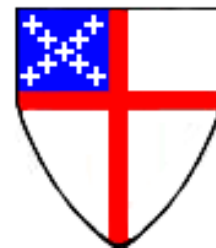




# Saint Mark's Messenger

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Hello St. Mark's,

Another summer is speeding by! The more time I spend with the St. Mark's family, the more I am humbled, inspired, and grateful to serve as your priest.

June was an incredibly packed month. We had the plant and bake sale, where we reached a record-breaking profit! Thanks to all who worked so hard on making that sale a success. We also had Vacation Bible School shared with First Lutheran and St. Katherine Drexel. We pulled off our First Joyful Noise concert. Our next parish adventure is going to see the Penguin Project's production of "Bye, Bye, Birdie." This is all on top of closing out May with Bishop Lee and Deacon Bill Dunlop coming to receive our second Confirmation/Reception class of the liturgical year.

The Parish Discernment committee has been formed and has started to walk with Kevin Luebke as he discerns a call to Holy Orders. Please keep Kevin and his family in your prayers as he walks through this process. The committee has agreed to stop at noon every day and say a prayer for Kevin and his family. I too am joining the group in stopping at noon to pray for Kevin, his family, and the committee. I invite you to join in this time of prayer daily.

July has four of us from the parish, three young adults and myself, going to Mexico with the group from St. Thomas Episcopal in Menasha to build two houses. There are 30 total in the group going. Please pray for Zander Elizalde, Ann and Emily Tess, and myself.

It is also another month where there is a conflict on the third Thursday for the Home Eucharist: I will be in Mexico. I would like to gather on Thursday July 13th instead at 6pm at church. I will grill some chickens. Come for a brief liturgy and some fellowship over a meal. It's always a good time.

I hope you're getting some great time this summer for family, friends, and to soak in the sun.

God bless you and have a blessed July!

- Fr. Mike



The children of Jody Langfeldt invite you to an open house at Ooga Brewing Company in celebration of her birthday! This celebration will be on July 30<sup>th</sup> from 2 -5 pm.

Ooga is located at 310 S. Spring Street Beaver Dam

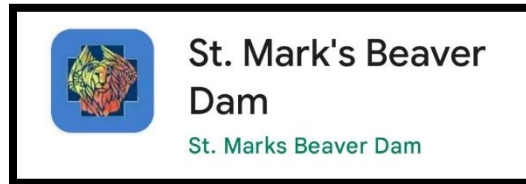
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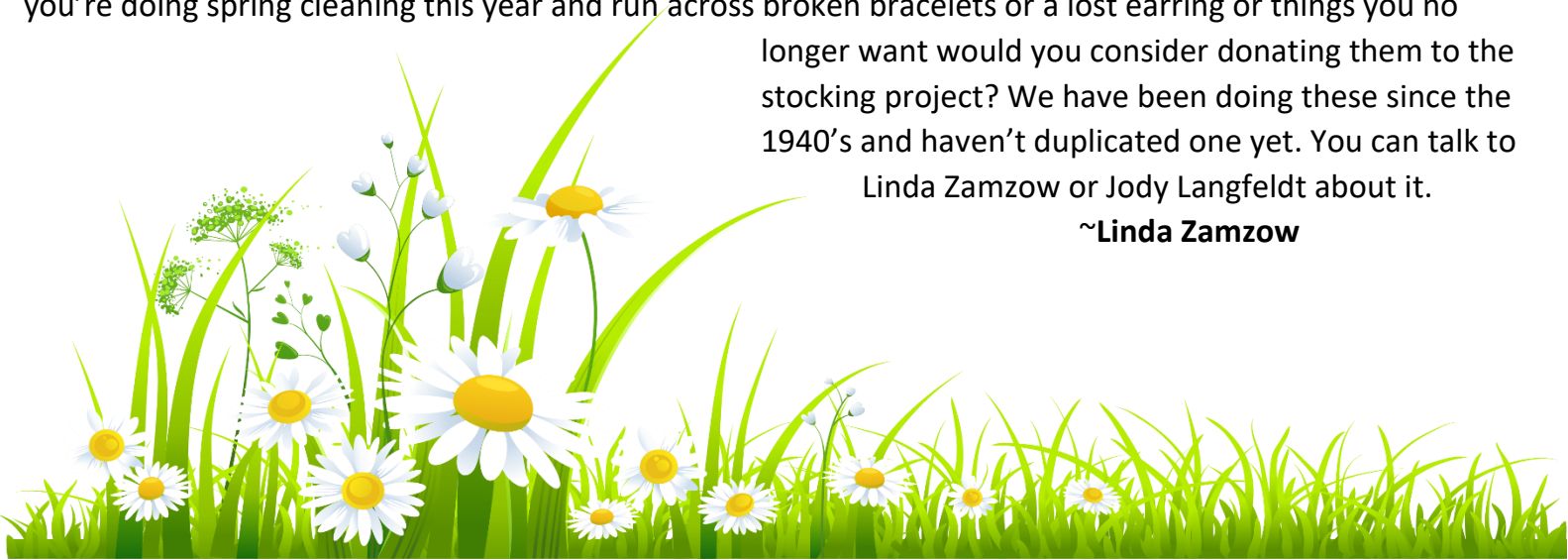
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### **Christmas Stocking Project**

