

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

Call Process Update

- **Farewell Committee—Carol Lininger and Rachel Rohrs co-leads.** Pastor Will's final Sunday will be January 11, 2026. A joint 9:30 a.m. service is planned with a luncheon following. Northwestern Ohio Synod Bishop Daniel Beaudoin and Assistant to the Bishop Deacon Sherry Krieger will be in attendance. Sub committees are established to undertake the various aspects for the farewell luncheon and church service. Pastor's exit interview with Church Council will be November 4th. The Farewell Committee's next meeting will be July 31st.
- **Transition Committee—Jana Ringwald and Marilyn Morgan co-leads.** Sections 1 & 2 of the Ministry Site Profile (our congregation's resume) is almost complete. Also, the Congregational Survey is currently being conducted. The survey identifies priorities for our various ministries and committees to draw from and for identifying needs in sections 3-5 of the Ministry Site Profile. The Transition Committee's next meeting will be August 7th.
- **Call Committee—Cary Roehm and Kathy Taylor co-leads.** This committee will meet once the Transition Committee has completed the Ministry Site Profile.

Employment Available: Do you have a heart for leading children or teens closer to Christ? Our High School Youth Group is seeking a passionate and energetic Youth Director to lead our youth ministry beginning the 2025/2026 church calendar year. Also, our Awesome Attitudes Program is seeking a passionate and energetic adult to lead children 2nd through 5th grade in ministry beginning the 2025/2026 church calendar year. See the announcement board (West sanctuary entrance) for a complete job description. Applications are in the office and on the table by the Nursery.

Thank you so much for your recent sponsorship donation for our Annual Walk For Life (WFL) fundraiser. Your continued support means so much and allows us to continue being the hands and feet of Jesus within our community. Thank you again. In His Service,
Jody Wannemacher, PLC Executive Director

ST. MARK'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Church Website: www.stmarkslutheranvw.com

Rev. William C. Haggis, II

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 13, 2025

Prelude

"Canticle of Faith"

Welcome and Announcements

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

Hymn

"I Come with Joy"

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Prayer of the Day

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

Deuteronomy 30:9-14 and Psalm 25:1-10 (pg. 2 & 3 of bulletin)

Colossians 1:1-5, 11-14 and Luke 5:1-11 (pg. 3 & 4 of bulletin)

Message

Teachings of Jesus at the Beach

Hymn

"O God Beyond All Praising"

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Musical Meditation (8:00 service)

"With All My Heart"

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

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

"Come, We That Love the Lord"

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Doxology Sung by the Congregation

HYMN #884

Postlude

"Jubilant Gigue"

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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## Deuteronomy 30:9-14

<sup>9</sup> and the LORD your God will make you abundantly prosperous in all your undertakings, in the fruit of your body, in the fruit of your livestock, and in the fruit of your soil. For the LORD will again take delight in prospering you, just as he delighted in prospering your ancestors, <sup>10</sup> when you obey the LORD your God by observing his commandments and decrees that are written in this book of the law, because you turn to the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul.

## Exhortation to Choose Life

<sup>11</sup> “Surely, this commandment that I am commanding you today is not too hard for you, nor is it too far away. <sup>12</sup> It is not in heaven, that you should say, ‘Who will go up to heaven for us and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?’ <sup>13</sup> Neither is it beyond the sea, that you should say, ‘Who will cross to the other side of the sea for us and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?’ <sup>14</sup> No, the word is very near to you; it is in your mouth and in your heart for you to observe.

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Psalms 25:1-10

Prayer for Guidance and for Deliverance Of David.

