

# ST. MARK LUTHERAN CHURCH

A congregation of the  
**EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA**

welcomes you!

**July 16,  
2023**



**The 7th  
Sunday after  
Pentecost**

## WORSHIP SCHEDULE

### SATURDAY

**“SHINE” CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP: 6:00 PM** (*1<sup>st</sup> Saturdays - Chapel*)

### SUNDAY

**THE DIVINE LITURGY: 9:00AM**

*in-person & streaming*

**EDUCATION & FELLOWSHIP HOUR: 10:30 AM**

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*The Reverend Dr. Kenneth Tegtmeier, Interim Pastor*

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**PLEASE** wear a **mask/face covering** *if* you are **exhibiting any upper respiratory symptoms consistent with allergies, a cold, or COVID-19** (runny nose, cough, sore throat).

**To parents with small children:** We are glad your family is worshiping with us today! **“Quiet Bags”** (supplies & activities for use by small children) are available in the Welcome Area. If you or your child need a break from the service, feel free to walk to the Welcome Area/narthex (the service is still audible over the speakers).

**Parish Hall and Restrooms** are located on the lower level of the main church building. The stairway is off the entrance foyer. A second **handicapped access** restroom is available next to the **accessibility lift** to the lower level is located in the Welcome Area. An usher will be happy to assist you with the lift.

**Assistive listening devices** and **low vision items** are available. Please ask one of our ushers for assistance.

## PRELUDE & WELCOME

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS *Please STAND as you are able*

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and one another.

*Please KNEEL or remain as you are*

Gracious God, have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

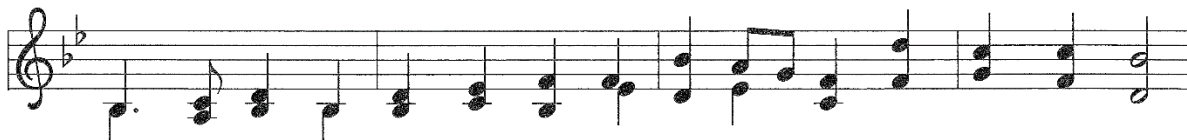
## GATHERING HYMN

### “Open Now Thy Gates”

ELW 533



1 O - pen now thy gates of beau - ty, Zi - on, let me en - ter there,  
2 Gra - cious God, I come be - fore thee; come thou al - so un - to me;  
3 Here thy praise is glad - ly chant - ed, here thy seed is du - ly sown;  
4 Thou my faith in - crease and quick - en, let me keep thy gift di - vine;  
5 Speak, O God, and I will hear thee, let thy will be done in - deed;



where my soul in joy - ful du - ty waits for God who an - swers prayer.  
where we find thee and a - dore thee, there a heav'n on earth must be.  
let my soul, where it is plant - ed, bring forth pre - cious sheaves a - lone,  
how - so - e'er temp - ta - tions thick - en, may thy word still o'er me shine  
may I un - dis - turbed draw near thee while thou dost thy peo - ple feed.



Oh, how bless - ed is this place, filled with so - lace, light, and grace!  
To my heart, oh, en - ter thou, let it be thy tem - ple now!  
so that all I hear may be fruit - ful un - to life in me.  
as my guid - ing star through life, as my com - fort in all strife.  
Here of life the foun - tain flows; here is balm for all our woes.

## GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray... Almighty God, we thank you for planting in us the seed of your word. By your Holy Spirit help us to receive it with joy, live according to it, and grow in faith and hope and love, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

*Following the prayer, please SIT.*

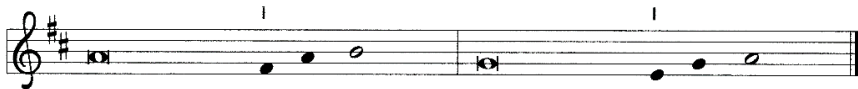
## WORD

### FIRST READING: Isaiah 55:10-13

<sup>10</sup>For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, <sup>11</sup>so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it. <sup>12</sup>For you shall go out in joy, and be led back in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. <sup>13</sup>Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle; and it shall be to the LORD for a memorial, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

### PSALM 65: [1-8] 9-13 *sung in unison*



<sup>1</sup>You are to be praised, O God, in Zion;  
to you shall vows be fulfilled.

