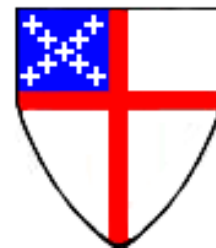




Saint Mark's Messenger

Beaver Dam, WI Maison Yaroch, Newsletter Editor September 2023



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Blessed Fall St. Mark's,

Another summer has slipped through our fingers and on we move to a busy fall, with the excitement of the harvest, the start of school, and the continued work in and for our parish.

It is always good to take a little time to reflect on the season that is closing as we move into the crisp days and nights of fall. We have had an amazing summer between Vacation Bible School, the Joyful Noise event, Worship in the Park with First Lutheran, the National Night Out with the police department, and our Home Eucharists. We have been active, visible, and a great ambassador of God's love in our community.

I love the thoughtful process that the Vestry is using to chart our course and I am so grateful for the faithful leadership of St. Mark's. They are part of the reason we have been able to do all these amazing things.

We continue to make slow and steady progress with the technology committee, continuing to improve our live streaming and our website. This process has been much more involved than we expected, and frustrating at times, but we continue to make progress nonetheless.

The rescheduled brat fry will be coming September 30th at Food Pride. Please look for the sign up in the narthex at church.

Our teachers and students are back in school or will be going back soon. We pray for a safe and successful school year for everyone.

I hope you get a chance to soak in some family or vacation time as the summer winds down.

God bless,
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, Ernie & Joyce, Barbara, Erin Weirough, Dick, Harrison, John, Rich, Ita, Steve B, Steve S, and Barbara

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.



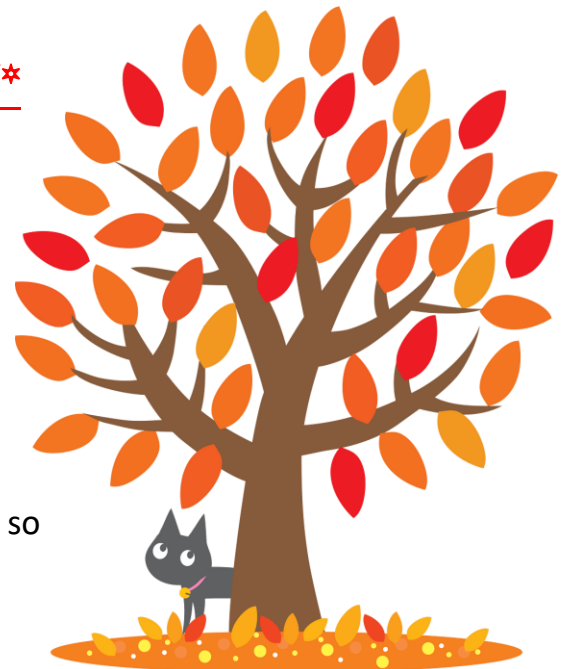
ST. MARK'S ANNUAL SILENT AUCTION*

October is around the corner, and we are getting ready for another silent auction at St. Mark's! Bidding will take place between October 15th and 29th with items on display in the Narthex.

To make the auction a success, we are seeking gift certificates, and home-made and hand-crafted items from members, family, and friends. We will be asking you to set a minimum bid on your item and are looking for things with an approximate value range of 20 to 80 dollars. Let us know by October 1st what you will be contributing so we can prepare bid sheets and table space.

No rummage or collectable items, please as these can be difficult items to sell.

~ Christine Merrill



**previously known as the talent fair*



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS, BAPTISMAL ANNIVERSARIES, AND WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

DID I MISS ANYONE?? please let us know by emailing (office@stmarksbd.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 Jenson
21 – Andy Wesener
25 – Michael Thompson
28 – Darcy Elizalde
29 – Steve Helmer

Baptismal Anniversaries

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

Wedding Anniversaries

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

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.

SEPTEMBER 2023 LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

3-Sep	
ACOLYTE	Betsey Schlueter
ALTAR	Gayle Day & Betsy Lampert
CHALICE	Fred Ellis
COUNTERS	Joann Ellis & Carol Starr
INTERCESSOR	Ken Peters
READER	Carolyn VonRuden
USHER	David Genereaux & Ken Peters

10-Sep	
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

17-Sep	
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

24-Sep	
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



Rest in Peace, Ernie

Vestry Meeting Minutes

June 11th, 2023

Members Present: Linda Zamzow, Jody Langfeldt, Christine Merrill, Kevin Luebke, Maison Yaroach, David Drexler, Fred Ellis, Carolyn VonRuden, Fr. Mike Tess

