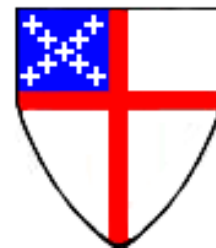




Saint Mark's Messenger

Beaver Dam, WI Maison Yaroch, Newsletter Editor September 2022



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Blessings St. Mark's,

Fall is upon us. You can feel it in the air. I can't believe I have been with you a year already. I think this is one of my favorite summers of all time and I fall more in love with this parish each season.

I am focusing in my prayer on the gifts of the Winged Lion. The gospel on the 11th Sunday after Pentecost was from Luke 13:10-17 The woman bent over with affliction unable to stand straight up for 18 years. I feel like we are flying St. Mark's a bit rocky at times but flying. I feel like the choice is, "Do we focus on the ground or the Son?". We are trying new things and discerning God's call for us. It is exciting, terrifying, and exhausting but **HOLY**. The Holy Spirit is moving in Powerful ways. Hold on, St. Mark's, and we'll ride on the Back of the Lion to where our God is calling us together.



The Vestry is currently focusing on 3 central values: Faith, Family and Sacrament, but it'll be fine-tuned at the September meeting. When we have them finished each new initiative or proposal will need to connect to one of the central values. This is a way to make sure we don't get spread too thin and stay focused on being grounded.

Fall will bring several new and re-established opportunities to St. Mark's, including **Faith Formation, Confirmation, Reception and Re-Affirmation**. For those seeking confirmation, reception for another faith tradition into the Episcopal Church, re-affirmation for those who need to re-commit their faith, or members wishing to learn more about their faith. Classes will be Sept 4th, 11th, & 25th 10:30 to Noon as well as Oct 2nd, 9th, 16th, 30th. Retreat Sunday Nov 6th 11 to 1pm.

Grief Group - 7 Sessions on Grief, Faith, and Healing - Sept 7th, 14th, 21st, & 28th 7pm to 8pm and Oct 5th, 12th, and 19th also 7pm to 8pm

Talent Auction - Oct 2nd through Oct 16th. Bid sheets available in the Narthex.

Mitch McVicker Concert - Tues. Oct 11th 7pm @ St. Mark's - Free will offering

Ministry training, starting in September, will be monthly and ongoing. Each month on the last Sunday we will meet with one of the ministry groups at 10:30

September - Ushers

October - Readers

November - Chalice and Eucharistic Ministers

January - Acolytes

February - Intercessors (Prayers of the People)

March - Altar Guild

Those interested in a summer Mission trip ages 15 to 25 please see Fr. Mike before September 15th

Mark your calendar for October's **St. Mark's Senior Quarterly Adventure**. October 30th we'll be going to Feil's Restaurant in Randolph to attend Feil's Restaurant's German Fest! We'll be meeting up beforehand at St. Mark's, please be there by 4pm. Buffet is \$18.50 per person (Scholarships Available) Sign up in the Narthex.

God bless Our Flying,
Fr. Mike



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 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.

TALENT FAIR:: The vestry is looking for new fundraisers and this has been suggested. Each of us has been given gifts of the Holy Spirit and are encouraged to use them for the good of the church and each other. A talent fair is a silent auction that sells our talents to the highest bidder. What talents? Can you bake a pie, knit a hat and scarf, sew a quilt, create a half dozen freezer meals? Not good at creating? How about sweat equity hours. Raking a lawn, washing a car, sitting with a child or a parent while you run errands or driving someone to do errands. The list can be as endless as the talents. We make up a flyer explaining our gifts with a paragraph and/or a picture and display it at church for a period of time, while people make written bids.

