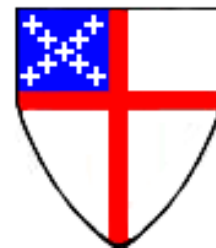




Saint Mark's Messenger

Beaver Dam, WI Maison Yaroch, Newsletter Editor March 2024



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Blessed Lent St. Mark's,

March brings not only the heart of Lent but also Easter this year. I am so excited to have the new stations of the cross that Marsha Horne just finished for us. They are incredible! They will add beauty and Holiness not only to our Lenten Stations of the Cross but to the church. Dave Drexler and Ken Peters installed them. It's so cool to have such incredible talent in our parish. It really is amazing how many talented and generous people St. Mark's has.

weeks. Soup and Bread starts at 5 p.m. The discussion starts at 5:30 and Stations and Eucharist are at 6:30 PM I hope that looking at the next week's gospel will add to the experience on Sunday when you hear the gospel after exploring it together on Wednesdays.



The Holy Week schedule will be as follows:

March 27 – Wednesday – Stations at 6:30 PM (no soup and bread or Lenten series)

March 28 – Thursday – Maundy Thursday 7 PM

March 29 – Friday – Good Friday 1 PM and 6:30 PM

March 30 – Holy Saturday – Easter Vigil 7 PM

March 31 – Easter Service

I hope you can join us for our Holy Week services.

My prayer for our church family is that this Lent, Holy Week and Easter Celebrations will be Holy and Blessed for you.

God bless,
Fr. Mike

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If you write a check to St. Mark's please include on the memo line what the check is for
Including that little bit of information would help the counters out greatly

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 Prayer for:: Brian L, Mandy & Josh, Charlotte, Bill, Therese, Ernie & Barb, Linda & Jerry, Deb's
sister Joyce, Steve, Derek, Brett, Erin, Jim, Wendy, Grace, Kyra, Jerry & Marie Frank, Viola-Cleo, Jhana
Maya, Alan Bruce, Cordelia, Cori & David, Barb & Eric, Bill, Rich, Erica, Marsha, Jerry

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.

2024 Annual Plant & Bake Sale

Spring is almost here and it's time to begin planning for St. Mark's first fundraiser of the year. The date is
Friday and Saturday, May 17th and 18th. As in previous years we are looking for plants to dig up and sell.
Do you have any perennials that need thinning? Are your gardens getting out of hand? Is it time to give
away some of those house plants? We will come to your house and dig up, pick up and replant. If you have
pots to donate we will accept them also.

You can bring your plants/pots to church or call Carolyn VonRuden at 920-344-0755,
Nyx Berkevich at 608-446-9559 or Linda Zamzow at 920-885-6407.

There will also be a bake sale the same day. Please see Jody Langfeldt and Deb Kuenzi about what they
are looking for as bakery products.





MARCH BIRTHDAYS, BAPTISMAL ANNIVERSARIES, AND WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

*DID I MISS ANYONE?? please let us know by emailing (akitofpigeons@hotmail.com).
If your Birthday, Baptismal Anniversary or Wedding Anniversary is not listed, if your name is spelled in-correctly, your special day is missing, or if someone should be taken off: HELP US.*

Birthdays

9th – David Genereaux

Baptismal Anniversaries

2nd – James Merrill Jr.

Wedding Anniversaries

3 – Jim & Chris Merrill, Dan & Sue Kuhn

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 2024

3-Mar	
ACOLYTE	FRED ELLIS
ALTAR	GAYLE DAY & BETSY LAMPERT
CHALICE	JIM MERRILL
COUNTERS	JIM MERRILL & JOANN ELLIS
INTERCESSOR	KEN PETERS
READER	JOANN ELLIS
USHER	DAVID DREXLER & KEN PETERS

