



**Birthdays in February**

Pat Pritzlaff	Feb. 2
Conner Schmit	Feb. 2
Tricia Hausner	Feb. 3
Donna Theisen	Feb. 4
Carly Hamacher	Feb. 6
Lori Lusty	Feb. 12
Kurt Egerer	Feb. 22
Ruth Kleinschmidt	Feb. 22



**Average Attendance**

2023 December 49 per week  
 2023 Christmas Services 71

**St. Mark Mission Statement**

*"The mission of St. Mark is to further the kingdom of God by teaching and preaching God's Word."*

**St. Mark's Vision Statement**

*"To reach out to our community and beyond with the love of Christ and the truth of God's Word."*



**PRAY FOR THOSE IN NEED ~ Laverne, Barb, Carol Danielle, Seth, Megan's dad, Steve & Pastor Wille**



Pastor Paul	920-246-7759
Barb Dochow	262-377-3069
Julie Egerer	262-285-3035
Holly Winker	262-227-4670
Ruth Kleinschmidt	262-285-3253
Pat Pritzlaff	262-285-3854
Tricia Hausner	262-758-0824
Melissa Kuerschner	262-957-4885
Pastor King	414-429-5962
Jan Huber	414-807-3805
Holly Schulz	414-482-2556
Becky King	414-429-5983
Donna Theisen	262-692-6071
Megan Ramthun	262-388-5200
Art Froemming	920-918-9800
Shirley Froemming	920-889-1558



**February 4** Given by Paul & Donna Theisen in honor and blessings as they celeb rate Donna's birthday on Feb. 4

**February 11** OPEN

**February 18** Given by Julie & Henry Egerer in honor and blessings as they celebrate Keri's birthday on Feb. 17 and Kurt's birthday on Feb. 22.

**February 25** Given by Elisabeth Demeter in loving memory her husband, Andrew, and remembering the anniversary of his passing on Feb. 26



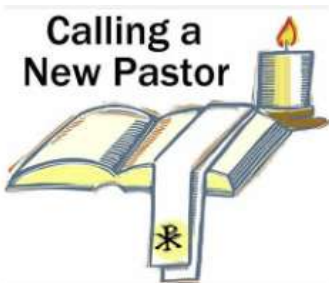
*Ash Wednesday is February 14.* Our first Lenten Supper will start at 6:00 pm. The Board of Stewardship will be serving soup and casseroles. Ash Wednesday service will follow at 7:00 pm. Lenten services will be held on Wednesdays (not Mondays) and Holy Communion will offered at each Lenten service.

## Help Wanted: Serve the Lord with Gladness

Volunteers are needed to serve on to different boards: **Board of Elders** are recruiting 2 more men to help with Elder duties, **Altar Guild** is looking for 1 or 2 more people to prepare communion and the **Board of Education** is in need of a couple of people to join the Board, teach Sunday School and help with the Board in general. Call the church office or talk to Pastor, one of the Elders or Pat if you are able to help.



**The Board of Trustees** will offer treats for the month of February. Join us immediately following church services for some tasty treats and good fellowship.



### Call/Search Committee

The necessary paperwork has been submitted to seek a new graduate in Spring.



**Wed., Feb. 7 @ 6:30 pm**  
**Thurs, Feb. 22 @ 6:30 pm**



**Altar Flowers** – Sign up to have flowers placed on the altar. A new Flower Chart is available and the cost being \$20.00/arrangement. You can place your check or cash in the Flower box or give your money to Julie directly.

### Stewardship Information

**Contribution Envelopes:** Just a brief explanation for the various line items on our contribution envelopes.

**General Fund** = This amount is used to pay all the operating bills for our church, i.e., water, gas, electric, etc.

**Long Range** = The amount is used to pay the monthly building loan of \$759.84 each month. This loan is from the 2015 building addition of our beautiful narthex. Original amount of the loan was \$125,000. Current loan balance is at \$63,000. 2024 new loan rate has risen to 5.125%. Additional funds that are over the amount used to pay the monthly balance is occasionally sent to LCEF to pay off on principal.

**Missions** = This is used for the quarterly mission projects that are showcased by Lani Murray in the narthex each quarter.

If you do not designate any amount on the outside of the envelope your funds are applied to the General Fund line.

**Automatic payment** withdrawal from your bank account; forms are available from the church office.



**Lutherans for Life Baby Bottles are available as a donation. Put your coins or cash in and return them to church.**



## New Facebook Page

Due to technical issues with our original Facebook page, we created a new page and you can access it through **St. Mark Lutheran Church Belgium** or by using the QR Code below as shown.



## A Lenten Challenge

Many people talk about giving up something for Lent. It may be something as simple as eating chocolate or stopping at Starbucks. It is supposed to remind them of the sacrifice that Jesus made to save us from an eternity in hell. However their sacrifice pales in comparison to all that Jesus did and after Lent they soon return to their former habits.

This Lenten season, I would like to challenge you to do something that benefits us at St. Mark and also is a reminder to you that Jesus has purchased and won you from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and His innocent suffering and death, as Luther so beautifully stated it. The interest rate on our Building Loan has just gone up 1% and our current balance is around \$ 63,000. Lent is only 40 days long as we do not count the Sundays in Lent. On each of the 40 days of Lent as part of your daily devotions or prayers, I challenge you to set aside a \$ 1 or \$ 2 or any other \$ amount of your choosing as a special offering to be given at the end of Lent toward the Building Loan. Maybe place it in a jar marked My Offering. As you watch your daily offerings grow it can remind you of the greater price Jesus was willing to pay for your ransom. Then at the end of Lent as we all bring our Special Offerings, let us see how

God has blessed us and how much we can reduce our loan when we share together.

Together in Christ, Pastor Paul

## Lenten Suppers in 2024

Feb. 14 ~ Stewardship (Ash Wed.)  
 Feb. 21 ~ CC & Evang.  
 Feb. 28~ Education  
 March 6 ~ Church Council  
 March 13 ~ Elders  
 March 20 ~ Trustees

## Sunday Treats in 2024

January – Stewardship  
 February – Trustees  
 March -Elders  
 April – Choir  
 May – CC & Evangelism  
 June- Church Council  
 July – Stewardship  
 August – Education  
 September – Trustees  
 October – CC & Evangelism  
 November – Elders  
 December – Church Council



## 1st Quarter Mission Project 2023-2026 National Offering

The purpose and goal of the 2023–2026 LCMS National Offering is to produce meaningful Lutheran resources in other languages so that all may read, hear and speak the Good News of Christ crucified. This triennium, support the translation and production of meaningful Lutheran resources in languages other than English through the LCMS National Offering.

Please keep in mind this important mission project through the first quarter. LCMS, states that "our commitment as LCMS congregations and workers is to walk together with the Word

of God as our only guide for doctrine and practice."