R: To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

C: **O my God, in you I trust; do not let me be put to shame; do not let my enemies exult over me.**

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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

Thank you to everyone who joined me at my reception on June 29th. I am very blessed to have such a wonderful place to work and I get to see friends every day! Thank you for all the cards, gifts, flowers and stop-ins at the office. I am very appreciative to Jana & Roy Ringwald for setting up the reception. Thank you again & God bless. Meisa

Back to School Event by First UM: The “Back To School” event ran by First UM Church is on July 27, 2025 from 3-5 PM at Fountain Park. They are in need of school supplies such as notebooks, pens, pencils, Kleenex, wet wipes, Lysol spray, backpacks, crayons, markers, etc. If you would like, you can give financial help to buy those items needed. They also asked if anyone would like to sign up to do a ½ hour time slot in their prayer tent during this event. If you would like to help or support this event, please call First UM at 419-238-0631-EXT. 307 and talk to Teresa. Thank you

The Geraniums are planted! The geraniums need to be *deadheaded, watered, and fertilized* over the next few months to keep them nice. **A sign up sheet on the information board by the sanctuary entrance if you can help.** 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**

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. 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. **To date we have 42 responses received.**

Thank you for your gift(s) given to your Synod, which were received by the ELCA churchwide organization last month. Your gift is a reminder that our work of faith and labor of love are not done alone. We give thanks for our shared work and our shared hope, which inspire ELCA churchwide ministries, in partnership with congregations and synods, to make God's love real in exciting and ever-changing ways. Your generosity is starting new faith communities and sustaining existing ones, empowering leaders, responding to disaster with long-term commitment, and addressing hunger and poverty. Through your gifts, you join with the whole church in loving our neighbors and sharing the good news of Jesus Christ. Thank you! May the God of all good gifts continue to work among you.

In Christ, Rev. Daniel Rift, Director,
Congregational Generosity

R: Do not let those who wait for you be put to shame;
let them be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.

**C: Make me to know your ways, O LORD;
teach me your paths.**

R: Lead me in your truth and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all day long.

**C: Be mindful of your mercy, O LORD,
and of your steadfast love, for they have been from of old.**

R: Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions;
according to your steadfast love remember me,
for the sake of your goodness, O LORD!

**C: Good and upright is the LORD;
therefore he instructs sinners in the way.**

R: He leads the humble in what is right
and teaches the humble his way.

**C: All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness,
for those who keep his covenant and his decrees.**

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## **Colossians 1:1-5, 11-14 Salutation**

<sup>1</sup> Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother, <sup>2</sup> To the saints and faithful brothers and sisters in Christ in Colossae: Grace to you and peace from God our Father.

## **Paul Thanks God for the Colossians**

<sup>3</sup> In our prayers for you we always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>4</sup> for we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, <sup>5</sup> because of the hope laid up for you in heaven.

<sup>11</sup> May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, so that you may have all endurance and patience, joyfully <sup>12</sup> giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. <sup>13</sup> He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, <sup>14</sup> in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

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 5:1-11 Jesus Calls the First Disciples

<sup>1</sup> Once while Jesus was standing beside the Lake of Gennesaret and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, <sup>2</sup> he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gotten out of them and were washing their nets. <sup>3</sup> He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. <sup>4</sup> When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch." <sup>5</sup> Simon answered, "Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets." <sup>6</sup> When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to burst. <sup>7</sup> So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. <sup>8</sup> But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus's knees, saying, "Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!" <sup>9</sup> For he and all who were with him were astounded at the catch of fish that they had taken, <sup>10</sup> and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people." <sup>11</sup> When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.

P: Word of God. Word of life.

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

**H2O—Bringing Hope To Others:** Mentoring is proven effective in helping vulnerable youth to move past their obstacles, avoid their pitfalls and fulfill their potential. Want to mentor? Need more information? See your H2O insert.

## CHURCH SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

### SUNDAY, JULY 13, 2024

8:00 a.m. Holy Communion Service

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

10:10 a.m. Noah's Park

### MONDAY

5:15 p.m. Crisis Care Meeting in Gathering Place

### TUESDAY

NO Church Council Meeting

### WEDNESDAY

10:00 a.m. Brewed Expressions Group Meeting

6:30 p.m. Brothers & Brews

### THURSDAY

11:30 a.m. Third Thursday Luncheon Drive-thru in pkg. lot

6:00 p.m. Men's Cornhole

7:00 p.m. Investment Committee Meeting

### FRIDAY

5:00 p.m. Wedding Rehearsal

### SATURDAY

3:30 p.m. Wedding of Raegan Roehm & Carter Homan

### SUNDAY, JULY 20, 2025

8:00 a.m. Worship Service

10:00 a.m. Holy Communion Service

10:10 a.m. Noah's Park

### THE ALTAR FLOWERS

are given to the Glory of God in memory of  
Paul & Ruth Doner and Kenny Doner by the family.