<sup>2</sup>To you, the one who answers prayer,  
to you all flesh shall come.

<sup>3</sup>Our sins are stronger than we are,  
but you blot out our transgressions.

<sup>4</sup>Happy are they whom you choose and draw to your courts to dwell there!  
They will be satisfied by the beauty of your house,  
by the holiness of your temple.

<sup>5</sup>Awesome things will you show us in your righteousness, O God of our salvation,  
O hope of all the ends of the earth and of the oceans far away.

<sup>6</sup>You make firm the mountains by your power;  
you are girded about with might.

<sup>7</sup>You still the roaring of the seas,  
the roaring of their waves, and the clamor of the peoples.

<sup>8</sup>Those who dwell at the ends of the earth will tremble at your marvelous signs;  
you make the dawn and the dusk to sing for joy.]



**GOSPEL: Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23**

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. <sup>2</sup>Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. <sup>3</sup>And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. <sup>4</sup>And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. <sup>5</sup>Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. <sup>6</sup>But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. <sup>7</sup>Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. <sup>8</sup>Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. <sup>9</sup>Let anyone with ears listen!"

<sup>18</sup>"Hear then the parable of the sower. <sup>19</sup>When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. <sup>20</sup>As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; <sup>21</sup>yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. <sup>22</sup>As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. <sup>23</sup>But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.** *Please SIT.*

**SERMON**

**The Rev. Kenneth Tegtmeier, Interim Pastor**

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

**"Almighty God, Your Word is Cast"**

**ELW 516**



1 Al - might - y God, your word is cast like seed in - to the ground;  
2 Let not the sly sa - tan - ic foe this ho - ly seed re - move,  
3 Let not the world's de - ceit - ful cares the ris - ing plant de - stroy,  
4 So when the pre - cious seed is sown, life - giv - ing grace be - stow,



now let the dew of heav'n de - scend and righ - teous fruits a - bound.  
but give it root in ev - 'ry heart to bring forth fruits of love.  
but let it yield a hun - dred - fold the fruits of peace and joy.  
that all whose souls the truth re - ceive its sav - ing pow'r may know.

## APOSTLES CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord.**

**who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,**

**was crucified, died, and was buried;**

**He descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;**

**he ascended into heaven,**

**he is seated at the right hand of the Father,**

**and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,**

**the holy catholic Church,**

**the communion of saints,**

**the forgiveness of sins,**

**the resurrection of the body,**

**and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION** *The names of those for whom we pray aloud are listed below. Please read only the first names. Other prayer intentions can be found in the Mark Times newsletter. The response to **Hear us, O God, is Your mercy is great...***

**Dave Brauer, Gary Dozier, Evelyn Duncan, Curt Gansmann, Mary Hill, Randy Hinkle,  
Bruce Martens, Greg Martens, Dwight Ness, Kim Ott, Kim Palmer, Sandra Purdy,  
Marilyn Robinson, Kathy Rothgangel, Stephanie Thilmont,  
Carol Weshinskey, & Barb Wurdinger**

## MEAL

**PEACE** *The assembly is invited to share a greeting of God's peace with one another. Please be respectful to those who wish to do so from a distance. Following **the Peace**, you may be **seated** for a few moments*

*Should you wish to leave an offering today, it may be placed in the wooden box on the table near the baptismal font at any point during or after the service.*

## OFFERINGS

*"How Firm a Foundation"*

*arr. M. Sedio*

## OFFERING PRAYER

*Assistant:* Let us pray together... **God of mercy and grace, the eyes of all wait upon you, and you open your hand in blessing. Fill us with good things at your table, that we may come to the help of all in need; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*It is indeed right...we praise your name, and join their unending hymn:*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and  
God of might, heav - en and earth are full of your  
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Bless - ed is the one who comes in the name of the  
Lord. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

**EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER Response: Amen.**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER** *chanted*

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

Our Fa - ther in heav - en, hal - lowed be your name,  
your king - dom come, your will be done, on earth as in heav - en.  
Give us to - day our dai - ly bread. For - give us our sins

