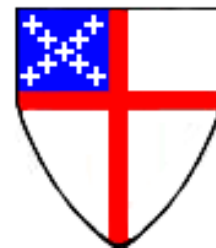




Saint Mark's Messenger

Beaver Dam, WI Maison Yaroach, Newsletter Editor June 2023



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Hello St. Mark's,

Summer is upon us and it feels so good to have the longer days back and the warmer weather. It will once again be an event filled Summer at St. Mark's.

The month starts with our annual plant and bake sale on Friday June 2nd and Saturday 3rd. It promises to be our best one yet and a great start to a busy month. The committee for the Joyful Noise event contains just some of the people who have come together to make the second half of June a time of fun and community.



The week June 18-25 is going to be packed:

1. Sunday June 18th is Father's day
2. Monday the 19th and Tuesday the 20th is the Summer Adventure Camp: A Vacation Bible School for preschool through 6th grade at Lakeview Park. It's from 4 PM to 6 PM with a simple supper to follow. We are joining First Lutheran and St Katharine Drexel Parish in putting on this 2 day VBS. It's going to be an incredible time with songs, bible stories, crafts, and snacks.
3. Wednesday the 21st we will be handing out flyers at the community concert for our biggest event yet
4. Which is Joyful Noise, on Thursday the 22nd. It's a celebration for the community from 5 PM to 9 PM. There will be games, prizes, and a hotdog supper. Mitch McVicker will be performing for us once again and will be singing with our VBS kids on stage. After that there will be a root beer float social to cap off the night.
5. Sunday June 25th is our next parish adventure to see the Penguin Project production of Bye Bye Birdie. It is a 2 PM Sunday matinee that we will attend as a group.

We will not be having a home eucharist in June but we'll return to those in July.

It gives me such joy to work, walk, and pray with you. St. Mark's is a wonderful community filled with joy, grace, and love and it is such an honor to be your priest.

I hope you enjoy the beautiful weather and I look forward to a wonderful summer with you.

God bless,

Fr. Mike

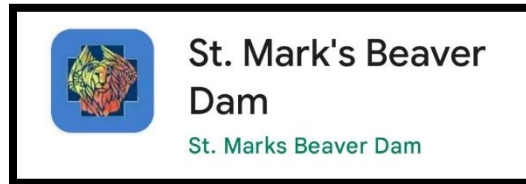
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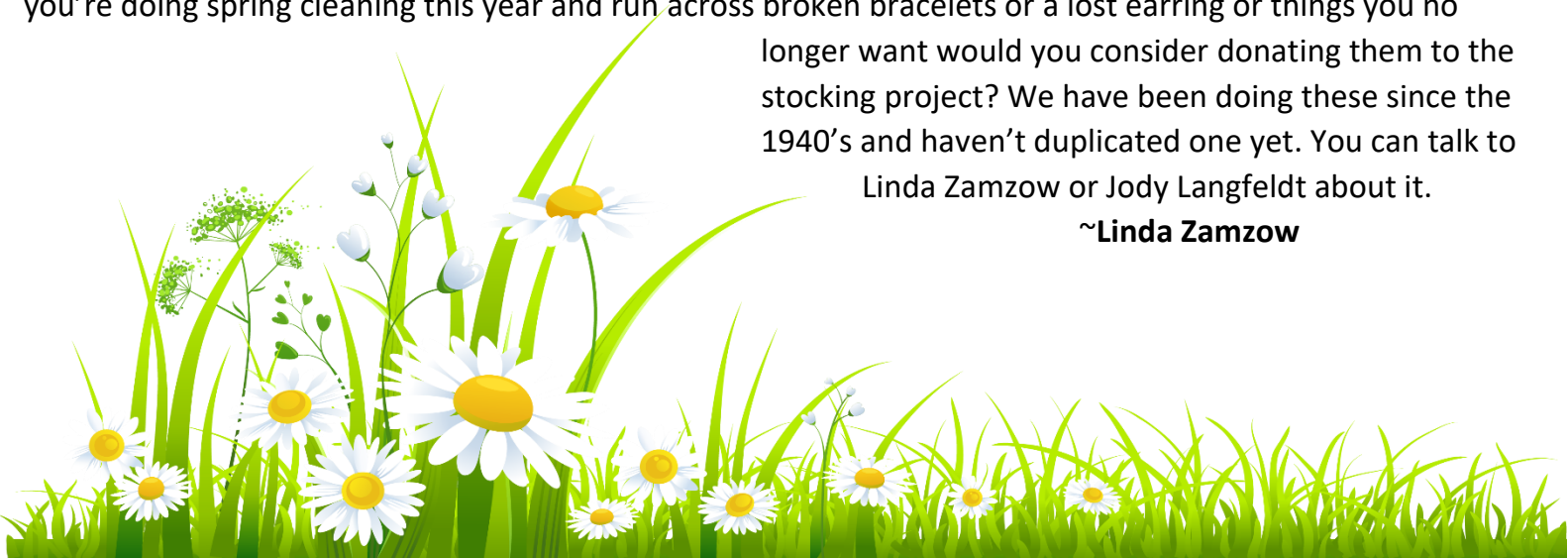
St. Mark's app available on android phones only (for the moment)

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. 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, Sandy, Linda, Marie, Rod, Brett, Erin, Larry, Paula, Jack, Mandy, Charley, Jim & Ann, Clayton, Rita, Rebecca, Joann, Junie & Bob, Wendy, Jaci & John, Ken, and Amy.

