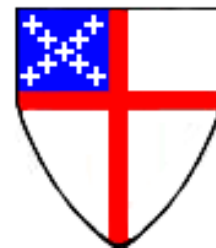




Saint Mark's Messenger

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Blessed October St. Mark's,

Have you pulled out the sweatshirts yet or turned on the heat? Both have happened at the Tess House. The older I get; the faster time seems to fly. I can't believe it's fall, and another summer has slipped through our fingers.

I am really excited and grateful for the opportunity to walk with you on this journey.

We are doing some wonderful things with technology and will soon have a much better ability to reach people on social media and on our live streams. We have such wonderful leaders at this parish, and I continue to be humbled by their faithfulness. Thank you so much.

I recently attended the funeral of one of my closest friends' mother who passed away after 4 years battling with memory loss and dementia. The priest did a wonderful sermon, and I was struck by a line he used. He said, "It's us who are away from home, not those who go before us." I had never thought of it like that. In the South, they call death "Home Going." I've always loved that image and I think it's a wonderful way of framing our lives in God's service. We are here to complete the mission we were sent on and then God brings us home. It begs the question, "What is my mission, my purpose? What did God send me here to do?"

My grandma at 96 always asked me *why am I still here?*

And I always responded *because you haven't finished what God sent you to do.*

It is a new way for us to frame our time and our journey. No wonder it seems so hard sometimes, things are always tougher away from home. Here is the secret sauce: It's only an away game if we are living on our time and not God's. Since God is time and space, and we are living in God's kingdom, on God's time and in God's heart, we are home. In God's time we will never really be separated from those we love. If we are living in God's heart and in His love, then we will have enough. Enough resources, enough time, enough energy, enough talent, enough love.

The parish leadership and I are looking at the last quarter of this year and planning for next year. The budget is tight and it's challenging to trust that we're going to be alright. With this in mind, please know that we are approaching the time of year again when the stewardship committee will be reaching out to ask for commitments / pledges for next year. We are encouraging people to do what they can towards giving St. Mark's as much financial support as you can. But please do not go above your means.

I know that God has a plan for us and if we all do the best we can, and we will, continue to be blessed.

God bless your fall.

Fr. Mike



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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 & Dave, Pam, Rod, Mandy, Bruce, Viola, Cordelia, David, Marie & Jerry Frank, Joyce, Barbara, Erin Weirough, Dick, Harrison, John, Rich, Ita, Steve B, Steve S, Barbara, 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.

In honor of the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, there will be a Blessing of the Animals on October 1st at the Wednesday evening service AND October 4th during service



Silent Auction

October is around the corner! The auction committee requests that you complete the donation form by October 1st, allowing us time to prepare bidding sheets and plan for display prior to the auction, October 15th -29th. To make the auction a success, we are seeking gift certificates, home-made, or hand-crafted items. We ask that you set a minimum bid on your donation and have the items to us by Wednesday, the 13th. Donation items will be on display in the narthex prior to the 15th. Contact Chris, Carolyn or Debbie with any questions or to drop off items.

Join us for cocoa and cookies on October 18th or 25th from 5-6:30 pm prior to the Wednesday evening services. This is an opportunity to view the auction items and bid.



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS, BAPTISMAL ANNIVERSARIES, AND WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

*DID I MISS ANYONE?? please let us know by emailing (disastercas@hotmail.com).
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

18 – Sophia Mosher
19 – Traci Brehmer
26 – Brian Tuel

Baptismal Anniversaries

10 – Jody Langfeldt
13 – Joyce DeZarn
29 – Libbie Kacuba

Wedding Anniversaries

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

Liturgical Scheduling

Due to computer issues an old schedule had to be used for this month.

If there are any changes that need to be made, it is **your** responsibility to find a replacement. Once you have found someone, please email Maison the info at disastercas@hotmail.com.

