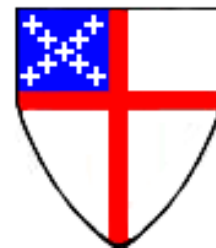




Saint Mark's Messenger

Beaver Dam, WI Maison Yaroch, Newsletter Editor January 2024



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Happy New Year St. Marks,

We are cruising into the new year! There was so much energy and joy in our Christmas celebrations it warmed my heart. It was my best Christmas ever! We are already starting on some projects for the new year and I'm so grateful for the leadership of St. Marks. They are world class.

The creche that Dave and Ken built was beautiful! The lighting and the star on the top were amazing! Ken and Dave also mounted the tapestry behind the statue in the columbarium chapel. Thank you so much! Our first Christmas tree in Swan Park was super cool - Special thanks to Linda and Bobby Zamzow who did a lot of work making ornaments, decorating, and cleaning up our tree. I'm super excited about our 1st Epiphany pageant and party. I think it is going to be a great annual event.



If you're still considering filling out a pledge card, please get it to us as soon as possible. Thank you for your prayers and gifts of time, talent, and treasure.

We will be having ongoing training for ministries during the year and our home eucharists and potlucks will be starting up again soon.

Please mark your calendars for Jan 28th. We have our annual meeting after the 9 AM Mass. I pray that the new year brings you much joy and peace.

God bless and stay warm,

Fr. Mike

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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.

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**The prayer list has been reset for the new year.  
Email Vanda with all prayer requests & to have people added  
to the list.**

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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.

Cookie Walk 2023





JANUARY 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, or your special day is missing HELP US*

Birthdays

3 – Zander Elizalde
13 – Mary Chappa
18 – Charlotte Snow
18 – Clarence Clark
25 – Rose Benson
26 – Bob Sheire
27 – Julie Sherwood

Baptismal Anniversaries

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

Wedding Anniversaries

Decorating the Church **December 20th, 2023**



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 2024 LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

7-Jan	
ACOLYTE	Betsey Schlueter
ALTAR	Gayle Day & Betsy Lampert
CHALICE	Fred Ellis
COUNTERS	Carol Starr & Joann Ellis
INTERCESSOR	Ken Peters
READER	Jody Langfeldt
USHER	

14-Jan	
ACOLYTE	Jim Merrill
ALTAR	Carol Starr
CHALICE	Fred Ellis
COUNTERS	Jim Merrill & Joyce DeZarn
INTERCESSOR	Christine Merrill
READER	Julie Sherwood
USHER	

21-Jan	
ACOLYTE	Fred Ellis
ALTAR	Joyce DeZarn & Sue Hilbert
CHALICE	Jim Merrill
COUNTERS	Cori Drexler & Linda Zamzow
INTERCESSOR	Julie Sherwood
READER	Linda Zamzow
USHER	

28-Jan	
ACOLYTE	Jim Merrill
ALTAR	Linda Zamzow & Traci Brehmer
CHALICE	Fred Ellis
COUNTERS	Jim Merrill & Joyce DeZarn
INTERCESSOR	Joann Ellis
READER	Amy Diebaren
USHER	

Vestry Meeting Minutes October 22nd, 2023

Members Present: Linda Zamzow, Jody Langfeldt, Christine Merrill, Maison Yarocho, Fred Ellis, Carolyn VonRuden, Mark Brehmer, Fr. Mike Tess, Ken Peters

Missing Members: Deb Kuenzi

Meeting Started: 11:08 AM

Carolyn opens with prayer

Mark moved to accept minutes

Carolyn seconds

All say aye

Treasurers Report

Horicon Balance – \$29,188.54

410 – Current Pledges Contributions – \$5981.60 over budget

412 – Giver of Record – \$335.03 over budget

420 – Investments – \$547.68 over budget

542 – Heat/Lights/Water – \$788.01 over budget

563 – Flowers – \$319.15 over budget

568 – Ads & Advertising – \$378.84 over budget

611 – Organist – \$762.50 under budget

612 – Administrative Assistant – \$828 under budget

Audit – \$225

Notes

- a. \$50 spent in a gas card for someone to come look at the organ
- b. The bank balance is what it is because we transferred the \$30,000
- c. Report was derailed into a discussion about line items, deficits, pledges, and totals. Mark and Fred explain the way some of the totals work; the ones some were confused by
- d. Jody explains why we do an unbalanced budget
balanced budgets are just juggling numbers, unbalanced budgets are more transparent
- e. A motion was made and seconded to increase Maison's hourly wage starting November 1st

Carolyn makes a motion to accept the treasurers report

No Correspondence

New Business

Over the Counter Narcan – A letter went out from Concordia recommending that people check with the state about dispensing over the counter Narcan

Evangelism Grant – Fr. Mike was looking into it but couldn't find anything on the website

Outdoor Ash Tray – Ken got rid of the one we had outside. Birds were making nests in it.

- a. Jody thinks we should get something to replace it, so we don't end up with cigarette butts all over the place.
- b. Mark has donated a Smokers Outpost to put in its place M

Stewardship – Carolyn would like to be on the committee but not the head, Linda would like to find a way to show people some of the bigger things we have to do / spend money on.

