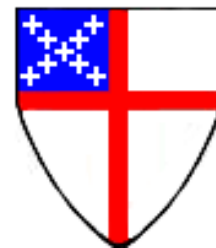




Saint Mark's Messenger

Beaver Dam, WI Maison Yaroch, Newsletter Editor January 2023



Fr. Mike Tess, Rector

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Blessed New Year to you St. Mark's,

I had my best Christmas in church ever and the church was amazing! Maison did a wonderful job with the bulletins and advertising, our numbers were great! It was nice to have lots of people in church on both Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

Our first time walking baby Jesus outside to the manger was so cool! I really think we're closing out 2022 incredibly well. It was a packed year for us, and we celebrated many things together: my installation, baptisms, and the Holy seasons. This is my first year back in ministry on a deeper level and it means so much to me to share it with you.

I would like to thank Jody Langfeldt (the senior warden), Dave Drexler and Kenny Peters (the Junior Wardens), Fred Ellis (our treasurer), and the Vestry for their leadership this year. We covered a lot of miles and I believe it was an exhausting but grace-filled year. Special thanks to Maison Yaroch our parish secretary and Lizzie Haller our musician for sharing their talents with us.

I believe 2023 will be a landmark year for St. Mark's. We have a strong base and some crucial pieces will be in place as we start the year. Our New website, finally finished, will help with our communication, access to events, and staying connected. We have put a lot of effort into it and I believe we will reap the fruits of our labor this year.

Our leadership is strong, faithful, and committed and I love serving with them. We have seen a steady influx of visitors and our new, updated, online presence will only help this.

I am very excited to work with you in 2023. A couple of things to watch for coming up:

1. We will be sponsoring an Icon workshop sometime in the coming months
2. We are also teaming up for a mission trip with St. Thomas Episcopal in Menasha. This is a week long trip for middle schoolers and Highschoolers of the parish and they can bring friends. See me if you are interested.

May 2023 be a year filled with faith, challenges, and Joy.

God bless,

FM (Fr. Mike)



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Facebook: [St. Mark's Episcopal Church | Beaver Dam WI | Facebook](#)

Instagram: [St. Mark's Episcopal Church \(@stmarksbeaverdam\)](#)

St. Mark's Store: <https://saintmarks2022.itemorder.com/> *open for a limited time

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



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 for prayers of comfort, healing, and strength for: Cori & David, Lila & Dwayne, Marsha, Doris & Jan, Steve, Derek, Cheryl, Pattie, Sandy, Linda, Marie, Rod, Brett, Erin, Debbie, Larry, Paula, Jack, Ben, Mandy, Charley, Jim & Ann, Clayton & Nancy, Rita, and the Harmon family

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.



JANUARY 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

3 – Zander Elizalde
13 – Mary Chappa
18 – Charlotte Snow & Clarence Clark
25 – Rose Benson
27 – Julie Sherwood
28 – Parker Harmon

Baptismal Anniversaries

8 – Kelly Jenson
9 – Jasmine Horne & Kathryn Horne
18 – Charlotte Snow
23 – Linda Zamzow

Wedding Anniversaries

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. 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

Reception of Wine at Holy Eucharist

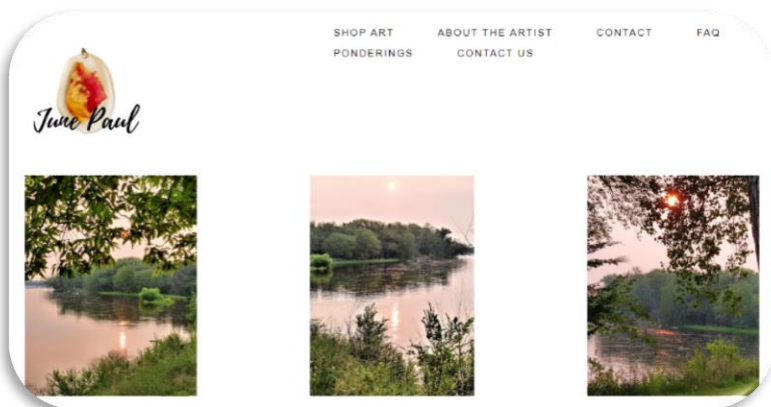
We have returned to mostly normal Eucharist! We still cannot allow anyone to drink from the cup, but everyone is now able to intinct.



