

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.
- **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 is Aug. 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.

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

ST. MARK'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

Rev. William C. Haggis II, Pastor

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EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

AUGUST 3, 2025

Prelude **Prelude on "St. Agnes"**

Welcome and Announcements

Hymn "A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing!" **# 393**

Prayer of the Day

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

Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23 and Psalm 49:1-12 (pg. 2 & 3)

Colossians 3:1-11 and John 21:9, 15-19 (pg. 3 & 4)

Message

Hymn "Take My Life, That I May Be" **# 685**

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

Musical Meditation (8:00 service) *"My Worth Is Not In What I Own"*

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

Offertory

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

Lord's Prayer (page 112)

Blessing & Dismissal (pages 114-115)

Hymn "Lead Me, Guide Me" **# 768**

Doxology Sung by the Congregation **HYMN #884**

Postlude *"Honor and Glory, Power and Salvation"*

Get to Know Us on:



100th, 125th & 150th Anniversary books plus older photo directories are available 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.**

Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23

² Vanity of vanities, says the Teacher, vanity of vanities! All is vanity.

The Futility of Seeking Wisdom

¹² I, the Teacher, was king over Israel in Jerusalem. ¹³ I applied my mind to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven; it is an unhappy business that God has given to humans to be busy with. ¹⁴ I saw all the deeds that are done under the sun, and see, all is vanity and a chasing after wind.

¹⁸ I hated all my toil in which I had toiled under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to my successor, ¹⁹ and who knows whether he will be wise or foolish? Yet he will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity. ²⁰ So I turned and gave my heart up to despair concerning all the toil of my labors under the sun, ²¹ because sometimes one who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave all to be enjoyed by another who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. ²² What do mortals get from all the toil and strain with which they toil under the sun? ²³ For all their days are full of pain, and their work is a vexation; even at night their minds do not rest. This also is vanity.

Psalms 49:1-12 The Folly of Trust in Riches

R: Hear this, all you peoples; give ear,
all inhabitants of the world,

C: **both low and high, rich and poor together.**

R: My mouth shall speak wisdom;
the meditation of my heart shall be understanding.

C: **I will incline my ear to a proverb;
I will solve my riddle to the music of the harp.**

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UPCOMING EVENTS

2025 St. Mark's 127 Garage Sale August 7-9th Proceeds to "Kids Against Hunger" Rice Kits



IMPORTANT UPDATE: The last day to bring in donation items was Friday, July 25th.

Shop Early: TODAY, August 3rd, the congregation will have the opportunity to shop and purchase garage sale items **between 8:00 & 10:00 the services and after the 10:00 service**

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 next couple of weeks.

Still time to let us know if you can help at the Garage Sale. Sign-up at the Dreamboard, or call 419-238-6336. Thank you, Sue, Karan & Joan



WALK FOR LIFE will take place on **Sunday, September 14 at 2:00 in Fountain Park on Walnut St.** This year again we are a sponsoring congregation. Between now and September 7 we

need to raise \$300 to fund our sponsorship. Please prayerfully consider contributing to this worthwhile cause. You can give through your Sunday donations by marking your check or note the amount that you are donating to PLC. Elaine will keep track of our giving. You are a very generous congregation and in the week's leading up to the walk, I hope to give you information about the good work your contributions will help provide. The Mission Statement: *"The PLC is a Christian ministry whose mission is to protect the life of the unborn, offer alternatives to abortion, encourage sexual abstinence outside of marriage, educate the community; bring people to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ, and offer love by providing spiritual, educational, and physical support to those affected by unplanned pregnancy."*



RALLY DAY IS SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14TH!!

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 20th. Watch bulletins for more info.

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. Alicia Hickerson

Thank you so much for taking part in our Baby Bottle Campaign



this past spring. Your church helped us raise \$11,477, and funds are still trickling in! Your church raised **\$608.88** toward our grand total, and we are beyond thankful. Thank

you for helping us change lives!

Kim

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.

The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) Churchwide Assembly was last week.

For news and updates of what transpired, including our new presiding Bishop Yehiel Curry, go to www.elca.org.

R: Why should I fear in times of trouble,
when the iniquity of my persecutors surrounds me,

**C: those who trust in their wealth
and boast of the abundance of their riches?**

R: Truly, no ransom avails for one's life;
there is no price one can give to God for it.

C: For the ransom of life is costly and can never suffice,

R: that one should live on forever and never see the Pit.

**C: When we look at the wise, they die; fool and dolt perish
together and leave their wealth to others.**

R: Their graves are their homes forever, their dwelling places to all
generations, though they named lands their own.

**C: Mortals cannot abide in their pomp;
they are like the animals that perish.**

Colossians 3:1-11

The New Life in Christ

¹ So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ² Set your minds on the things that are above, not on the things that are on earth, ³ for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴ When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory. ⁵ Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). ⁶ On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. ⁷ These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. ⁸ But now you must get rid of all such things: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. ⁹ Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices ¹⁰ and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. ¹¹ In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, enslaved and free, but Christ is all and in all!

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 of John’s Gospel.
C: **Glory To you O Lord!**

John 21:9, 15-19 Jesus Reinstates Peter

⁹ When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread.

¹⁵ 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.” ¹⁶ 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.” ¹⁷ 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. ¹⁸ 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.” ¹⁹ (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.**

CHURCH SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

SUNDAY, AUGUST 3, 2025

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

MONDAY—PASTOR LEAVES ON VACATION

WEDNESDAY

6:30 p.m. Brothers & Brews

THURSDAY

8:00 a.m. 127 Garage Sale Begins (closes at 5 PM)
5:00 p.m. Personnel Committee Meeting
6:00 p.m. Cornhole
6:30 p.m. Transition Committee Meeting

FRIDAY

8:00 a.m. 127 Garage Sale (closes at 5 PM)

SATURDAY

8:00 a.m. 127 Garage Sale Last Day (closes at 5 PM)

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

THE ALTAR FLOWERS

are given to the Glory of God in loving memory of Donald C. Roediger and other departed loved ones.

ASSISTING MINISTERS THIS WEEK

Greeters (8:00).....Joan Holland
Lector (8:00).....Rachel Rohrs
Greeters (10:00).....Marc Grubaugh
Lector (10:00).....Juli Hamilton
Acolyte (10:00).....Emmalynn Conley
Comm. Servers (10:00).....Marilyn Morgan, Stan Weldy &

Vacation time for Pastor: Pastor is on vacation beginning **August 4th through August 24th**. 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.