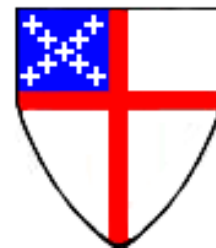




# Saint Mark's Messenger

Beaver Dam, WI    Maison Yaroch, Newsletter Editor    October 2022



**Fr. Mike Tess, Rector**

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Hello St. Mark's,

Fall is here. The Harvest, the changing of the colors, and celebrating God's bounty. We have had a busy summer and have hit the fall full force. We are starting confirmation class a few weeks later than planned but class is starting Sept 25<sup>th</sup> and continuing through October. In November Bishop Lee will be with us for confirmation and reception.

October will be our busiest month yet in our time together. We have the diocesan convention in early October in Milwaukee and then the talent auction from Oct 2<sup>nd</sup> through Oct 16<sup>th</sup>. There will be tables set up in the narthex with talents to be bid on. Some items will be presented, like paintings and wood carvings, and some will be a description of the talent, like cleaning or dinner with your Rector :)



Taking place in the middle of our talent auction we have a concert right here at St. Mark's. Tuesday Oct 11<sup>th</sup> at 7PM, come see Mitch McVicker - a Christian artist that will engage you with his unique style of storytelling and song. It's a free concert, although there will be a plate for donations if you would like to / are able to give. Snacks will be served afterwards (also free) so bring along some friends and have fun!

Our talent auction ends Oct 16<sup>th</sup>. Those with the highest bid will win the talent being offered. Checks can be made out to St. Mark's talent auction on the memo line or you can pay online.

We will be celebrating baptisms on October 2<sup>nd</sup> and blessing of the animals Oct 9<sup>th</sup> (more about that in about 3 pages) And we'll also be talking at mass about stewardship the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month as we start putting together the budget for next year.

Finally, we will be having our 1<sup>st</sup> parish adventure. We are going to Feil's in Randolph for Oktoberfest, Sunday Oct 30<sup>th</sup>. We'll be leaving St. Mark's at 4pm, or you can meet us at Feil's at 4:30. The cost is \$18.50 a person but scholarships are available if you can't afford the cost but wish to attend. See me for more information.

God bless your October St. Mark's, I hope your month is blessed.

Fr. Mike

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## St. Mark's Welcomes Your Talents!

We have a wonderful church community. We recognize that we are a small congregation, and we really try to do as much with it as we can. God has given us many talents and has made each of us unique. Why would God do that? Surely God would like for each of us to find ways to use our unique talents to go in peace and love and serve the Lord. At St. Mark's, we want to tap into that to build as vibrant and welcoming a congregation as we can!

Did you know...? We welcome contributions to this newsletter from anyone who has something to add? Email Maison Yarocho in the office ([office@stmark-beaverdam.org](mailto:office@stmark-beaverdam.org)) with your idea!

Did you know...? We ask for volunteers to do things like clean the church, as well as our liturgical volunteers? Maybe you're more of a behind-the-scenes helper. That's great!

Did you know...? Many of the church decorations were made by our own talented crafters?

Did you know...? We could use more tech-savvy people to help stream services or learn how the organ works?

Did you know...? We want to hear any other ideas you may have, on what talents YOU'VE thought you'd like to use and share with us. Let any vestry member know what you have in mind, and we'll be happy to talk about the possibility.

The point is--as a small church, we rely on each other in many ways, and we know the Holy Spirit moves people in different ways. We'd love to help you move in the ways you feel called. Anything that helps us fulfill our mission is wonderful!

Let's not kid ourselves--covid19 has caused some serious interruptions and will continue to do so. St. Mark's has done well in moving forward together, and as we look to find our new normal, working our church mission is a great place to start!

~ Kevin Luebke

*Saint Mark's is a faithful worshipping community, strengthened by the sacramental life and empowered by the Spirit to proclaim Christ's love through teaching, serving, and witnessing.*

## 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. you! ~Linda Zamzow



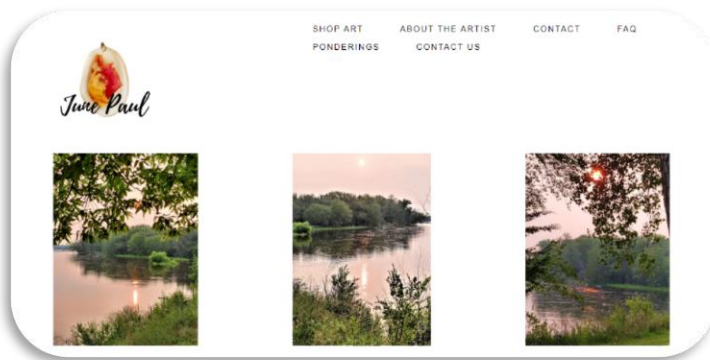
## Annual Cookie Walk Time!!

