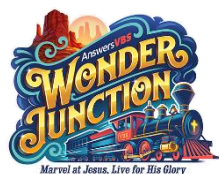


“Everyone Needs a Little Jesus” has been embraced and shared by our congregation. We thought to offer these mini Jesus figures during Lent as a way to share your faith in a solid but non-aggressive way with friends, family or strangers. We started out with 200 figures and quickly needed more. By the close of Lent, we gave out 400! Many of you came back for more to replenish your sharing supply, our Youth placed a few around the church, many carried Jesus in their pockets as a reminder to themselves of “Whose they were”. We’d love to hear your faith sharing stories!

Volunteer Opportunity: VSB Helpers



Needed!: Calling all willing hands and hearts! We’re looking for helpers for **Vacation Bible School (VBS)** during the week of **June 9th–13th**, from **9:00 AM to 11:30 AM** each day. You can signup at

<https://stmarkslutheranvw.myanswers.com/wonder-junction/>

Peony Parade Float: This year, St. Mark’s VBS will have a float in the parade! Join us on the float or walk beside, passing out treats for the kids. We need 10 people to help. We’ll gather somewhere by the YWCA and travel from the YW to the American Legion. Contact Christine Krugh for more information. **Sign-up table is by the church nursery.**

Janitor Jim Ottenweller is on vacation May 11th—20th.

Obawhat? On Sunday, April 27th we started our sermon series on exploring four lesser known books of the Old Testament and their surprisingly practical application. Obadiah. Nahum. Habakkuk. Haggai. Have you ever heard of these? Why were they written? What message from the Lord do they have for us today?

Summer Greeters Volunteers. See the sign-up sheet on the table by the nursery to volunteer as a Summer Greeter. Choose your date and/or service and if you’d like to supply a treat. While our regular Coffee Hour Crew takes a summer break, we can show our appreciation by being a welcoming face on Sunday morning.

ST. MARK’S LUTHERAN CHURCH

Rev. William C. Haggis, II

Prayer Request e-mail: stmprayer@stmarkslutheranvw.com

Church Website: www.stmarkslutheranvw.com

CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

MAY 11, 2025

Prelude

“Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us”

Welcome and Announcements

Brief Order of Confession & Forgiveness (page 94)

Mother’s Day Litany (back of bulletin)

Choral Introit (10:30 service) *Adult Choir*

Hymn “Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness” # 843

Prayer of the Day

Handbell Choir (10:30 service) *“Jesus Shall Reign”*

Noah’s Park Children’s Church (10:30 service)

Habakkuk 2:1-2; 3:2a and Psalm 23 (pgs. 2 & 3)

Revelation 7:9-12, 17 and John 10:22-30 (pgs. 3 & 4)

Message

Hymn “My Shepherd, You Supply My Need” # 782

Apostles’ Creed, Intercessory Prayers, The Peace (pages 105-106)

Musical Meditation (8:00 service) *“Then Came the Morning”*

Offering: offering plates, website, text 419-273-9947

Offertory *Adult Choir*

Holy Communion (8:00 service: pages 107-109)

Lord’s Prayer (page 112)

Blessing & Dismissal (pages 114-115)

Hymn “Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing” # 389

Doxology Sung by the Congregation HYMN #884

Postlude *“All Hail the Power”*

Get to Know Us on:



Prayer of Illumination

R: Before reading from the Bible, we seek the illumination of the Holy Spirit that we become receptive to the life-giving Word which comes to us through both the reading and proclamation of Scripture.

C: **Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the Scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.**

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## Habakkuk 2:1-2; 3:2a

### The Lord's Prayer Plan for Habakkuk

<sup>1</sup> I will climb my watchtower and wait to see what the LORD will tell me to say and what answer he will give to my complaint. <sup>2</sup> The LORD gave me this answer: "Write down clearly on tablets what I reveal to you, so that it can be read at a glance.

<sup>2a</sup> O LORD, I have heard of what you have done, and I am filled with awe.

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Psalm 23

R: The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want.

C: **He makes me lie down in green pastures;
he leads me beside still waters;**

R: he restores my soul.

He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.

C: **Even though I walk through the darkest valley,
I fear no evil; for you are with me;
your rod and your staff-- they comfort me.**

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Next Sunday May 18th is High School Graduate Recognition.