What we need next is a few of you to help decide on the details. When? How long to keep the bidding going. Who to invite to bid, the community? Our membership isn't big enough to do all of the buying so who do we invite to join us! Where to set up. Has anyone been a part of one of these before? We could use some direction. You can talk to anyone on the vestry with ideas or questions. ~Linda Zamzow

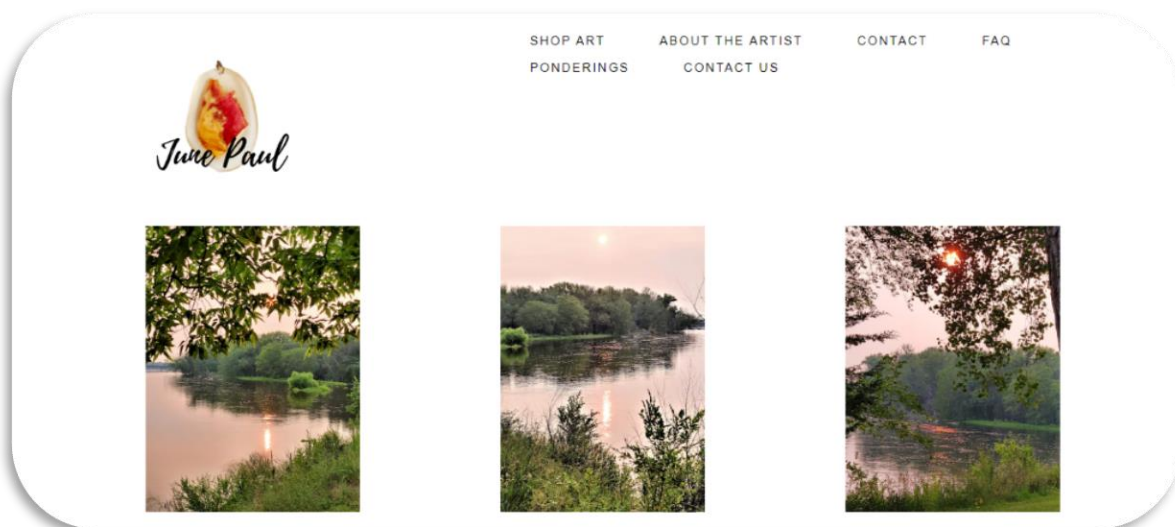
Christmas Stocking Project

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.



Thank you!

~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 :)

The link for our online store will be coming soon! Keep an eye out for it in future bulletins!

REMINDER: The church now has a new phone number: **920-356-5132**
AND
a new facebook page: **facebook.com/beaverdamstmarks**

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, Ozzie, Steve, Derek, Cheryl, Ravi, Ben, Mandy, Charley, Bel, Lorraine, Jim & Ann, Clayton & Nancy, Nick Bures and Robbie Mantle

Around the Parish

We have lost some of our members who have gone on before us to be with Our Father in Heaven. Please say a prayer not only for the repose of their soul, but also for the family members left behind.

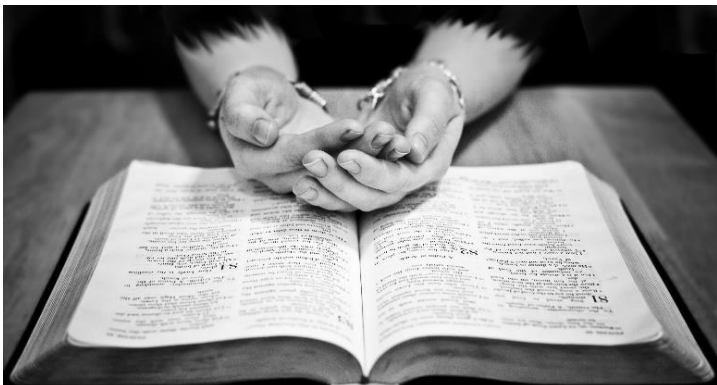
Remembering: Bob Horne and Karen Bus
And their spouses Marsha Horne and Steve Buss

Our Men & Women in Service

Lord, keep our servicemen and women safe, whether they serve at home or overseas. Hold them in your loving hands and protect them as they protect us. Amen.

Dennis Adams, John Bahler, Barry Hilbert, Matt Hoffman (deployed), Joshua Kent, Anthony Kuenzi, Brian Lampert (deployed), Christopher Schoebel, Jon Weirough, Noah Hornbacher and Trevor.

