

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. Thank you, Joan, Karan & Sue

Summer Greeters Volunteers. See the sign-up sheet 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.

Mother’s Day Picture Booth – Sunday – May 11th we will have 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!

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

Obawhat? Last Sunday, April 27th we started our sermon series on exploring the 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?

ST. MARK’S LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Prelude *“Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing”*

Welcome and Announcements

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

Hymn “Let All Things Now Living” **# 881**

Kyrie and Hymn of Praise (page 98-99, 101; 10:30 service)

Prayer of the Day

Children’s Blue Bag Message (8:00 service)

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

Nahum 1:1-3, 7-9, 12, 15; 2:1a, 13; 3:19b and Psalm 30:1-4 (pg. 2 & 3)

Revelation 5:11-14 and John 21:12-19 (pg. 3 & 4 of bulletin)

Message

Hymn “What Wondrous Love Is This” **# 666**

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

Musical Meditation (8:00 service) *“In Christ Alone”*

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

Offertory **Adult Choir**

Holy Communion (10:30 service: pages 107-109)

Lord’s Prayer (page 112)

Blessing & Dismissal (pages 114-115)

Hymn “I Love to Tell the Story” **# 661**

Doxology Sung by the Congregation **HYMN #884**

Postlude *“The Triumph of the King”*

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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**Nahum 1:1-3, 7-9, 12, 15; 2:1a, 13; 3:19b**

### The LORD's Anger Against Nineveh

<sup>1</sup> A prophecy concerning Nineveh. The book of the vision of Nahum the Elkoshite.

<sup>2</sup> The LORD is a jealous and avenging God; the LORD takes vengeance and is filled with wrath. The LORD takes vengeance on his foes and vents his wrath against his enemies. <sup>3</sup> The LORD is slow to anger but great in power; the LORD will not leave the guilty unpunished. His way is in the whirlwind and the storm, and clouds are the dust of his feet.

<sup>7</sup> The LORD is good, a refuge in times of trouble. He cares for those who trust in him, <sup>8</sup> but with an overwhelming flood he will make an end of Nineveh; he will pursue his foes into the realm of darkness. <sup>9</sup> Whatever they plot against the LORD he will bring to an end; trouble will not come a second time.

<sup>12</sup> This is what the LORD says: "Although they have allies and are numerous, they will be destroyed and pass away. Although I have afflicted you, Judah, I will afflict you no more.

<sup>15</sup> Look, there on the mountains, the feet of one who brings good news, who proclaims peace! Celebrate your festivals, Judah, and fulfill your vows. No more will the wicked invade you; they will be completely destroyed.

<sup>1</sup> An attacker advances against you, Nineveh. <sup>13</sup> "I am against you," declares the LORD Almighty. "I will burn up your chariots in smoke, and the sword will devour your young lions. I will leave you no prey on the earth. The voices of your messengers will no longer be heard." <sup>19</sup> for who has not felt your endless cruelty?

**Geraniums Available for Planting at Church:** We are offering **45 pre-ordered red geraniums** to purchase in honor or in memory of family, someone special or just a friend. These geraniums are from the YWCA to assist their fundraising efforts. They are first come first serve and are for planting in front of the church. They are not available to take home. *As of May 1<sup>st</sup> we have 9 left to purchase.* **Order deadline is May 11<sup>th</sup>.** They are **\$4 per 4 1/2" pot.** Order envelopes are in the Gathering Place and cloak room. Make checks payable to St. Mark's.



## High School Youth Car Wash

**Details...** The High School Youth are doing a valet style, free will donation car wash **TODAY**

(weather permitting) 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). **Again, Sunday, May 18 will be the rain date if TODAY is cancelled due to weather.***

**YOUTH FRIED PIES:** Our **LAST** Sunday of **Fried Pie Sales will be Sunday, May 18.** Stock up as they freeze well.



Thank you for all your support of our HS Youth and mission work. To God be the Glory!



## Sunday May 18<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Reminders:** *Bulletin deadline is Wednesday by 1:00 p.m. AND The deadline for June newsletter is **May 20<sup>th</sup>.***

**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.

**"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!

*Our sympathy is extended to A.J. Wiseman upon the recent passing of her grandmother Janet Hurdle. God's peace and comfort be with the family and friends.*

## **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. To get started, join us

for a **Kickoff Meeting** on **May 7th at 6:00 PM** in the **Jr. High Sunday School Room**. This will be a great chance to connect, learn more about the roles, and prepare for a meaningful week together! You can also signup at <https://stmarkslutheranvw.myanswers.com/wonder-junction/>

We hope to see you on **May 7th**—let's make this an unforgettable experience!

## **Psalm 30:1-4 Sing Praises of the Lord**

R: I will exalt you, LORD, for you lifted me out of the depths and did not let my enemies gloat over me.

C: **LORD my God, I called to you for help, and you healed me.**

R: You, LORD, brought me up from the realm of the dead; you spared me from going down to the pit.

C: **Sing the praises of the LORD, you his faithful people; praise his holy name.**

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## **Revelation 5:11-14 The Lamb of God**

<sup>11</sup> Then I looked and heard the voice of many angels, numbering thousands upon thousands, and ten thousand times ten thousand. They encircled the throne and the living creatures and the elders.