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**



**LOST AND FOUND::** After the Christmas Cookie Sale it was discovered that a container was misplaced somewhere. It is two glass cake pans, 9x13 each with a plastic raspberry colored cover. If you see them somewhere at church or they inadvertently ended up at someone's house please bring them back ~ **Linda Z.**

Since the cookie walk in December, I have been missing a couple of Rubbermaid containers. One was found. I'm still missing one 9-cup container and two red lids. If anyone sees them please let me know.

Thanks! ~ **Jody Langfeldt**

## Prayer Requests

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

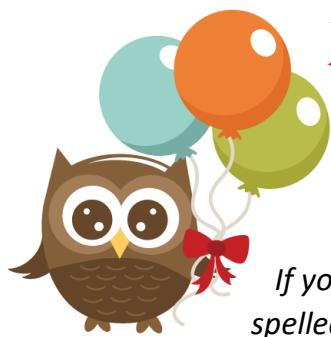
**The prayer list has been reset as of July 1<sup>st</sup>.**

**If there is someone you want added please contact Vanda**

**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.



*Celebrating Pentecost with a  
Crown of Flames*



# JULY 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**

1 – Donald Drews  
2 – Linda Strieff, Isabelle Wesener  
7 – Jody Horne, Matt Jacobsen  
8 – Julie 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

## **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.

## **July 2023**

(the schedule from June is being reused as a new one was unable to be made with our scheduler out of service at the moment. if you are unable to be at church the day you are listed please find someone to replace you)

2-July	
ACOLYTE	Fred Ellis
ALTAR	Gayle Day & Betsy Lampert
CHALICE	Kevin Luebke
COUNTERS	Joyce DeZarn & Joann Ellis
INTERCESSOR	Julie Sherwood
READER	Amy Diebaren
USHER	David Genereaux

9-July	
ACOLYTE	Kevin Luebke
ALTAR	Kevin Luebke & Carol Starr
CHALICE	Fred Ellis
COUNTERS	Jim Merrill & Carol Starr
INTERCESSOR	Christine Merrill
READER	Darcy Elizalde
USHER	Bob & Linda Zamzow

16-July	
ACOLYTE	Betsy Schlueter
ALTAR	Joyce DeZarn & Sue Hilbert
CHALICE	Jim Merrill
COUNTERS	Jim Merrill & Vanda Wiegert
INTERCESSOR	Ken Peters
READER	Deb Kuenzi
USHER	Jerry Frank & Helper

23-July	
ACOLYTE	Jim Merrill
ALTAR	Traci Brehmer & Linda Zamzow
CHALICE	Kevin Luebke
COUNTERS	Joyce DeZarn & Linda Zamzow
INTERCESSOR	Bob Zamzow
READER	Darcy Elizalde
USHER	David Genereaux

