

THE GRAPEVINE

Greetings Faithful Disciples of Jesus,

It is wonderful the way Jesus continues to bless our efforts as His faithful disciples. I personally give thanks for all Jesus has done here at St. Mark's and I am sure that you have done the same. This Labor Day weekend we've been together seven years and what a blessing it has been for Susan, Ethan and I.

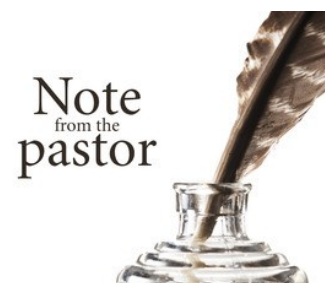
Over the years we've had the privilege of getting to know each other through fellowship and worship. I remember Ethan entering fifth grade when we moved here and now he will graduate from high school. I remember our first Trunk or Treat, our first Breakfast with Santa and our first Easter Egg Hunt. What a blessing they have been for our community. I've had the privilege of baptizing your children, confirming them, marrying them and the privilege of celebrating the lives of the saints who have gone before us. Each and every one of these occasions is very special to me.

I am confident that Jesus will continue to bless us with opportunities to grow as family and to invite others to become part of this wonderful family here at St. Mark's. On September 11th we will have Rally Day. It is a time to celebrate the start of another Sunday school year. We will commission our teachers, have a community picnic and kick off Rally Day with food, games, and a bounce house. Rally Day is a wonderful opportunity to invite your neighbors and friends to St. Marks. The event will go from 10:00am to 12:30pm and I pray that you will be part of this fun filled day.

I look forward to another blessed year as we continue to do God's work.

Have a wonderful Labor Day and I look forward to seeing you and a friend on September 11th.

Blessings+
Pastor Don



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Rally Day/Community Picnic

Help us kick off the start of the Sunday School year with Rally Day and a Community Picnic on **September 11, 2016**. Join us for church at 9:00 am or 11:00 am. We'll have food from 10:30-12:30, as well as a bounce house, games, snow cones and more! **Come ready for fun and bring a friend!!**

Scripts Orders

Scrip orders are due **September 11**. This is a great way to earn money for the church by buying gift cards to places you already shop. You buy the cards you want and Scripts sends us back a percentage. *Please see Carole Ross with any questions or to purchase cards.*

Every Soul Matters

There are order forms available for the Every Soul Matters t-shirts. If you'd like one, please complete the form and turn it in to the office. We are also improving our website so we can take orders online. Let us lead this movement of unity.

Capital Campaign Envelopes

Please be sure to put your name on the outside of the yellow Capital Campaign envelopes to ensure your contribution gets counted towards your end-of-year giving statement. Thank you!

Women of the ELCA Triennial Gathering Registration

Women will gather in Minneapolis under the theme "All Anew" at the 10th Triennial Gathering, **July 13-16, 2017**. Registration opens on Sept 6. Early-bird registration, through December 31, is \$310; after that, registration is \$350. Register at welcatg.org or send an email to women.elca@elca.org for a registration packet.





After School Tutoring Program

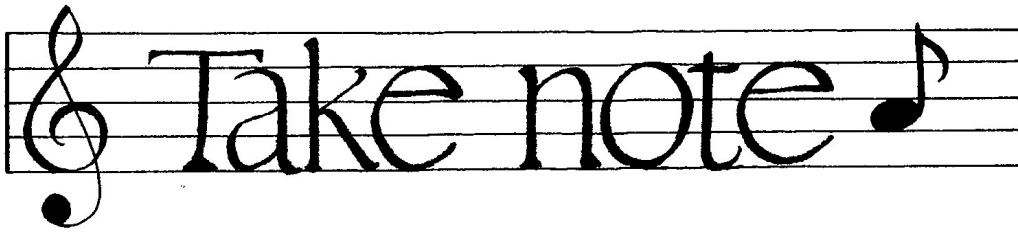
The after-school tutoring program will begin Wednesday, August 31 and still has a few openings. The program is open to grades K-5 and runs from 3:00 pm—5:00 pm with a meal offered to kids and their families afterwards. Please let Stephanie know if you would be interested in volunteering to tutor or to help provide a meal. Thank you!



Preschool Opportunities

The preschool is looking for an opener. The position hours would be 7am—10am for a total of 15 hours per week. This person would also be able to pick up additional hours as a substitute teacher. They are also attempting to create a substitute teacher list to help fill in on an as-needed basis. If this is something you, or someone you know would be interested in, please contact Denise Lane at 812-476-3018 or preschool@stmarksevansville.org.





Wow! September marks my one-anniversary at St. Mark's as Music Director!!! I can't believe it's already been a year!! And...it has been a great year!! Thank you, everyone for your support and a big "thank you" to everyone who has sung and/or provided instrumental music. Now to look forward:

Come and join us for choir practice on Thursday nights from 6-7pm in the sanctuary! More voices are needed! Please consider being a part of this special ministry at our 11a.m. Traditional worship service as we lead the assembly in the song of the church. All adults and Children/youth are welcome to join us - the only requirements are: 1) proficient readers: 2) can carry a tune; and 3) make a commitment to come to rehearsals and sing at the 11a.m. Traditional service whenever possible.

The choir has already begun practice on Christmas music. We're ambitious this year as we learn an abbreviated "Hallelujah Chorus". We need a lot of voices to successfully accomplish this endeavor.

I also continue to seek out those who play band/orchestra instruments. The addition of horns/percussion to our music program enhances our worship experience.