- a. Pie charts are suggested as the best and easiest way to show that information. The charts would include the expense part but not the "family of ___ give on average" part as families come in all sizes. There isn't a common average
- b. Carolyn & Mark have offered to help with this
- c. Bring the time, talent, and treasure sheets back this year. Pledge cards too

Stewardship Sunday – November 12th . Fr. Mike will be doing an article on stewardship for the newsletter, Linda brings up stewardship sermon and stewardship letter

- a. Chris will do the letter
- b. Kevin will do the sermon

Vestry – Nominations for Positions Next Year

- a. 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
- b. Linda has to go off as she hasn't been off in 20 years
- c. Chris has agreed to do one more year
- d. Deb Kuenzi as she only signed on for one year
- e. Ken will be ending his time as Jr. Warden but will still work on projects.
- f. We need a Jr. Warden; Carolyn has offered to take on this position
- g. Traci is going to take over Linda's spot
- h. We still need someone to replace Deb but for a 3 year stint this time instead of one

Columbarium – We recently sold a single spot (they're \$1,200 twelve hundred for a single)

- a. A columbarium file needs to be found or made

Local Sermon Prep – Fr. Mike and two other priests are going to do it over zoom call

Tapestry Donations – Dave Genereaux's friend Bob has a tapestry that he wants to donate. It is currently in storage.

Human Trafficking Presentation – This is being considered

Intinction – It was brought up that maybe we should bring back drinking from the cup. Fr. Mike has seen other places start doing this again

Old Business

Joyful Noise Update – The committee will start planning again in the new year

Recovery Group Status – Looking at starting it up in the spring

Funeral Planning Document – Fr. Mike is working on it

Grant – We can get up \$55,000 that will be used for the atrium, bathrooms, and lift chair

Subbing in School – Fr. Mike has started at 1 day a week

The Truck in The Parking Lot – Will get pulled onto the lawn before we have to plow

Guardians – Out of Two Rivers. They will be here on Tuesday to use the building. They give us \$200 each time

Home Eucharists – There will be no home eucharists in November or December due to the holidays

Emma – Fr. Mike is going to talk to Emma and her mom about Emma coming in to practice on Wednesdays

Little Library – No update

Tech Committee – We have someone who is willing to help us try to get our email addresses back finally. We would pay him \$200 or less; he did not give an exact amount.

- a. Will meet with the committee to put together a plan
- b. Fr. Mike would like to hire him. He is vetted by some parishioners
- c. Jim and the Jr. Wardens are working on running cables & working on cameras.
- d. Fr. Mike will continue meeting with Subsplash over the apple app and livestream issues

Icon Class – No update

Safe Church Training – If you have been given the link to go through this training please remember to do so. After

your complete a course remember to get your certificates to Maison so they can file them appropriately
Dementia Training – Jody got an email from Rob, we need to set up a walk through so he can look at our environment

Silent Auction – Chris asks what we should do with items that don't get bid, asks if we should put the stuff out during the cookie walk. Carolyn thinks that wouldn't be a bad idea

a. Fr. Mike suggests that we put a number on it and go ahead with putting it out for purchase at the cookie walk. After that anything that is left we can decide what to do with

Outreach Recipient for Fundraising – Names were picked out of Maison's hat

- a. Penguin Project
- b. Clothes for Kids
- c. Life Academy

Carolyn will help Fred get the addresses so we can actually send them the money

Parish Nurse – Jody can finally get into the Concordia system so she can take her courses

Fridge Seal – Fr. Mike is still going to look into changing it / getting it changed

Brat Stand 2024 – Carolyn has offered to sign us up for brat stand dates as she will be at Rechek's anyway to sign up for Legion stand dates

Seasonal Business

Christmas Eve Midnight Music – Fr. Mike has someone in mind to come with their guitar and place for the service. We'd pay her \$125

Carolyn motions to approve

Chris seconds

All say aye

Lighted Creche – Permanent underground lights were talked about, but we're not going to do that. The ones we have work just fine

Snow – Bob will do the shoveling, Linda will call John Mining to do the snowplowing again this year as he has in years past

Advent Stations – We will be doing them again this year

Advent Soup & Bread – We will also be doing this again. Maison will make a sign-up

- a. Living Compass will only be used for this study if Fr. Mike can't come up with something better

Halloween in Church – Carolyn participated this year and would like to get us involved in it next year

Jr. Wardens Report

Major Projects List – Nothing new

New Fireplace – Carolyn says Daisy Sweeps are willing to come and give us a quote on a new fireplace. Ken will announce to the parish so we can get more donations hopefully

Currently Working On

- a. Storage room
- b. Camera wiring
- c. Winterizing lawnmowers

Scrip - \$164.44

Vestry Meetings

Next Meeting – November 12th

Fr. Mike does closing prayer

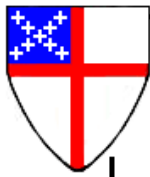
Carolyn motions to adjourn meeting

Meeting Ended:: 1:02 PM

Minutes Submitted 11/9/23

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in all people and treat everyone with
dignity and respect.