30-July	
ACOLYTE	Fred Ellis
ALTAR	Gayle Day & Betsy Lampert
CHALICE	Kevin Luebke
COUNTERS	Joyce DeZarn & Joann Ellis
INTERCESSOR	Julie Sherwood
READER	Amy Diebaren
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### Vestry Meeting Minutes April 23rd, 2023

**Members Present:** Fred Ellis, Linda Zamzow, Jody Langfeldt, Christine Merrill, Kevin Luebke, Maison Yaroach, Ken Peters, Mark Brehmer, Deb Kuenzi, Carolyn VanRuden, Fr. Mike Tess

**Missing Members:** David Drexler

**Meeting Started:** 10:48AM

Fr. Mike opens with prayer

Deb motions to approve the March minutes as is

Seconded by Carolyn

All say I

#### **Treasurers Report**

**Horicon Bank** – \$9635. 18

**250.2 – Tech Fund** – \$2000

**263 – Lenten's Offers/Good Friday** – \$75 got for good Friday offering

\*Fred will look and see if the bill for the easter flowers has shown up yet

\*we got the bill for the Christmas flowers late

**440.2.2 – Outdoor Nativity** – We got another thousand dollars that came in later

**440.92 – Church Excursions** – spent 1744.50 - discrepancy of 600 dollars (all the money came in, but it didn't all come in at the same time so it was just counted at different times)

**512 – Rector's Pension** – \$136 behind on pension, we pay the bill when it comes in, how they divide the year and how we do it is two different things

a. Kevin asked why there are two lines for pension. Fred says it was corrected but he will bring it up to Karen again

**514 – Rector's Travel** – Under budget \$461.27

**515 – Supply Priest** – Under budget \$250

**519 – Snow & Lawn** – \$245.01 over

**541 – Heat/Lights/Water** – 7680.07 over

**611 – Organist** – Over budget \$412.50 due to having extra services

a. We will be paying both organists (Lizzie & Emma) out of the same line item

**612 – Administrative Assistant** – Under budget \$9. 60

Fr. Mike's compensation was approved in the budget for 2022 – This was brought up and discussed because some members could not remember

Chris accepts treasurers report

## **No Correspondence**

**The Coffee Money Fund** – "Coffee Money" is a catch-all name for coffee makers, nescos, fridges, stoves, etc. Mark considers that building maintenance and suggests it should go under the building maintenance line. Deb suggests we define the fund better, Fr. Mike thinks we should rename it.

a. According to **259.9 – Coffee Money** – we have \$1399.69. Mark suggests we maintain a \$500 balance in there, like a sort of emergency fund. This line item was created when we were buying from fairtrade, way back.

Deb motions to change the name to reflect it as a kitchen fund

Kevin seconds

All say I

Motion carried

## **Business**

**1. Altar Guild** – Maison is finishing typing up the new booklet

**2. Magnets & Pens** – Jody & Fr. Mike are working on it

a. Regarding the design: Carolyn suggests we use the crest since that's what we use on everything else. It is unifying and makes us easily recognizable

**3. Nametags** – On hold due to the problem with the whiteboards

a. It's \$25 a sheet for sheet metal to cover the whiteboards

b. Ken will take a nametag to Office Depot to see what kind of board holds the nametags best. He will then go and get it somewhere else for cheaper

**4. Adventures** –



**Quarterly Adventures** – Make sure we identify them as ‘adult only’

**Mexico Mission Trip** – Make sure we identify this as ‘youth’

a. This year we've added parish adventures like quarterly adult trips, family events like joyful noise, and a youth mission trip. We should have something for everyone. We will brainstorm on this later again

**5. Welcome Back Committee** – A letter is being sent out, both by email and physically, to see who all is interested in coming back. After those responses are in events will be set up on whatever day works best for everyone.

