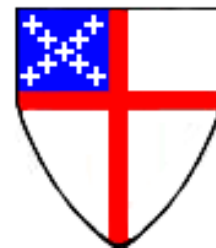




Saint Mark's Messenger

Beaver Dam, WI Maison Yaroch, Newsletter Editor March 2023



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Hello St. Mark's,

As the year continues to fly by, I want to give you all a special invitation to the Lenten opportunities available during this Lent.

We are having soup, bread, and book study starting March 1st at 5pm with stations of the cross and Eucharist at 6:30pm. The book we will be reading is "Being Disciples" by the retired Archbishop of Canterbury Rowan Williams. If you're interested books are available in the narthex at church.

Thursday March 9th @ 6pm we will be having a reconciliation service at church. This will be a brief service of scripture, song, and prayer with a chance for individual confession afterwards if people wish to go to confession. Many people in the Episcopal church don't know that confession is actually a sacrament of ours. It isn't required ever, but it *is* an excellent chance to start anew and move past the sin and burden that can keep us from fully experiencing God's love. What better time is there to do that then Lent?

Our home eucharist will be at the church March 16th from 5 till 8, hosted by Fred & Joanne Ellis as we all Lilly: their dog and a frequent attendee at Wednesday worship. The meat will be pulled pork, please bring a dish to pass. Eucharist will start at 6:15pm with supper to follow.

There is a sign up in the narthex across from the bathrooms for bringing soup & bread for Lenten Wednesdays, as well as for reading or serving during Holy Week in April. We're having a night-watch on Maundy Thursday from right after the service until daybreak. You can participate in person or online. Time slots can be signed up for on the holy week signup sheet.

You may notice the crosses covered, the sand in the baptistry, and the holy water fonts by the main church doors. These are to help us enter into the desert of Lent. The grittiness of Lent will help us sharpen, smooth, and shine ourselves so as we come through into Easter light we will glimmer like the son we follow.

I am praying for you in my deepest prayer this Lent.

God bless you as we take this journey.

- **Fr. Mike**



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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



Miracles Among Us

Do you wonder if miracles still happen? Have you ever seen one? They are all around us. Volunteering for an organization is a good place to see them and to be one. Many of us here at St. Mark's do volunteer work in and outside of the church. We might consider that what we do doesn't have much impact, but much of the time our contribution of time and talent is built upon the volunteer ahead or behind us. Eastern Star is a great example. Saving aluminum pull tabs from cans may not seem like a very big deal or very important but you add yours to everyone else's in church and it becomes quite a contribution over time. Our representative to Eastern Star is Vanda Wiegert. She adds ours to others she collects and drives them to a collection sight in Madison. They are then added to many more Eastern Star collectors. The Shriners then sell them and use the funds to purchase therapy for children using a new prothesis or walkers at a Shriner's hospital.

UTO is another example of miracles today. We put coins in a box for blessings received which are then added to others in the diocese. The funds are then added to all Episcopal diocese across the nation. The National church distributes the money in the form of grants to any Episcopal church that applies for one. The average collected is two million dollars per year. Here at St. Mark's we donated \$418.16 in 2022. The collection is taken here in May and November. Vanda Wiegert is also the person to talk to for information about this outreach.

So you can see that all of us together really are a miracle to someone we may not even know, and as God says, "That's the way it's done."

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, Sandy, Linda, Marie, Rod, Brett, Erin, Debbie, Larry, Paula, Jack, Ben, Mandy, Charley, Jim & Ann, Clayton & Nancy, Rita, Rebecca, Joann, Jaci & John, Ken, 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.



MARCH 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

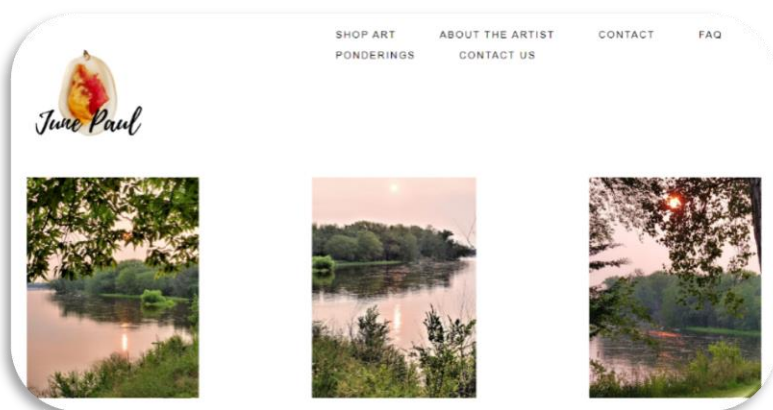
9 – Dave Genereaux
19 – Ricky Polensky
28 – Megan Moquin

Baptismal Anniversaries

2 – James Merrill Jr.
6 – June Harmon
12 – Ernie DeZarn

Wedding Anniversaries

3 – James & Christine Merrill
3 – Dan & Sue Kuhn
21 – Steve & Cyndi Helmer



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!



RaiseRight
Formerly ShopWithScrip

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*

Notice:: If you have anything to email to the office or Maison please email disastercas@hotmail.com until further notice. Despite people's efforts, including several days of email and phone tag, our office email address is still not working. As soon as it gets figured out we'll let you all know

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.**



February 8th, 2023

Mini Wednesday night pizza party for those who helped put welcome bags together, as well as the men & Maison who also happened to be there

From the Episcopal News Service:

For an Epiphany blessing, chalk the door with 'holy graffiti'

Episcopal churches adopt ancient tradition

By Mary Frances Schjonberg

Photo: David Paulsen/Episcopal News Service



From the Epiphany and continuing for days to come, more and more Episcopalians are joining other Christians around the world in writing this ancient yet ever-changing formula on their doors: 20+C+M+B+23.