It's beginning to feel like Christmas is in the air. We have decided to hold our cookie walk at church in the fireside room as in days of old. The sale will be held on **Saturday, December 10** beginning (*and pretty much ending*) at 8am. The reason we know it will be successful is because of the hard work done by Lindsay Cleary and Meredith Harmon in continuing the sale during the two years of Covid to insure it would not become one of the pandemics casualties. The sales had a different look but were both very successful monetarily and in keeping our customers happy, supplied with what they needed, and in the loop. For that we give thanks to Lindsay, Meredith, and all of the bakers who had to step outside their holiday box to keep the sale alive.

We will be able to bring back the varieties that were popular in earlier sales, so get out your cookbooks and choose your favorites. We will hand out the boxes, gloves, and (*new this year*) face masks as customers come downstairs. We will be doing extra advertising online to expand our buyer base so our motto of, "the more we bake, the more we make" will hold especially true.

There will be a sign-up sheet at church for those who attend physically. For our online members I still will need a count of bakers. You can call me at **920-885-6407** or email me at **kokomozippers@gmail.com**. We have an offer from a member who will play Christmas selections on his violin for the customers waiting in the narthex. Anyone interested in singing along? Fa la la!

~ Linda Zamzow



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 : )

## 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). 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, Ozzie, Ita (Eta), Steve, Derek, Cheryl, Pattie, Sandy, Linda, Marie, Rod, Brett, Erin, Ravi, Ben, Mandy, Charley, Bel, Jim & Ann, Clayton & Nancy, Jaxson, and the Tess 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.



# OCTOBER 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 – Andrew Harmon  
18 – Sophia Mosher  
19 – Traci Brehmer  
26 – Brian Tuel  
28 – Josh Kopmeyer

## **Baptismal Anniversaries**

10 – Jody Langfeldt  
13 – Joyce DeZarn  
28 – Josh Kopmeyer  
29 – Libbie Kacuba

## **Wedding Anniversaries**

7 – James & Lindsey Cleary  
12 – Steve & Libbie Kacuba

### **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 will begin singing once a month starting in September. The songs have been chosen and recorded for those who wish to practice. If you are interested in being part of the choir, please contact Ken Peters @ 920-210- 2936 or email: af16889327@yahoo.com

## **Reception of Wine at Holy Eucharist**

We have returned to mostly normal Eucharist! We still cannot allow anyone to drink from the cup, but everyone is now able to intinct.



## **Blessing of the Animals**

St. Frances of Assisi's saint's day is on Sunday, October 9<sup>th</sup>. As the Patron Saint of animals, you are invited to bring your pets to church on that day to receive a blessing after the church services. You can bring your small pets in a carrier and your large pets on a leash. If they behave they can be brought in for the service. If they are frisky you can keep them in your car until the blessing. If you live close enough you will have time to drive home to get them. Fr. Tess will bless everything from spiders and snakes to cats, dogs, and monkeys. (If they are in an appropriate container). You can even dress up as an animal if you choose. ~ Linda Zamzow

## **More Fundraising at St. Mark's!**



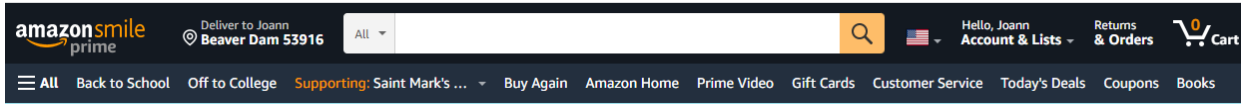
### **Raise Right**

Did you know that **Raise Right** (scrip cards) can be done from an APP on your phone? Ask Joann.



## AmazonSmile

**Did you know when you buy items from Amazon you can support St. Mark's Rector's Discretionary Fund? All you need to do is log into Amazon Smile:**



### **What is AmazonSmile?**

AmazonSmile is a simple way for you to support your favorite charitable organization every time you shop, at no cost to you. AmazonSmile is available at [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) on your web browser and can be activated in the Amazon Shopping app for iOS and Android phones. When you shop with AmazonSmile, you'll find the exact same low prices, vast selection, and convenient shopping experience as Amazon.com, with the added benefit that AmazonSmile will donate 0.5% of your eligible purchases to the charitable organization of your choice. You can choose from over one million organizations to support.

