

## 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>.
- **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.
- **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.

**Coffee and Conversation Bible Study:** While our pastor enjoys a well-deserved break, you're invited to join us for a lighthearted and meaningful Bible study between the early and late service. No prep. No pressure. Just Scripture, coffee, and good conversation. Come for one, two, or all three sessions as your schedule allows. Everyone is welcome!

**Sunday: August 10, 17, and 24      Time: 9:00 to 9:50 AM**  
**Location: The Gathering Place**

## 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

### NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

AUGUST 10, 2025

Prelude

*"My Soul is Uplifted"*

Welcome and Announcements

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

Hymn "Awake, O Sleeper, Rise from Death" # 452

Prayer of the Day

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

Genesis 15:1-6 and Psalm 33:12-22 (pg. 2 & 3 of bulletin)

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16 and Luke 12:32-40 (pg. 3 & 4 of bulletin)

Message Jason Tyas, Guest Preacher & Liturgist

Hymn "Have No Fear, Little Flock" # 764

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

Musical Meditation (8:00 service) *"Promises"*

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

Lord's Prayer (page 112)

Blessing & Dismissal (pages 114-115)

Hymn "Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer" # 618

Doxology Sung by the Congregation HYMN #884

Postlude *"Creation's Praise"*

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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## Genesis 15:1-6 God's Covenant with Abram

<sup>1</sup> After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." <sup>2</sup> But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" <sup>3</sup> And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." <sup>4</sup> But the word of the LORD came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." <sup>5</sup> He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." <sup>6</sup> And he believed the LORD, and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

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## Psalms 33:12-22 Our Soul Waits for the Lord

R: Happy is the nation whose God is the LORD,  
the people whom he has chosen as his heritage.

C: **The LORD looks down from heaven;  
he sees all humankind.**

R: From where he sits enthroned he watches  
all the inhabitants of the earth—

C: **he who fashions the hearts of them all  
and observes all their deeds.**

R: A king is not saved by his great army;  
a warrior is not delivered by his great strength.

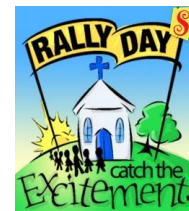
C: **The war horse is a vain hope for victory,  
and by its great might it cannot save.**

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## UPCOMING EVENTS



**WALK FOR LIFE:** Did you know that the PLC Health Clinic meets patient needs holistically? Needs are met physically in terms of pregnancy tests, ultrasounds and STD testing/treatment and in terms of material assistance. Emotionally they receive encouragement from volunteers and staff. Spiritually their needs are met through video Bible studies, class sessions, and encouragement to attend a local church. They are empowered by knowing their options, hearing about Christ, receiving materials and other assistance. They learn about resources like physicians, Medicaid, employment services, and education opportunities. Please prayerfully consider support of this program in our community by helping us reach our \$300 sponsorship goal. Please label your donation PLC or Walk for Life. See you on September 14<sup>th</sup> in Franklin Park at 2:00 p.m.?



**RALLY DAY IS SUNDAY,  
SEPTEMBER 14<sup>TH</sup>!!**

**One service at 9:30 AM**

**Meal to follow service.**

**More details to come in future bulletins.**

**"Kids Against Hunger" rice kits will be assembled on  
Saturday, September 20<sup>th</sup> in the Fellowship Hall. Watch  
your bulletins for more information.**

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

**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.

**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

**Vacation time for Pastor:** Pastor is on vacation beginning August 4<sup>th</sup> through August 24<sup>th</sup>. Please contact the church office at 419-238-6336 or Meisa by cell phone at 419-605-5369 if you have any medical emergencies and/or hospitalizations.

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

**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? The H2O pamphlet is on the information table in the Gathering Place.

R: Truly the eye of the LORD is on those who fear him,  
on those who hope in his steadfast love,

C: **to deliver their soul from death  
and to keep them alive in famine.**

R: Our soul waits for the LORD; he is our help and shield.

C: **Our heart is glad in him because we trust in his holy name.**

R: Let your steadfast love, O LORD, be upon us,  
even as we hope in you.

### Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16 The Meaning of Faith

<sup>1</sup> Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. <sup>2</sup> Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. <sup>3</sup> By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

### The Faith of Abraham

<sup>8</sup> By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance, and he set out, not knowing where he was going. <sup>9</sup> By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. <sup>10</sup> For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. <sup>11</sup> By faith, with Sarah's involvement, he received power of procreation, even though he was too old, because he considered him faithful who had promised. <sup>12</sup> Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore." <sup>13</sup> All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, <sup>14</sup> for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. <sup>15</sup> If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. <sup>16</sup> But as it is, they desire a better homeland, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

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.

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P: The Good news in Luke's gospel.

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

## Luke 12:32-40

<sup>32</sup> "Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. <sup>33</sup> Sell your possessions and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. <sup>34</sup> For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

## Watchful Slaves

<sup>35</sup> "Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; <sup>36</sup> be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. <sup>37</sup> Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. <sup>38</sup> If he comes during the middle of the night or near dawn and finds them so, blessed are those slaves. <sup>39</sup> "But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. <sup>40</sup> You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect."

P: Word of God. Word of life.

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

## CHURCH SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

### SUNDAY, AUGUST 10, 2025—JASON TYAS, Preacher & Liturgist

8:00 a.m. Worship 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

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

### WEDNESDAY—FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL AT LINCOLNVIEW

### SUNDAY, AUGUST 17, 2025—REV. DEB MONNIN, Preacher & Liturgist

8:00 a.m. Worship Service  
10:00 a.m. Holy Communion Service  
10:10 a.m. Noah's Park  
11:40 a.m. *Worship & Music Committee Meeting*

### THE ALTAR FLOWERS

are given to the Glory of God by Mr. John Linton  
in loving memory of his wife, Karen and other departed loved ones.

### ASSISTING MINISTERS THIS WEEK

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| Greeters | (8:00) ..... Frank Rohrs    |
| Lector   | (8:00) ..... Kathy Van Eman |
| Greeters | (10:00) ..... Phil McClure  |
| Lector   | (10:00) ..... Jacob Mohr    |
| Acolyte  | (10:00) ..... Caleb Mohr    |