10-Mar	
ACOLYTE	JIM MERRILL
ALTAR	CAROL STARR
CHALICE	FRED ELLIS
COUNTERS	CORI DREXLER & JOYCE DeZARN
INTERCESSOR	BOB ZAMZOW
READER	DEB KUENZI
USHER	BOB & LINDA ZAMZOW

17-Mar	
ACOLYTE	BETSEY SCHLUETER
ALTAR	JOYCE DeZARN & SUE HILBERT
CHALICE	JIM MERRILL
COUNTERS	JIM MERRILL & CAROL STARR
INTERCESSOR	DAVID DREXLER
READER	JOANN ELLIS
USHER	BOB ZAMZOW & KEN PETETRS

24-Mar	
ACOLYTE	KEN PETERS
ALTAR	TRACI BREHMER & LINDA ZAMZOW
CHALICE	FRED ELLIS
COUNTERS	JOANN ELLIS & CORI DREXLER
INTERCESSOR	JOANN ELLIS
READER	DEB KUENZI
USHER	DAVID DREXLER & ?

31-Mar

ACOLYTE

FRED ELLIS

ALTAR

DEB KUENZI & JODY LANGFELDT

CHALICE

JIM MERRILL

COUNTERS

JOYCE DeZARN & LINDA ZAMZOW

INTERCESSOR

DEB KUENZI

READER

LINDA ZAMZOW

USHER

KEN PETERS & ?



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Vestry Meeting Minutes

December 17th, 2023

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

Missing Members: Dave Drexler

Meeting Started: 11 AM

Fr. Mike opens in prayer

Mark moves to approve

Deb seconded

All say aye

Treasurer Report

Balance – \$16,486.68 bank

410 – Current Pledge Contributions – \$6,055.80

412 – Giver of Record – \$596.63 Under Budget

413 – Loose Offerings – \$0.65 Under Budget

416.3 – Cookie Walk – \$1730.25

416.85 – Silent Auction – \$1,022

420 – Int.on Invest/Operations – \$81.02 Over Budget

511 – Rector's Compensation – \$245.38 Over Budget

512.1 – Rector's Pension – Shows minus but is not, "good to go" says Fred

513 – Rector's Health Insurance – Minus \$416.63

515 – Supply Priest – \$650 Under Budget

519 – Misc.Snow/Lawn – \$621.63 Under Budget

530 – Diocesan Assessment – \$819.50 Over Budget

542 – Heat/Light/Water – \$314.90 Under Budget

544.4 – Internet – \$785.09 Over Budget

a. Here there was an explanation of paypal fees

563 – Flowers – \$152.49 Over Budget

565 – Bulletin Inserts – \$180.26

575 – Seminarian Support – \$15,863 – done with Meredith, now its Kevin

611 – Organist – \$1,037 Under Budget

612 – Administrative Assistant – \$818 Under Budget

Next year is Fred's last year as treasurer, Mark will be taking over for him

Carolyn accepts treasurer's report

Old Business

Cookie Walk – We don't need to put the ad in the paper, its tiny and not worth it. If we know what cookies sell out we can make more of them instead of making things that won't sell. We sold scrip during the cookie walk and

it went very well. It was suggested that Maison make the labels for the boxes next year & that we should either add 'thank you' to the stickers or make a separate sticker

Little Library – N/A

Tech Committee – January 21st Paul Bauer (Bauer Computers) will be here for free to talk to us about putting together a master plan for all our tech needs. Subsplash are still working on the apple app issue. We'll be having more meetings with them in the new year. Jim working on multiple cameras and projector, Jim putting in cameras the week after this meeting according to Chris

Icon Class – Next year (2024)

Safe Church Training – Remember to do it if you've been given the link

Dementia Training – We still need to schedule the walkthrough to see where things needs to be, what would be trouble for someone with dementia, etc.

