



BIRTHDAYS IN MAY

Peyton Mueller	May 4
Olivia Stiker	May 4
Debi Theis	May 9
Art Froemming	May 12
Karen Herring	May 12
Diane Keller	May 12
Mike Schmit	May 12
ElRoy Kleinschmidt	May 17
Megan Ramthun	May 19



Karen & John Ringelstetter	46 yrs on May 14
Julie & Henry Egerer	51 yrs. on May 27
Christy & Dave Snyder	24 yrs. on May 27



Average Attendance
 2023 March 40/week
 2022 March 39/week

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

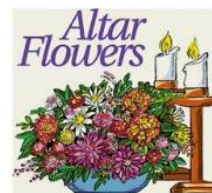
"To reach out to our community and beyond with the love of Christ and the truth of God's Word."



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



PRAY FOR THOSE IN NEED [LaVerne](#), Barb, Richard, Danielle, Melinda, Cindy, Jim, George Hamacher, Mary-Lori's mom, Wally Froemming



May 7	OPEN
May 14	OPEN
May 21	OPEN

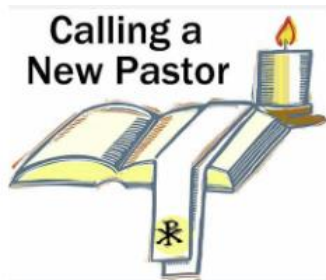
May 28 Given by July & Henry Egerer as they celebrate their 51st Wedding Anniversary on May 27.

**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. Call the church office or contact Pastor or Pat if you are able to help.



The Board of Christian Care & Evangelism will offer treats for the month of May. Join us immediately following church services in May for some tasty treats and good fellowship.



Call/Search Committee

As you are all aware of by now, another vote was taken on March 26 and the congregation voted to call Rev. Grant Sorenson; he will let us know of his decision. The congregation will be kept informed as we work through this process.



Bible Studies:

Sunday morning Bible Study, led by Pastor Paul meets after service on Sunday mornings and Wednesday Morning Bible Study, led by Art Froemming is studying 1 Corinthians. Last day to meet will be Wed., May 17 and will resume again in early September.



Are you planning a trip? Taking a cruise, saving for a flight? Easter is coming and I do gift baskets, too. Please consider using a SCRIP card – they're convenient, and very easy to use. My family and I are planning a road trip to Florida and can use SCRIP cards along the way for restaurants (Cracler Barrel, Steak & Shake, etc.) gas (BP, Mobil, etc.). When traveling, and I do a lot with work and pleasure, I don't feel comfortable using my personal credit cards, where information and cards can be stolen I so SCRIP comes in very handy. I have "prepaid" usually the most expensive part of my trips by purchasing cards. We have gift cards for cruises, car rentals, Disney, restaurants, gas and many more and the best part is St. Mark gets a HUGE return back onto our SCRIP Account. Thank You for your support and call me to preorder, 262-285-3366.

Dawn Anderson



Second Quarter Mission Project

"A Place of Refuge is a Gospel-focused service reaching out to women with the love of Christ with both words and actions."

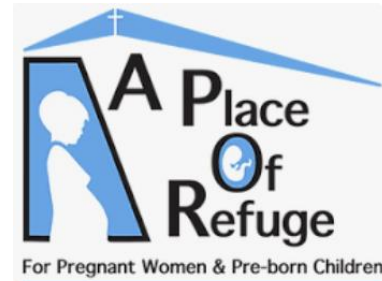
Mission

A Place of Refuge Ministries is a network of volunteers and staff who are committed to life and to caring for women facing crisis pregnancy in South Wisconsin. We have a house where mom's may stay throughout their pregnancies and while preparing to transition to independent living arrangements. Through Refuge House & Advocacy Program we:

- REACH women with needs during pregnancy. Telephone hotline volunteers identify the callers' needs and...
- RECEIVE them into God's care through His people. If needed, bring them into Refuge House where they may feel safe and loved. If they are already in a safe and independent environment, our volunteer Advocates then work one on one with mothers and...
- REFER them to community resources available for their physical and emotional care. Congregations throughout South Wisconsin...
- RESPOND by providing what is not available in the community by sharing God's love for us in His Son Jesus Christ. And every day we...
- REJOICE in the opportunity to share the gospel and share in the joy of a baby born.

Refuge House seeks to serve the needs of women experiencing an unplanned pregnancy who have made a life-affirming choice for the child growing within them.

Refuge House is a safe place that provides a loving, nurturing environment for women and their unborn children.



