

Call Process Update

- **Farewell Committee—Carol Lininger and Rachel Rohrs co-leads.** Farewell Committee met on July 31, 2025. Plans are moving along for the Pastor's Retirement Service and luncheon on January 11, 2026. Congregation and guest invitations with RSVP to go out November 1. Next meeting of the Farewell Committee will be on September 23, 2025 at 4:00 pm in the church gathering room.
- **Transition Committee-Jana Ringwald and Marilyn Morgan co-leads.** The committee met on 8/7. The results of the Congregational Survey was compiled and reviewed. The committee and Council thank all who took the time and prayerful consideration to complete the survey. A summary of results will be shared soon. The Ministry Site Profile (our congregation's resume) has been drafted and undergoing final touches. A handoff to Council and the Call Committee is being made in August. The next meeting of the Transition Committee was September 11, updates will soon be provided.
- **Call Committee—Cary Roehm and Kathy Taylor co-leads.** This committee will meet once the Transition Committee has completed the Ministry Site Profile.

Awesome Attitudes Update: St. Mark's Personnel Committee would like to welcome Paula Johnson as the new leader of Awesome Attitudes. Cristal Nihiser, current leader of Little Awesome Attitudes will continue in her position. Lulu Ross and AJ Wiseman will serve as aides. Their duties will begin after Rally Day when Wednesday Night Youth resumes.

Wednesday Night Youth Meal Coordinator: Jackie Evans has agreed to replace Teresa Glossett as our new meal coordinator.

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

ST. MARK'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

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FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

HOLY CROSS DAY AND RALLY DAY

SEPTEMBER 14, 2025

Prelude

"10,000 Reasons"

Welcome and Announcements;

Hymn

"Awesome God"

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Prayer of the Day

Noah's Ark Children's Church

Psalm 148 (pg. 2 & 3 of bulletin)

Message

"1,700 Years of the Nicene Creed: God the Father"

Hymn

"Amazing Grace"

779

Nicene Creed, Intercessory Prayers & The Peace (pg. 104ff)

S.O.F.I.A

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

Holy Communion (pages 107-109)

Lord's Prayer (page 112)

Blessing & Dismissal (pages 114-115)

Hymn

"Lord, I Lift Your Name on High"

857

Doxology Sung by the Congregation

HYMN #884

Postlude

"Holy, Holy, Holy with Holy Is the Lord"

Get to Know Us on:



RALLY DAY LUNCHEON & ACTIVITIES

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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Psalm 148

- R: Praise the Lord. Praise the Lord from the heavens;
praise him in the heights above.
- C: **Praise him, all his angels;
praise him, all his heavenly hosts.**
- R: Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars.
- C: **Praise him, you highest heavens
and you waters above the skies.**
- R: Let them praise the name of the Lord,
for at his command they were created,
- C: **and he established them for ever and ever—
he issued a decree that will never pass away.**
- R: Praise the Lord from the earth,
you great sea creatures and all ocean depths,
- C: **lightning and hail, snow and clouds,
stormy winds that do his bidding,**
- R: you mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars,
- C: **wild animals and all cattle,
small creatures and flying birds,**
- R: kings of the earth and all nations,
you princes and all rulers on earth,
- C: **young men and women, old men and children.**

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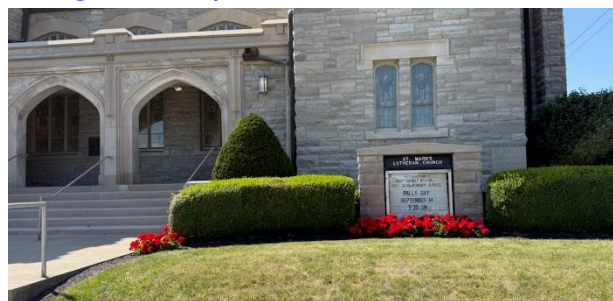
Attention New Visitors to St. Mark's: Located in the pews are blue Welcome Cards for our new guests. Please fill out this card and leave it on the pew when you leave the sanctuary. Greeters will be around to collect them after the service. This information is only to keep you informed of activities at 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.

Listening Post: Mutual Ministry just wants to remind the congregation that the Listening Post is available should any concerns or questions arise in the congregation. We all want our church to be as healthy as possible and communicating that information would be tremendously helpful. There are forms in the rack by the outside door of the Gathering Room or you may see any member of the Mutual Ministry committee (Rachel Rohrs, Dot Burley, Warren Bowery, Jeannine Roediger, Jo Holman, Jana Ringwald).



100th, 125th and 150th Anniversary books, extra photo directories, scrapbooks, pictures and framed pictures are available on a first come first serve basis to take at the table by the Nursery. This is your last day to pick up an item.

A big thank you to Roy & Jana Ringwald, Sue Cantwell, Karan



Ottenweller, and Randy & Bonnie Thompson for planting and doing the upkeep on the beautiful geraniums in front of the church. It certainly adds a pop to the landscaping and

the church property. Your hard work is noticed and greatly appreciated!