Parish Nurse – Jody will start classes after the 1st of January

Diocese Evangelical Grant – Fr. Mike will be, in the new year, putting our bid in for them

Ash Receptacle – Was moved

Nominations – These get voted on at the annual meeting

Tapestry Donation – It's up in the columbarium

Mending & Sewing Outreach Ministry – Kathy S would like to set this up in the church so, if we have things that need mending around the church, we can get it taken care of. She would like to then take it to the congregation, possibly eventually out into the community

Christmas – Christmas stuff will be put up around the church the Tuesday & Wednesday the week of this meeting

New Business

Human Trafficking Presentation – Jody has been in contact with a lady from 5stones about getting this done, it won't get done until the new year – possibly sometime in February after church one Sunday. Carolyn warns it's heavy and a lot of information. It would be 45 minutes with 15 minutes for questions

Annual Meeting – It is decided that it will be a potluck, same as last year. All reports need to be in to Maison by Jan January 15th

Copyright Music – Fr. Mike has to talk to someone about getting permission, finding what is needed to be copyright compliant because we're broadcasting

Insurance – Mark is going to talk to our insurance about what we're covered for

Pot for Fr. Mike – Fr. Mike brought up creating a fund (one other than the discretionary fund) for stuff like chaplain, people he picks up and gets to come to St. Marks, outreach, etc. that he can pull from when needed. It would be transparent for accountability. We'll be working on it. Move to next year's agenda

Rector's Report

Ministry Training – Fr. Mike is thinking of starting this in February

- a. February is readers & prayers of the people
- b. March is acolytes and chalice bearers
- c. April ushers and greeters
- d. May is altar guild

Gasket on the Fridge – \$165 - \$300 and there is no guarantee it will stop the problem. A new fridge is \$600 - \$800 for a simple fridge. Fr. Mike would like permission to do a little investigation at Silica and next meeting he

will have prices or a plan

Vestry Retreat – Wait until we have the new vestry to ask for a date to do it

Raise for Lizzie – Two different rates, one for playing and one for recording. This raise would be for playing. She has not gotten a raise yet. This would = 10% of current compensation raised to the next 5 dollars for playing at mass, starting in January

Mark proposes

Linda seconded

All say aye

Choir – Fr. Mike wants to start it back up, with practice on Wednesdays (45 minutes to an hour) at least twice a month

a. Ken is still leading the choir

b. Either have Lizzie record or use midi music so we do not incur a cost of paying another person

c. Starting in the new year

Update on Emma – Emma is going to college, coming back twice a month, staying with us

Lizzie's Mom – We might get her to play as well, Lizzie will talk with her

Review Plans for Christmas – Done. Fr. Mike wants us to give feedback after all the extra services. Linda will be going through the silent night candles and de-waxing, replacing ones that are too short. Fr. Mike is requesting a stand for the easter candle so someone doesn't get stuck holding it

Jr. Warden's Report

Creche – Creche is done & there will be a star going up (electric)

a. A plaque will be installed during the season, when its not in use it will be in the church

Chapel – Installed a new background, the big wheel will be put in here

fire department was here we passed with flying colors we had one bulb that was out

Altar – Sometimes there are no flowers, someone said we can't use artificial flowers in the church, but someone else said it is up to Fr. Mike. Ken suggests getting new artificial flowers. Fr. Mike and Ken will talk about it

Fireplace – is NOT coming full out, it is being changed

Other –

a. There is lots of space upstairs now

b. We have a fan that doesn't work, wondering what to do or not do about that

c. The fire department was here & we passed with flying colors (aside from one bulb that was out)

Scrip - \$240

Vestry Meetings

Next Meeting – February 11th

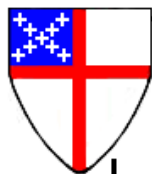
March Meeting – Kevin suggests waiting until the new vestry meeting members are elected to decide

Annual Meeting – January 28th (*usually the last Sunday in January*)

Fr. Mike closed in prayer

Carolyn making a motion we adjourn

Meeting Ended:: 12:40 PM



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