

**You Are Invited!!** The family of Dakotah Nihiser asks you to join them in celebrating her High School Graduation. The celebration is **TODAY at St. Mark's in the Gathering Place from 1-6 PM.** All are invited!



**You Are Invited** to help us celebrate Abby Stechschulte's High School Graduation. The celebration is Saturday May 31<sup>st</sup> at our home, 18035 Rd 20, Ft. Jennings, OH from 1-4 PM. All are invited!



**You Are Invited!!** The family of Elizabeth Johnson would like you to join them on **Sunday, June 29<sup>th</sup> to celebrate her High School Graduation. The celebration begins at 5:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall until 7:30 p.m. All are invited!**



### **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 9<sup>th</sup>–13<sup>th</sup>, from 9:00 AM to 11:30 AM** each day. You can also signup at <https://stmarkslutheranvw.myanswers.com/wonder-junction/>



**Pastor is on Vacation May 21<sup>st</sup>-May 29<sup>th</sup>. Contact the church office with any hospitalizations & prayer requests.**

**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. See the sign-up sheet by the Nursery.

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

## **ST. MARK'S LUTHERAN CHURCH**

Prayer Request e-mail: [stmprayer@stmarkslutheranvw.com](mailto:stmprayer@stmarkslutheranvw.com)

Church Website: [www.stmarkslutheranvw.com](http://www.stmarkslutheranvw.com)

Rev. William C. Haggis, II

### **SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**May 25, 2025**

Prelude

*"Brethren, We Have Met to Worship"*

Welcome and Announcements; Acknowledgement of Veterans

Brief Order of Confession and Forgiveness (pages 94-96)

Hymn "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" # 834

Prayer of the Day

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

Acts 16:9-15 and Psalm 67 (pg. 2 & 3 of bulletin)

Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5 and John 14:23-29 (page 3 & 4 of bulletin)

Message Jason Tyas

Hymn "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light" # 815

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

Musical Meditation (8:00 service) *"Some Gave All"*

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

Lord's Prayer, Blessing & Dismissal (pages 112-115)

Hymn "O Beautiful for Spacious Skies" # 888

Doxology Sung by the Congregation HYMN #884

Postlude *"A Patriotic Quotation"*

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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## Acts 16:9-15

<sup>9</sup> During the night Paul had a vision of a man of Macedonia standing and begging him, “Come over to Macedonia and help us.” <sup>10</sup> After Paul had seen the vision, we got ready at once to leave for Macedonia, concluding that God had called us to preach the gospel to them.

## Lydia’s Conversion in Philippi

<sup>11</sup> From Troas we put out to sea and sailed straight for Samothrace, and the next day we went on to Neapolis. <sup>12</sup> From there we traveled to Philippi, a Roman colony and the leading city of that district of Macedonia. And we stayed there several days. <sup>13</sup> On the Sabbath we went outside the city gate to the river, where we expected to find a place of prayer. We sat down and began to speak to the women who had gathered there. <sup>14</sup> One of those listening was a woman from the city of Thyatira named Lydia, a dealer in purple cloth. She was a worshiper of God. The Lord opened her heart to respond to Paul’s message. <sup>15</sup> When she and the members of her household were baptized, she invited us to her home. “If you consider me a believer in the Lord,” she said, “come and stay at my house.” And she persuaded us.

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## Psalm 67 May the Peoples Praise God

R: May God be gracious to us and bless us  
and make his face shine on us—

C: **so that your ways may be known on earth,**

**your salvation among all nations.**

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**Tin Caps Baseball – July 12<sup>th</sup> Noah’s Park Children’s Church** family outing will be here soon. *Sign-up for an evening of family fun is by the Nursery.* 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.

**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.

**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.



We are having a card shower for Kenny Doner & Rev. Ralph Schibler who both turn 90 years young on July 21, 2025. **The addresses below are current and updated as of May 22, 2025.**

**Homestead @ Towne Center**  
c/o Kenneth Doner  
240 Towne Center Road, # 214  
Van Wert, OH 45891

**The Commons of Providence Asst. Lvg.**  
c/o Rev. Ralph Schibler  
5000 Providence Drive, # 322  
Sandusky, OH 44870

**The LAST Fried Pie Sunday Sale:** June 8<sup>th</sup> is our last fried pie sales for the year and we will be ordering limited quantities.

Additionally, if you want extra of any particular kind, please reach out to Juli Hamilton to place an order by **TODAY**. Thank you

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## **UPDATE ON GARAGE SALE INFORMATION**



### **2025 St. Mark's 127 Garage Sale August 7-9<sup>th</sup> Proceeds go to "Kids Against Hunger" Rice Kits**

If you are cleaning out or reorganizing your closets, storage areas or garage, please consider donating your "good", but no longer needed items, (*sorry, NOT accepting clothes*) to our St. Mark's garage sale.

**UPDATE:** Beginning June 16th, donation items can be placed in the back (north) storage room in the church basement, Monday–Friday from 8:30 am–12 noon & 2:00 pm–4:30 pm. It's helpful if you write on the donation boxes & bags "Garage Sale" or "GS". Please do not bring your donations before the June 16<sup>th</sup> start date, as other events (such as VBS & a wedding) are scheduled for the previous week.

If you are donating a large item(s) for example furniture, please contact Joan Holland at 419-203-9754. Do not bring it to the church.