Contact everyone by phone once dates are set

## **6. Outreach List**

- 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
- Clothes for Kids
- NAMI
- 5 Stones Dodge County

a. Carolyn brings up that we should find some teen-based things to donate to (like charities that benefit middle & high schoolers) It was suggested she see if she can find any

**7. Penguin Project** – Friday night, Saturday night, Sunday afternoon are possibilities. It should be an all-ages-welcome event. Mark suggests we do the matinee, there are tickets but its not reserved, Mark will find out. it is general admission. Summary: buy tickets early, be there when the doors open

**8. Little Library** – On the agenda to keep it in front of us

**9. Tech Committee** – In the next 2 weeks we'll have a meeting. Kevin asks if we're still looking for someone to operate the cameras, Fr. Mike says “maybe”

a. Karen has set up an email for finance and is going to set up one for office

**10. Icon Class** – Will be sometime in the fall

**11. Safe Church Training Reminder** – Anyone in a leadership role or who will be interacting quite a bit with people involved in the church, especially younger people, must take this training. It's an online program, Fr. Mike will get the rest of the information and send it out

**12. Dementia Informational Meeting** – Will be the Sunday after this meeting before worship committee

**13. Active Violence and Response Training** – It's next Saturday from this meeting. If we don't have anyone signed up Fr. Mike has to get a hold of the diocese. No one at the meeting was interested

**14. Talent Fair** – Kept on the agenda so we keep it in front of us

## **Rectors Report**

### **1. Church Music**

a. “We're getting musicians, not organists”. Lizzie will teach Emma to play organ. Fr. Mike just summarizes

everything about this topic from the last meeting

**b.** Considering other instruments, like guitar / flute / violin ("probably not sax" - Mark)

**2. Reboot of Ministerium** – Will probably be happening in May

**3. Joyful Noise** –

**a.** We have an insurance certificate from church insurance

**b.** Bandshell & shelter are reserved

**c.** One of the other churches participating has created a poster

**d.** The committee for this event are going to start soliciting for corporate sponsors; like asking Culvers to do root beer floats & Piggly Wiggly to give food. Fr. Mike suggested we could display the sponsors names on a big board

**e.** Games, a dunk tank, and a bounce house have been lined up. People will get a ticket for every activity they do & with that ticket they get a chance to win a prize basket.

**f.** It's a rain or shine event.

**4. Bishop Lee's Visit** – Fr. Mike just summarizes the section of his newsletter article on this

**5. VBS** – Our church has been invited to a vacation bible school at Lakeview Park. It's the 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> of June year

**6. Time Off** – Questions about the categories of time off and "what counts as what" were asked. The time taken off so far this year has been due to Fr. Mike's mom's death so no, that does not count as vacation time. The time taken off for the trip to Mexico also does not count as vacation time because it is a mission trip.

Jody asks for a motion to approve the time Fr. Mike took off for his mom's passing as bereavement

Chris motions that the time Fr. Mike is taking be classified as bereavement time

Ken seconded

All approved

**National Gathering of Episcopal Latinos** – Happens every year, they've asked Fr. Mike to be on the committee after he interviewed

**a.** The Gathering will cover all the expenses & the supply for that weekend so we don't have to pay for any of it  
There were 42 people in church today. When we hit 40 consistently Fr. Mike will continue to talk about moving to 2 services on Sunday

### **Sr. Warden's Report**

Nothing

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

**1. Schedule Outside Cleanup** – Would like to have it all done before Mother's Day, only need 6 or 7 people needed this year as there isn't much to do

**2. Nativity Scene** – Is still waiting to be moved to Merrill's garage

**3. Women's Bathroom** – One toilet is finally fully broken so they're going to fix it

**4. New Cameras** – Ken & David are going to start putting in the new cameras, working with Jim Merrill. It is currently their biggest project

**5. Choir**

**a.** Do we want choir for the bishop? Fr. Mike says yes

**b.** Do you have to sing really well to be on the choir? Ken says no



**6. Projected Projects** – Deb asks Ken if he could give us a list of all the projected projects (so far) so we can be pro-active & so people can donate to the projects that matter to them

**Scrip** – \$87.56 (February) \$167.27 (March)

### **Vestry Meetings**

May 21<sup>st</sup>

June 11<sup>th</sup>

July 16<sup>th</sup>

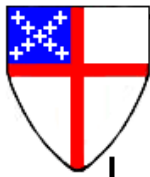
August 20<sup>th</sup>

Fr. Mike closes in prayer

Ken motions to adjourn

**Meeting Ended:: 12:22PM**





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