### ASSISTING MINISTERS THIS WEEK

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| Greeters          | (8:00) .....  | Kathy Van Eman                 |
| Lector            | (8:00) .....  | Marc Grubaugh                  |
| Acolyte           | (8:00) .....  | Lynix Thomas                   |
| Greeters          | (10:00) ..... | Kevin Taylor                   |
| Lector            | (10:00) ..... | Eric Overholt                  |
| Acolyte           | (10:00) ..... | Connor Donaldson               |
| Communion Servers | (8:00) .....  | Carol Lininger & Jana Ringwald |

**100<sup>th</sup>, 125<sup>th</sup> and 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary books are  
available to take at the table by the Nursery.**



## Our Values

**H2O** believes that:

- Each individual has worth and value as a cherished work of our creator.
- Vulnerable youth benefit from caring relationships with mature adults in their community.
- As a faith-based ministry, we help bring hope to the community by providing mentors for youth and encouragement for families.

☐ Please contact me about how I can become a mentor

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Best time to contact me at that number is: \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Contact me by email. My address is: \_\_\_\_\_



**FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT US:**



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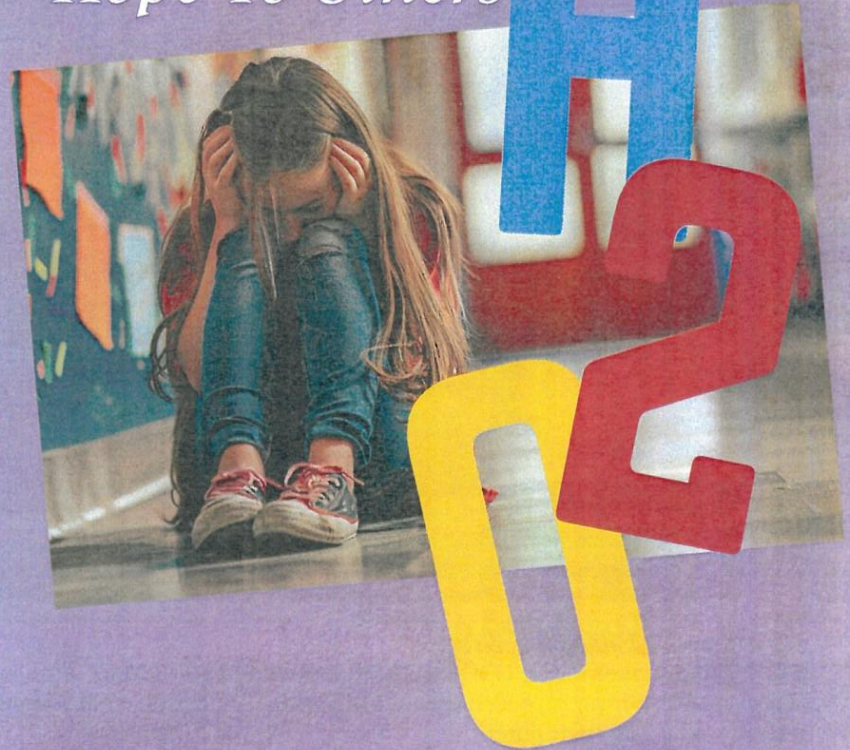
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Julie Burenga 260.341.9112