**Select:** St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Beaver Dam as your charity of choice

Current Stats are:

Your current charity

**Saint Mark's Episcopal Church**

has received

**\$308.15**  
as of June 2022

You can also purchase AMAZON scrip cards and load them into your Amazon Smile account. If you do you have doubled our earnings!

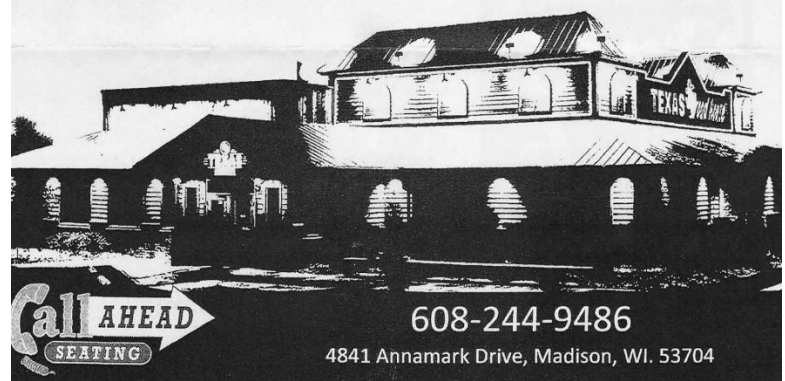
## Texas Roadhouse

Texas Roadhouse is another great way to earn extra monies for St. Mark's. You take your Sunday Bulletin to Texas Roadhouse on Sunday. When you pay your bill, hand your wait staff your bulletin and they will donate a percentage of your bill to St. Mark's. Remember you can also purchase Texas Roadhouse Scrip Cards before you dine. Just another double savings!

### **Texas Roadhouse LOVES Churches!**

#### **10% Donation EVERY Sunday!**

Come in every Sunday between 11:00am – 9:00pm to support your church! Present a copy of your church bulletin to your server and Texas Roadhouse will donate 10% of your total food purchases back to your church!



# St. Mark's Quarterly Adventurers

This newly formed group has its first outing on October 30, 2022 at Feil's Supper Club for an Octoberfest. Hope you will be able to join us. See sign up sheet on table in the Narthex.

We are planning a trip to the Fireside Dinner Theatre on, Thursday, April 6, 2023 for the 11:00 a.m. lunch and the 1:30 matinee performance of "The Music Man". The cost is \$96.00 per person. Scholarships are available for to anyone who would like to go. This includes your lunch and the performance. We need to have your choice of luncheon entrée when you sign up. Choices are:

## **Cream of Shiitake Mushroom Soup**

## **Freshly Baked Breads from our Artisan Bakery**

### **CHICKEN PICCATA**

Skinless Breast of Chicken dipped in egg, lightly breaded, sautéed to a golden brown, resting on a Velouté Lemon Cream Sauce and garnished with tiny Caper Buds and French-Fried Parsley. Served with Roasted Yukon Gold Potato Wedges and Honey Glazed Baby Carrots.

### **BARBECUED RIBS**

A Half Rack of our Signature Lean Pork Back Ribs glazed with our special Barbecue Sauce, slowly roasted until the tender meat falls from the bone. Served with Roasted Yukon Gold Potato Wedges and Honey Glazed Baby Carrots.

### **CRACKER CRUSTED COD**

Baked Cod, lightly seasoned and topped with Lemon Butter and Cracker Crumbs. Served with Roasted Yukon Gold Potato Wedges and Honey Glazed Baby Carrots.

### **GLOBAL VEGETARIAN MEDLEY**

Farm Fresh Vegetables, Mushrooms, Grains, and Pasta.

### **Raspberry Swirl Cheesecake**

Topped with Fresh Whipped Cream and a Raspberry.