Dodge County Food Pantry

We all are aware of increasing costs for goods and services- higher utility, gas, and food costs especially. Our local food pantries need your help more than ever. Please remember to donate to a food pantry. To donate to the food pantry at St. Vincent's bring your non-perishable foods and/or money to church and put it in the collection basket in the narthex. We will deliver all donations for you.

~ Deb Kuenzi



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 :)

More Fundraising at St. Mark's!



NEW PRODUCTS & UPDATES

Product Update: New Kwik Trip/Kwik Star Grocery Only Card

In addition to the existing Gas & Gift card that earns 4%, Kwik Trip has also introduced a new Grocery Only Card with 10% earnings, providing more ways to earn with all your Kwik Trip/Kwik Star purchases.

- NEW Grocery Only Card: Earn 10% when you buy or reload these new cards from RaiseRight. These cards can be used for in-store products only*, no fuel purchases.
- Gas & Gift Card: Earn 4% when you buy or reload these existing cards from RaiseRight. These cards can be used for fuel and in-store purchases.

*Convenience store items not eligible for purchase with the new Grocery Only card include tobacco, alcohol, fuel, gift cards, lottery/lotto, and stamps.

Product Update: Walgreens

\$25 and \$100 eGift cards are now available from Walgreens—your go-to for pharmacy, health & wellness needs. Physical gift cards will be back in stock as soon as possible, providing multiple ways to earn 5% with Walgreens.

New Brand: McDonald's

Now available, earn 2% with McDonald's gift cards. Stock up now and start earning for your organization with breakfast, lunch, and dinner. Available as physical gift cards in \$10 and \$25 amounts. Eligible for delivery to your organization only.

"We wanted to let you know about an upcoming change to our fees. Effective January 9, 2023, the transaction fee for orders placed by participants using their bank account will increase from \$0.15 to \$0.29 per order so we can continue to enhance our gift card catalog and develop new features to grow your organization's earnings. We have not adjusted this fee since 2011 and remain committed to keeping our fees as low as possible."

This change will be reflected in the mobile app and on RaiseRight.com during checkout when selecting Bank Account as the payment option.

*Thank you,
RaiseRight*

AmazonSmile

Did you know when you buy items from Amazon you can support St. Mark's Rector's Discretionary Fund? All you need to do is log into Amazon Smile:

What is AmazonSmile?

AmazonSmile is a simple way for you to support your favorite charitable organization every time you shop, at no cost to you. AmazonSmile is available at smile.amazon.com on your web browser and can be activated in the Amazon Shopping app for iOS and Android phones. When you shop with AmazonSmile, you'll find the exact same low prices, vast selection, and convenient shopping experience as Amazon.com, with the added benefit that AmazonSmile will donate 0.5% of your eligible purchases to the charitable organization of your choice. You can choose from over one million organizations to support.

Select: St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Beaver Dam as your charity of choice

Current Stats are:

Your current charity

Saint Mark's Episcopal Church

has received

\$308.15
as of June 2022

You can also purchase AMAZON scrip cards and load them into your Amazon Smile account. If you do you have doubled our earnings!

