

THE GRAPEVINE

Greetings Faithful Disciples of Jesus,

In preparing for sermons I recently visited this idea of being born "Anew" and that triggered some thoughts/feelings for me that I'd like to share.

Have you ever taken time to notice what an apple looks like on the inside? Cut an apple in half and take a look. See how the seeds are arranged around the core, almost like the petals of a flower? See how the seeds rest in clear little pods? This beautiful, hidden part of the apple causes the apple to grow and also can be planted to grow more apple trees.

The beautiful design inside an apple is like the Holy Spirit in our lives, to help us grow in God's love and cause others to grow in God's love as well. Jesus, when he was speaking to the Pharisees said, "That which is born of the Spirit is spirit" (3:6). Jesus was teaching them that we all have bodies we can see and we also have a spirit which is the part of us that is hidden inside.

When we accept God's love, that love becomes God's Spirit within us. Even though it is not something we can see, God's Spirit causes our lives to have a beautiful design. We can feel God's love growing within us. Just as the seeds in an apple cause other trees to grow, God's Spirit in us causes other people to grow and become nourished by God's love.

The New Testament was written in Greek. The word that is translated "anew" can also be translated "from above." Both are true. To enter God's kingdom, we must be born anew—from above. While we have a role in seeking a new life, the "from above" part emphasizes that our becoming a new person is something accomplished by God.

Keep in mind the different ways we can translate that verse. Some say, "Born Anew." Some say, "Born Again." Some say, "Born From Above." They all mean the same thing. Jesus is saying that we must experience a new birth—we must become new people—if we are to see the kingdom of God.

You and I have been made "Anew" in Holy Baptism and I pray that by the power of the Holy Spirit you and I are allowing God to transform us from the old person we used to be, into the new person that God wants us to be.

I feel confident in saying that God's children here at St. Mark's have been born from above and we are servants fit for the kingdom of God.

Have a blessed summer and please share God's peace, kindness and love with others.

Blessings+
Pastor Don

Note
from the
pastor



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Vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible School will be held **June 18th through June 22nd from 5pm- 7:30pm, with dinner from 5-5:30pm**. Children ages 4 through those finishing 5th grade are welcome to join in the fun! Those older than 5th grade are welcome to be helpers! The theme this year is Polar Blast: Where Jesus' Love is Cool! Monday through Thursday will be our regular VBS and Friday we will have a "Family Night". **We will need lots of volunteers to make this possible!** We will also need volunteers to provide meals Monday through Thursday and help with serving at Family Night on Friday. Please email me with any questions at krski921@wowway.com. Thank you for your support!

-Kelsie Tarter



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

6/1—Mitchell Ferley

6/2—Jim Weitzel

6/7—KewBee McDonald

6/11—Kimberlee Grimm

6/18—Mike Chase

6/18—Julie Kelly

6/19—Tom Pfender

6/28—Andrew Conapinski



CHURCH NEWS

Youth Group

Every Wednesday, Youth Group for **ages 11-18** is held in the fellowship hall from **6:00—7:30pm year-round**. *Invite a friend and check it out!*

Rummage Sale

Our next big project is a silent auction. As you are out and about in the community, please ask businesses you frequent if they would donate goods or services to be auctioned to help build a community gym. There are flyers in the back of the sanctuary and in the church office to use as you request donations. Thank you!

Presentation

We will be having a presentation on **June 24** between services in the sanctuary to talk about a new sign out front and would like to have everyone who is in town come and here about this exciting new sign that will be a great addition to helping us reach people for Jesus Christ.

Sound Board

We've reached the goal for purchasing the new sound board! Thanks to everyone who contributed money towards the purchase and helping us reach our goal. It's been ordered and should be up and running soon.



Ladies' Night Out

Ladies' Night Out will be held Friday, **June 8 at 6:00 pm**. Dinner is \$5.00. We will be prepping fleece blankets for VBS by trimming and aligning the fabric and cutting fringe. *Please bring your fabric scissors!* Sign up on the sheet in the Gathering Area.



There's a place for you!