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.



EpiscoWisco Camp 2023

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.





JUNE BIRTHDAYS, BAPTISMAL ANNIVERSARIES, AND WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

DID I MISS ANYONE?? please let us know by emailing (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

3 – Lindsey Cleary, Amanda Luebke
5 – Libbie Kacuba
7 – Sean Merrill, Jeff Panzer
9 – Gayle Day
14 – Christine Merrill
17 – James Merrill Sr.
26 – Kathryn Horne
30 – Aaron Polensky, Heidi Tess

Baptismal Anniversaries

7 – Megan Moquin
8 – Joann Ellis
12 – Marie Frank
20 – Cori Drexler, Marsha Horne
26 – David Neste

Wedding Anniversaries

5 – Dan & Sue Hilbert
13 – Andy & Shannon Wesener
15 – Dave & Cori Drexler

Annual Plant & Bake Sale 2023

Here's hoping your ovens have cooled down from the December cookie walk because we are asking you to fire them up again for the Plant and Bake Sale! Deb Kuenzi and are heading the bake sale part and Linda Zamzow is heading up the plant sale part.

If you have plants in your home or yard that you are interested in removing or splitting, contact Linda at 920-885-6407.

For the bake sale, any kind of bake goods are welcome, cookies, bars, breads, cupcakes, pastries, pies, muffins, trail mix or candy. Feel free to be creative! Deb and I are asking you to package your baked goods however you think they'll sell best, i.e. a half dozen cookies per package, whole pies or slices of pie. How you package them is up to you.

We are also asking that you price your baked goods. Price them to sell but remember it is a fundraiser for St. Mark's. Also remember the sale is a two-day event so we need enough bake goods to have a good selection for both days.

The Plant and Bake Sale will be held on Friday June 2nd and Saturday June 3rd from 8 am to noon both days. Deb and I will be at church from 2-5 pm on Thursday the 1st to receive your goodies. You can also leave them any time on the 1st that is convenient for you.



If you're not a baker, fear not there will be jobs for you! We will need folks here for set up, workers, money takers and clean up.

If you have questions about the bake sale part of this fundraiser, you can call either Deb at 920-344-6473 or me (Jody) at 920-948-2743. Remember the more we bake the more we make! ~ **Jody Langfeldt**



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.

JUNE 2023

4-Jun	
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

11-Jun	
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

18-Jun	
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

25-Jun	
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

Vestry Meeting Minutes

March 19th, 2023

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

Missing Members: Carolyn VonRuden, Dave Drexler

Meeting Started: 10:45AM

Jody opens in prayer

February minutes amended; correspondences were received

Mark motions to approve minutes as amended

Seconded by Kevin

All say I

Motion carried

Treasurer Report

Bank Balance – \$17,878.17

250.2 – Tech Fund – \$2000

410 – Current Pledges – \$819.80 over budget

412 – Giver of Record – \$406.66 under budget

413 – Loose Offerings – \$213.55 over budget

Deb had questions about 831. scrip expenses

549.1 – Church Excursion Expenses – \$1692 (Fireside Theater)

440.9.2 – Church Excursion – \$161

251 – Youth Activities – \$2,913.36

259.9 – Coffee Money – \$1,352.60

Correspondence – N/A

Old Business

Altar Guild – Waiting to be typed

Determine Outreach Recipients – Everyone present was asked last month to bring one or two ideas for this month's meeting on who we should give the money to. Some suggestions were the Penguin Project, the library (they provide outreach), St. Vincent's, and PAVE. New Beginnings Homeless Shelter was mentioned but possibly not as a place to donate - it might have just been part of the conversation. Also mentioned were the salvation army Church Health Services, Life Academy, and Cribs for Kids.

- a. It is suggested that we put them all on a list and rotate through them
- b. Fr. Mike suggests we each pick 3 to vote on at the next meeting
- c. List will be used for 10% donations but also for the coffee hour donation basket
- d. Mark would like the tea or coffee fairy to submit a receipt so we can track
- e. This is the first year we've had an actual list of places we want to donate to
- f. It was suggested that the May and November money go to the UTO, and that if you write your name on the box it can be counted as credit

Adult Education Grant – Was submitted
church periodical club / miles of pennies

Pens & Post-It notes & Magnets – Jody got physical examples for us to look at. Some things mentioned in regard to the items:

- a. We can get the pen in red, the ink is blue (Jody thinks)
- b. The magnet is rectangular. Jody was thinking we take the information on the current post-it notes and put it all on the magnets instead
 - Church name, address, shield, correct phone number, and website
 - Leave out rector name. Not putting a priest's name on it means we can use them forever
- c. It would come out to little over 500\$
- d. It would more than likely be taken out of outreach
- e. Jody would like permission to contact 4 Imprint and get a better feel for what it would cost / a quote or idea of cost.
- f. Fr. Mike would like to be involved in this process as he is "usually pretty good at getting places to waive the art fee"