AWESOME GOD

Harmony optional

Our God is an awe-some God; He reigns from heav-en a-bove With
wis-dom, pow'r and love; Our God is an awe-some God! Our God! Our
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TEXT: Rich Mullins
MUSIC: Rich Mullins

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AWESOME GOD
Irregular meter

R: Let them praise the name of the Lord, for his name alone is exalted; his splendor is above the earth and the heavens.

C: **And he has raised up for his people a horn,
the praise of all his faithful servants,
of Israel, the people close to his heart.**

UPCOMING EVENTS



WALK FOR LIFE: TODAY IS THE DAY! Won't you join walkers from St. Mark's and many other churches as we make a real difference in the eternal lives of the families PLC serves. See you at 2:00 at Franklin Park! ***Our current amount collected is \$450.00***

WEDNESDAY EVENING YOUTH WILL BEGIN ON SEPTEMBER 17TH!

On Saturday, September 20th we will be assembling Rice Kits in the Fellowship Hall. The truck comes in at 8 AM. We need



volunteers to help unload boxes and set up tables. After a prayer, we will begin the assembly of the meals at approximately 9 AM. If you could prayerfully give of your time out of your busy schedules to come and help us, it would be greatly appreciated. We will be done by 12 noon. Remember **MANY HANDS** make less work for everyone, come join the fun and help support such a worthy mission. Sign-up sheets are on the Dreamboard, by the Sanctuary. Sincerely, Joan Holland

50 Year Members: If you or someone you know is not on this list and you believe them to be a 50 year member, please contact the church office at 419-238-6336. ***50 Year Member Sunday is Sunday, October 19, 2025. Reception at 9:15 AM in the Gathering Place!***

CHURCH SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2025—RALLY DAY

- 9:30 a.m.** *Worship w/ Blue Bag Message (1 service only)*
- 10:45 a.m.** *Dinner in Fellowship Hall*
- 11:45 a.m.** *Bingo in Gathering Place & games outside*
- 2:00 p.m.** *PLC Walk for Life at Franklin Park*
- 3:30 p.m.** *Fellowship Hall being used until 7:30 PM*

TUESDAY

- 9:00 a.m.** *Piecemakers*
- 7:00 p.m.** *Church Council Meeting*

WEDNESDAY—YOUTH MEETINGS BEGIN

- 10:00 a.m.** *Brewed Expressions Meeting*
- 6:00 p.m.** *Supper*
- 6:30 p.m.** *Catechism*
- 6:30 p.m.** *The Anchor*
- 6:30 p.m.** *Kid Min*
- 6:30 p.m.** *Brothers & Brew Meeting*

THURSDAY

- 11:30 a.m.** *3rd Thursday Luncheon*
- 6:00 p.m.** *Cornhole*

SATURDAY

- 8:00 a.m.** *Rice Kits assembled in the Fellowship Hall*

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2025—SUNDAY SCHOOL BEGINS

- 8:00 a.m.** *Worship Service*
- 9:00 a.m.** *Coffee Hour*
- 9:15 a.m.** *Sunday School & Choir*
- 10:00 a.m.** *Youth Choir Practice*
- 10:30 a.m.** *Holy Communion Service with Baptism*
- 10:40 a.m.** *Noah's Park*
- 3:30 p.m.** *Fellowship Hall in use until 7:00 PM*

THE ALTAR FLOWERS

are given to the Glory of God by Jim & Elaine Rhoades in memory of Paul "Dusty" & Betty Lou Rhoades and Lowell & Joan Schaberg.

ASSISTING MINISTERS THIS WEEK

- GreetersFrank Rohrs
- LectorMarc Grubaugh
- AcolyteMaverick Conlvey

**The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA)
Churchwide Assembly was held in July this year. For a
summary of what transpired, we have summary documents
located in the Gathering Place.**

The Living Lutheran Magazine did a write-up on St. Mark's Lutheran Church's farm and the Staley family who work the land for the church to provide Outreach monies. Copies of the article are available in the Gathering Place.

Employment Available: Do you have a heart for leading teens closer to Christ? Our High School Youth Group are seeking a passionate and energetic adult leaders for the 2025-2026 church calendar year. Applications/job descriptions are on the information table in the Gathering Place.

Piecemakers Begin Again!: Piecemakers began sewing for another year on Tuesday, September 9th from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM. If you would like to join this group, please contact Carol Doner at 419-513-1070 or Sharon Blank at 419-203-4383.

Thank you for the 2025 church scholarship. I plan on using it directly towards tuition this fall semester. As I enter my senior year at BGSU, I plan on bringing glory to God by sharing His word with classmates, and attending Bible studies. I also plan to bring glory to God and serve Him through student teaching. While I cannot directly share about God to students, I hope to be a light and support in their lives. Thank you again for the St. Mark's 2025 scholarship.
Raegan (Roehm) Homan