Your help is Needed:

- Volunteer to work at the garage sale &/or help with cleanup after the sale.
- Donations of baked goods (cookies, brownies, cakes & pies) are needed for the sale.

Let us know if you can help at the Garage Sale &/or bring Baked Goods. Sign-up sheets will be on the Dreamboard, starting June 1<sup>st</sup> or call the church office at 419-238-6336 to sign-up. Thank you, Sue, Karan & Joan

***Thank you:*** We extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone who helped make the memorial service for Milo and Betty Wyandt so meaningful. Your comforting words, music, technical support, help with the

bulletins, and the generous contributions to the meal and fellowship afterward were deeply appreciated. Your kindness and support brought great comfort to our family during this time.

The Family of Milo & Betty Wyandt

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R: May the peoples praise you, God; may all the peoples praise you.

C: **May the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you rule the peoples with equity and guide the nations of the earth.**

R: May the peoples praise you, God; may all the peoples praise you.

C: **The land yields its harvest; God, our God, blesses us.**

R: May God bless us still,  
so that all the ends of the earth will fear him.

### **Revelation 21:10, 22—22:5      The City of God**

<sup>10</sup> And he carried me away in the Spirit to a mountain great and high, and showed me the Holy City, Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God.

<sup>22</sup> I did not see a temple in the city, because the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are its temple. <sup>23</sup> The city does not need the sun or the moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and the Lamb is its lamp. <sup>24</sup> The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their splendor into it. <sup>25</sup> On no day will its gates ever be shut, for there will be no night there. <sup>26</sup> The glory and honor of the nations will be brought into it. <sup>27</sup> Nothing impure will ever enter it, nor will anyone who does what is shameful or deceitful, but only those whose names are written in the Lamb's book of life.

### **Eden Restored**

<sup>1</sup> Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, as clear as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb <sup>2</sup> down the middle of the great street of the city. On each side of the river stood the tree of life, bearing twelve crops of fruit, yielding its fruit every month. And the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. <sup>3</sup> No longer will there be any curse. The throne of God and of the Lamb will be in the city, and his servants will serve him. <sup>4</sup> They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. <sup>5</sup> There will be no more night. They will not need the light of a lamp

or the light of the sun, for the Lord God will give them light. And they will reign for ever and ever.

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.

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P: The Good news in John's gospel.

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

### John 14:23-29 Jesus Promises the Holy Spirit

<sup>23</sup> Jesus replied, "Anyone who loves me will obey my teaching. My Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. <sup>24</sup> Anyone who does not love me will not obey my teaching. These words you hear are not my own; they belong to the Father who sent me. <sup>25</sup> "All this I have spoken while still with you. <sup>26</sup> But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you. <sup>27</sup> Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid. <sup>28</sup> "You heard me say, 'I am going away and I am coming back to you.' If you loved me, you would be glad that I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I. <sup>29</sup> I have told you now before it happens, so that when it does happen you will believe.

P: Word of God. Word of life.

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

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### 2025 April 27<sup>th</sup> Congregational Meeting

Update: The ratification (2nd reading) of the Amended Constitution was approved. The Amended By-laws, Outreach Distribution Monies and 2024 Annual Report were all motioned to approve and passed. The following 4 people were voted in as new

council members: Monica Campbell (2<sup>nd</sup> term), Kiersten Hoenie (1<sup>st</sup> term), Kurt Muntzinger (1<sup>st</sup> term) and Stan Weldy (1<sup>st</sup> term).

**Summer Worship Hours:** Starting *Next Sunday, June 1<sup>st</sup> through September 7<sup>th</sup>* worship services will be held at 8:00 & 10:00 AM.

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### CHURCH SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

#### SUNDAY, MAY 25, 2025

8:00 a.m. Holy Communion Service

10:30 a.m. Worship Service

10:40 a.m. Noah's Park

*1:00 p.m. Dakota Nihiser Grad Party-Gathering Place til 6 PM*

#### MONDAY—OFFICE CLOSED—MEMORIAL HOLIDAY

#### TUESDAY

*9:00 a.m. Piecemakers*

*10:00 a.m. AJ's Group Meeting*

*3:30 p.m. Handbell Choir Practice*

#### WEDNESDAY

*1:30 p.m. Worship at Homestead*

*4:00 p.m. Personnel Committee Meeting*

#### SUNDAY, JUNE 1, 2025—SUMMER SERVICE HOURS BEGIN

8:00 a.m. Worship Service

**10:00 a.m.** Holy Communion Service

10:10 a.m. Noah's Park

*11:00 a.m. Dominican Republic Mission Trip Meeting*

#### THE ALTAR FLOWERS

are given to the Glory of God by Mr. & Mrs. Phil McClure  
in memory of departed loved ones.

### ASSISTING MINISTERS THIS WEEK

Greeters (8:00)..... Joan Holland

Lector (8:00)..... Rachel Rohrs

Greeters (10:30)..... Marc Grubaugh

Lector (10:30)..... Marcia Weldy

Acolyte (10:30)..... Emmalynn Conley

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL IS JUNE 9<sup>TH</sup>—13<sup>TH</sup>.**

*Our sympathy to Rod Sroufe and family upon  
the Friday, May 16<sup>th</sup> passing of his mom,  
Frances C. Sroufe. God's peace be with you.*