(If you have updates to this listing of our service men and women, please give me any additions, corrections or persons to remove because their service time has ended.)





SEPTEMBER 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

2 – Kirah Rose Kopmeyer
3 – Fred Ellis
14 – Johnny Harmon
17 – Jean Neste
18 – Michael Jensen
21 – Andy Wesener
25 – Michael Thompson
29 – Steve Helmer

Baptismal Anniversaries

5 – Amy Diebaren
7 – Aron Polensky
13 – Fred Ellis
14 – Carter Scott Merwin
15 – Shannon Wesener
21 – Gayle Elbert

Wedding Anniversaries

3 – Jerry & Marie Frank
7 – Ricky & Joni Nehls Polensky

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 normal Eucharist! Which means no more tiny cups. As useful as they were to have during the pandemic, they made the process of giving bread and wine a lot clunkier and messier. So, while we still cannot allow anyone to drink from the cup, everyone is now able to intinct.



Sign-Up Sheets for both Home Eucharist and Coffee Break are up on the bulletin board by the Lion's Den. Please sign up for one or the other (or both!) if able.

We really need people for both.

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.

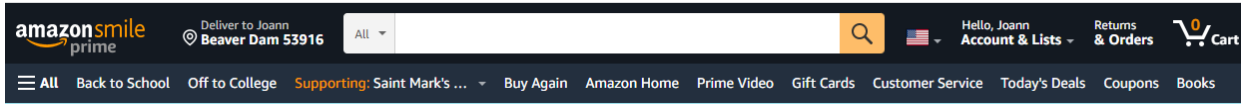


RaiseRight

Formerly ShopWithScrip

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 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!

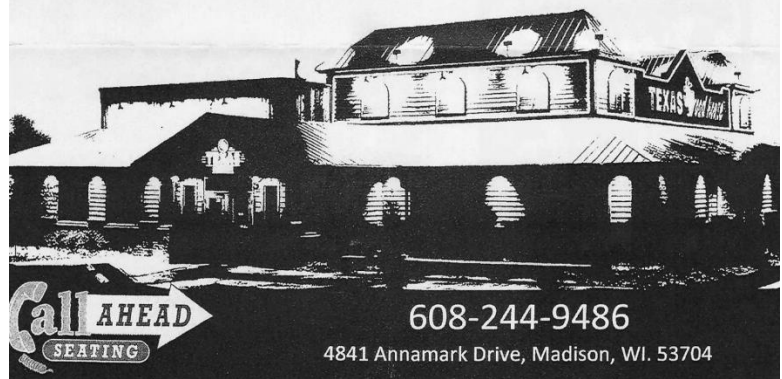
Texas Roadhouse

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!



This past July 30, 2022 was the greatest Brat Stand I have attended since a member of St. Mark's!!

We made an amazing profit after sales on Sunday! We had people who didn't work, but came and supported us by sharing a meal together and fellowship, but most of all we had the most workers I have ever seen!! My heart overflows with gratefulness as I reflect on how everyone showed up to work. How we had so many workers we could take shifts and the number of people we were able to teach what it takes to run a brat stand fundraiser.

I must admit though, there are still many things that most folks don't know about how we make this Brat Stand Fundraiser a success.

Did you know Bob Zamzow goes to Food Pride on January 1st at 7:00 am to stand in line for a lottery drawing of which date he wants to choose and then waits until he can choose a second date?

Did you know that there is advertising that needs to be done in advance?? Radio announcements, flyers, the sign out front of the church????

Did you know that Bob and Fred start the day at church at 7:30 am loading up the grills, nesco roasters and the tote of supplies?

Did you know that Bob and Linda Zamzow chop up onions (this time 3 cool whip bowls) so we can offer fresh onions and not pay Food Pride for the pre-chopped onions.

Did you know that at the end of the sale, we need to wash the nesco roasters, the utensils, the tablecloths, the hot pads, the pans, pack up extra sodas and waters, the condiments, and any leftover buns, burgers, brats and hot dogs?

