

Tin Caps Baseball – July 12th Noah’s Park Children’s Church family outing will be here soon. *Sign-up for an evening of family fun is on the Dreamboard.* 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 on the Dreamboard* 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.

The Geraniums are planted! The geraniums will now need to be *deadheaded and watered* over the next few months. Some weeks *fertilizer* will also need to be put on them to keep them nice. **There is a sign up sheet on the Dreamboard to help.** It is nice having the geraniums around the church again. Thank you to all who purchased geraniums to help beautify the grounds.

We are having a card shower for Kenny Doner & Rev. Ralph Schibler who both turn 90 years young on July 21, 2025.



Card Shower

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 44870-1424

Missing Key: If you happen to lock or unlock the security doors in the Gathering Place in the last 2 weeks, would you please check to see if you accidentally put the key in your pocket or purse. We are missing one. If you find one, please return it to the office. Thank you

Thank you so much for your \$200 donation to “Off the Streets-Van Wert County (OTS)”. We feel blessed that you want to help in getting the homeless in our community off the streets and into permanent housing. We hope you realize the impact you are having on their lives. Thanks again! God bless, Julie Zinn, OTS Treasurer

ST. MARK’S LUTHERAN CHURCH

Rev. William C. Haggis, II

Prayer Request e-mail: stmprayer@stmarkslutheranvw.com

Church Website: www.stmarkslutheranvw.com

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JUNE 22, 2025

Prelude

“How Deep the Father’s Love for Me”

Welcome and Announcements

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

Prayer of the Day

Noah’s Park Children’s Church (10:00 service)

Isaiah 65:1-9 and Psalm 22:19-28 (pg. 2 & 3 of bulletin)

Galatians 3:23-29 and Luke 8:26-39 (pg. 3 & 4 of bulletin)

Message

Share How Much God Has Done For You

Hymn “In Christ There Is No East or West” # 650

Musical Meditation (8:00 service)

“Go Light Your World”

Apostles’ Creed, Intercessory Prayers & The Peace (pg. 105ff)

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

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

Lord’s Prayer (page 112)

Blessing & Dismissal (pages 114-115)

Hymn “God of Grace and God of Glory” # 705

Doxology Sung by the Congregation HYMN #884

Postlude

“How Majestic Is Your Name!”

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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## Isaiah 65:1-9 The Righteousness of God's Judgment

<sup>1</sup> I was ready to be sought by those who did not ask for me; I was ready to be found by those who did not seek me. I said, "Here am I, here am I," to a nation that did not call on my name. <sup>2</sup> I spread out my hands all the day to a rebellious people, who walk in a way that is not good, following their own devices; <sup>3</sup> a people who provoke me to my face continually, sacrificing in gardens and burning incense upon bricks; <sup>4</sup> who sit in tombs, and spend the night in secret places; who eat swine's flesh, and broth of abominable things is in their vessels; <sup>5</sup> who say, "Keep to yourself, do not come near me, for I am set apart from you." These are a smoke in my nostrils, a fire that burns all the day. <sup>6</sup> Behold, it is written before me: "I will not keep silent, but I will repay, yea, I will repay into their bosom <sup>7</sup> their iniquities and their fathers' iniquities together, says the LORD; because they burned incense upon the mountains and reviled me upon the hills, I will measure into their bosom payment for their former doings." <sup>8</sup> Thus says the LORD: "As the wine is found in the cluster, and they say, 'Do not destroy it, for there is a blessing in it,' so I will do for my servants' sake, and not destroy them all. <sup>9</sup> I will bring forth descendants from Jacob, and from Judah inheritors of my mountains; my chosen shall inherit it, and my servants shall dwell there.

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Psalm 22:19-28 Fear the LORD and Praise Him

R: But thou, O LORD, be not far off!

O thou my help, hasten to my aid!

C: **Deliver my soul from the sword,
my life from the power of the dog!**

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A Celebration of 25 Years: Meisa Coplin achieved 25 years of service as our Office Administrator on May 15! Meisa's dedication and hard work has helped St. Mark's run smoothly over these many years. Her support to the Pastor, staff members, Council, committees, and our entire congregation has been invaluable and so appreciated! Please join Meisa to help celebrate her quarter-century milestone at a reception in the Gathering Place on June 29th between services.

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.

Congregational Survey in preparing for our new pastor. The Call



Process Transition Committee is asking you to answer a survey questionnaire so we may receive a full picture of where the Holy Spirit is leading our congregation as we seek a new pastor. The survey will be open for 3 weeks. You may take the survey online using the links provided in your weekly email or scan the QR Code given here.

If you would rather answer the survey on paper, surveys are provided on the table by the Nursery. Questions? Ask anyone on the committee: Co-Chairs: Jana Ringwald & Marilyn Morgan; Kurt Muntzinger, Dee Fisher, Stacie Korte, Monica Campbell, Karan Ottenweller, Jason Stechschulte, Martha Martin, and Stan Weldy. Thank you for your participation.