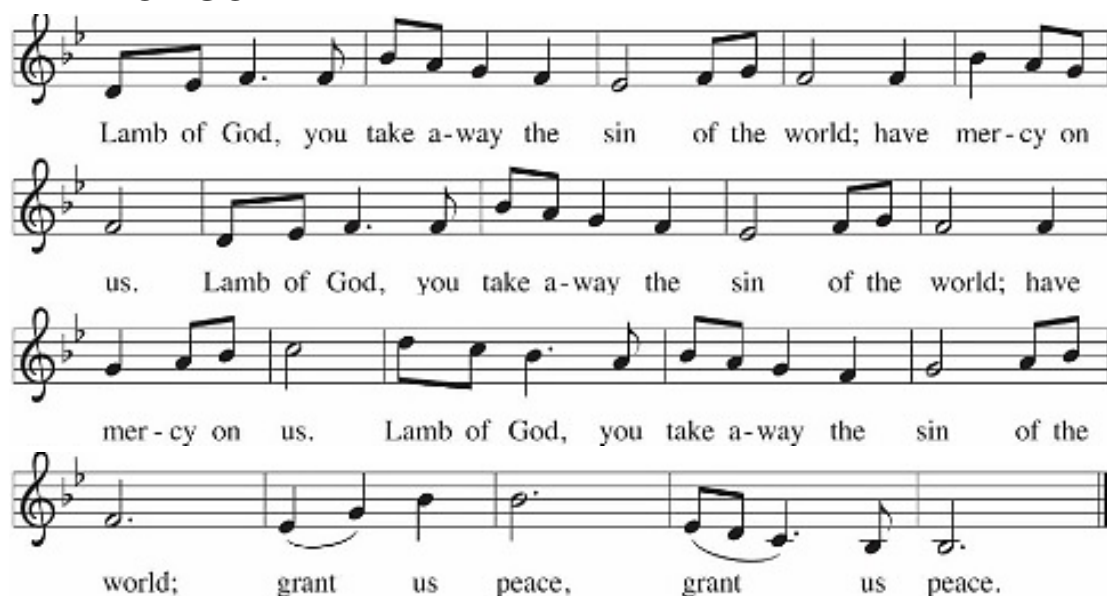


as we for-give those who sin a-against us. Save us from the time of tri - al  
and de - liv - er us from e - vil. For the king - dom, the pow'r,  
and the glo-ry are yours, now and for - ev - er. A - men.

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come to the banquet for all is now ready.

## LAMB OF GOD



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on  
us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have  
mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the  
world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

## COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION *Please SIT*

***Communion is open to everyone. In this sacrament, we believe that Christ is truly present in the bread and wine. At this service, communion will be served from around the altar rail. At the usher's direction, please come forward and kneel at the altar rail.***

- ✘ *After receiving the bread, you may take an individual cup or drink from the chalice.*
- ✘ *You may return to your seat after communing.*
- ✘ *Those who do not wish to commune may come forward for a blessing. Please cross your arms over your chest to indicate this preference.*
- ✘ *Reception of the Eucharist under one kind (bread or wine) is valid communion for those who must avoid either for health reasons.*
- ✘ *If you are unable to go to the altar for communion, please notify an usher or the pastor, so that communion may be brought to you in your pew.*

**“As the Grains of Wheat”**

**ELW 465**

*Refrain*

As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were  
 gath-ered in-to one to be - come our bread; so may all your peo-ple from  
 all the ends of earth be gath-ered in - to one in you.

1 As this cup of bless-ing is shared with-in our midst,  
 2 Let this be a fore-taste of all that is to come when

*Refrain*

may we share the pres - ence of your love.  
 all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.

**“As Rain from the Clouds”**

**ELW 508**

1 As rain from the clouds will your word come to earth,  
 2 As grain that is scat - tered your word has been sown  
 3 As rays of the sun shall your word light the world,

as snow from the heav - ens re - fresh - ing the land.  
 on rocks and on road - ways, in good earth and sand.  
 a - wak - ing and warm - ing and heal - ing our land.

Then soft - en our soil that the good seed may grow  
 Make fer - tile our soil that the good seed may grow  
 Then shine in our hearts that the good seed may grow

and rip - en rich fruit to re - turn to your hand.  
 and rip - en rich fruit to re - turn to your hand.  
 and rip - en rich fruit to re - turn to your hand.

We praise you, our God, for the dew of your word;  
 We praise you, our God, for the seed of your word;  
 We praise you, our God, for the light of your word;

we thank you, good gar - d'ner, for your ten - der toil.  
 we thank you, good gar - d'ner, for your ten - der toil.  
 we thank you, good gar - d'ner, for your ten - der toil.

