



# St. Mark's Lutheran Church *Messenger*

October 2024

## OCTOBER 13TH IS FALL CLEAN-UP DAY!

It is that time again! Time to start sprucing up the Lord's Property and prepare for winter! There are some chores to be had and a few people are needed to accomplish them. If you can help it would be appreciated!

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## REFORMATION DAY AND FALL HARVEST

**MEAL**— On **Sunday, October 27**, the church will observe Reformation day. On this day, we celebrate what the Lord did through Martin Luther and the other Reformers over five centuries ago. By their day, the Roman Catholic Church had fallen into many abuses and errors which obscured and denied the salvation of Christ. However, at the right time the Lord revealed to Martin Luther the Truth to the Church — a blessing which we still enjoy today as we preach that we are saved by **Grace Alone, through Faith alone, as taught in Scripture Alone.** You are invited to wear red to church that day in celebration. And following the service, we will be holding our Annual Fall Harvest Potluck! A sign-up sheet will be posted soon where you can list the dish you'll be bringing and the number of people coming with you. Please join us on this special day!

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## ACCEPTING 2025 OFFICER/BOARD NOMINATIONS

— Later in October, we will be accepting nomination for our 2025 elected and non-elected church positions. The elected positions are for a term of 3 years. The non-elected positions aren't for any specific length of time, so you can help for as long you'd like. Watch for a list of open positions to appear in upcoming Sunday bulletins along with nomination forms that will be kept on the table at the back of the sanctuary. You can

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3. Thought & Prayer List, Special Fund Do nations, Anniversaries & Birthdays, Transfers
4. Save the Date— Giving Tree, The Body of Christ-Public Square
5. Church Calendar

== Please note that due to Mission Planning Workshop the regularly Scheduled Council Meeting has been cancelled. Therefore, no Meeting Minutes will be published this month.

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*The Lutheran Church--Missouri Synod*

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#### Sunday Worship

Divine Service at 9:30 a.m. followed by  
Adult Bible Study at 10:45 a.m.  
Handicap Accessible

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nominate yourself or someone else! Please consider serving the Lord in this very special way.

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**QUILTING BEE ON THURSDAYS:**

Anyone who would like to learn how to quilt, (or even if you already know how to quilt) are welcome to join our Quilting Bee group that meets each Thursday morning at 10:00 a.m. in the upstairs senior youth room.



The quilters work pretty much year 'round to make quilts for Lutheran World Relief (LWR), and then LWR distributes the quilts to needy individuals worldwide. Many hands make for light work, so if you'd like to help, just show up on any Thursday!

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A Thank you note was received and it reads as follows:



Dear Donor,

*Thank you so very much for your generosity! Whether you have donated to our food pantry, thrift store, events, and/or monetarily, we cannot begin to thank you enough. Every donation helps us help our neighbors. Open Door Outreach Center continues to provide an array of services to people in need because of donors like you. We appreciate all you do to help your community. "Neighbors helping Neighbors for over 40 years".*

Sincerely,

Open Door Outreach Center

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**TOILETRY/HYGIENE DONATIONS FOR THE OPEN DOOR OUTREACH CENTER**

- ◆ We continue to receive hygiene & toiletry products year around for the Open Door Outreach Center in Waterford. There are two bins located on the shelves at the bottom of the sanctuary stairs where you can place product do-

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nations. The Open Door is a non-profit organization that assists needy families in the Lakes Area. They are ALWAYS in need of toiletry and hygiene items, so **if you can provide any of these throughout the year, it would be appreciated.**

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**WE CONTINUE TO COLLECT** used postage stamps for Wycliffe Bible Translation Ministries, and used eyeglasses for MOST Ministries in the two plastic bins on the shelves at the bottom of the sanctuary stairs. Wycliffe sells the stamps to stamp collectors and then uses the proceeds to fund Bible translation projects throughout the world. MOST Ministries repairs/refurbishes used eyeglasses and distributes them via eyeglass clinics to the needy around the world. If you donate postage stamps, please leave 1/4" of the paper around the stamp.

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**Collecting Bottles/Cans for Ziah Town School**

If you would like to donate your returnable cans and bottles, the Board of Human Care is accepting them weekly! Just bring your bag to church and an usher will let you know where you can put them. A member of the Human Care Board will collect them and make the return. All money will then go into the fund for the Ziah Town Liberian Lutheran School to be used for catechisms and/or school supplies. You may also make donations at any time by either putting your check/cash in a green envelope and writing "Joe Boway" on the front (checks made payable to St. Mark's), or visiting the St. Mark's website, clicking the online giving button and selecting the fund titled Joe Boway/Liberian School.