### **Coffee, Tea, and Milk**

**Seats are filling up fast already, so please make your reservation now. Return this form to either Gayle Elbert or Fred Ellis no later than October 20, 2022.**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Circle your choice of entrée above**



# Home Eucharist

with this month's host The Tess Family

photos by David Genereaux



## Home Eucharists

**Next Home Eucharist::** October ???

**Hosted By:** Vanda

**Address:** 314 Washington St, Beaver Dam, WI, 53916

**The Following Home Eucharist::** TO BE DETERMINED

## Liturgical Scheduling

Joyce DeZarn has taken over the Liturgical Scheduling for the upcoming months. She has the most current listing of persons for each Liturgical Ministry. Remember that it is up to **you** to find your sub and let Maison in the office know so they might be able to have the bulletin updated (if you are able to notify soon enough). Thanks each and every one of you for all you do and I look forward to our ranks growing and our upcoming training. ~Joann Ellis

2-Oct	
ACOLYTE	Joann Ellis
ALTAR	Gayle Elbert/Betsy Lampert
CHALICE	Jim Merrill
COUNTERS	Kevin Luebke/Carol Starr
INTERCESSOR	Libbie Kacuba
READER	Mark Brehmer
USHER	Jerry & Marie Frank
16-Oct	
ACOLYTE	Jim Merrill
ALTAR	Joyce DeZarn/Sue Hilbert
CHALICE	Fred Ellis
COUNTERS	Cori Drexler/Joann Ellis
INTERCESSOR	Ken Peters
READER	Dave Drexler
USHER	Bob & Linda Zamzow
30-Oct	
ACOLYTE	Fred Ellis
ALTAR	Deb Kuenzi/Jody Langfeldt
CHALICE	Joann Ellis
COUNTERS	Kevin Luebke/Carol Starr
INTERCESSOR	Deb Kuenzi
READER	Libbie Kacuba
USHER	Jerry & Marie Frank

9-Oct	
ACOLYTE	Fred Ellis
ALTAR	Libbie Kacuba
CHALICE	Joann Ellis
COUNTERS	Libbie Kacuba/Jim Merrill
INTERCESSOR	Christine Merrill
READER	Amy Diebaren
USHER	David Genereaux
23-Oct	
ACOLYTE	Joann Ellis
ALTAR	Linda Zamzow/Traci Brehmer
CHALICE	Jim Merrill
COUNTERS	Joann Ellis/Jim Merrill
INTERCESSOR	Bob Zamzow
READER	Fred Ellis
USHER	Dave & Cori Drexler

## **St. Mark's Episcopal Church Vestry Meeting Minutes August 14<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

**In attendance:** Kevin Luebke, Linda Zamzow, Christine Merrill, Jim Merrill, Jody Langfeldt, Ken Peters, Maison Yarooh

Fr. Mike joined remotely

Joann and Fred out of town



**Meeting called to order:** 10:58AM

Opening prayer by Jody

Fr. Mike followed with a devotion

Will do July and August reports together next meeting

### **Treasurer's Report**

\$43,241.99 checking account balance

410 - \$13,375.51

412 - \$5840

413 - \$371

416 - \$1680.08

Heat and Electric - 932.28

\$700 from ECW

Jody motions to put Jr. Warden's report next

Christine so moves

Kevin seconds

All say I

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

1. Waiting on final word regarding window, plans are in place for whenever it arrives, and everything is ready to go
2. New batteries for the urinal
3. New batteries in the smoke detectors
4. Exit lights replaced
5. Still no hot water for the women's bathroom
6. One toilet in the women's bathroom is going to have to be gutted and replaced, the float thing is practically non-existent

### **Correspondence**

1. We got two thank you notes, one from Eagle's Wings for their activity fund for the residents

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

1. Total \$828.36 for July brat stand, including brats sold at church the following Sunday

### **Rector's Report**

1. **Update on window for Paul Lambert** - waiting on it until we know how the big stained-glass window is going to work. Ongoing.
2. **Ministries Grant** - haven't heard anything yet but submitted with a week to spare
3. **Online Store Update** - By this Wednesday it should be up and running, don't have prices yet. Stuff is in creation currently
4. **Core Values Discussion** - Talked with David G. on what the long view is for us as a church "Central Values" - you come up with 3 central values (faith, family, sacrament??) Once established, every project after must be clear in how it ties into at least one of our central values