We bless you, best farm - er, for hun - dred - fold yield,  
 We bless you, best farm - er, for hun - dred - fold yield,  
 We bless you, best farm - er, for hun - dred - fold yield,

for har - vest of grace in our once - bar - ren soil.  
 for har - vest of grace in our once - bar - ren soil.  
 for har - vest of grace in our once - bar - ren soil.

*After the distribution is complete, please **STAND** as you are able for the blessing.*

### TABLE BLESSING

The Body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

### CANTICLE AFTER COMMUNION “Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise” ELW 206

Thank-ful hearts and voic - es raise; tell ev - 'ry - one what God has  
 done. Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and bear Christ's ho - ly name.  
 Send us with your prom - is - es, O God, and lead us forth in  
 joy with shouts of thanks-giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia.

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*Assistant:* Let us pray together... **Gracious God, in this meal you have drawn us to your heart and nourished us at your table with food and drink, the body and blood of Christ. Now send us forth to be your people in the world, and to proclaim your truth this day and evermore; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## SENDING

### BLESSING

Almighty God, Father, +Son, and Holy Spirit bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

### SENDING HYMN

### “For the Fruit of All Creation”

ELW 679



1 For the fruit of all cre - a - tion, thanks be to God.  
2 In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will is done.  
3 For the har - vests of the Spir - it, thanks be to God.



For these gifts to ev - 'ry na - tion, thanks be to God.  
In the help we give our neigh - bor, God's will is done.  
For the good we all in - her - it, thanks be to God.



For the plow - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing, si - lent growth while we are sleep - ing,  
In our world - wide task of car - ing for the hun - gry and de - spair - ing,  
For the won - ders that as - tound us, for the truths that still con - found us,



fu - ture needs in earth's safe - keep - ing, thanks be to God.  
in the har - vests we are shar - ing, God's will is done.  
most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

### DISMISSAL

*Assistant:* Go in peace. Serve in love. **Thanks be to God.**

# Prayer Intentions

## St. Mark Members

Dave Brauer, Gary Dozier, Evelyn Duncan, Curt Gansmann, Mary Hill, Randy Hinkle, Bruce Martens, Greg Martens, Dwight Ness, Kim Ott, Kim Palmer, Sandra Purdy, Marilyn Robinson, Kathy Rothgangel, Stephanie Thilmont, Carol Weshinsky, & Barb Wurdinger

## St. Mark Family and Friends

Dennis Althardt, Dennis Beshears, Phyllis Booker, Patty Brennecke, Susan Carson, Dorothy Cheek, Christine, Catherine Davis, Brian Dinges, Robert Eggemeyer, Mike Ellison, Katrina Fenner, Josh Gansmann, Christine Gass, Viv Gillespie, Joni Giordano, David Graber, Margy Groennert, Stephanie Groennert, TC Groennert, Randy Hayes, Jamie House, Donna Koudelka, Austin Lickenbrock, Elroy Luffman, Wyatt Madison, Glenda Martiszus, Bobby & Joyce McCall, Allen Martens, Pr. Ron & Debbie Neustadt, Dean Norrenberns, Theresa Painter, Hilda Parnell, Tim & Missy Partelow, Debbie & Larry Powers, Darrell Robinson, Sarah and Family, Dave Schaaf, Jill Schlueter, Stefanie Schroeder, David & Donna Sims, Margie Snep, Ingrid Thompson, Maggie Tribout, Kris Whitley, Louise Wilson, Elisabeth Woodrome, Karen Woolf, Wilma Woolf, Ken Zika, Chloe Zipperer

## St. Mark Thanksgivings

*We pray for those who celebrate their birthdays this week:*

**Katrina Bearth** (7/18), **Diane Kenly** (7/19), **Angela Bjornstad** (7/20), and **Scott Richards** (7/21)

## MINISTERS OF THE LITURGY

**Presider & Preacher:** The Rev. Ken Tegmeier + **Assisting Minister:** Sherri Foppe  
**Crucifer:** Keith Kniepkamp + **Chalice Bearer:** Mike Murakami  
**Lector:** Curtis Dowty + **Livestream Camera:** Mike Murakami  
**Ushers:** TBD & Danielle Tribout + **Trained Responder:** Jan Richards  
**Guest Musicians:** Peggy Andersen & Evelyn Duncan

