



St. Mark's Lutheran Church *Messenger*

September 2024

Adult Bible Study on Sundays

Each Sunday, directly following our Divine Service, all are welcome to join that day's pastor for Adult Bible Study. The one-hour study will take place in the basement fellowship hall at 10:45 a.m. and goodies, coffee and juice are often available for participants. Start you week off right by delving deeper into God's Word! You'll be glad you did!

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!

QUILTS:

DISPLAY: The quilts made by our Quilting Bee will be September 22 and 29th.

BLESSING: The blessing of the quilts will be September 29th.

DOOR OFFERING COLLECTION: September 22 and 29th for:

LWR QUILT & KIT SHIPPING FUND – When you make and support Quilts, you join countless other servants of Christ who reach out to people in need around the world through this ministry. Together, L.W.L. distributed an incredible \$18 million worth of

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Sunday Worship

Divine Service at 9:30 a.m. followed by
Adult Bible Study at 10:45 a.m.
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quilts in 2023! LWR currently spends about \$1.9 million annually to operate this program. They do their best to steward funds efficiently, but the behind-the-scenes operating costs have increased in recent years. (This is largely due to the significant rise in shipping costs since 2020.) You can ensure LWR has the financial resources they need to distribute quilts where they're needed most by donating to the Quilt & Kit Shipping fund. This is a way for the congregation to support the quilt ministry. The Cost to ship just one quilt is \$2.80. St. Mark's Missionary League is accepting Donations to defray the cost of shipping our quilts. Donations can be made by cash or Check. If you are writing a check, please make it out to the St. Mark's Missionary League.

Please place either type of payment in an envelope found in your pew and have it designated for the Quilt Shipping Fund-Missionary League. Thank you.

LUTHERAN SPECIAL EDUCATION

MINISTRIES (LSEM) is having **their 19th Annual Golf Outing on Monday, September 16th, 2024** and you're invited! Play a round of golf and raise funds for children who have learning needs in Christian schools here in SW Michigan and across the country. Golf, cart, breakfast, lunch, and dinner are included in your ticket price. There will be plenty of fun games to play as we fundraise for these kids. Register your team today or sponsor the event. Together we can help these children grow in learning and love of God. [https://2024 LSEM Golf Outing - LSEM \(luthsped.org\)](https://2024 LSEM Golf Outing - LSEM (luthsped.org))

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

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stairs where you can place product donations. 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.**

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.

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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THE FATHER'S HANDS FOOD PANTRY AND CLOTHING CLOSET

at St. Paul's Community Lutheran Church has been very busy this spring. They have served over 300 families in the pantry alone since January. This has led to a depletion of their supplies. They are in urgent need for the following items:

- Powdered milk - 1qt envelopes or boxes
- Plain pasta - macaroni
- Spaghetti Noodles
- Spaghetti Sauce
- Non-starchy canned vegetables
- Peas, Corn or mixed vegetables
- Soups, Rice, Baked beans
- Protein bars
- Instant Potatoes
- Canned Tuna or Chicken
- Toilet paper, Tooth Paste, Hand sanitizer,
- Large bars of soap and diapers (size 5)

For Larger families they need:

- Family sized shampoo & conditioner
- Large cans of baked beans
- Large can of fruit
- large can of vegetables
- Large Rice, dried potatoes or spaghetti noodles
- large cans of chicken or meat that will serve 5 or more.
- Laundry detergent
- Dishwashing soap
- Dried soup that serve 8 or more.

We are open for drop off on Tuesdays & Thursdays from 10-4:30 and Wednesdays from Noon - 5pm. We greatly appreciate any and all donations. Address: 1133 Joslyn Ave, Pontiac, MI 48340



This Month's 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 Cryderman,
Kristy Fresh, Peg Metzger

Thank You



Special Fund Donations

We want to thank those who made special donations

Liberian School-Joe Boway:

Lynn Thomas

Sanctuary Remodeling:

Nancy McInnis

September Anniversaries

- 1: Rod & Leslie Oehring — 51 Years
- 9: Keith & Amanda Follis — 18 Years
- 15: Glenn & Barbara Jewell— 6 Years
- 25: Larry & Lori Whitehead —14 Years

September Birthdays

- 03 Kelly Lekas
- 07 Hannah Dwyer, Aubrey Follis,
Diane Umpleby
- 10 Tammy Hurley, Rosemary Powell
- 23 Paul Benson
- 26 John Reardon, Emmett Reynolds
- 30 Jane Hurley



**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.

**Church Council
Ministry Meeting Minutes
July 16, 2024 Summarized**

Attendees: John Reardon, Trent Johnson, Darryl Swainson, Kyle Albert, Karen Kaufman,
Lillian Harmon

Call to Order – 7:05 p.m. John Reardon opened with Prayer.