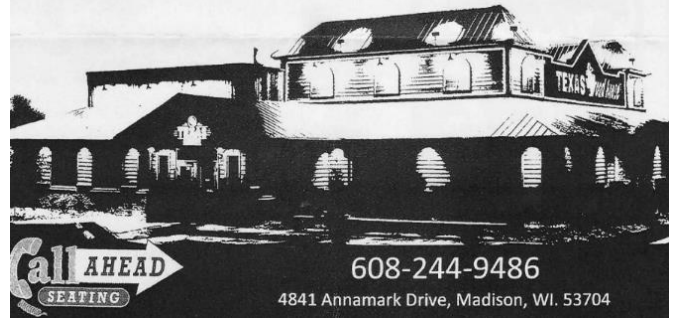
Texas Roadhouse

Texas Roadhouse is another great way to earn extra monies for St. Mark's. You take your Sunday Bulletin to Texas Roadhouse on Sunday. When you pay your bill, hand your wait staff your bulletin and they will donate a percentage of your bill to St. Mark's. Remember you can also purchase Texas Roadhouse Scrip Cards before you dine. Just another double savings!

Texas Roadhouse **LOVES** Churches!

10% Donation EVERY Sunday!

Come in every Sunday between 11:00am – 9:00pm to support your church! Present a copy of your church bulletin to your server and Texas Roadhouse will donate 10% of your total food purchases back to your church!



Home Eucharists

Home Eucharists are back! They'll be held the 3rd Thursday of the month starting again this month! Currently there is nobody signed up to host in the new year and, while we can have them at church should we need to, it would be nicer to continue to have them at people's homes. It's a fun and relaxed time of prayer, fellowship, and food.

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



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.



EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF MILWAUKEE
OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

Dear Friends,

In this Christmas season, we celebrate the gift of abundant life and limitless love in the birth of Jesus. In celebrating God's gift to us, we also commit ourselves to become the very gift we receive — we are the Body of Christ, the hands and the heart of the Lord Jesus in this broken, beautiful world.

For over forty years, members and friends of the Diocese of Milwaukee have pledged themselves to be the gift of life and education and medical care for our sisters and brothers in Haiti. Together, we have discovered again and again that in giving our gifts we receive more than we could have imagined. That's the way it is with God's generosity.



The need for our care in Haiti is greater than ever. We have renewed our commitment to our friends there, fellow members of Christ's Body, and we have promised to support them in ways that honor their own self-determination and their own gifts. The challenges are great. Our friends need our help to achieve their goals, and we need their faith and their witness to God's grace.

Christ is born in us, and we are called to be agents of his love in the world. I ask you to consider a gift to the Haiti Partnership in the Diocese of Milwaukee. Please be generous.

In Christ,

The Rt. Rev. Jeff Lee
Bishop Provisional of Milwaukee

To donate, you may use the online diocesan [Giving Portal](#)
(in the box marked “Fund” scroll down and choose "Haiti Partnership")

or

Mail a check to the diocesan office with “Haiti” written on the memo line to the attention of Caroline Senn (804 E. Juneau Ave.; Milwaukee WI 53202).

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.

JANUARY 2022

1-Jan	
ACOLYTE	ANN TESS
ALTAR	GAYLE ELBERT/BETSY LAMPERT
CHALICE	EMILY TESS
COUNTERS	JIM MERRIL/LIBBIE KACUBA
INTERCESSOR	BOB ZAMZOW
READER	LINDA ZAMZOW
USHER	JERRY & MARIE FRANK

8-Jan	
ACOLYTE	FRED ELLIS
ALTAR	LIBBIE KACUBA
CHALICE	JOANN ELLIS
COUNTERS	JOANN ELLIS/CAROL STARR
INTERCESSOR	CHRISTINE MERRILL
READER	KEVIN LUEBKE
USHER	DAVID GENEREAUX

15-Jan	
ACOLYTE	FRED ELLIS
ALTAR	JOYCE DEZARN/SUE HILBERT
CHALICE	JOANN ELLIS
COUNTERS	JIM MERRILL/JOANN ELLIS
INTERCESSOR	LIBBIE KACUBA
READER	MARK BREHMER
USHER	BOB & LINDA ZAMZOW