Reception 8:45-10:15 a.m. in The Gathering Place. Recognition during the 10:30 service. Be sure to wear your cap and gown. Here are our graduates: Elizabeth Johnson—Vantage/Lincolnview, Bennett Kill—Lincolnview, Dakota Nihiser—Crestview, Jack Snyder—Vantage/Lincolnview, Abby Stechschulte—Ft. Jennings, and Renson Spear—Van Wert.

NEXT SUNDAY THE 18TH IS THE LAST DAY TO GET



FRIED PIES!! Stock up as they freeze well. Thank you for all your support of our HS Youth and mission work. To God be the Glory!

Tin Caps Baseball – July 12th Noah's Park Children's Church

family outing will be here soon. Noah's Park families get the first seats and then it's open to the congregation. Stay tuned for signing up for an evening of family fun. We will enjoy a picnic style supper at 5:30 p.m. Kids will have access to the Fun Zone of a rock climbing wall, bouncy slide and more. After the game kids can run the bases and we close the evening with fireworks.

2025 St. Mark's 127 Garage Sale Year!:

Spring is here, so if you are cleaning out or re-organizing your closets, storage areas or garage, remember the St. Mark's 127 Garage Sale is coming up in August. Please consider setting aside your "good" but no longer needed items (*sorry, NOT accepting clothes*) for donation. Future Sunday bulletins will let you know when to start bringing your items to the church. The Garage Sale proceeds support "Kids Against Hunger" rice kits.

Baby Bottle Campaign for Langdyn House of PLC!

This campaign runs from Mother's Day, May 11th through Father's Day, June 15th. Take a provided baby bottle bank home after the service (*be sure to sign the sheet that you took one*) and fill it with pocket change, cash or a check for four (4) weeks. The bottles are then returned on Father's Day, June 15th. Place your bottle in the collection box provided at the church. Langdon House provides safe housing, transportation, support, and programming for women 18+ years old, displaced, pregnant, or recently had a baby. Moms stay free of charge through their child's first 18 months of life! Thank you. See bulletin insert. Bottles are on the table by the nursery.

ASSISTING MINISTERS THIS WEEK

Greeters	(8:00) ...Bob Evans
Lector	(8:00) ...Jeannine Roediger
Acolyte	(8:00) ...Lynix Thomas
Mother's Day Litany	(8:00) ...Kathy Van Eman
Communion Servers	(8:00) ...Wes Thompson & _____
Greeters	(10:30) ...Roger Overholt
Lector	(10:30) ...Jacob Mohr
Acolyte	(10:30) ...Maverick Conley
Mother's Day Litany	(10:30) ...Christine Krugh
Coffee Hour.....	Jana Ringwald

Reminders: *Bullet deadline* is Wednesday by 1:00 p.m.
AND *The deadline* for June newsletter is **May 20th**.

Card Ministry: If you know of someone that is sick or in the hospital, or has lost a loved one, or just to let them know they are being thought of, please let me know so a card may be sent to them. They do not have to attend our church. It could be a friend or a co worker etc. You may contact me by phone or text at 419-771-0795 or email ahickerson55@gmail.com. Alicia Hickerson

Attention New Visitors to St. Mark's: Located in the pews are blue Welcome Cards for our new guests. Please fill out this card and leave it on the pew when you leave the sanctuary. Greeters will be around to collect them after the service. This information is only to keep you informed of activities at St. Mark's and does not leave the office. We hope you will continue to join us for services and we are so glad you came to St. Mark's. We hope to see you again next Sunday.

*Our sympathy to the friends and family of
Betty Wyandt who passed away on Sunday,
May 4, 2025. May God's peace and comfort be
with you.*

R: You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.
C: **Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house
of the LORD my whole life long.**

Revelation 7:9-12, 17

The Great Multitude in White Robes

⁹ After this I looked, and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands. ¹⁰ And they cried out in a loud voice: "Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb." ¹¹ All the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures. They fell down on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹² saying: "Amen! Praise and glory and wisdom and thanks and honor and power and strength be to our God for ever and ever. Amen!"

¹⁷ For the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd; 'he will lead them to springs of living water.' 'And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.'"

R: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation (10:30 service)

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

P: The Good news of John's Gospel.

C: **Glory To you O Lord!**

John 10:22-30 Further Conflict Over Jesus' Claims

²² Then came the Festival of Dedication at Jerusalem. It was winter, ²³ and Jesus was in the temple courts walking in Solomon's Colonnade. ²⁴ The Jews who were there gathered around him, saying, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." ²⁵ Jesus answered, "I did tell you, but you do not believe. The works I do in my Father's name testify about me, ²⁶ but you do not believe because you are not my sheep. ²⁷ My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸ I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one will snatch them out of my hand. ²⁹ My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all; no one can snatch them out of my Father's hand. ³⁰ I and the Father are one."