The numbers, letters and symbols have been called “holy graffiti,” and some people suggest the combination looks like the start of an algebraic equation.

The letters C, M, B come from the traditional names for the wise men: Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar, whose arrival at Mary and Joseph’s

home is celebrated on the Epiphany. (Tradition also says that three men visited the infant Jesus because the gospel writer Matthew, the only one who describes such a visit but does not number them, says they brought three gifts, gold, frankincense, and myrrh. Their names appear in a Greek manuscript from 500 AD translated into Latin, which many biblical scholars consider the source of the names.) The letters are also an abbreviation for “Christus Mansionem Benedicat,” which means “May Christ bless this dwelling.” The first and last numbers refer to the current year, and the plus signs in between represent the cross



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

Haiti Partnership New

Classes Have Started at St. Marc School Jeannette. We are delighted to tell you that, after a delayed opening due to the fuel crisis, St. Marc School opened to great fanfare on November 7! It

was one of the first schools to reopen this year, and students, teachers, and parents alike rejoiced!

The last few months have been some of the most difficult times people in Haiti have ever experienced. Food shortages, due in part to the gang barricade of the port in Port-au-Prince and of major roads (including the one to Jeannette), coupled with rampant inflation, have left Haiti in what the United Nations has declared to be a situation of "catastrophic hunger." Now that the growing season has ended and Jeannette is entering the dry period, Jeannette's people are also experiencing food insecurity. Please prayerfully consider donating today to support the school and clinic that are so vital to the people of Jeannette.



Thank you for your support and for your prayers, which St. Marc and the community of Jeannette need now more than ever. To donate, you may use the online diocesan Giving Portal (in the box marked "Fund" scroll down to Haiti Partnership) or mail a check with "Haiti" written on the memo line to the attention of Caroline Senn (804 E. Juneau Ave.; Milwaukee WI 53202).

From the Episcopal Wisconsin Trialogue Frequently Asked Questions

FAQ #1: What is under consideration by the trialogue?

In the 21st century, the church faces a changing landscape. Our society is becoming increasingly secular and commitment to the church is no longer a given. One way or another, the church must adapt to better engage the world with the resurrection hope we have in Jesus Christ.

The trialogue is considering reunion of the three Episcopal dioceses in Wisconsin into one diocese. A Steering Committee is coordinating the various task forces to examine what is needed for building such a proposal. No specific proposal has been developed yet.



At the end of 2020, the bishops of the Diocese of Eau Claire and the Diocese of Milwaukee both retired, which resulted in two of the three dioceses of Wisconsin being without bishops. That presented what seems like an opportunity to explore the future of the Episcopal Church in Wisconsin. The opportunity is providential. Might the Holy Spirit be inviting us to look afresh at being the church in our time? How might our combined assets – financial and human resources – be used to support each of our existing congregations and encourage the beginning of new congregations or communities that might look more or less like church as we know it? Or perhaps even communities of faith that look quite different from the church as we know it today? How might we be better public witnesses and agents of hope in Wisconsin? The time is right to look at these and other questions.



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Almighty God, we come before you asking grace and wisdom for all who are called to discern your mission for the church in Wisconsin. May we listen to one another in humility and always seek your will. We pray in the name of Jesus, the head of the church. Amen.

For updates and to learn more about the Trialogue :

episcopalwisconsin.info

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.

March 2023 LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

5-Mar	
ACOLYTE	Betsy Schlueter
ALTAR	Gayle Elbert & Betsy Lampert
CHALICE	Fred Ellis
COUNTERS	Jim Merrill & Carol Starr
INTERCESSOR	Julie Sherwood
READER	Deb Kuenzi
USHER	Jerry Frank & Bob Zamzow

12-Mar	
ACOLYTE	Jim Merrill
ALTAR	Libbie Kacuba
CHALICE	Joann Ellis
COUNTERS	Joann Ellis & Carol Starr
INTERCESSOR	Christine Merrill
READER	Jody Langfeldt
USHER	Dave Genereaux & Ken Peters

19-Mar	
ACOLYTE	Jim Merrill
ALTAR	Joyce DeZarn & Sue Hilbert
CHALICE	Fred Ellis
COUNTERS	Jim Merrill & Joyce DeZarn
INTERCESSOR	Bob Zamzow
READER	Julie Sherwood
USHER	Bob & Linda Zamzow

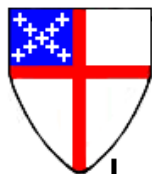
26-Mar	
ACOLYTE	Betsy Schlueter
ALTAR	Linda Zamzow & Traci Brehmer
CHALICE	Fred Ellis
COUNTERS	Joann Ellis & Joyce DeZarn
INTERCESSOR	Deb Kuenzi
READER	Linda Zamzow
USHER	Jerry Frank & Bob Zamzow

St. Mark's Episcopal Church Vestry Meeting Minutes...

Will be in April's newsletter. My apologies for not being able to include them this month, I was sick and didn't hear back in time as to whether they were approved to post or not. It's already the last day of February and this is getting sent out late enough.

Sorry again,
Maison





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Faith, Family, & Sacrament

We welcome, support, and nourish the diversity
in all people and treat everyone with
dignity and respect.

