



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
Elias Polzin	May 18
Megan Ramthun	May 19
Randy Rieve	May 19



Cindy & Paul Scheunemann 40 years on May 4
 Karen & John Ringelstetter 48 years on May 14
 Julie & Henry Egerer 53 years on May 27
 Christy and Dave Snyder 28 years on May 30



Average Attendance
2025 – April – 75 per week
This included Lenten, Holy week
& Easter 2 services



Sign your name to the Flower Chart if you wish to have flowers put on the Altar in honor of someone special or to remember or congratulate someone on a special occasion. Julie Egerer will be happy to make an arrangement for you with the cost being \$20/arrangement. You can pay Julie directly or put your money or check in the Flower Box.



Altar Flowers in May

May 4 Tom & Holly Winker/ for Pastor
May 11 OPEN
May 18 OPEN
May 25 Julie & Henry Egerer 53rd
Wedding Anniversary



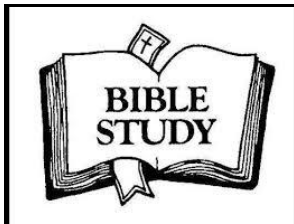
Volunteers are needed to serve on different boards: **Altar Guild** is looking for 1 or 2 more people to prepare communion; the **Board of Education** is in need of a couple of people to help with Sunday School and Elders would like another person or 2. Also, **HOUSEKEEPING HELP** is needed. Simply put your name on the sign up sheet in the narthex when you would be able to help. These are a few opportunities to serve our dear Lord... Please give these opportunities some careful consideration.



Education will be offering some tasty treats during the month of May and a great opportunity to greet your fellow members and welcome new members and visitors.

COMPASS STUDY

The Church Council has decided to work through the COMPASS process with Rev. Dr. Nathan Meador, Mission Executive of the South Wisconsin District, to do a study of St. Mark congregation. The process will take 3 to 5 months and involve the members of the congregation. It will include an overview of our Belgium community. Key words in the process are WHY, HOW, and WHAT regarding the purpose and mission of St. Mark Lutheran Church. You will be hearing more about the COMPASS in the near future.



Class meets on Wednesday mornings at 10:00 am with 10-14 people attending most weeks. They have been studying the Book of Ezekiel. Feel free to join in at any time. Art Froemming continues as our volunteer leader.

Pastor Polzin leads the Sunday Bible Study, which is held in the church immediately following the service each Sunday. He also conducts Confirmation Class during the week for the eligible children

Ruth Karrels and Jan Koehler continue to lead the children in Sunday School.

The last day of Sunday School will be May 18th.

VOTERS ASSEMBLY

April 13, 2025

25 Members Attended

Nate Kershner called the meeting to order at 10:10 am and Pastor Paul opened with prayer. Minutes from the January meeting was distributed, and a motion was made by Tom W. and seconded by Tom Murray to accept the minutes, Motion approved.

Financial Report: Holly reported the following balances: Accounts Payable \$5,629.65 General Fund \$41,935.21 Leaf /Goals \$7,549.70 and LCEF \$8,118.37, Sound System will be paid out of Gift & Memorial Fund. St. John will send \$25,000 as per the agreement with us and it will probably be forwarded in quarterly increments. Pastor Polzin has purchased furniture and bookcases in the amount of \$1266 dollars. Reverend Joseph Polzin will be the speaker at Pastor Polzin's installation service, and he will be paid \$200. The motion was made by Tom and seconded by Tricia.

BOARD REPORTS

ELDERS – Jim reported schedules for April are complete and satisfactory. New Sound Systems will be installed around mid-May at the cost of \$11,416.00 and will include 8 hours of training. Nate, Jim, Jeff will be included in the training. Congregational Compass project will move forward when Pastor Polzin is available. Rummage sale will be held on May 10th and will act as an

this event and a signup sheet will be posted up in the narthex. A Thrivent Card has been purchased for supplies of hot dogs, buns, soda and water. It will be a free will offering to those who stop in. Advertising will be done on the website and on the sign.

CHRISTIAN CARE & EVANGELISM - the meeting was held on March 12th; they did a Lenten dinner on April 2nd, and they will be visiting Belgium Gardens with treat bags they made for the residents. Cards were sent to the people who were hospitalized.