## ST. MARK STAFF

**Pastor:** The Rev. Brian M. Robison\* + **Interim Pastor:** The Rev. Ken Tegmeier  
**Administrative Assistant:** Randi Cardoza + **Organist:** Evelyn Duncan  
**Handbell Choir Director:** John Andersen + **Parish Nurse:** Becky Schnitzius

*\*Pastor Brian is on sabbatical until August 28.*

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# NEWS & NOTES FOR JULY 16, 2023

## SEVENTH WEEK AFTER PENTECOST



### THIS WEEK AT ST. MARK

#### Monday, July 17

2:30 pm Fiber Arts at Westfield Manor

#### Wednesday, July 19

11:00 am Visitation in Church: Dorothy May

12:00 pm Funeral Service

#### Friday, July 21

5:00 pm Guys' Nite

### Belleville Summer Sack Lunch Program

The Social/Evangelism Committee wishes to say **THANK YOU** to everyone who has supported the program this summer. With 6 weeks remaining more volunteers and food donations are needed.



We are continuing to collect individual size bags of Cheez-its, potato chips, nacho chips, individually wrapped store-bought cookies (no peanut butter, please) and fruit juice pouches, i.e. Capri Sun, for the lunches. Donations may be brought to church on Sundays or contact Sherri to drop off at her house or arrange pick up. Monetary donations are welcome if you prefer not to shop.

A few more volunteers are needed to help pack 150-200 lunches at Westview Baptist on the following Wednesday evenings from 5 pm to approximately 5:45pm: **July 19, Aug 2 and Aug 9.**

Assistance is needed to help deliver the lunches from 10:35AM to approximately 12:45PM on the following Thursdays: **July 27 co-pilot. Aug 3 driver and co-pilot**

*Volunteer Sign-up Sheets are available during Coffee Fellowship, or you may contact Sherri Foppe at (618)791-6148 or [cookinsherri2@gmail.com](mailto:cookinsherri2@gmail.com) OR Ann Martens at (618)235-7762 or [ga72mart@charter.net](mailto:ga72mart@charter.net)*

### Hey, Guys! Save The Date:

**Guys' Nite**, an event for the men of St George's and St Mark is being held this **Friday, July 21st** in the evening at 5:00 p.m. Fellowship, brats, beverages, yard games. Bring a friend! Sign-up sheets are in the Welcome Area and Parish Hall. If you have any questions, contact Bob Vaughn (618-593-7263) or Greg Guenther (618-910-4594).

### Pregnancy Care Center Update

Thanks to all of the generous donors, the Pregnancy Care Center has outgrown their space and are moving. They are now located at 311 West Lincoln St., Suite 301 in Belleville. Donations are still needed to help fill the extra space at their new location. **Items needed:** all sizes of maternity clothes, children's clothes (especially in 2T, 3T, 4T, 5T and children's pajamas in those sizes), and children's shoes.

## Franklin School Supply Drive

The Evangelism and Social Ministry committee is holding its annual School Supply Collection through **August 6**.

All school supply donations are appreciated including backpacks, computer paper, hand sanitizer, sanitizing wipes, paper towels, gallon and sandwich size zip lock bags, facial tissues, white board markers, index cards, Fiskars Scissors – blunt or pointed end, wide-ruled loose leaf notebook paper, 24 count crayons, washable markers, highlighters, non-spiral notebooks, blue or red ink pens, #2 pencils, pencil boxes, erasers, pencil top erasers, glue, glue sticks, rulers, 1"-1 1/2" 3 ring binders, and red, blue, yellow or black pocket folders.



A collection box is in the Canterbury Room/Narthex. Monetary donations may be given to Sherri Foppe or Ann Martens for those who prefer not to shop.

## Family Hospice Guest Speaker

On Sunday, July 30 the Health and Wellness Ministry will host guest speaker Jane Edgar from Family Hospice on grief and grief support. Many of our members have experienced the loss of a beloved family member or friend in recent years. Many who died during the pandemic may not have had a funeral or memorial service, and the survivors' grief was overshadowed by events related to the pandemic. We encourage all to come to this adult education hour to share and support each other.