A Place of Refuge ministries is proud to announce:

LifeWalk 2023

will be hosted by

St. Paul's Lutheran Church

on Saturday, June 10th

7821 W. Lincoln Ave. West Allis

Schedule:

9:00 Registration

10:00 Welcome, Prayer & Start of the Walk

11:00 Finish the Walk, Prizes, Music & Lunch

To register, please go to

aplaceofrefuge.org

and click on the Life Walk page. Get friends and family to sponsor your walk!

Prizes will be given for most money raised and most sponsors.

Join us for a fun filled and Love-for-Life event!

"But Jesus said, Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven"

(Matthew 19:14)



CELEBRATE THE LORD OF THE NATIONS WITH LWML IN MILWAUKEE

— June 22–25, 2023. Convention attendees' objectives are to "Celebrate our Lord through Word and Sacrament," "Honor God by serving our neighbors," and "Proclaim His message to the nations." Celebrating our salvation through Jesus's death and resurrection is at the heart of who we are as Lutheran Women in Mission. Guided by the Holy Spirit we will "Celebrate the Lord of the Nations."

Support Your LCMS Missionaries!

Did you know that there are 125 LCMS and Alliance missionaries around the world? Specifically, there are 44 of them that live and serve in Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC). Your LAC missionaries serve in 10 different countries to *Spread the Gospel, Plant Lutheran churches and Show mercy*. Once a year they gather for an annual conference where the aim is to uplift and enlighten your missionaries through worship and sessions, while promoting fellowship and rest throughout the week. Each year we hope to bless each one with a gift to show appreciation for their dedication and hard work. If you would like to bless one of your missionaries (or one of the ~50 missionary kids) with a gift, visit the link below that takes you to the amazon wish list. Deadline is May 15th. May the Lord bless and keep you all!

If you have any questions or concerns, you can reach out to Missionary Tirzah Krey, Tirzah.Krey@lcms.org



2023–2026 LCMS National Offering

Christ's church proclaims the Gospel of Jesus Christ to all people in all languages. The 2023–2026 LCMS National Offering provides the opportunity to translate LCMS resources so that all may read, hear and speak the Good News of Christ crucified. The Convention will take place at the Wisconsin Center (downtown Milwaukee) from July 29 –[August 3, 2023.



SURPRISE PREGNANCY OR TERMINAL DIAGNOSIS—

The resurrected and compassionate Jesus made Himself present in His loved ones' sadnesses (Luke 24:16-17). Our Lord is not absent but all the more active in our difficulties! He redeems us and our sufferings to usher us into His exceeding glory (Luke 24:26). Not only do His words and ways deliver souls from death, but He also undertakes to relieve all tears from their eyes. (Ps. 116)

LFL of WI, Ozaukee County Life Chapter meeting Tues., May 16, 7:00 p.m., River of Life Lutheran Church, Saukville. Please plan on joining us.



2023 Annual

Belgium Rummage Sale

The Belgium annual city-wide rummage sale is Saturday, May 13th, 8:00 am-3:00 pm. St. Mark will be offering indoor RENT-A-TABLE for \$5.00 each. Enjoy ~ Dry, indoor bathrooms, free from the inclement weather, hot dogs, beverages, bake sale, refreshments and items for sale from other participants. St. Mark is located at 200 Park Street, Belgium. To reserve a table (or two) or for additional information call Pat in the church office, 262-285-3820. Reservations are made on a first come, first serve basis and space is limited.



A sign up sheet is available on the table in the narthex seeking your best baked items for the Bake Sale to be held during the Rummage Sale. Please note: We ask all baked items be **individually wrapped** for the protection of all. Also, if you are able and willing to volunteer on that day to help with the Bake Sale, please indicate when you can help.



Moving Expenses: If you feel inclined to donate money to help pay moving expenses for the new Pastor, you may do so by using your envelopes and put a notion on it stating "New Pastor".



Baptism of **Mackenzie Marie**

Falkowski took place on Sunday, April 23. Mackenzie is the baby daughter of Nathan & Kaylene Falkowski, new to Belgium. The Falkowski family recently moved to Belgium from Milwaukee. Mackenzie's sponsor is Christina Falkowski-Kramer and we welcome the Falkowski families as visitors to St. Mark and pray God will guide them to St. Mark.



Lani, Ruth & Karen – Thank You to Karen Herring for making the Baptismal Banner for Macenzie and Ruth Karrels for sewing the Baptismal napkin. A special Thank You to Lani Murray for using her beautiful talents to make the Mission Project bulletin boards.

Join us as we honor our military as they served for our USA.



Memorial Day Service:
Monday, May 29 at 8:30 am