Nametags – Maison will put something in the bulletin about non-magnetized nametags so they can make the correct ones for people

Nametag Board – Nametags don't want to stick to it; tend to slide down. Ken will check out the cost of sheet metal to cover the whiteboards to hopefully solve that problem

Little Library – Just on the agenda so we keep it in front of us / keep it in mind. There's one on North Center that Jody likes, with one shelf at adult level and one at kid level

Scrip Tutorial – Back burner

Mental Health Information – The idea was brought up to have, once a month, an adult forum during coffee hour to restart the mental health informational talks that we did pre-covid. It would help us become a dementia-friendly church as dementia is the big one people want to start with

Tech Committee Update – Up and going, we have another date to meet up. There's 5 or 6 of us, trying to figure out the whole email problem. Jim brought some information on cameras we could get that are not through metro sound and thus are cheaper

New Members Class – Bishop will come in May on a Wednesday, no set date yet, 7 or 8 classes - will not start next week like planned.

New Business

Annual Church Leadership Contact Information - Must be submitted to the diocese

Kevin's Discernment Committee – Most people are in place as of today's meeting. Fr. Mike is part of it some of the time but not most of the time. Kevin, thankfully, explains what the committee is for: It's a committee that is convened when a parishioner feels called to ordained ministry. It is to help determine if they should go the way of ministry or help the church in another way.

Linda motions to convene a discernment committee for Kevin Luebke

Ken seconded

Kevin abstains

Eucharistic Lay Minister License – Fr. Mike will take care of it with Joann

Safe Church Training – Any leadership role in the church should go through it, including anyone who is teaching kids. It must be renewed every 3 years. There will be a certificate you can print out when you finish and Jody will keep

track of who does it. It will be kept in the office

Delegates and Alternates – Joann needs the information so she can send it out

Parochial Report – Was filed

Active Violence Response and Training – The diocese is encouraging 3 or 4 parish and/or vestry leaders to attend.

April 29th

Church Security Team – Is it necessary? No. But there are some opinions on it. Revisit this topic another time

Easter Alter Decorations – Linda forgot to ask at the last meeting so she just went ahead and ordered the flowers. Fr. Mike says we shouldn't have to ask for stuff like that - money is allocated for these things and people who have been put in charge of things should be trusted to handle those things. "Just make sure to keep track of the money spent for the treasurers."

Talent Fair Date – We aren't going to do it at the same time as Mitch's concert this year (which is in June) It will always be in the fall, around thanksgiving.

New Organist – Daughter of the youth & ministry person at St. Katherine Drexel is interested in playing the Sundays Lizzie isn't here. She is a minor, doesn't play the organ or sing - Her name is Emma and she's a junior at Beaver Dam High School. We'll have her for 2 years. She will be shadowing on the 23rd and playing on the 30th. \$75 shadow and \$100 to play, pay scale will be revisited as she progresses. She would be available for weddings and funerals. When asked Lizzie said she is okay with not recording on the off-weeks anymore.

Quarterly Worship Committee – Will be put together at some point

Church Use – A counseling group is going to use the building March 28th as it is a central location for the organization out of Two Rivers, WI. It's headed by a family, marriage, and addiction counselor who sometimes attends St. Mark's

a. Mark asked about allowing more groups like that to use the building, if that's something we want to do. It has been brought up before and the idea received positive feedback from all in attendance.

Joyful Noise Update – Mitch is coming 22nd of June. The swan park bandshell and shelter will be rented. Katherine Drexel will be sponsoring with us from 4 until 9. From 4 until 7 the first Lutheran praise band will play, there will be food and family friendly stuff, and an ice cream social after mitch plays. The plan is to make this an annual event

Ministerium – Rebooting in May

Fr. Mike –

a. Pitches the idea of bringing back a morning breakfast - people gathering and praying while eating pancakes. It seems nowhere has done it in a long time; St. Marks has never done it

b. as two Sundays off in July – One for Mexico (non-vacation) and one for visiting Adam (a vacation). They are the 16th and the 23rd

c. Found someone who will silver the chalice his dad made him. He is planning on covering the cost himself but if it ends up being beyond his means, he would like to know if the cost could be shared. General mumbling says yes. It wasn't voted on.

d. Would like to have some small palm crosses that could be put in welcome bags or handed out.

Deb asks if she should make more of the quilt squares with crosses in them (the ones we put in welcome bags and hand out currently) Linda responds with "more is always better".

Jr. Warden

1. Nothing immediately going on

2. Met the morning of this meeting with Jim Merrill about the new cameras that are coming in. They need to meet up about "cables and such"

3. There needs to be another spring cleanup outside

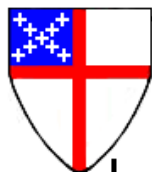
4. A light burned out in back of the glass wall already, so it needs to be replaced
5. Organization of the inside of the shed is being planned

Scrip Update – \$167.27

Next Meetings – April 23rd , May 21st, & June 11th

Fr. Mike closes in prayer

Meeting End: 12:20PM.



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