<sup>12</sup> In a loud voice they were saying: "Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise!" <sup>13</sup> Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and on the sea, and all that is in them, saying: "To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and honor and glory and power, for ever and ever!" <sup>14</sup> The four living creatures said, "Amen," and the elders fell down and worshiped.

R: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

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## **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 21:12-19 Jesus Serves Breakfast to His Disciples**

<sup>12</sup> Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." None of the disciples dared ask him, "Who are you?" They knew it was the Lord. <sup>13</sup> Jesus came, took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. <sup>14</sup> This was now the third time Jesus appeared to his disciples after he was raised from the dead.

**Jesus Reinstates Peter**

<sup>15</sup> When they had finished eating, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" "Yes, Lord," he said, "you know that I love you." Jesus said, "Feed my lambs." <sup>16</sup> Again Jesus said, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" He answered, "Yes, Lord, you know that I love you." Jesus said, "Take care of my sheep." <sup>17</sup> The third time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter was hurt because Jesus asked him the third time, "Do you love me?" He said, "Lord, you know all things; you know that I love you." Jesus said, "Feed my sheep." <sup>18</sup> Very truly I tell you, when you were younger you dressed yourself and went where you wanted; but when you are old you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will dress you and lead you where you do not want to go." <sup>19</sup> Jesus said this to indicate the kind of death by which Peter would glorify God. Then he said to him, "Follow me!"

P: Word of God. Word of life.

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

**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.

**Coffee Hours** May 11<sup>th</sup>—Ringwald—Confirmation Reception  
May 18<sup>th</sup>—Grubaugh—Graduation Reception

**CHURCH SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

**SUNDAY, MAY 4, 2025—YOUTH CAR WASH ALL MORNING**

- 8:00 a.m. *Worship with Blue Bag Sermon*
- 9:00 a.m. Coffee Hour
- 9:00 a.m. *Sunday School 5K Fun Runwalk @ Reservoir*
- 9:15 a.m. Sunday School & Choir Rehearsal  
**NO** Children's Choir Rehearsal
- 10:30 a.m. Holy Communion Service
- 10:40 a.m. Noah's Park
- 11:45 a.m. *Dominican Republic Youth Mission Trip Meeting*
- 2:30 p.m. *Fisher Studio Recital until 4:30 PM*

**TUESDAY**

- 9:00 a.m. Piecemakers
- 3:30 p.m. Handbell Choir Practice

**WEDNESDAY**

- 10:00 a.m. Brewed Expressions Bible Group Meeting
- 6:00 p.m. *Supper (last one)*
- 6:30 p.m. **The Anchor** (last one)
- 6:30 p.m. *Catechism (last one)*
- 6:30 p.m. *Kid Min (last one)*
- 6:30 p.m. *Brothers & Brews*

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

- 8:00 a.m. Holy Communion Service
- 8:45 a.m. *Confirmand Reception-The Gathering Place*
- 9:15 a.m. Sunday School & Choir  
**NO** Children's Choir Rehearsal
- 10:30 a.m. *Worship and Confirmation Service*
- 10:40 a.m. Noah's Park

**THE ALTAR FLOWERS**

are given to the Glory of God and in memory of departed loved ones by Mr. Mark Eversole.

**ASSISTING MINISTERS THIS WEEK**

- Greeters (8:00) .....Kathy Van Eman
- Lector (8:00) .....Marc Grubaugh
- Greeters (10:30) .....Kevin Taylor
- Lector (10:30) .....Kevin Taylor
- Acolyte (10:30) .....Connor Donaldson
- Comm. Servers (10:30) .....Ben & Christine Krugh & Thomas Rhoades

## **The Call Process Committees to Prepare for Our Next Pastor**

**Phase 1: The Farewell Committee.** Plans and schedules Pastor Will's retirement celebrations and other transitional events.

*"Now may the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times and in every way. The Lord be with all of you." 2 Thessalonians 3:16*

*Co-leaders Rachel Rohrs and Carol Lininger.* Teresa Glossett, Sharon Blank, Rita Adam, Joan Holland, Karen Etgen, Kelly Glossett, Nancy Wolverton, Karl Gribler, Rex Arn, Rick Roehm, and AJ Wiseman.

### **Phase 2: The Discovery and Transition Committee.**

Researches and gathers data to develop St. Mark's Ministry Site Profile (the congregation's resumé) and potential future ministry directions.

*"Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the Lord your God goes with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you." Deuteronomy 31:6*

*Co-leaders Jana Ringwald and Marilyn Morgan.* Jason Stechschulte, Kurt Muntzinger, Stacie Korte, Stan Weldy, Martha Martin, Monica Campbell, Karan Ottenweller, and Dee Fisher.

**Phase 3: The Search and Call Committee.** Completes the Ministry Site Profile from the information gathered by The Discovery and Transition Committee. By prayerful consideration recommends to Church Council, and thereby the congregation, our

next pastor based on interviews conducted of pastoral candidates. *"I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers. I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better." Ephesians 1:16-17*

*Co-leaders Cary Roehm and Kathy Taylor.* Stacie Korte, Stephanie Stechschulte, Randy Thompson, Reesa Rohrs, Joan Holland, Dustin Burley, Judy Sampson, Craig Staley, Bob Evans, and Tom Rhoades.

Through your prayer life and other faith practices, please lift up these persons that they be granted our Lord's discernment and guidance.