

THE GRAPEVINE

Greetings Faithful Disciples of Jesus,

We had a wonderful Holy Week with great participation in each of our services. Maundy Thursday - I want to thank everyone who attended, as well as all of you who took part in the foot washing. Good Friday - we had great attendance with about 75 people coming and being part of that powerful service. Easter was fantastic with the church being full; the Easter Egg Hunt in between services was wonderful, and the music at both services was fantastic. Faithful disciples, it was great and it was great because of each of you.

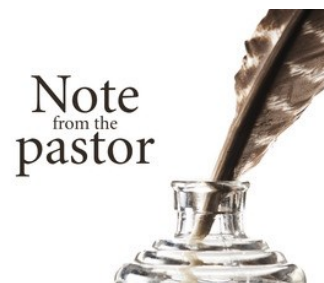
I am excited because we continue to move forward because of your commitment to St. Mark's. As you know, we are currently working on raising the money we need to complete the Atrium project. Here is a brief update: I've met with Popham construction and the building inspector. At this time we've not turned up any red flags to keep us from moving forward. Once we say yes to Popham construction, it will take about one month to complete the necessary steps with the state of Indiana and then about three months to complete the project. In order to tell Popham to move forward we will need to collect 75% of the \$87,000, which is \$65,000. Right now, we have commitments of \$37,000 and we have collected \$12,000.

Very soon you will see a new parking lot and that will be awesome. The first thing a visitor sees is the outside of our building, so it is vital for us to make sure we keep God's house looking great on the inside and outside. The parking lot will certainly impact the outside and we've been blessed with a couple of good custodians helping us keep the inside of the building looking good.

Friends we are blessed. We continue to fulfill God's mission here at St. Mark's and it shows in all that we have and continue to accomplish together. Things are happening and we just need to trust God and remain faithful.

Together, let us continue to help people find and follow Jesus Christ. Please invite a friend to come to church with you.

Blessings+
Pastor Don



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Graduation Sunday

We will be honoring our High School and College graduates on **Sunday, May 21**. We want to make sure we include everyone, so please let the office know if you have a student who will be graduating with the class of 2017. Thank you!



Raffle

We will be raffling 2 different baskets—each basket is worth over \$75 and will include a \$25 SCRIP card of the winner's choice. The drawing will be held on **Sunday, May 7**. *Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5.* All proceeds will go towards the Atrium renovation.

Scripts

Scripts orders are due **May 7**. Gift Cards make great Easter gifts and are an easy way to help St. Mark's earn money by buying cards to places you already shop. Please see Carole Ross for any cards you may need.

Last Day of Sunday School & Teacher Recognition

May 21 will be the last day for Sunday School and we will be recognizing our Sunday School & Preschool Teachers, Kids' Church leaders & helpers, After-School tutors, and everyone who helped make this a successful year at St. Mark's. Thank you for all you do!

Zumba

We're looking to get a Zumba class up and going again with leader Heidi Garza. Cost would be \$3/class. Please sign up on the sheet in the Gathering Area if interested and indicate which day/days work best for you.



Every Soul Matters Tote Bags

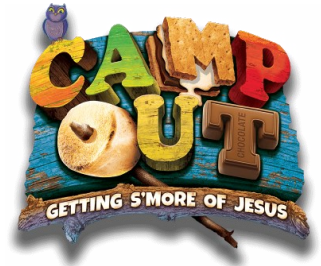
We now have Every Soul Matters tote bags in our shop! These are nice, roomy totes with a handy front pocket—only \$5 - buy yours today!



Vacation Bible School

We need lots of helpers to make this possible! We will also need volunteers to provide meals each day of the week as well as donations and volunteers for Family Night. **Look for the bulletin board in the Narthex to sign-up!** Email me with any questions at krski921@wowway.com. Thank you!

-Kelsie Tarter



Amazon Smile

Mother's Day is Sunday, May 14. Don't forget to shop at smile.amazon.com and Amazon will donate to St Marks Lutheran Church. Amazon has a large variety of gifts that are perfect for Mother's Day including electronics, jewelry, clothing, and more. St. Mark's will receive a percentage of every dollar you spend at no additional cost to you! Check out the "how-to" guide on our website to see how easy it is to get started. <https://www.stmarksevansville.org/amazon-smile>



Evansville Area Mission Conversations

At our last conversation, we brainstormed a large list of ideas of ways that we could come together for mission & ministry in our community. From there, we identified a few ways that would be good places to start our work together:

- 1) Announcing to each congregation when our 2017 Vacation Bible Schools will be held (***posted on bulletin board in the Gathering Area***)
- 2) Planning for "God's Work. Our Hands." Sunday (September 10, 2017)
Planning Meeting: Tuesday, May 23 at 6 p.m. at Emanuel Lutheran Church. Dinner provided.
- 3) Planning for an event to commemorate the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation. **Planning Meeting: Tuesday, May 16 at 5 p.m. at Grace and Peace Lutheran Church. Dinner provided at the Community Meal hosted at Grace and Peace that evening.**

*For the two planning meetings coming up in May, **each congregation is invited to send 2 representatives.** The same representatives do NOT have to be at both meetings.*





End of School-Year Party

An END OF SCHOOL YEAR party will be held on **Wednesday, May 17th from 3 - 6 pm**. An inflatable from Backyard Blasts will be on hand for fun as well as games, hot dogs and sides. Please contact Linda Larsen, Karen Dunlap or call the office so we can get a head count. A sign-up sheet will also be put up on the bulletin board in the common area.