5. **Loaves and Fishes** - Meal 4-5:30, held at First Lutheran, pick-up only, have run out of food. Maybe between 150-200 meals. Consider showing up to help serve meals. Help make our presence
6. **Senior Trip** - Got lots of ideas from Gayle, but the first will be an October trip to Fiel's to Oktoberfest?? (other ideas: honey farm, wine testing, Fireside)
7. **Confirmation classes** - every Sunday except for vestry Sunday, 10:30 - noon, Sept. October.
8. **Dates for Sept/Oct Vestry** - Sept. 18th, Oct. 23rd. Start planning vestry dates two months out
9. **Plaque for the Nativity** - we have a substantial donor that's going to pay a large chunk of the cost, and then we'll ask the church members
10. **Chambers of Commerce Membership** - Met with Tracy, chamber of commerce executive director, non-profit costs 186\$ every year. Get to be part of the network, everything the chamber has to offer, great way to network with other businesses, will let us put our stuff on the calendar but it must be at least 2 months ahead, will let you do bulk printing and bulk mailing. Fr. Mike thinks it's a good idea, everyone else unsure. Maybe do it after the first of the year
11. **Logo for Polo Shirts and Sweatshirts** - Fr. Mike confirmed it, the basic St. Marks logo
12. **Bid to Extend AC to Upper Levels** - actively getting bids on that
13. **Swing for the Prayer Garden** - Mary Clark would like to buy, in honor of her family, commercial size swing for our "prayer garden" (the garden out front)
14. **Chaplain for Beaver Dam Police Department** - met with police chief who would like Fr. Mike to be their police chaplain for beaver dam, they haven't had one in 2 years
15. **Multi-Cultural Potluck** - made connections with a lot of people. it was at the re-store, last Sunday. so far, its only once a year. Lupita sponsored a lot of the food
16. **Some Kind of Good-Friday Service** - used to have a service 12-3, "we" would like to redo that. will continue to discuss
17. **Pastoral Care Report** - Fr. Mike has been very active all over the place. 20 hrs a week 12-5 St. Claire Hospital Baraboo, St. Mary's
18. **Position at St. Clare Hospital, Baraboo** - Fr. Mike accepted part time, Monday-Thursday 12-5, free all day Friday, in beaver dam the whole day, won't be coming in until 5 on Wednesdays once he starts, will establish 3 hours of office time on another day
19. **Mitch McVick October 15th concert** - Maison apparently supposed to make flyers for it. We'll pass the plate to the people that are there – goal of \$800, rest from discretionary. originally going to be at swan park, but now will be held at St. Mark's as that's a better deal for us. punch and cookie after (falls under fellowship committee)
20. **Talent Fair** - Linda brings up that with all of this, things are getting pretty busy. Fr. Mike says we can make it as big or small as we want. Kevin suggests soliciting talent to see what talent we even have to offer "maybe we reach out to the church first, see what people are comfortable signing up for / volunteering for". Fr. Mike suggests having people "sign up" and list whatever talent they'd be willing to offer on the "three-legged thing"
21. **Establish 2-person Prayer Teams** - would be in addition to the blessings currently done, would be done during communion. people can volunteer
22. **Grief Group** - in the fall, after the Wednesday service, 7-8, online and in person, a dozen or more people who have experienced loss in the last year alone. has 7 topics, do check in, have a task for the next week. goes for 7 weeks but if someone wants to do another 7 weeks they can

**Security Surveillance** - brought up because of the \$5,000 nativity scene. bring up to ken and david

Fr. Mike in charge of registering everyone, if people want to stay overnight that might be their responsibility - not sure, Fr. Mike has cut out so we cant ask. This (2 day) convention is in Milwaukee. Linda suggests we pay for room & mileage for delegates. We haven't budgeted for anything besides registration fees however. Will talk more about it at our next vestry meeting (\$500 for rectors travel expense, \$300 for convention 'other expenses')

Got a letter, forward to Jody by Joann, from the Haiti Partnership. No action needed, just informing us the diocese has entered into a partnership with them. Engage in their services for 5 months and if they still do a good job they might continue / do more

If the Eschweiler's (sp?) are involved, we maybe won't be as involved (minimum two people mentioned not wanting to work with them)

**Sat, December 10th** - cookie walk (get a committee together for this)

**Scrip Update** - \$220.55

Next Meeting September 18<sup>th</sup>

Following Meeting October 23<sup>rd</sup>

Linda did closing prayer

Meeting adjourned 12:10PM

*Minutes Submitted 9/2/22*

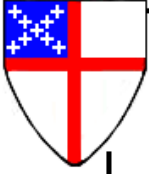
*Maison Yaroch, Clerk of Vestry*

*with assistance from Linda Zamzow*



*Rest in peace, Gambit*  
*You were, and still are, so so loved*





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