Did you know that before the brat stand, the treasurer needs to make sure the coordinator has startup funds and the coordinator needs to get currency and coins in the amounts they think we will need?

Did you know that at the end of the day, monies need to be counted, recorded, and deposited of the funds raised and if there are extra sales on Sunday that money needs to be counted, recorded, and deposited with the record of the amount given to our financial administrative assistant?

So you can see that for our successful fundraisers there is lots to be done and your willingness to learn the before, during and after processes is a blessing.

Thanks to everyone who helped with our two very successful brats stand fundraisers this year.

~Joann Ellis & Linda Zamzow

Brat Stand Net Profit: \$828.36



Home Eucharist

with this month's host Joyce DeZarn

photos by David Genereaux



Home Eucharists

Next Home Eucharist:: September 15th

Hosted By: Fr. Mike & Heidi Tess

Address: 318 E MacArthur St, Sun Prairie Wi, 53590

The Following Home Eucharist:: October *(date and host information un-confirmed at the time this newsletter is being sent out)*

Anyone who wants to attend can! We'd love to have you :)

Liturgical Scheduling

I am so very thankful that Joyce DeZarn has taken over the Liturgical Scheduling for the upcoming months. She has the most current listing of persons for each Liturgical Ministry. I believe I sent each of you a copy of the listing that you might keep so if you need a sub you can call one of the persons listed. Remember 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

SEPTEMBER 2022 LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

4-Sep	
ACOLYTE	FRED ELLIS
ALTAR	GAYLE ELBERG/BETSY LAMBERT
CHALICE	JOANN ELLKS
COUNTERS	JIM MERRIL/LIBBIE KACUBA
INTERCESSOR	CHRISTINE MERRILL
READER	MARK BREHMER
USHER	DAVE & CORI DREXLER

11-Sep	
ACOLYTE	JOANN ELLIS
ALTAR	LIBBIE KACUBA
CHALICE	FRED ELLIS
COUNTERS	JOANN ELLIS/CORI DREXLWER
INTERCESSOR	EN PETERS
READER	DAVE DREXLER
USHER	JERRY & JARIE FRANK

18-Sep	
ACOLYTE	JIM MERRIL
ALTAR	JOYCE DEZARN/SUE HILBERT
CHALICE	JIM MERRIL
COUNTERS	KEVIN LUEDKE/CAROL START
INTERCESSOR	CORI DREXLER
READER	BOB WEIROUGH
USHER	DAVE GENEREAUX

25-Sep	
ACOLYTE	MICHAEL WEIROUGH
ALTAR	LINDA ZAMZOW/MARK & TRACYBEHMER
CHALICE	JOANN ELLIS
COUNTERS	JIM MERRI/JOANN ELLIS
INTERCESSOR	DEB KUENZI
READER	LINDA ZAMZOW
USHER	BOB & LINDA ZAMZOW

St. Mark's Episcopal Church
Vestry Meeting Minutes
July 17th, 2022

Members Present: *((couldn't remember everyone's names))*

Called to Order 10:42 AM

Opened with prayer by Fr. Mike

Linda moves to accept June's minutes, seconded by Linda

All say I

Motion to move Jr. Warden's report before Treasurer's report, seconded by Christine

