

## 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 4<sup>th</sup>. The Farewell Committee's next meeting will be July 31<sup>st</sup>.
- **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 7<sup>th</sup>.
- **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 2<sup>nd</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> 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.

*Additionally*, we are in need of a new Wednesday Night Youth Meal Coordinator. This is a volunteer position. The basic job description is organizing persons to do meals, stocking waters, snacks, plates/silverware for the meals. If interested, call the church office at 419-238-6336.

*Congratulations to Jane Cozad and Ron Blake who were united in holy matrimony on Friday, July 18<sup>th</sup> here at St. Mark's.*

## ST. MARK'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

Rev. William C. Haggis II, Pastor

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

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

### SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JULY 20, 2025

Prelude

*"'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus"*

Welcome and Announcements

Hymn

"When Morning Gilds the Skies"

# 853

Prayer of the Day

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

Genesis 18:1-10a and Psalm 15 (pg. 2 & 3 of bulletin)

Colossians 1:15-23 and John 6:1-15 (pg. 3 & 4 of bulletin)

Message

Hymn

"Be Thou My Vision"

# 739

Musical Meditation (8:00 service)

*"Christ Exalted Is Our Song"*

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

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

Holy Communion (10:00 service: pages 107-109)

Lord's Prayer (page 112)

Blessing & Dismissal (pages 114-115)

Hymn

"You Servants of God"

# 825

Doxology Sung by the Congregation

HYMN #884

Postlude

*"Trumpet Tune in F"*

Get to Know Us on:



**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.**

## 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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## Genesis 18:1-10a A Son Promised to Abraham and Sarah

<sup>1</sup> The LORD appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. <sup>2</sup> He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them and bowed down to the ground. <sup>3</sup> He said, "My lord, if I find favor with you, do not pass by your servant. <sup>4</sup> Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. <sup>5</sup> Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant." So they said, "Do as you have said." <sup>6</sup> And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah and said, "Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes." <sup>7</sup> Abraham ran to the herd and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. <sup>8</sup> Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared and set it before them, and he stood by them under the tree while they ate. <sup>9</sup> They said to him, "Where is your wife Sarah?" And he said, "There, in the tent." <sup>10</sup> Then one said, "I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son."

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## Psalms 15 Who Shall Abide in God's Sanctuary?

R: O LORD, who may abide in your tent?  
Who may dwell on your holy hill?

C: **Those who walk blamelessly and do what is right and speak the truth from their heart;**

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**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. 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.

**We have received 48 responses.**

**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.

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



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

### Proceeds to "Kids Against Hunger" Rice Kits

**IMPORTANT UPDATE:** The *LAST* day to bring in donation items (not accepting clothes) is *Friday, July 25<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 p.m.*

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".

**Your help is Needed:** More volunteers are needed to work at the garage sale. *Additional volunteers are especially needed to help at the Outdoor tent to sell & move the larger items for example: furniture.*

We will be contacting everyone who has signed up to help at the garage sale and those who are bringing baked goods in the nexouple of weeks.

Let us know if you can help at the Garage Sale. Sign-up sheets are on the Dreamboard, or call the church at 419-238-6336 to sign-up. Thank you, Sue, Karan & Joan

**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

**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 the H2O pamphlet on the information table in the Gathering Place.

*Congratulations to Raegan Roehm and Carter Homan who were united in holy matrimony yesterday here at St. Mark's.*

R: who do not slander with their tongue  
and do no evil to their friends  
nor heap shame upon their neighbors;

C: **in whose eyes the wicked are despised  
but who honor those who fear the LORD;  
who stand by their oath even to their hurt;**

R: who do not lend money at interest  
and do not take a bribe against the innocent.  
Those who do these things shall never be moved.

### Colossians 1:15-23

### The Supremacy of Christ

<sup>15</sup> He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation,  
<sup>16</sup> for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. <sup>17</sup> He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together.  
<sup>18</sup> He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. <sup>19</sup> For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, <sup>20</sup> and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross. <sup>21</sup> And you who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, <sup>22</sup> he has now reconciled in his fleshly body through death, so as to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before him, <sup>23</sup> provided that you continue securely established and steadfast in the faith, without shifting from the hope promised by the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven. I, Paul, became a minister of this gospel.

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 John's gospel.

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

### John 6:1-15 Feeding the Five Thousand

<sup>1</sup> After this Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. <sup>2</sup> A large crowd kept following him because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. <sup>3</sup> Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. <sup>4</sup> Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. <sup>5</sup> When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?" <sup>6</sup> He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. <sup>7</sup> Philip answered him, "Two hundred denarii would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little." <sup>8</sup> One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, <sup>9</sup> "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?" <sup>10</sup> Jesus said, "Make the people sit down." Now there was a great deal of grass in the place, so they sat down, about five thousand in all. <sup>11</sup> Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. <sup>12</sup> When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, "Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost." <sup>13</sup> So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. <sup>14</sup> When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, "This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world." <sup>15</sup> When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

P: Word of God. Word of life.

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

## CHURCH SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

### SUNDAY, JULY 20, 2025

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

### MONDAY

6:30 p.m. *Personnel Committee Interview Meeting*

### TUESDAY

9:00 a.m. *A.J.'s Bible Discussion Group @ Smiley Park*

### WEDNESDAY

1:30 p.m. *Homestead Worship Service*  
6:00 p.m. *Church Sign Team Meeting*

### SUNDAY, JULY 27, 2025

8:00 a.m. Holy Communion 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 Carol Arthur in memory of Paul Arthur, our parents and sister, Judy Benschneider and in honor of our family.

### ASSISTING MINISTERS THIS WEEK

Greeters	(8:00) .....Bob Evans
Lector	(8:00) .....Jeannine Roediger
Communion Servers	(10:00).....Weston Thompson & _____
Greeters	(10:00).....Roger Overholt
Lector	(10:00).....Denny Wagonrod
Acolyte	(10:00).....Maverick Conley

*Thank you* to everyone for the prayers, thoughts, and beautiful cards we received during the recent passing of Joan's brother, Blair. Your kind gestures are greatly appreciated at such a saddened time in our loss.

God Bless you all, Jim & Joan Holland