## St. Mark T-SHIRT Design Campaign

What would *you* like *our* message to *our* community to be via *our* t-shirt design? The Evangelism/Social Ministry team wants your ideas! The design campaign idea board will be available now through mid-August in the Parish Hall for you to add your message. Ideas may also be submitted to Sherri Foppe at [cookinsherri2@gmail.com](mailto:cookinsherri2@gmail.com) or by calling/texting Sherri at 618 791-6148. Submitted ideas will be compiled then a winner will be selected using a "sports bracket style" elimination. Selection voting will take place in September!



## "God's Work. Our Hands." T-shirts



The ELCA's National Day of Service - known as "God's Work. Our Hands" Sunday - is on **September 10**. If you would like to purchase new or replacement GWOH yellow shirts to wear on the workday a **sign-up sheet** is in the Parish Hall near the coffee stand. Cost is **\$9.50** each for children's sizes through adult XL, with additional charges for larger sizes. We must have a **minimum of 10** to **get our name put on the back** of the shirt. **Please have all orders in by Sunday, July 30.**

## Monthly Treasurer's Note

May 2023 Income	\$14,040.10
May 2023 Expenses	\$18,790.99
May 2023 Net Cash Flow	-\$4,750.89

May 2022 Income	\$19,991.00
May 2022 Expenses	\$18,068.65
May 2022 Net Cash Flow	\$1,922.35

May's expenses were in line with our 2023 monthly average and with May 2022's expenses. May was the lowest income month this year by almost \$1,000. May 2022 had a fifth Sunday, so income is significantly down compared to the same month last year. (July is our next five-Sunday month.) However, both average monthly giving and average monthly expenses are up around \$1,200 compared to this point last year.

I recently received an email from the ELCA reminding me of their free basic estate planning services. This is a good reminder to all of us to make sure we have basic estate planning documents in place (a valid will, power of attorney, health care directives, and updated beneficiary designations), have shared our wishes with our loved ones, and have physical copies of documents stored in a safe and accessible place. Here's a link to the ELCA's website if you'd like more info on their free services: <https://foundation.elca.org/giving-docs>

### Calling all Pilgrims to the Holy Land!!!

St. George's is planning a pilgrimage tour of the Holy Land for February 17-28, 2025, and St. Mark members are welcome to join! Here is just a small sample list of the historical and biblical sites to be visited:

- The Sea of Galilee + Nazareth, where Jesus grew and began his ministry
- Migdal, the home of Mary Magdalene, and Capernaum, the home of Peter's mother-in-law
- The Jordan River + Mt. Tabor and the Church of the Transfiguration
- Bethlehem, the birthplace of Jesus + The holy city of Jerusalem
- Qumran, where the Dead Sea Scrolls were discovered

Throughout the journey, we will be led by a professional tour guide and Father Mark will provide spiritual instruction and lead us in daily worship.

The estimated cost is \$4675, which includes round-trip airfare from St. Louis, hotel accommodations, transportation on site, and all dinners.

For questions or more information, please contact Bob or Sue Vaughn or Dawn Jung. To obtain a copy of the full brochure, please contact Henry in the church office.

### **LuMIN St. Louis** - ECUMENICAL CAMPUS MINISTRY SERVING THE ST. LOUIS AREA

Pastor Tina Reyes, Campus Pastor of the LUMIN Community, recently sent notice of the latest Newsletter of LUMIN. The Newsletter can be accessed on their website [www.lcmstl.org](http://www.lcmstl.org).

The majority of LuMIN St. Louis' operating resources – more than two-thirds – comes from your generosity and support of their fundraisers or responding to their letter appeals. They are preparing now to welcome the students heading to university this fall by connecting them to a campus ministry. There's also a YouTube link of the video they made after their immersion trip to Puerto Rico. St. Mark is a supporting congregation of LUMIN. Please take a moment to learn more about this important ministry.

## **Pastor Ken's Contact Information**

Pastor Ken Tegtmeier is serving as the Interim pastor for St. Mark during Pastor Brian's summer sabbatical. Pastor Ken's regular days in the office will be **Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday**. To make an appointment, feel free to call, text, or email him: Cell phone: **314-202-1055**  
Email: **kft6582@gmail.com**

## **St. Mark Offerings Report for July 9:**

General Fund: **\$3,440.57** (*includes online offerings received by 7/7*); Food Pantry: \$63.04;