so we know how many postcards to print

Sign Out Front – Add cookie sale info after Thanksgiving, Carolyn brings up adding the Wednesday service time next to the Sunday service time so more people know about it

Church Music – Mark Brehmer brings up looking into copyright on music. Since we broadcast we could potentially get in trouble. Fr. Mike is researching it

Chaplain Budget – Mark asks if we want to put money aside in the budget for Fr. Mike's chaplain roles for the police

Rector Report

Ministry Training – Will be scheduled in the new year

Emma – Is improving, everyone agrees

Christmas – Fr. Mike goes over the service dates once more. Sign-up sheets will be made for the liturgical roles at each extra service

Green the Church – Wednesday the 20th

- a. Fr. Mike still has a guy that can get us trees – 7ft trees.
- b. Linda will take care of ordering the poinsettias

Swan Park Tree – 2 people have volunteered lights to put on the tree we've paid for

a. Linda shows vestry some ornaments made by kids in our church, suggests putting them on our tree at the park or in the tree we'll have in church

Sr. Warden Report

Convention Delegates – Jody got an email that next year we'll need 2 sets of delegates (4 people each). They can be the same people, but one set has to go to the convention in May and the other has to go to the regular Annual Diocesan Convention. We will need to figure this out during the Annual Meeting

Jr. Warden Reports

Storage Room Upstairs – Ken asks permission to go through it and throw stuff out

Outdoor Light Timer – Getting changed as needed

Cameras – In progress but the wiring is finished

Creche – Needs to be set up

Next Project – Undecided yet, but it was brought up that the base of the cross (from up front) is pulling baseboard off the wall and needs to be looked at

Scrip - \$88.14 but could be more. RaiseRight was not looked at. Estimation of over \$100 was made

Vestry Meetings

Next Meeting – December 17th

Following Meeting – January 14th

Following-Following Meeting – February 11th

March Meeting – Kevin suggests waiting until the new vestry meeting members are elected to decide march meeting date

Annual Meeting – January 28th (*usually the last Sunday in January*)

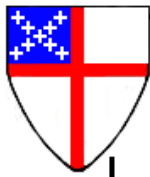
Fr.Mike closed in prayer

Meeting Ended:: Noon

Minutes Submitted 12/15/23

Maison Yaroach, Clerk of Vestry

with assistance from Jody Langfeldt



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in all people and treat everyone with
dignity and respect.