1-Oct	
ACOLYTE	Betsey Schlueter
ALTAR	Gayle Day & Betsy Lampert
CHALICE	Fred Ellis
COUNTERS	Joann Ellis & Carol Starr
INTERCESSOR	Ken Peters
READER	Carolyn VonRuden
USHER	Ken Peters & Helper

8-Oct	
ACOLYTE	Kevin Luebke
ALTAR	Kevin Luebke & Carol Starr
CHALICE	Jim Merrill
COUNTERS	Jim Merrill & Linda Zamzow
INTERCESSOR	Chris Merrill
READER	Dave Drexler
USHER	Bob & Linda Zamzow

15-Oct	
ACOLYTE	Betsey Schlueter
ALTAR	Joyce DeZarn & Sue Hilbert
CHALICE	Fred Ellis
COUNTERS	Joann Ellis & Cori Drexler
INTERCESSOR	Sue Hilbert
READER	Joann Ellis
USHER	Dan & Sue Hilbert

22-Oct	
ACOLYTE	Betsey Schlueter
ALTAR	Linda Zamzow
CHALICE	Kevin Luebke
COUNTERS	Jim Merrill & Kevin Luebke
INTERCESSOR	Bob Zamzow
READER	Deb Kuenzi
USHER	Jerry Frank & Dave Drexler

29-Oct	
ACOLYTE	Fred Ellis
ALTAR	Linda Zamzow
CHALICE	Kevin Luebke
COUNTERS	Jim Merrill & Joann Ellis
INTERCESSOR	Bob Zamzow
READER	Kevin Luebke
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There was no vestry meeting in July



Proposed Resolution

October 21 Diocesan Conventions of the Dioceses of Eau Claire, Fond du Lac, and Milwaukee

Be it resolved, that the Nth Annual Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of X affirms the process of ongoing discernment with the Dioceses of Y and Z concerning the proposed reunification of the Dioceses of Eau Claire, Fond du Lac, and Milwaukee into the Diocese of Wisconsin; and be it further

Resolved, that the Trialogue Steering Committee continue to produce reports and seek feedback on all matters as may be necessary and proper concerning the proposed reunification of the Dioceses of Eau Claire, Fond du Lac, and Milwaukee; and be it further

Resolved, that the Trialogue Steering Committee, in recognition of its continued discernment and the feedback received on the proposed reunification, present a “joint agreement of union” based on its previous proposal (and in accordance with Canon I.10.6) to the governance bodies of the Dioceses of Eau Claire, Fond du Lac, and Milwaukee no later than mid-February, 2024; and be it further

Resolved, that the Trialogue Steering Committee’s proposed “joint agreement of union” shall set forth the assessment structure of the new Diocese, population of governance bodies of the new Diocese, in addition to all agreements concerning reunification as addressed in Canon I.10.6, and such other matters as may be necessary or proper; and be it further

Resolved, that the Trialogue Steering Committee's proposed "joint agreement of union" be presented to the people of the Dioceses of Eau Claire, Fond du Lac, and Milwaukee for consideration no later than mid-March, 2024; and be it further

Resolved, that the ecclesiastical authorities of the Dioceses of Eau Claire, Fond du Lac, and Milwaukee do call for a Special Joint Convention in Eastertide of 2024 to present the "joint agreement of union" to the delegates of all three dioceses; and be it further

Resolved, that the Trialogue Steering Committee provide the delegates of the Special Joint Convention in Eastertide of 2024 with copies of the "joint agreement of union" and all such supplemental reports and materials as are necessary for said "agreement" to be read, marked, learned, and inwardly digested; and be it further

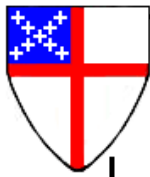
Resolved, that the Special Joint Convention in Eastertide of 2024 be charged with calling a vote for the Dioceses of Eau Claire, Fond du Lac, and Milwaukee to reunify as the Diocese of Wisconsin.

Explanation:

The purpose of this resolution is to:

- Seek the approval of the Dioceses of Eau Claire, Fond du Lac, and Milwaukee for proceeding toward a vote in Eastertide 2024 on the reunion of our dioceses.
- Provide clarity about the requirements of the process of reunion.
- Create accountability for the people of all three dioceses.
- Establish the parameters for the content and production of the "joint agreement of union" as required by Canon I.10.6

We continue to discern reunion, exploring whether it is the most effective and efficient way that our dioceses can form disciples and proclaim the Gospel in word and deed in and beyond our communities. Regardless of the outcome of a final vote on reunion, we believe that the relationships, wisdom, and blessings that the discernment process is creating are an image of what the Episcopal Church in Wisconsin can become for the sake of God's people.



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Faith, Family, & Sacrament

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