All say I

Jr. Warden's Report

1. Trimmed all the bushes outside
 2. Will be cutting / trimming lilac bushes so we should have flower next year
 3. Eaves troughs cleaned
 4. Walk behind lawn mower bit the dust, took it home so he could work on it with his grandson
 5. Jody donated her walk-behind lawn mower
 6. Starting of stained-glass project discussed, Fr. Mike suggested end of month early August. 7. Early August agreed upon, will work with Ken on a good day to start
 8. Linda brought up hot water in the ladies bathroom as it was on the agenda, that's still on the list to be done
 9. Parking lot lines need to be re-drawn, possibly needs to be re-sealed. Will get somebody to put down a heated sealant, better than the storebought stuff you do yourself
 10. Fr. Mike & Betsy are still in conversation over the stained-glass window, wants to see the one being planned because she wants to do one for Paul (??) but doesn't want them to clash
 11. Kevin asks how long we'd keep a window like that up, like if the building changed, what we do with gifts to the church. "Gifts to the church are gifts to the church, so we treat it with sensitivity, but nobody gets to hold us hostage" - Fr. Mike. We don't throw out gifts but where we put them, how we use them is up to us (paraphrasing) *example:: a plant. if it dies/needs to be dug up:: Replace it as close as you can, bless it for whoever it was for, or figure out who the family is and ask if they care. Just do due diligence*
 12. We should really keep a list of donations / 'in memory of's
- "When you're on the roof.. who knows you're on the roof?" - a concerned Kevin asking an excellent question.

Treasurer's Report

10,316.44\$ - short (??) on pledges - some people pledged and haven't given anything yet

Fr. Mike suggested a 'pledge update' to go to the congregation

Jody suggested a letter to everyone, not just people who have pledged, so nobody feels called out

Fr. Mike "We never shame anybody." and "Shaming never works"

Jody will draft a letter to update people, run it by Fr. Mike & Fred, and then it will be sent out

513 - we sent 7,500 to his HSA, budgeted 10,000\$

565 - 150.15\$ so far for bulletin inserts; put in budget for next year

770 - nothing to worry about, a stock thing that goes up and down as stock things do

Sent all stuff for audit to Carolin, have not heard back yet

Linda accepts Fred's report

Correspondence - got a check from Texas Roadhouse 7.75\$

Old Business

Stonehouse Digital Consulting

-Andrea suggesting Subsplash, 2,100\$ a year, but there's a lot that comes with it. Including a concierge should we need help with the site after Andrea leaves

-Most of the committee was behind it, but are on the fence about the price

-Linda agrees its a good idea, and a good use of our money, IF we have the money

-We had authorized up to 5,000\$ to be spent on this entire deal - Andrea & the website - and all of this still stays in that ballpark

Choir Update - tabled

Altar Guild Booklet - Linda has made progress

Training/Re-Training/Training Updates for roles in the church (i.e chalice, acolyte, etc.)

Nelson Hicks - funds received, 7,500\$, thanks was sent via Fr. Mike. Nelson Hicks Funds are a renewable resource

Rector's Report

Paul Lambert (??) Window update already talked about during Jr. Warden's report

Fr. Mike will get started on the online store this week

Motion to appoint Maison our vestry clerk

All say I

Time & Talent Fair - late october - i.e raking leaves, quilting, rides, baking, shoveling

Perhaps link it to the concert in early October

Stewardship Committee - Fr. Mike & Kevin

Cookie Walk - Linda will start putting it together

-get printed copies of pictures of the congregation and have them up during the cookie walk so that people will see them ("be softly touched")

-group pictures suggested, of the vestry, etc.

Maison will see about making new nametags like the ones Meredith originally made for everyone

Celebration & Recognition for Kit's 20 years as webmaster

-a plaque

-everyone gathers at the front during the livestream and holds up papers saying 'thank you, kit' - an idea suggested by linda

-an 'in honor of' plaque but on the organ, for all his work on it, that includes the other things he did

Mission Trip - sometime in late June/early July, 15-25 year olds. hybrid mission trip / adventure

Basketball hoop donated by the Ellis' is here, basketballs and such donated

Offering things like AA meetings - helpful services / a safe space for groups to have their meetings

Scrip Update:: \$122.58

Next Meeting:: August 14th, after service

Fr. Mike closes with a prayer from Pray all Ways

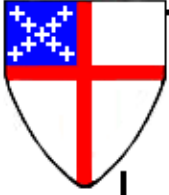
Meeting Adjourned at 12:27PM

Minutes Submitted 8/16/22

Maison Yaroach, Clerk of Vestry

with assistance from Linda Zamzow





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**To be a safe and welcoming worshipping
community supported by faith in Christ
through sacramental life, holy scripture
and prayers.**

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



Vision
Mission
& Values