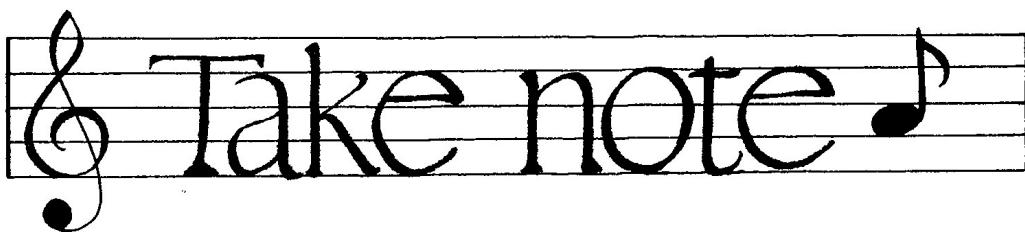
Evening Bible Study

We are studying the book of Mark. *Everyone is invited and do not need to be members of St. Mark's to attend.* Please see Diane Meier for more information. Our next meeting dates will be published in the bulletin and eVine.



Lunch Crew

The Lunch Crew will meet **June 18 at 12:00 pm at Rafferty's on N. Green River Rd.** This is a great opportunity to spend time with your church family outside of the church walls. Join us for good food and great fellowship. All are welcome!



Choir season is over for the summer and we will resume after Labor Day in September. Thank you choir and musicians for a wonderful choral season.

Please contact me if you know if anyone has any friends or family members of all ages who would be interested in singing or playing special music to enhance the worship services through the summer in the choir's absence.

Also, if there is a special hymn or piece of music you would like to hear throughout the summer, please let Deb know through the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the Gathering Area.

Musically in Christ,

Deb Ordner



We Remember In Our Prayers

Kimberlee Grimm
Autumn Sinnott,
Carla Acton,
Bryce Pitlick,
Tracy Roller,
Andrea Radpke,
John Williams,

Terry Lampton,
Jesse Cancel,
Jim Hoffman & family,
Skip Herrera & family,
Thelma Brown,
Arlene Sellers,
Sharon Bieber,

Sharon Cota,
Michael Lawson,
Mary Lou Thayer,
Ken & Jan Heugel, &
Dolores Zahm

Let Us Pray...

Heavenly Father,

Forgive us, who call you 'Lord', pray to you, yet do not hear your answer as we're too engrossed elsewhere. When you speak to us, Lord, in the quiet of mountain-top or bustle of a city street, in our conversations and deliberations, at boardroom table or kitchen sink, may our response be always that of a faithful Samuel: 'Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening to your call.'

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*
Ken Heugel—*Protestant Home*
Dottie Peteritas—*Oasis Dementia Care*
Dolores Zahm—*Protestant Home*



June Ministry Schedule

	6/3	6/10	6/17	6/24
Altar Guild	J— Deb Schade			
	T— Mike & Judi Chase	T— Linda Larsen	T— Linda Larsen & Sue Stuckemeyer	T— Linda Larsen & Sue Stuckemeyer
Usher	Scott & Linda Larsen	Mike & Judi Chase	Bob Parker & Mark Zeller	Tom Pfender & Jim Weitzel
Greeter	J— Gary & Mary Klotz	J—John & Ruby Geary	J— Joey Hardy & Amanda Summers	J— Carole Ross & Cheri Kieffner
	T—Scott & Linda Larsen	T—Mike & Judi Chase	T— Bob Parker & Mark Zeller	T— Bob & Gayle Carter
Communion Assistant	J—	J—	J—	J—
Nursery Attendant	T—	T—	T—	T—
Lector	Stephanie West	Wanda Krodel		LaVon Niehaus
Acolyte	Isabella Nelson	Mackenzie Bryant	Isabella Nelson	Mackenzie Bryant
Assisting Minister				
Coffee Hour	Mehne/Johnson	Larsens	Kelly/Krodel	Hawkins/Arvidson
Kids' Church	J— Susan Gray	J— Susan Gray	J— Susan Gray	J— Susan Gray
	T— Susan Gray	T— Susan Gray	T— Susan Gray	T— Susan Gray
Media Ministry	J— Donna Myers			
	T— Andrew Nelson & Carol Courter	T— Mike Myers & Carol Courter	T— Andrew Nelson & Carol Courter	T— Mike Myers & Carol Courter



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happy
FATHER'S!
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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