Congratulations
Graduates!



5/4—Susie Craddock
5/6—Bob Carter
5/9—Michael Schade
5/12—Kay Myrick
5/13—Kaitlyn Porter

5/17—Diane Meier
5/17—Larry Krodel
5/17—Lynn Wahoski
5/21—Mary Ferley
5/22—Lee Hodoval

5/22—Jessica Koewler
5/23—Abbygail Ferley
5/25—Sue Stuckemeyer
5/28—Scott Larsen
5/31—Judy Mehne





There's a place for you!

Women's Bible Study

The Women's Bible Study meets on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month at **6:30 pm**. Women do not need to be members of St. Mark's to participate. Please see Diane Meier for more information.



Monday Morning Bible Study

We meet on the **first and third Monday of the month at 10:00 am at St. Mark's**. Please contact Carol Courter if you would like more information.

Lunch Crew

This group meets for lunch and fellowship on the 3rd Monday of each month at various restaurants around town. **Lunch Crew will meet on May 15 at Grand Buffet near Rafferty's at 11:45 a.m.** All are welcome! Please join us for fellowship and a great meal.

Ladies' Night Out

Tickets are on sale for the annual YaYa Banquet to be held on **May 7** after 2nd service. Cost is \$5. *Each person will need to bring a wrapped \$2 prize for Yingo.* Come enjoy a great lunch, fun activities, and the company of women.

Third Friday

The Third Friday Group will meet on **May 19 at 7:00 pm**. We will be seeing the movie "The Case for Christ." This is a great opportunity to get to know your church family outside of the normal church setting. All are welcome!! Please keep an eye out for more details.





We Remember In Our Prayers

Julie Kelly
The family of Merle
Shunk
Emily Gipson
Sara Scott
Michael Cavasos
David Mehne
Bryce Pitlick
Arlene Sellers

Carole Krodel
Rita Briesch
Tom Savage
Sharon Bieber
Sharon Cota
Michael Lawson
John Jurisa
Terry Lampton
Charles Paine, Sr.

Mary Lou Thayer
Sally & June Coslett
Ken & Jan Heugel
Clay Gascoigne
Dolores Zahm
Laura Wiegand Brown
& Eve Corlew



Let Us Pray...

Heavenly Father,

We are your body, your church, your witness in this world— a fact we sometimes forget. When your love is not seen, compassion not shown, grace not revealed, a need unmet, forgive us. Enable our hearts to reflect your love. Enable our hands to respond to need. Enable our voices to bring your peace, that through our lives others may be drawn into your kingdom and your name be lifted high.

Amen.

—Birch, John. The Act of Prayer: Praying through the Lectionary, Bible Reading Fellowship.

Please Remember Our Shut-Ins and Homebound Members

Arthur Aarstad—*Newburgh Healthcare*
Norma Cobb—*Home*
Jan Heugel—*Protestant Home*
Dottie Peteritas—*Oasis Dementia Care*
Dolores Zahm—*Protestant Home*



May Ministry Schedule

	5/7	5/14	5/21	5/28
Altar Guild	J— Karen Browning T— Sue Stuckemeyer & Linda Larsen			
Usher	Dan & Lynne Mowrey	Mark & Sherri Zeller	Eugene & Barbara Hamlow	Tom Pfender & Jim Weitzel
Greeter	J— Jon & Sara Watson T—Dan & Lynne Mowrey	J— Margaret Boyles & Cathy Goller T—Erlus Shatara & Pat Baker	J— Terry & Debbie Garoutte T—Eugene & Barbara Hamlow	J— Lee & Judy Hodoval T—Kathy Ewing & Bob Gerst
Communion Assistant	1. 2,	J— T—	J— T—	J— T—
Nursery Attendant	J— Mary Stuckemeyer T—	J— Diane Hawkins T—	J— Sharon Arvidson T— Sharon Arvidson	J—Margaret Boyles T—
Lector		LaVon Niehaus		LaVon Niehaus
Assisting Minister	Jeff Braun	Karen Dunlap	Mark Zeller	Sherri Zeller
Coffee Hour	Larsen	Birthday Sunday Julie Kelly & Wanda Krodel	Forches	Koewlers
Kids' Church	J— Heather Miller & Susan Gray T— Susan Gray	J— Heather Miller & Susan Gray T— Susan Gray	J— Heather Miller & Susan Gray T— Susan Gray	J— Heather Miller & Susan Gray T— Susan Gray
Media Ministry	J— Mark Myrick & Joey Hardy T— Eric Hering & Carol Courter	T— Andrew Nelson & Carol Courter	T— Eric Hering & Carol Courter	T— Brandon Gardner & Carol Courter



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Please join us for worship each Sunday
9 am Contemporary Service, 11 am Traditional Service
10 am Coffee Hour/Sunday School