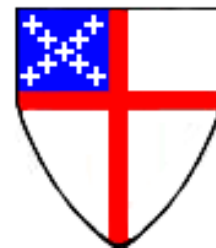




# Saint Mark's Messenger

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Happy 4th St. Mark's.

I want to thank you from the middle of my heart for all the hard work this parish put into the Celebration of New Ministry. It was an incredible night. One of the highlights was the resurrection of the choir. They sounded amazing (you can watch the service on youtube in both parts before and after the storm). Our amazing musician Lizzie played the music in the basement on her I-phone. Incredible! It was one of the greatest nights of my 30 years as a priest. I am so thankful to be your Rector and to walk this path with you. The youth group from Grace Episcopal in Kirkwood, Missouri did a great Job on the Habitat House. They loved being with us and want to come back next year. They left the place spotless and gave the church a generous gift for letting them stay. They loved attending the Celebration of New Ministry and on Thursday I had a mass for them.



We had 8 folks at the Ellis Home for the 1st home Compline and Eucharist and we had a wonderful night, thanks so much to Fred and Joann for hosting. We are looking for a host for the July Home Compline and Eucharist. You can pick a date with me and the sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board by the Lion's Den. I am ready to settle in for the summer. That was a very busy couple of weeks. I also did two (2) weddings in June. We have a couple Baptisms on the horizon. I think the summer is going to speed by very quickly. I encourage you to wear red, white, and blue on Sunday the 3<sup>rd</sup>: Let's welcome the 4th with style. I had a blast at our 1st Brat fry and am looking forward to our next one on July 30th. I hope you can stay cool, St. Mark's, looks like the air conditioning will be nice to have.

Have a great month and hope to see you in church or online. God bless,

Fr. Mike

## Decades Birthday Party

On **July 10<sup>th</sup>**, we will have a special celebration to honor our parishioners who have celebrated decade birthdays in the last year (10, 20, 30, 40, 50, 50, 70, 80, 90)

Come for the coffee, stay for the cake!



## Annual Brat Stand Fundraiser



We have signed up for two brat stands this year at Rechek's Food Pride in Beaver Dam. The first was May 28<sup>th</sup>, which you can see more about later in this newsletter. Our second brat stand is **July 30<sup>th</sup>** and we will again need set up help, cooks, sellers, runners, and cashiers. If you are able and available to help at all that day please contact either Bob or Linda Zamzow. Support your church and our fantastic team leaders: Bob and Linda and Jerry Frank.



## New T-Shirts

Our new shirts are red with the same small lion on the front left and the large lion on the back. The cross that the lion is on is royal blue and the outline of the lion and the lettering will be white. We have a variety of sizes. The cost of each shirt was \$16.98, but we told parishioners they could buy them at \$11.00 each.

~ Linda Zamzow

## Christmas Stocking Project



The above picture 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



# 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) 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 & Joyce, Marsha & Bob, Cori & Dave, Betsy, Amy & Julie, Marie & Jerry, Nancy & Clayton, Josh, Teri, Don, Martha, Ken, Lorraine, and Margaret.

## 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...Ken, Don, Betsy and all 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.)*







## **JULY 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**

1 – Donald Drews  
2 – Linda Strieff, Isabelle Wesener  
7 – Jody Horne, Matt Jacobsen  
8 – Kylie Jacobsen Kopmeyer  
12 – Elizabeth Peters  
14 – Summer Helmer, Jody Langfeldt  
21 – Rhonda Ritchie  
25 – Amy Diebaren  
29 – Zachary Neuman  
30 – Michael Mosher  
31 – Azalea Helmer

### **Baptismal Anniversaries**

5 – Carol Starr

### **Wedding Anniversaries**

10 – Mike & Darci Mosher  
26 – Fred & Joann Ellis

#### **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 are looking to start choir practice again. If you are interested in being part of the choir, please contact Ken Peters @ 920-210- 2936 or email: [peters0375@sbcglobal.net](mailto:peters0375@sbcglobal.net)

## **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**

# The Celebration of New Ministry

Wednesday June 15<sup>th</sup> 2022

*Despite storms and tornado warnings keeping a lot of people home, the service was thankfully still able to be held as planned and went even better than expected. Here are some of the many wonderful pictures from that night, taken by David Genereaux*





# Home Eucharist

with this month's hosts Fred & Joann Ellis

photos by David Genereaux



**St. Mark's Episcopal Church**  
**Vestry Meeting Minutes**  
**May 15, 2022**

**1. Call to Order @ 10:38 am. Those in attendance were:** Joann Ellis, Kevin Luebke, Christine Merrill, Linda Zamzow, Jody Langfeldt, Senior Warden, Fred Ellis, Treasurer, and Fr. Mike Tess. Also in attendance were Jim Merrill, Zoom Meeting Coordinator and Joyce DeZarn, Clerk. Members absent were Erin Weirough, and Jr. Wardens Dave Drexler and Ken Peters.

**2. Opening Prayer/Devotion** – Fr. Mike offered the Noon Day Prayer as our opening devotion.

**3.** Minutes of the April Vestry meeting were approved as presented by a motion made by Linda Zamzow and second by Christine Merrill.

**4. Treasurer's Report**

**a.** Balance Sheet was reviewed. Our investments Line Item #770 lost money this last quarter. Linda Zamzow suggested that we move the money of \$44.00 from Line Item #250.9 Lydia in Uganda to Line Item #262 Relief & Development. All were in agreement.