Agenda Additions None

Previous Minutes: There wasn't a June's meeting so May's minutes were presented. A Motion was made to accept the May 21st Minutes. Minutes was approved.

Treasurer's Report – Kyle Submitted financial reports on the church were reviewed. QuickBooks, accounting software, will remain a desktop version. It was previously approved to move to an online format, but after further evaluation, it was considered better off to leave it as is. All information has been gathered, and a new CD will be purchased within the month.

Financial Secretary's Report –reports reviewed.

Calendar/Parish Report – Was reviewed. Minor Change to Calendar to be made.

Vice President's Report – Someone asked for a key to the church. Didn't feel it necessary.

BOARD REPORTS

Assimilation & Stewardship – not active at this time

Elders & Call Committee per Darryl:

Pastor Arendell will begin preaching in August. Which provides all the Pastors with a single Sunday, unless we have a month where there are 5 Sundays.

Call Committee Report: Per Darryl: Awaiting answer from Pastor. It is believed that everyone is away and, or, on break and are unable to meet to discuss. So in a holding pattern for now.

Considering a small change to the duties of Usher's: Darryl will speak with the Usher's to get their input. Will advise Council of final decision.

Family & Youth & Gospel Outreach: nothing to report

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Human Care: Per Karen Kaufman: The only activities are the following:

Lutheran Special Education Ministries (LSEM) is having their 19th Annual Golf Outing on Monday, September 16th, 2024; and

The Father's Hands Food Pantry and Clothing Closet. Both are really good options who need support right now.

Parish Fellowship – nothing to report

Properties: 1998 F150 Problem wasn't as bad as originally thought. The Shifter Adjuster and Linkage came off. Cost of fix: \$73.07. It was decided that there will be a hold on putting tires on the truck.

LWML: nothing to report

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS

Basement Leakage: There was some water that got into the basement from outside. Tom Kaufman was mowing the lawn and observed that the downspout wasn't connected to the plastic drainage pipe totally. So Mr. Kaufman reattached the two completely. Will continue to monitor the situation.

Office computer had to be fixed. \$402.60. New Hard Drive had to be installed. There was 2 additional manpower hours as Shepherd's Staff and WD Drive had to be reconnected.

Since the Office and the Treasurer's computers are aged, it was agreed that it would be best if we put a line item budget for next year for a computer/technology fund. This fund will handle costs for any replacements that may need to be made when they occur. This would include the computers (when they need replacing or fixing), and any upgrades that may be needed as software compatibility may have to be upgraded with it. All agreed that this should be done.

The Office is in need of a **paper shredder** so that personal information that becomes obsolete may be destroyed. This shredder will also be shared with the treasurer. It was determined that the budget for this item would not exceed \$80.00.

A Motion was made to approve this request. It passed unanimously.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, August 20 at 7pm.

Meeting adjourned 7:57 p.m. Closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Lillian Harmon

SEPTEMBER 2024

St. Mark's Lutheran Church

Sunday Divine Service 9:30 a.m.

Sunday Adult Bible Class 10:45 a.m.

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

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 14th Sun. Aft. Trinity	2	3	4	5	6	7
Pastor: Terry Nelson Assistant: Darryl Swainson 9:30 am Divine Service 10:45 am Adult Bible Class	Labor Day Church Office Closed	7pm - Elders' Mtg.		Quilting Bee 10:00 a.m.		
8 15th Sun. Aft. Trinity	9	10	11	12	13	14
Pastor: Frank Pies Assistant: Trent Johnson 9:30 am Divine Service 10:45 am Adult Bible Class				Quilting Bee 10:00 a.m.		
15 16th Sun. Aft. Trinity	16	17	18	19	20	21
Pastor: Rod Zwonitzer Assistant: Tom LoCascio 9:30 am Divine Service 10:45 am Adult Bible Class				Quilting Bee 10:00 a.m.	DEADLINE TO SUBMIT NEWSLETTER ARTICLES	
22 17th Sun. Aft. Trinity	23	24	25	26	27	28
First Day of Fall						
Pastor: Mark Arendell Assistant: Darryl Swainson 9:30 am Divine Service 10:45 am Adult Bible Class				Quilting Bee 10:00 a.m.	DISTRIBUTE NEWSLTR.	Mission Planning Workshop
29 18th Sun. Aft. Trinity	30					
Pastor: Terry Nelson Assistant: Tom LoCascio 9:30 am Divine Service Blessing of the Quilts 10:45 am Adult Bible Class						
Serving Schedules		USHERS:	ALTAR GUILD:	GREETERS:	COUNTERS:	
		01 Matt Maier 08 Tom Kaufman 15 Trent Johnson 22 John Reardon 29 Matt Maier	Jennie Kaufman	01 Mary Ann Lockwood 08 Gail Fitzgerald 15 Jennie & Karen K 22 Tom & Debbie L. 29 Ellen Rentola	Mary Ann Lockwod & Jean Swainson	