



St. Mark's Lutheran Church *Messenger*

November 2024

FALL CLEAN-UP DAY!

Thank you to those who volunteered to help clean the church. It looks awesome!

CHURCH SERVICE CHANGES BEGINNING IN NOVEMBER. Beginning in November, there will be change implemented to the Services conducted at St. Mark's. The Divine Service with Communion will only be conducted on the 1st and 3rd Sunday's of the Month as well as major festival days.

Please Attend our All Saints Divine Service on November 3rd. The day we remember those who have been called unto the Lord.

Deadline is Fast approaching for the 2025 OFFICER/BOARD NOMINATIONS— 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. **Deadline is November 17 for Submissions.**

Three Year Positions: Council

- Congregational Vice-President
- Human Resources Director
- Public Relations Director

Board Positions

- Human Care
- Gospel Outreach
- Parish Fellowship & Support

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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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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!

Decorate the Church for Christmas: If any members are in town on thanksgiving weekend we sure could use your help. The date is: November 30th at 10:00 am

OPEN DOOR ADOPT A FAMILY.

We will participate in the Open Door Adopt a Family Christmas Event as in the past, However, we will not need volunteers (as in the past) to sort for other families as other churches have ample accommodations that are in the area and are hosting.

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 donations. The Open Door is a non-profit organization that assists needy families in the Lakes Area. They are ALWAYS in need of

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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.

REMINDER: TO SET YOUR CLOCKS BACK 1 HOUR ON SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2ND BEFORE BED.

Please note: Due to Thanksgiving holiday Observance, the office will be closed Thursday, Nov. 28 and Friday., Nov. 29. the office will re-open on Monday, Dec. 2.

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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, Evelyn Davis, Carl Feiler,
Mickey Smith, Ed Kempisty,
Chip Cryderman, Kristy Fresh,
Peg Metzger

For those who were lost:
Family and friends of Alex who passed
just recently.





Anniversaries

14: Rudy & Ellen Rentola —10 Yrs
19: Trent & Jennifer Johnson 8 Yrs.

Birthdays

05: Thomas LoCascio
07: Ellen Rentola
13: Jean Swainson
19: Larry Whitehead
22: Matt Maier
28: Kay Joslin

Special Fund Donations



We want to thank those who made special donations

Liberian School-Joe Boway:
Lynn Thomas

Sanctuary Remodeling:
Nancy McInnis

**Church Council
Ministries Meeting Minutes
August 20, 2024**

Attendees: John Reardon, Trent Johnson, Darryl Swainson, Karen Kaufman, Lori Whitehead, Lillian Harmon

Call to Order 7:05 p.m. Opened with prayer.

Agenda Additions Add to the New Business section:

Church Extension Fund and Upcoming Election prep.

Motion to approve with added topics by John Reardon; Lori Whitehead seconded. Motioned pass unanimously.

Previous Minutes Submitted.

Darryl Motioned to accept minutes as presented, Trent seconded; Motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

CD was purchased.

Will get hit with a check stoppage fee as a paycheck was eaten by ATM while attempting to deposit. Since it wasn't clear whether the check was destroyed or not it was decided to stop check.

Computer has issues. All agree that the computers in both Secretary's and Treasurers office is on borrowed time. Lillian will start shopping around and submit a proposal for replacements.

Will try to see if there is a deal for purchase of multi computers. If there is no deal will look at replacing Kyle's first.

Financial Secretary's Report Per Lori Whitehead: \$ 12,848.69 behind on contributions vs. budget.

Calendar/Parish Report: Was submitted and discussed. Calendar needed to cancel Council Meeting in order to prep for and attend the Mission Planning Workshop on September 28th

Vice President's Report: Nothing to report

BOARD REPORTS

Assimilation & Stewardship -Vacant

Elders & Call Committee per Darryl

Pastor Thoma was in contact via Email. Unfortunately, the Elders and Pastor were not receptive to the idea of Dual Pastor.

Awaiting answer from Pastor. Pastor Loree doesn't have an answer as of yet. Council meets August 22nd. This Pastor is the last on the list that could possibly fill the Dual Pastor Position.

Discussion in length began on the dilemma that we are facing regarding lack of elders and how it will affect the overall ability of Assisting on Sunday mornings. Bottom line is that there will only be 1 elder to assist. He may not be able to be at every service. So there is a discussion of alternatives that is currently being explored.

This includes possibly: Having a regular Divine service without communion on one or two given Sundays. This has to be further explored with congregation and the Pastors.

Usher's taking care of the set up and take down of Communion elements and ware. However, this would have to be approved by all involved not just one or two.

Family & Youth - Absent

Gospel Outreach - Nothing to report

Human Care

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

Open Door 29th Annual Julie Run/Walk 5K & 1K OCC Highland Lakes Campus September 21
The Father's Hands Food Pantry and Clothing Closet

Adopt-A-Family: Giving Tree article placed in bulletin and newsletter asking for volunteers – many are needed for it to be successful

Parish Fellowship – Nothing to report

Properties: Lori Whitehead purposes that Truck tires should be purchased before prices increase from All Tire for \$700.00 and to replace tires before the snow flies. Council agreed to move forward with this.