**H2O** strives to provide  
long-term relationships.



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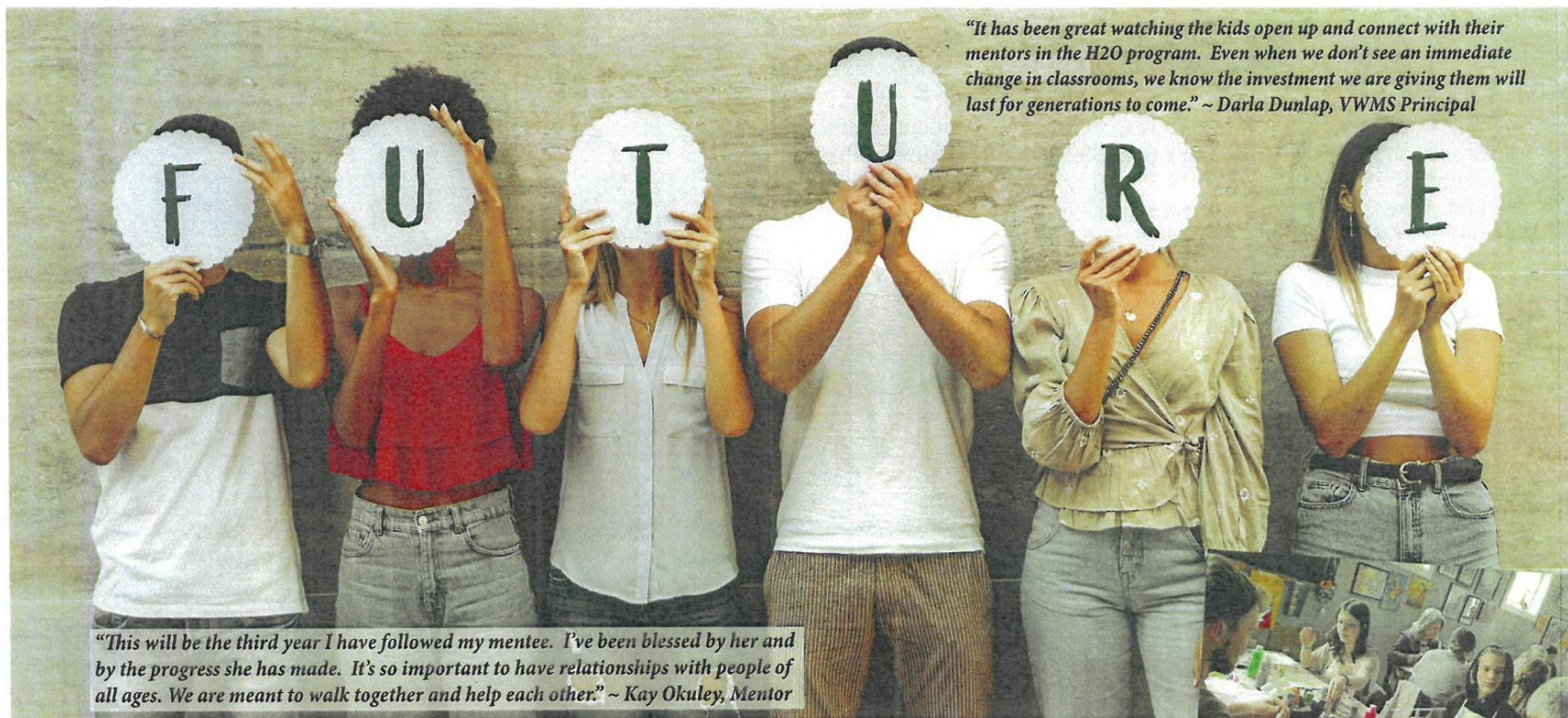
## Bringing Hope To Others



*Empowering and  
connecting generations  
to build hope and a  
stronger community.*







## Why Mentoring?

Simply stated, mentoring is when a mature, caring adult spends time with an eager individual with similar interests. Mentoring is proven effective in helping vulnerable youth to move past their obstacles, avoid their pitfalls and fulfill their potential.

What difference does it make? Mentored youth are more likely to:

- Improve in school
- Avoid self-destructive activities
- Gain hope and vision for the future

While mentoring is proven to be effective, it needs to be managed in a professional manner. Mentoring programs that do not follow excellent screening, training and support can be more harmful than helpful. H2O staff has been trained to use the best methods and procedures to ensure that the mentors and protégés have the highest quality experiences as they build their relationships.

We strive to find the best mentors for the youth and families in our community. All of our mentors go through the following process:

- Application
- Interview
- Orientation
- Background check

Our staff are seeking those who can best serve the community according to the standards and values of H2O.

We not only take care in choosing the right mentor for the right youth, we support the mentor and youth throughout the mentoring relationship. The H2O staff is available for advice, training and resources to help the protégé, mentor and family enjoy and develop during the relationship.

**H2O ~ Bringing Hope to Others**