Thank you: The St. Vincent de Paul Society wishes to thank you for your recent monetary donation. It is greatly appreciated. You have helped us so much over the past years to be able to continue our mission to help those who are in need of help with food. Without your help, who know that would happen to these people. We will purchase food with your donation to supply our pantry to be able to keep our shelves ready to help the weekly need we see. The St. Vincent de Paul Society greatly appreciates the help you have given us. May God bless you for your generosity. Have a blessed year. Sincerely, Dennis R. Hickey, Treasurer



2025 St. Mark's 127 Garage Sale August 7-9th

Proceeds for "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: 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".

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 are on the Dreamboard, or call the church at 419-238-6336 to sign-up. Thank you, Sue, Karan & Joan

Kiersten Roehm-Hoenie is our new Youth Choir Director. Congratulations Kiersten!



You Are Invited!! The family of Elizabeth Johnson would like you to join them on Sunday, June 29th to celebrate her HS Graduation. The celebration begins at 5:00 p.m. in the Gathering Place until 7:30 p.m. All are invited!

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

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R: Save me from the mouth of the lion,
my afflicted soul from the horns of the wild oxen!

C: **I will tell of thy name to my brethren;
in the midst of the congregation I will praise thee:**

R: You who fear the LORD, praise him! all you sons of Jacob, glorify him,
and stand in awe of him, all you sons of Israel!

C: **For he has not despised or abhorred the affliction of the afflicted; and he has not hid his face from him, but has heard, when he cried to him.**

R: From thee comes my praise in the great congregation;
my vows I will pay before those who fear him.

C: **The afflicted shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek him shall praise the LORD! May your hearts live for ever!**

R: All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD;
and all the families of the nations shall worship before him.

C: **For dominion belongs to the LORD,
and he rules over the nations.**

Galatians 3:23-29

Put on Christ

²³ Now before faith came, we were confined under the law, kept under restraint until faith should be revealed. ²⁴ So that the law was our custodian until Christ came, that we might be justified by faith. ²⁵ But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a custodian; ²⁶ for in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith. ²⁷ For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. ²⁸ There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus. ²⁹ And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to promise.

R: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation (10:00 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 in Luke's gospel.

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

Luke 8:26-39**Jesus Heals the Gerasene Demoniac**

²⁶ Then they arrived at the country of the Ger'asenes, which is opposite Galilee. ²⁷ And as he stepped out on land, there met him a man from the city who had demons; for a long time he had worn no clothes, and he lived not in a house but among the tombs. ²⁸ When he saw Jesus, he cried out and fell down before him, and said with a loud voice, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beseech you, do not torment me." ²⁹ For he had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many a time it had seized him; he was kept under guard, and bound with chains and fetters, but he broke the bonds and was driven by the demon into the desert.) ³⁰ Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Legion"; for many demons had entered him. ³¹ And they begged him not to command them to depart into the abyss. ³² Now a large herd of swine was feeding there on the hillside; and they begged him to let them enter these. So he gave them leave. ³³ Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and were drowned. ³⁴ When the herdsmen saw what had happened, they fled, and told it in the city and in the country. ³⁵ Then people went out to see what had happened, and they came to Jesus, and found the man from whom the demons had gone, sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind; and they were afraid. ³⁶ And those who had seen it told them how he who had been possessed with demons was healed. ³⁷ Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Ger'asenes asked him to depart from them; for they were seized with great fear; so he got into the boat and returned. ³⁸ The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but he sent him away, saying, ³⁹ "Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you." And he went away, proclaiming throughout the whole city how much Jesus had done for him.

P: Word of God. Word of life.

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

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*Our sympathy to Naomi, Dan, Beth, Ed and their family and friends on the recent passing of their father, John Freund on Tuesday, July 17<sup>th</sup>. May God's peace and comfort be with you.*

**CHURCH SCHEDULE OF EVENTS****SUNDAY, JUNE 22, 2025**

8:00 a.m. Holy Communion Service  
 10:00 a.m. Worship Service  
 10:10 a.m. Noah's Park

**TUESDAY**

*10:00 a.m. A.J.'s Bible Discussion Group@ Smiley Park*

**WEDNESDAY**

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

**SUNDAY, JUNE 29, 2025**

8:00 a.m. Worship Service  
*9:00 a.m. Reception for Meisa Coplin*  
 10:00 a.m. Worship Service  
 10:10 a.m. Noah's Park  
*2:00 p.m. Gathering Place in use for Grad Party until 7:30 p.m.*

**THE ALTAR FLOWERS**

are given to the Glory of God and in honor of fathers, especially Elmer Rohrs and Ron Zachrich by Frank, Reesa, & Rachel Rohrs and Emily & Anthony Gilmore.

**ASSISTING MINISTERS THIS WEEK**

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| Greeters          | (8:00) ..... Larry Miller        |
| Lector            | (8:00) ..... Jana Ringwald       |
| Communion Servers | (8:00)..... _____ & _____        |
| Greeters          | (10:00) ..... Gregory Pancake    |
| Lector            | (10:00) ..... Marilyn Morgan     |
| Acolyte           | (10:00) ..... Maci Bash-Stauffer |

**PLC Baby Bottles...** We are so close! Twenty bottles were taken and 17 returned! Do you have one of the 3 remaining bottles? PLEASE bring your bottle in Sunday or drop it off at the office so we can finish and take our bottles back to Pregnancy Life. A HUGE thank you to everyone who participated. Stay tuned for a total donation amount.

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