EDUCATION -plans for VBS are underway but no date has been selected yet|. We hear that pastor Polzin's children are going to be attending, and they are very excited to do so.

STEWARDSHIP -all the mission projects for 202 5 have been selected; Lani Murray is making poster boards for the awareness of the project at hand; the second quarter project will be Disaster Response from LCC.

TRUSTEES - Tom Winker reported for the trustees with updates made in the pastor's office. Lori and Holly painted the pastor's office as he wanted to move in his new furniture. Weed and Feed for the summer will be done by Ivan at ICM Landscape for \$550; carpets will be cleaned on April 21st from P&R cleaning. 7 yards of mulch was purchased from Maxfields and Holly and Tom spread it up on the top so it looked decent for our upcoming events, The parking lot will be resurfaced and striped in June/July timeframe.

A motion was made to accept all the board reports as given, motion carried.

PASTOR'S REPORT: The district convention is coming up June 9th and 10th at Concordia University. Pastor Polzin's installation will be held on May 3rd at 2:00 with a dinner following. Confirmation class is ongoing with Andrew Mason and Haley Durler. Monday services will be back following the Lenten season. Pastor Paul donated a common cup and napkins which will be used on Maundy Thursday. Pastor Paul wanted to express his blessings for all we

gave to him during his service here at St. Mark and he said it has been a joy to know all of us here. For pastor Polzin's installation dinner we are offering a fully catered meal from Bernie's meat market in Saukville.

PRESIDENTS REPORT: Nate stated he wanted to thank everyone for all the hard work that we have done in the past three years in searching for our new pastor, New business: a couple of suggestions have been made. We should pursue doing the lush memorial garden and perhaps we could put pavers in the garden to remember past members.

On Mother's Day May 11th we will again be offering roses for a free will offering with proceeds going to Lutherans for Life. A motion was made to adjourn at 11:14 AM and Nate closed with prayer

Thank You

Thank you for the awesome Retirement Brunch following the worship service on Sunday, April 27. The marvelous outpouring of your love in personal greetings, hugs, gifts, and words were an overwhelming expression of your thanks and appreciation for me and my labors among in Christ's name. It was great that my children and grandchildren could share in the morning's activities as well. Cindy and I look forward to enjoying our stay at the Cloran Mansion Bed & breakfast in Galena, Illinois. My children said we might have to make it a family vacation event. I will cherish the gifts and greetings as a token of your love for me. These past three years, I have been richly blessed by God through the love and devotion of the members and friends of St. Mark Lutheran Church. May you continue to shine forth the love of Christ. Thank You,

Pastor Paul



New Chalice

On April 17, Maundy or Holy Thursday, we dedicated a chalice or common cup for use in the distribution of the wine of the Lord's Supper. The chalice is a farewell gift from Pastor Paul and Cindy. The addition of the chalice adds a new wrinkle to the communion distribution but should not make it take any longer. Distribution procedure for now is much the same as before. Pastor will distribute the bread, the elder will follow with the tray of individual cups, and then pastor with the chalice will follow the elder. If you consume the wine with an individual cup, would you please hold it in your hand as pastor comes with the common cup so that he knows you do not want the wine from the chalice. If you prefer to use the chalice, feel free to assist pastor by tilting the base of the cup to receive the wine. Then after all have received the wine, pastor will bless and dismiss you from the Lord's Table.



PRAYER FAMILIES IN MAY

May 4 – Doreen Frederick and Art & Shirley Froemming

May 11 – Walter Froemming and Jeff, Lori, Emily & Kate Gruell

May 18 – Ryan, Tracy & Carly Hamacher And Betty Hamernick

May 25 – Tricia & Corey Hausner and Karen, Ed & Chistopher Herring

Dear Pastor & Saints of St. Mark Lutheran Church,

You are in our thoughts and prayers!

We pray that God, grant us a steadfast faith in Jesus Christ, and thanking Him especially for the good we were permitted to give and receive. God is our help!

"praying at all times in Spirit, with all prayer and supplication, to that end keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints, and also for me, that words may be given to me in opening my mouth and boldly to proclaim the mystery of Gospel."

EPHESIANS 6:18-19

In His Service,

Deacons Graue
Executive Director
A Place of Refuge Ministries

Thank you for your generous gift of \$1420.00 I appreciate it from the bottom of my heart. God's blessing



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