LWML:

Display of the Quilts will be September 22, 2024

Display and Blessing of the Quilts September 29, 2024

(Door offering accepted both Sundays)

OLD BUSINESS

Basement Leakage: Sidewalk Sloping? Downspout rework? Grade (of dirt) toward the building instead of away? Briefly discussed and will have to be addressed.

Paper Shredder was purchased within the \$80.00 budget.

October 5th Kensington Circuit Conference: Have conflicting scheduling issues we will not be able to attend this year.

NEW BUSINESS

Mission Planning Workshop- September, originally scheduled for the 21st moved to 28th due to scheduling issues. Using SWAT Technique: Discover Strengths, Weaknesses, Analyze the threats of what is happening currently.

Will need to find someone to take notes as Lilli cannot attend due to schedule conflicts.

Election is upcoming. Will have to review whose positions are up.

Church Extension Fund is a not for profit ministry that provide low interest loans and does investments. Asking if we would consider a Representative to stop in to speak about their program.

Council turned down the offer.

Will need to renew software packages for Microsoft and PDF.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, September 28 at 10 am?

Closed with the Lord's Prayer. 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Lillian Harmon on behalf of Nancy McInnis

Upcoming Opportunities

The Lutheran Center Association of Detroit invites you to their annual Lutherfest Concert, which will take place at:

Guardian Lutheran Church
24544Cherry Hill St.,
Dearborn 48124

on Sunday, Nov. 3 at 3pm.

This year's program, under the direction of Jacob Ferns, Minister of Music at St. Paul in Boca Raton, FL, will celebrate the 500th anniversary of the first Lutheran hymnals, and highlight the hymnody of the Lutheran Church from over the last five-hundred years. We pray that you would join us for this wonderful afternoon celebrating our musical heritage in the Lutheran Church.

The Michigan – Ohio Chorale

With Erwin Aufdemberge,
Charles Russell on Organ,
Brass Quartet, Flute, Oboe, Cello
and Bass

A Concert of Sacred Choral Music:

- *Advent , Good, Friday, Christmas
- *Pentecost, Lent, Epiphany
- *Easter

The Church Year In Song
All About JESUS

Sunday, Nov. 10, 2024 3:00 pm

St. Peter Lutheran Church
23000 Gratiot Ave.
Eastpointe, MI 48021

TECHNOLOGY IN THE HANDS OF THE CHRISTIAN FAMILY WORKSHOP, a part of the Faith at Home Milestones. The dangers of early technology, what limits to place in the home, and how to use technology responsibly.

It will be on: **Sunday, November 17th at Christ Lutheran, Milford, from 4:00—7:00 pm.**

Dinner will be provided.

Please **RSVP** on Christ's website or with Lisa Moyer, Director of Youth and Family Life familylife@christlutheranmilford.org

MARRIAGE RETREAT AT CHRIST LUTHERAN MILFORD

Sponsored by the Board of Stewardship.

Dates: Friday, Nov. 22, 6:00 – 8:30 pm and Saturday, Nov. 23, 8:30 – 3:30 pm

“RECONNECT” CELEBRATION & BATTLE: BRINGING HIS HEART TO YOUR MARRIAGE

The retreat will focus on insights and tools for cultivating meaningful connection in your marriage.

facilitator: Robin and Cheryl Spaulding from Morningstar Ministries

Cost: \$50 per couple (includes breakfast, lunch & materials) Email Kay Barlow to


RSVP treasurer@christlutheranmilford.org

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For live, up-to-date versions of ANY St. Mark's calendar, visit our website at: 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 ALL SAINTS DAY	2
						DAY LIGHT SAVINGS TIME - SET CLOCKS BACK 1 HOUR
3 ALL SAINTS DAY OBS.	4	5 ELECTION DAY	6	7	8	9
Pastor: Mark Arendell <i>Assistant: Darryl Swainson</i> 9:30 am Divine Service w/ Communion 10:45 am Adult Bible Class		Elder's Mtg. - 7 pm		Quilting Bee 10:00 a.m.		
10 24TH SUN. AFT. TRINITY	11	12	13	14	15	16
Pastor: Rod Zwonitzer 9:30 am Divine Service/ no Communion 10:45 am Adult Bible Class				Quilting Bee 10:00 a.m.	DEADLINE TO SUBMIT NEWSLETTER ARTICLES	
17 25TH SUN. AFT. TRINITY	18	19	20	21	22	23
Pastor: Frank Pies <i>Assistant: Darryl Swainson</i> 9:30 am Divine Service w/ Communion 10:45 am Adult Bible Class		Council Mtg. - 7 pm		Quilting Bee 10:00 a.m.	DISTRIBUTE NEWSLTR.	
24 LAST SUN. CHURCH YR.	25	26	27	28 THANKSGIVING	29	30
Pastor: Terry Nelson 9:30 am Divine Service/ no Communion 10:45 am Adult Bible Class				Office Closed - Holiday Obs.	Office Closed - Holiday Obs.	Decorate the Church 10:00 a.m.
<h2>Serving Schedules</h2>		USHERS:	ALTAR GUILD:	GREETERS:	COUNTERS:	
		03 Tom Kaufman 10 Trent Johnson 17 John Reardon 24 Matt. Maier	Jennie Kaufman	03 Jennie & Karen Kaufman 10 Ellen Rentola 17 Mary Ann Lockwood 24 Gail Fitzgerald	Jennie & Karen Kaufman	