Missing Members: Ken Peters, Jody Langfeldt, Mark Brehmer, Deb Kuenzi

Meeting Started: 10:48AM

Fr. Mike opens with prayer

Linda motions to accept minutes as is

Christine seconds

All say aye

Treasurers Report

Horicon Balance - \$8,067.10

410 – Current Pledges & Contributions – Over Budget \$5,657

412 – Giver of Record – Over Budget \$1,643.35

413 – Loose Offering – Over Budget \$201.25

416 – Fundraisers – Under Budget \$1,534.10

418 – Rental Income – Rented out received \$200

420 – Int.on Invest/Operations – Under Budget \$882.55

542 – Heat/Lights/Water – Over Budget \$609.27

563 – Flowers – Over Budget \$592.47

611 – Organist – Under Budget \$112.50

612 – Administrative Assistant – Over Budget \$13. 95

Total Expense – \$48,869.04 / Under Budget – \$13,156.41

Carolyn motions to accept the financial report

Kevin seconded

All say aye

No Correspondence

Old Business

Altar Guild – In progress

Outreach List – Tabled

Magnets & Pens - In progress

Nametags & Whiteboard – It was discovered that the problem we were having with the nametags staying on the board had nothing to do with the magnets or the board. The problem was the setup. Dave will be adding wood strips for the nametags to sit on

Outreach Committee Review Letter – Good news: the committee did get a response. Bad news: the response was just the post office sending it back as the person had moved

Little Library – Tabled

Tech Committee – Currently dealing with Subsplash, but they are almost impossible to get ahold of. The church emails are still down and we're still having problems with website functions we were promised.

Worship – Fr. Mike would like to redo the prayers of the people. We have been doing them the same way they've always been done here, but they aren't proper

Music – Fr. Mike believes that the picking of the music for Sundays shouldn't be down to just Ken & Joann. A committee to help with this task will be made

Icon Class – Working on it

Safety Class – Those who received the link should remember to do that

Dementia Training – Tabled until Jody gets back

Talent Fair – Tabled

New Business

1. Schedule meeting for September (DONE)
 2. **Plant Sale Wrap-Up** – Linda sent out a list of what needs to be done for each plant sale. This year's sale went very well and we made more money, even with less people. Involving Jake in our sale helped us out a lot
 - a. Carolyn is interested in being the next chair of the Plant & Bake Sale
 - b. Fr. Mike will ask Nyx to co-chair as well
 - c. It is brought up that we should consider having the next plant sale after Jake is done with his.
Jake has a list of outreach places to receive plants
 3. **Major Projects List** – Banquet tables, storage boxes for tables, conversion of fireplace, wiring of building for cameras, update upstairs meeting room, lift chair for upstairs meeting room, redo / update entryway, replace fridge in fireside room
 4. **Parish Nurse** – Jody & Deb are considering a program at Concordia in Mequon for parishioners. \$500 apiece to get certified as a parish nurse. Linda asked why we need parish nurses / why it has become a big thing. Fr. Mike explained that Parish nurses provide a level of pastoral care and physical well being. They are a health guide and a way to extend love, care, and protection to our parish family
 5. **Kevin Discernment Committee Update** – The discernment committee started meeting last week and all future meeting dates were set up. The goal is to have the final report done in August so the vestry can vote on it.
 - a. Breanne VanLoo has asked to be trained as a chalice bearer and, in the future, would like to be granted a discernment committee too
- Joyful Noise** – Fr. Mike summarized the event. The contributors were:
1. Fox Brothers Piggly Wiggly - hot dogs and buns
 2. Food Pride - hot dog buns and water
 3. Culvers - 150 scoops of custard
 4. A&W - 12 gallons of root beer
 5. Envirolok - prize basket.
 6. All three churches - scrip

Rector's Report

1. Was supposed to report on how he's been spending his hours, but some of the people who need to hear this are not here. So he's reporting some of it now and will report (re-report?) at next months meeting. 1/3 admin, 1/3 pastoral care, 1/3 sacramental
2. Fr. Mike mentioned that he has a podcast on the side, which not everyone was aware of

3. Kevin asks for more detail next time on the Who of who Fr. Mike is visiting as part of work
4. Ordered 12 brat stand aprons (from the St. Marks store, they will be for St. Marks events)
5. **Family Bathroom** - The idea has been put out there, people are to think on it and see if they can come up with any ideas. A note: it has to be handicap accessible
6. **Morning prayer w/ brief eucharist on the 13th** – Service will be half an hour (very similar to a Wednesday evening) There will be a famous musician at Swan Park for First Lutheran at 10 and Fr. Mike thinks we should go
7. Bree VanLoo would like to run a Celebrate Recovery group

No Sr. Warden Report as Jody was absent

Jr. Warden's Report

1. Friday AirCare came in to check furnace – Fan unit has to be replaced, due to age it is starting to come apart (this is for the furnace that we didn't replace) New part is about \$400 and has already been ordered. It should be in by Tuesday
2. Parking Lot – Being redone, hopefully will not be rescheduled again

Scrip - 166.76\$

Vestry Meetings

July 16th

August 20th

September 17th

Fr. Mike closes in prayer

Carolyn motions to end the meeting

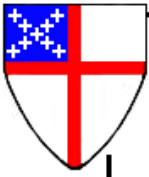
Christine seconds for fun

All say aye

Meeting Ended:: 12:18PM

Minutes Submitted 8/19/23

Maison Yaroach, Clerk of Vestry



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in all people and treat everyone with
dignity and respect.