P: Word of God. Word of life.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

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**High School Youth Car Wash Rescheduled:** The High School Youth will be hosting a valet style, free will donation car wash this coming **Sunday, May 18**, during both services. The youth and adult helpers will be washing and vacuuming cars in the south parking lot (lot between Collins and the church). If you wish to have your car washed, **please use the Jefferson Street entrance**, pull in and park in the lot. While you are in church your car will be getting washed and vacuumed. After service your car will be sparkling clean and ready for you to enjoy!

*If you are not getting your car washed, we kindly request that you please refrain from parking in the lots between Collins and the church. Please park in the north lot (corner of Sycamore and Washington).*

Last year's car wash was a huge success thanks to your support and we are excited to provide this service again! Please say an extra prayer for favorable weather!

**CHURCH SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

**SUNDAY, MAY 11, 2025—MOTHER'S DAY & CONFIRMATION SUNDAY**

8:00 a.m. Holy Communion Service  
**8:45 a.m. Reception for Confirmand**  
9:15 a.m. Sunday School & Choir Rehearsal  
10:30 a.m. Worship Service  
10:40 a.m. Noah's Park

**MONDAY**

**5:15 p.m. Crisis Care Meeting**

**TUESDAY**

9:00 a.m. Piecemakers  
**10:00 a.m. A.J.'s Bible Group Meeting at Smiley Park**  
**11:00 a.m. Wyandt Memorial Service**  
**3:30 p.m. Handbell Practice**

**THURSDAY**

**11:30 a.m. Third Thursday Community Luncheon**  
**6:00 p.m. Cornhole**

**SUNDAY, MAY 18, 2024—GRADUATE RECOGNITION & YOUTH CARE WASH ALL MORNING LAST FRIED PIE SALES**

**8:00 a.m. Worship Service with LPE**  
**8:45 a.m. Graduate Reception-The Gathering Place**  
9:15 a.m. Sunday School & Choir (last one)  
**NO Children's Choir Rehearsal**  
**10:30 a.m. Holy Communion-Graduate Recognition & Baptism**  
10:40 a.m. Noah's Park  
11:30 a.m. Phase 2 Transition Committee—Team 2

**THE ALTAR FLOWERS**

are given to the Glory of God by Kevin & Kathy Taylor  
in memory of our parents, Harry & Carolyn Taylor  
and Don & Jane Coy.

**Mother's Day Picture Booth – TODAY** we are having a special photo booth to capture the day with your mom or that special woman in your life. Bring your cell phones to take pictures – we'll provide the backdrop and maybe props!

## Mother's Day Litany

R: Mothers come in many different forms,  
and today we celebrate them all!

C: **Thank you Lord for mothers!**

R: Everyone here is either a son or a daughter.

C: **Thank you Lord for my mother!**

R: For those women who have joined God in Heaven and whom  
we miss dearly here on earth.

C: **Thank you Lord for the mothers of the past.**

R: For every woman who is working day and night to raise her  
child right now.

C: **Thank you Lord for the mothers of today.**

R: For all the women who are expecting,  
but aren't quite mothers yet!

C: **Thank you Lord for the soon-to-be-mothers.**

R: For the women who took in others' children through adoption  
and foster care.

C: **Thank you Lord for the mothers with hearts so big.**

R: For those women who have lost a child to death and must carry  
on.

C: **Thank you Lord for the mothers who are so strong.**

R: For all the women who have wanted to have children of their  
own, but chose instead to mother everyone else.

C: **Thank you Lord for the mothers who are spiritual  
mentors. We thank you, Lord, for the women who  
have influenced our lives in so many ways. We pray  
that we will honor them in everything we do. Amen.**

*Change for Life*  
Baby Bottle Campaign

Pick up a bottle on Mother's Day  
Fill the bottle with coins, cash or check  
Return or empty out your bottle between  
Mother's Day and Father's Day

Your participation allows us to continue to provide  
these valuable services, for all of our moms:

- Christ-Centered Maternity Housing
- Goal Planning
- Holistic Support
- Parenting & Life Skills Classes
- Career Guidance
- Biblical Counseling & Case Management

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where conception meets care

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