22-Jan	
ACOLYTE	ANN TESS
ALTAR	LINDA ZAMZOW/TRACI BREHMER
CHALICE	EMILY TESS
COUNTERS	JIM MERRILL/VANDA WIEGERT
INTERCESSOR	CHRISTINE MERRILL
READER	JULIE SHERWOOD
USHER	DAVID GENEREAUX

29-Jan	
ACOLYTE	ANN TESS
ALTAR	LINDA ZAMZOW/TRACI BREHMER
CHALICE	EMILY TESS
COUNTERS	CAROL STARR/LINDA ZAMZOW
INTERCESSOR	KEN PETERS
READER	BOB WEIROUGH
USHER	JERRY & MARIE FRANK

St. Mark's Episcopal Church
Vestry Meeting Minutes
November 13th, 2022

Members Present: Fr. Mike, Fred Ellis, Joann Ellis, Linda Zamzow, Jody Langfeldt, Christine Merrill, Kevin Luebke, Maison Yarocho, Ken Peters

David Drexler (out with covid) & Erin Weirough invited via zoom

Meeting Started: 11:05 AM

Fr. Mike opens with prayer

Linda read a devotional / stewardship prayer

Joann moves to accept the minutes as corrected

Linda seconded. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

410 – Current Pledge Contributions – Under Budget \$18,125.52

412 – Giver of Record – Over Budget \$8,605.00

413 – Loose Offerings – Under Budget \$138.33

541 – Diocesan Conventions – Over Budget \$365

542 – Heat/Lights/Water – Over Budget \$860.92

544.4 – Internet – Over Budget \$5,702.35

Horicon State Bank - Checking - 1341 - \$29,472.18

Money Market – 1184 - \$19,660.28

250.7 - St. Mark's Community Ministry - \$115.29

- Christine moves that we move the total to Outreach

Kevin seconded. Motion carried.

270 – Credit Cards – Fred will figure out what all those cards are on our report, some of them have been cancelled – review next month

Heard nothing about the audit yet

Finance Committee Meeting - ~~December 8th, at 5PM as people will be here anyway for Living Compass.~~ edit: Mark can't make that day, meeting has been moved to 5 PM on the 7th

No Correspondence

Old Business

Choir Update - ready for their song next Sunday (Bishop's visit)

Altar Guild Booklet - no update Carol Starr's last name needs to be added

Directory Update - picture directory update on hold due to new website & lack of pictures, Maison will eventually get updated pictures. For now there is a new / updated text directory that Maison will be sending out

New Business

Living Compass Update - Scheduled for Thursdays at 6:30, will begin with soup. Corporate zoom is available, but we may not do that during our gathering, we will be doing our own thing. Starts December 1st

Outreach Funds Distribution – Fred didn't have an exact number. Guesstimate is \$1547 - 10% of our fundraisers + what we budget for outreach can be distributed

Beaver Dam Community Hospital - never cashed their check last year, but it might be due to something messed up during the switch on Marshfield's end. Unsure.

Donation Conversation -

1. Joann suggests we donate some to PAVE
2. Fr. Mike asks about donating some to Loaves & Fishes
3. Joann suggests we look at that during our next annual meeting, so it encompasses the entire congregation and not just the Vestry
4. Donate now as a vestry but in 2023 figure out donation / volunteers for Loaves & Fishes
5. Donated previously to food pantry in the past, Cribs program (provides pack-n-plays)
6. Fred asks if we want to give a little to a lot, or a lot to a little. Linda suggests fewer people but more money per person
7. Jody suggests we donate \$500 to new women's shelter PAVE, \$500 to Loaves and Fishes, and divide \$547 between all three food pantries (St. Vincent's, Community Action Coalition, Restore)

Christine moves we donate \$500 to new women's shelter PAVE, \$500 to Loaves and Fishes, and divide \$547 between all three food pantries (St. Vincent's, Community Action Coalition, Restore)

Joann seconded. Motion carried.