**b. Profit & Loss Sheet** - It was noted we are in need of more cameras to be able to better livestream our services. The cost is approximately \$500.00 each and would like to be able to add 3 to 4 additional cameras. There is a balance of \$304.59 in Line Item #250.5 Sound System Money Market. There needs to be some conversation with the congregation about raising funds for the additional technical costs and about keeping their pledges current as they are currently about \$8,500 in arrears. We will also need to increase the budgeted amount for Fr. Mike's Travel Expense as that will increase with the .75-time Rector. After a review and discussion, the Treasurers Report was accepted as presented.

**c. Fr. Mike's covenant** – At the Annual Meeting we presented the budget to show Fr. Mike becoming .75-time Rector in June. The new covenant has been updated, sent to the Diocese along with our Financial Information. On Fr. Mike, Jody Langfeldt and Fred and Joann Ellis had a Zoom Meeting with the Diocesan Financial Controller, Caroline Senn and Canon for Ministries, The Rev. Scott Leannah. Fr. Mike has insurance through the Sun Prairie School District until 8/31/22 and Heidi is under UW Health. After discussion, it was decided the Health Insurance will be put into a HSA (Health Savings Account). HSA's can be used to pay premiums and co-payments. HSA's also roll over at the end of the year. An FSA (Family Savings Account) will also be set up but those funds need to be spent every year. It was also noted travel expenses will increase to \$2000.00 for the year. We were given the go ahead to have Fr. Mike begin his .75-time hours as of June 1, 2022. Three quarters time will find Fr. Mike presiding over worship service every Sunday (1 service), he will have a week night service (currently Wednesday evening) and he will have two afternoons for conducting St. Mark's business. Fr. Mike has also applied for a Chaplain position.

**d. Annual Appeal (Formerly the Bishop's Purse) Total** – The total was \$125 and the Vestry had pledged to match up to \$200. So, we will be able to send \$250.00 to the Bishop's Annual Appeal. The matching funds will be taken from Account #259.

**5. Correspondence**

## 6. Old Business

**a. Installation Service** – June 15th with a reception outside – There will be a Celebration of New Ministry service on June 15th. Bishop Jeff Lee will be officiating the service and we will have a reception afterwards.

**b. Concert** – Mitch McVickers will be here on Tuesday, October 11th.

**c. Directory Update** – David Genereaux is working on getting current pictures of all members.

**d. Keep Laura from Restore and projects on the agenda**

**e. Stained Glass** – Ken and Dave are working on the large stained glass window installation, hoping to have that project completed by the end of June.

**f. Choir Update** – Tabled

**g. Altar Guild Booklet** – Tabled

**h. Octogenarian Birthday** – Set date (Dave Genereaux, Kit Marceil, Millie Garside, Fr. Mike's Mom – It was decided to rename it to the Celebrations of the Decades. The date was set for June 5 to kick off the return of Coffee Hours.

## 7. New Business

### a. Rector's Report

**i. Window for Paul Lampert** – Betsy wants to have a stained-glass window installed in memory of Paul. The window between the closet and the Columbarium/Chapel is where it will be placed.

**ii. Coffee Hour** – We will return to having coffee hours on June 5th with the Decades Birthday Celebration. It was requested we have Maison Yaroach make an announcement.

**iii. Website Meeting** – Stone House Digital Consulting – Kit Marceil has resigned effective June 30, 2022 as our Webmaster. Jody Langfeldt and Fr. Mike have met with Andrea from Stone House Digital Consulting.

**iv. Vestry Retreat** – Minutes from the Retreat were distributed prior to this meeting.

**v. Information Only Item** – Episcopal Youth from Missouri will be using our building June 13-18.

**vi. Outdoor Creche** - Fr. Mike is working on getting pieces that are 48" tall.

### b. Sr. Warden's Report

**vii. Website committee** - There will be a meeting on May 18, 2022 at 3:45 pm. for those interested to meet with Andrea and see her presentation for St. Mark's. Kevin Luebke currently works on the Beaver Dam Orchestra Website. The plan is to have Andrea to look at St. Mark's current website in May and give us a cost estimate, set up the new website in June, and have the new website up and running in July.

**i. Consolidation of Committees** – see handout distributed prior to today's meeting. Let Jody Langfeldt know which committee(s) you would like to be a part of.

### c. Jr. Warden's Report

**i. Update hot water in women's bathroom** – Tabled neither Jr. Wardens were available for the meeting



**ii. Garbage Update** – Fred Ellis reported that Ken had called the City Garbage company and their costs were quite high. We will continue to have members take the garbage out weekly.

**8. Other New Business**

**a. Cleaning schedule** – Linda Zamzow will work on this as to what needs to be done and how often.

**9. Committee Reports** – only as needed

**10. Fundraising**

**a. Scrip Update** April, 2022 was \$158.19.

**11. Next meeting** – June 26th

**12. Closing prayer** – Fr. Mike led us with the closing prayer

**13. Adjourn** Joann Ellis moved to adjourn the meeting at 12:25 pm

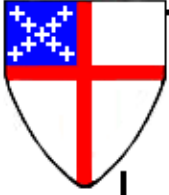
*(It should be noted Joann Ellis was requested to produce these minutes on June 24, 2022. They were produced from Joann Ellis' notes as Joyce DeZarn was unable to do them from her notes after her fall on May 17, 2022 and shattered knee/femur surgery. Sound on the ZOOM recording did not occur until 1:44 minutes into the meeting and were impossible to make out as too many persons were talking at the same time.)*

**Respectfully Submitted**

Joann Ellis, Clerk Pro Temp

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