

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 information board, by the sanctuary entrance, 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 Rev. Ralph Schibler who turns 90 years young on July 21, 2025. His address is below:



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: What another year of servicing our Lord and Savior through the Together on Christmas Dinner! 8 people prepared food, 2 packed takeout, 40 donated desserts, 95 worked on Christmas Day, 25 moved supplies, setup and decorated, 300+ ate a meal, (251 guests and ? workers and 188 takeout meals). Approximately 500 meals were served in 2.5 hours. Sharing God's love and meeting community needs is such a joy. We thank you for your gift of \$200 to the community. May the peace of Christ be with you.

In Christ's service, Pastor Bill Halter, Rockford UM Church

ST. MARK'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

Rev. William C. Haggis, II

Prayer Request e-mail: stmprayer@stmarkslutheranvw.com

Church Website: www.stmarkslutheranvw.com

PETER AND PAUL, APOSTLES

JUNE 29, 2025

Prelude

"He'll Understand and Say, 'Well Done'"

Welcome and Announcements

Hymn

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

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Prayer of the Day

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

Acts 12:1-11 and Psalm 87:3, 5-7 (pg. 2 & 3 of bulletin)

2 Timothy 4:6-8, 17-18 and John 21:15-19 (pg. 3 & 4 of bulletin)

Message—Dominican Republic Mission Trip

Video Presentation of the Mission Trip

Hymn

"Be Thou My Vision"

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Musical Meditation (8:00 service)

"Well Done"

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

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

Lord's Prayer (page 112)

Blessing & Dismissal (pages 114-115)

Hymn

"Just a Closer Walk with Thee"

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Doxology Sung by the Congregation

HYMN #884

Postlude

"Marching to Zion"

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 12:1-11 James Killed and Peter Imprisoned

<sup>1</sup> About that time King Herod laid violent hands upon some who belonged to the church. <sup>2</sup> He had James, the brother of John, killed with the sword. <sup>3</sup> After he saw that it pleased the Jews, he proceeded to arrest Peter also. (This was during the Festival of Unleavened Bread.) <sup>4</sup> When he had seized him, he put him in prison and handed him over to four squads of soldiers to guard him, intending to bring him out to the people after the Passover. <sup>5</sup> While Peter was kept in prison, the church prayed fervently to God for him.

## Peter Delivered from Prison

<sup>6</sup> The very night before Herod was going to bring him out, Peter, bound with two chains, was sleeping between two soldiers, while guards in front of the door were keeping watch over the prison. <sup>7</sup> Suddenly an angel of the Lord appeared, and a light shone in the cell. He tapped Peter on the side and woke him, saying, "Get up quickly." And the chains fell off his wrists. <sup>8</sup> The angel said to him, "Fasten your belt and put on your sandals." He did so. Then he said to him, "Wrap your cloak around you and follow me." <sup>9</sup> Peter went out and followed him; he did not realize that what was happening with the angel's help was real; he thought he was seeing a vision. <sup>10</sup> After they had passed the first and the second guard, they came before the iron gate leading into the city. It opened for them of its own accord, and they went outside and walked along a lane, when suddenly the angel left him. <sup>11</sup> Then Peter came to himself and said, "Now I am sure that the Lord has sent his angel and rescued me from the hands of Herod and from all that the Jewish people were expecting."

**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 **TODAY** between services.

## **These members of St. Mark's participated in the June 14-21 Mission Trip to the Dominican Republic:**

Cary Roehm and Juli Hamilton—Sr. High Youth Leaders; Lisa and Delani Knoch, Ben, Christine, Allison and Madeline Krugh, Rick Roehm, Raegan Roehm, Carter Homan, Kyle Hamilton, Jason, Stephanie, Abby and Kevin Stechschulte, Monica and Lola Campbell, Mark Schaberg, Cristal and Dakotah Nihiser, Evali and Xehrya Esparza, Elizabeth Johnson, and Pastor Will.

## **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.

## **PLC BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN IS A SUCCESS!**

We all know this congregation is a GIVING Family of God. You continue to blow me out of the water with your generosity. Out of a huge amount of curiosity, I opened and counted the contents of all the baby bottles. It's amazing how fast loose change can add up. To be fair there was some nice paper money but you did it again! The total taken to the Pregnancy Life Health Clinic for the Langdyn House was **\$618.25!** Thank You Thank You! The next PLC opportunity will be the Walk for Life in September. Stay tuned, there will be more on that.



## 2025 St. Mark's 127 Garage Sale August 7-9<sup>th</sup>

### 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 **TODAY** 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](mailto:ahickerson55@gmail.com).  
Alicia Hickerson

Psalm 87:3, 5-7      Zion

R: Glorious things are spoken of you, O city of God.

C: **And of Zion it shall be said,  
"This one and that one were born in it,"  
for the Most High himself will establish it.**

R: The LORD records, as he registers the peoples,  
"This one was born there."

C: **Singers and dancers alike say, "All my springs are in you."**

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2 Timothy 4:6-8, 17-18 Fight the Good Fight of Faith

⁶ As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. ⁷ I have fought the good fight; I have finished the race; I have kept the faith. ⁸ From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

¹⁷ But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. ¹⁸ The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

R: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

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### 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 John's gospel.

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

**John 21:15-19**

**Jesus and Peter**

<sup>15</sup> When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." <sup>16</sup> A second time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Tend my sheep." <sup>17</sup> He said to him the third time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" And he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep." <sup>18</sup> Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go." <sup>19</sup> (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, "Follow me."

P: Word of God. Word of life.

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

*Thank you:* Please accept our sincere thanks for the \$1,300 donation that your church has so generously given to The Salvation Army. Please know that it is with thankful hearts that The Salvation Army receives donations from the many supporters of God's work. Your contribution will allow The Salvation Army to continue helping the needy in our community. God Bless You!  
Majors Deborah & Henry Weigner, VW Corps Officers

*Our sympathy to Carol Doner and family on the passing of Kenneth Doner on Saturday,*

*June 21, 2025. May God's peace and comfort be with you.*

## CHURCH SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

### **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.**

### **WEDNESDAY**

**10:00 a.m. Brewed Expressions Bible Group Meeting**

**6:30 p.m. Brothers & Brews**

### **THURSDAY**

**6:00 p.m. Cornhole**

**FRIDAY JULY 4, 2025—OFFICE CLOSED FOR HOLIDAY**

**SUNDAY, JULY 6—JASON TYAS, PREACHER & LITURGIST**

8:00 a.m. Worship Service

**10:00 a.m.** Worship Service

10:10 a.m. Noah's Park

### **THE ALTAR FLOWERS**

are given to the Glory of God by Janet Strobel in memory of Mr. & Mrs. C.A. Doner, Mr. & Mrs. Paul Doner, Mr. & Mrs. George Doner and Robert Strobel.

### ASSISTING MINISTERS THIS WEEK

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| Greeters | (8:00) ..... Joan Holland            |
| Lector   | (8:00) ..... Frank Rohrs             |
| Greeters | (10:00) ..... Marc Grubaugh          |
| Lector   | (10:00) ..... Stephanie Stechschulte |
| Acolyte  | (10:00) ..... Emmalynn Conley        |

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

*Thank you* for your donation to the YWCA Summer Food Program! We are grateful for the support of St. Mark's Lutheran Church ! Your donation goes directly towards purchasing program materials. Thank you!

Betsy Hamman, Director of Youth Development