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IN OUR  
*Thoughts and Prayers*

**For Our church members:**

Barbara Jewell  
Nancy McInnis  
Cathy Fitzgerald

**Shut—Ins**

*Julia Ligon*  
*Art Vermeersch*  
*Carl & Carol Zienert*

**Family & friends:**

Michael, Truman Duggin, Jim Copola,  
Lisa, Alex, Evelyn Davis, Carl Feiler,  
Mickey Smith, Ed Kempisty, Chip Cry-  
derman, Kristy Fresh, Peg Metzger



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**Special Fund Donations**

*Thank You*  
  
*for your kindness*

*We want to thank those who made  
special donations*

***Liberian School-Joe Boway:***

Lynn Thomas

***Sanctuary Remodeling:***

Nancy McInnis



**Anniversaries**

05: Carl & Carol Zienert — 61 Years  
13: Brad & Stephanie Reynolds —  
12 Years

**Birthdays**

06: Sherry Hyrkas  
10: Lori Whitehead  
22: Darryl Swainson  
23: Carol Zienert  
24: Barbara Allen  
28: Kyle Albert

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**TRANSFERRED OUT**

**John & Debbie Sidelinker to  
St. Stephen's, Waterford**



**SAVE THE DATE:  
OPEN DOOR ADOPT-A-  
FAMILY –  
GIVING TREE**

Once more this year, we will be collecting and distributing gifts for Christmas for those families in need.

This year's date will be:  
December 6 from 9-1 or 4-6  
with family pick up on:  
December 12th.

We really need people to assist in this very important outreach. Those who can help through donations and / or those who can help with the collection and distribution of the gifts here at St. Mark's.

Sign –Up sheet will be posted soon.

The **Body of Christ** and  
the **Public Square**

**October 5, 2024**

A Religious Liberty Conference  
Featuring:

Dr. Ben Carson,  
Kyle Mann,  
Father Calvin Robinson,  
**Rev. Dr. Christopher Thoma**,  
Major (Ret.) Jonathan Turnbull,  
Timothy Goeglein

General Admission: \$75

VIP Admission: \$145

Clergy, Teacher, Student,  
& Law Enforcement: \$40

Register **ONLINE ONLY** by visiting:  
<https://www.bodyofchristandthepublicsquare.org/>

Morning Refreshments and Lunch  
will be provided.

**Location:**

Our Savior Evangelical Lutheran  
Church & School (LCMS)  
13667 W. Highland Rd.  
Hartland, MI 48353  
248-887-4300

**Registration closes Monday,  
September 30, 2024** or when  
seating capacity is met.

Doors open at 8:00 AM for general  
seating. Program begins promptly at  
9:00 AM.



**St. Mark's Lutheran Church**

**2024**

For live, up-to-date versions of ANY St. Mark's calendar, visit our website at: [www.stmarkwb.org](http://www.stmarkwb.org).

*Sunday Divine Service 9:30 a.m.*

*Sunday Adult Bible Class 10:45 a.m.*

| SUNDAY  | MONDAY  | TUESDAY  | WEDNESDAY               | THURSDAY   | FRIDAY                                 | SATURDAY |
|---|---|--|-------------------------|--|--|----------|
|   |   | 1  | 2                       | 3  | 4                                      | 5        |
|   |   | Elders' Mtg. - 7 pm  |                         | Quilting Bee 10:00 a.m.  |  |          |
| <b>6 19th Sun. Aft. Trinity</b>   | 7   | 8  | 9                       | 10   | 11                                     | 12       |
| Pastor: Frank Pies<br>Assistant: Darryl Swainson<br>9:30 am Divine Service<br>10:45 am Adult Bible Class                                  |   |  |                         | Quilting Bee 10:00 a.m.  |  |          |
| <b>13 20th Sun. Aft. Trinity</b>  | 14  | 15   | 16                      | 17   | 18                                     | 19       |
| <b>Fall Clean-up</b><br>Pastor: Rod Zwonitzer<br>Assistant: Tom LoCascio<br>9:30 am Divine Service<br>10:45 am Adult Bible Class          |  | Council Mtg. - 7 pm  |                         | Quilting Bee 10:00 a.m.  | DEADLINE TO SUBMIT NEWSLETTER ARTICLES |          |
| <b>20 21st Sun. Aft. Trinity</b>  | 21  | 22   | 23                      | 24   | 25                                     | 26       |
| Pastor: Mark Arendell<br>Assistant: Darryl Swainson<br>9:30 am Divine Service<br>10:45 am Adult Bible Class                               |   |  |                         | Quilting Bee 10:00 a.m.  | DISTRIBUTE NEWSLTR.                    |          |
| <b>27 Reformation Day Obs.</b>  | 28  | 29   | 30                      | 31 Halloween   |  |          |
| <b>Fall Harvest Potluck Meal</b><br>Pastor: Frank Pies<br>Assistant: Tom LoCascio<br>9:30 am Divine Service<br>10:45 am Adult Bible Class |   |  |                         | Quilting Bee 10:00 a.m.  |  |          |
| <b>Serving Schedules</b>  |   | <b>USHERS:</b>   | <b>ALTAR GUILD:</b>     | <b>GREETERS:</b>   | <b>COUNTERS:</b>                       |          |
|   |   | 06 Trent Johnson<br>13 Tom Kaufman<br>20 John Reardon<br>27 Matt Maier | Cathy & Gail Fitzgerald | 06 Mary Ann Lockwood<br>13 Kelly Lekas<br>20 Ellen Rentola<br>27 Gail Fitzgerald | Barbara Jewell & Lori Whitehead        |          |