Kevin suggests there be an item on January's agenda to make an outreach plan

575 - Seminarian Support - \$279

Christine moves we send the remainder of the money in line item 575 to Nashota House

Linda seconded. Motion carried.

Bishop Lee's Reception - Extended coffee hour, get a cake (have confirmation & reception written on it maybe? edit: 'congratulations, welcome home' was decided upon) Joann will be in charge of the cake and all Vestry Members are contributing other items. Ordering through Piggly Wiggly, will be buying scrip to pay for it. Linda will pick it up Saturday afternoon.

Rector's Report

Stonehouse Digital Update - We (Andrea, Fr. Mike, and Maison) keep meeting up to work on it. It's almost where we want it to be. Joann suggests adding 'Back to Top' options, or putting the menu on the bottom as well as the top.

Paul Lampert Window - Ken and Betsy are going to look at stained glass.

Ministry Grants - We have received both

Online Store - Is up, people have started ordering from it. Fr. Mike wants to get more items added to it as well as a Team Tess shirt

Fireside Trip - "looking awesome"

Feil's Trip - "went great"

Nativity - Scene has been ordered. Over half of it accounted for. Fr. Mike would like to tell the congregation as we are short on the amount needed

Final Income from the Talent Auction - Had another check come in on it. guesstimate of \$1000

Fr. Mike

1. (who is three quarters time) averaging 9.5 blocks a week
2. Is leaving on Thursday before Bishop's visit to help a friend's daughter move, plans on being back Saturday but has contingencies in place if that looks like it's not going to happen.
3. Fred asks if we give the Bishop anything, Fr. Mike said we give him the loose offerings - but we mail them to him later, we don't give them to him the day of his visit. Announcement will be made during church
4. Will be taking David Genereaux to meet Carolyn Senn to connect base with the Diocese over the records

Jr. Warden's Report

Air Conditioning - Is in, along with the air filtration option, and it works. It was less than we thought it would be and will be paid for soon

Stained Glass Window – Took several people to get it in but it is in. Ken and Dave framed it with wood and it's lit. They were given \$350 from the vestry to put it together and "I don't think we hit even \$100 bucks"

TV - ~~Will be moved from the Lion's Den upstairs to where we now hold Vestry meetings.~~ edit: Ken has an old tv that he will be donating instead

1. Plumber coming tomorrow (11/14/22)
2. Ken would like to get snow sticks in
3. Linda called the plow guy; John Mining. he'll be doing it. \$65 was the old price, new price will be \$85 per time
4. Looking at fireplace
5. Leaves taken care of
6. Looking at re-doing the shed in the spring

Other New Business

Stewardship - Joann will be making a spreadsheet

Cookie Walk - Jody will be picking up stamps, Maison made flyers and postcards, and postcards will be going out soon. Not enough people have signed up yet to bake but that usually happens and changes, according to Linda. Maison will be posting the new flyer on the new Facebook so people can share it from there. Kevin will be playing music

Christmas Flowers – Maison should put something in the bulletin about donating for Christmas flowers. Linda Zamzow will get greens and trees from Woodils

Old Frontal - Linda requested permission to take it to the dry cleaners (its water stained), due to concerns that it could fall apart. Fr. Mike and the vestry have given permission, because we can't use it anyway if it's dirty

Script offering \$5 and \$10 cards for the holiday season

Scrip Update - \$192.35

Next Meeting - December 11th

Regularly Scheduled January Vestry Meeting and Pre-Annual Meeting - January 15th

Annual Meeting - January 29th

Fr. Mike closed in prayer

Jody motion to adjourn. All say I. Motion carried.

Meeting Ended: 12:30PM

Minutes Submitted 12/7/22

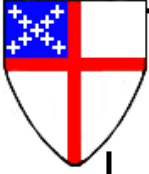
Maison Yaroach, Clerk of Vestry

with assistance from Joann Ellis



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in all people and treat everyone with
dignity and respect.