Please prayerfully consider being a part of our music ministry. "He/she who sings prays twice." Do you feel the Spirit's call to serve in the music ministry at St. Mark's?

Musically in Christ,
Deb



Dear Christian Friends,

We are still needing media volunteers and communion assistants for the Journey service. Remember that as Christians, we should not just go to church....we should BE the church.

God's Peace +
Mike Myers



There's a place for you!

Women's Bible Study

Women's Bible Study is back to its normal scheduling and will be held on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month at **6:30 pm**. The next meeting is **September 6** and ladies do not need to be a member of St. Mark's to attend. Please contact Diane Meier for more information.



Monday Morning Bible Study

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

Ladies' Night Out

The next Ladies' Night Out will be on **September 9 at 6:00 pm**. Come hang out with a great group of women and enjoy dinner & dessert. Cost is \$5.

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 September 19 at The Hadi Shriner's on Walnut Street downtown at 11:45 a.m.** All are welcome! Please come join us for fellowship and a great meal.



Please Remember Our Shut-Ins and Homebound Members

Arthur Aarstad—Newburgh Healthcare

Norma Cobb—*Home*

Larry Gajderowicz—*Home*

Jan Heugel—*Protestant Home*

Dolores Zahm—*Protestant Home*





We Remember In Our Prayers

Charles Paine, Sr.,
Donna Vendetti,
Carol Rose,
Mary Blanke,
Kim Parker,
Mary Lou Thayer,
Katie Willis,
Jeanne Kelly,
Larry & Joanie
Gajderowicz,

Marianne Wenzel,
Wesley Lynn,
Bryan Hartke,
Michelle Schmitt,
Dennis & Doris Fisher,
Sally & June Coslett,
Ken & Jan Heugel,
Todd Anderson,
Olive Polley,
June Sharp,

Clay Gascoigne,
Dolores Zahm,
Tom Champion,
Linda Weitzel,
Laura Wiegand Brown,
Eve Corlew,
Brittany Siddons,
Patrick Mahon, and
Jay Augustus & family



Let Us Pray...

Almighty God, Everlasting Father, Son and Holy Spirit, we praise you and glorify your holy name.

Lord, there are so very few of us who are worthy to be considered fit to be your disciples. Our concerns are far too often only based on our earthly affairs. Do we ever stop to think about our responsibilities toward you and your kingdom? You know that we seldom consider the “cost” involved in following you. What are we willing to “give up” for what you want us to do? Everything we have is yours; a gift of love, grace, and mercy. We are so enamored by our earthly lives that we can seldom bear to think of our spiritual lives. It is at this point that you come to us again. Because of your great love for us, you have given us the greatest of all gifts, your Son and your Holy Spirit, to do for us what we cannot do.

Forgive us for our mindless and sinful ways and for the sake of your Son, look down upon us as your children, who through the help of Jesus and the power of the Holy Spirit will pledge more of our lives to you.

In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

—Anonymous



Serving God

Everyone is busy these days and the last thing many people want to do is commit to something else. However, when we commit to helping with the operation of the church, we are not simply committing time, we are in fact strengthening our commitment to God. St. Mark's is blessed to have so many wonderful volunteers, but we have a few areas that could use a few more. Please consider volunteering for one of the following ministries if you are not already doing so:

- **Altar Guild (1 hour commitment)**
- **Communion Assistant (15 minute commitment)**
- **Nursery Attendant for second service (1 hour commitment)**
- **Assisting Minister (1 hour commitment)**
- **Kids' Church is in need of leaders for both services (material will be provided) (1 hour commitment)**
- **Coffee Hour (1 hour commitment)**
- **Media for first and second services (1 hour commitment)**

Make a commitment to God and pledge an hour a month to serving him at church. Thank you to those that are already volunteering and to those that will be soon!



Please commit to serving God at church at least one hour per month.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

9/1—Jim Schade

9/9—Joe Kelly

9/28—Kaitlynn Koewler

9/4—Karen Schmitt

9/23—Angela Koewler

9/29—Diane Braun

9/7—Anita Conapinski

9/28—LaVon Niehaus



September Ministry Schedule

	9/4	9/11	9/18	9/25
Acolyte	Nitin Gardner	Ethan Gray	Krislyn & Madelyn Porter	Connor & Erik Borg
Altar Guild	J— Karen Corbett T— Lynn Wahoski & Judi Chase			
Usher	Eugene & Barbara Hamlow	Erlus Shatara & Pat Baker	Scott & Linda Larsen	Mike & Judi Chase
Greeter	J— Arlene Sellers & Joy Phillips T— Eugene & Barbara Hamlow	J— Margaret Boyles & Cathy Goller T— Mark & Sherri Zeller	J— Terry & Debbie Garoutte T— Scott & Linda Larsen	J— Lee & Judy Hodoval T— Mike & Judi Chase
Communion Assistant	J— T—	J— T—	J— T—	J— T—
Nursery Attendant	J— Diane Hawkins T—	J— Alison Jones T— Christy Ferley	J— Julie Weyer T—	J— Deb Schade T— Linda Larsen
Lector	LaVon Niehaus	Eugene Hamlow	Barbara Hamlow	Eugene Hamlow
Assisting Minister	Sherri Zeller	Karen Dunlap	Mark Zeller	Sherri Zeller
Coffee Hour	Conapinski/Tarter	Birthday Sunday	Herrera	Weyer/Garoutte
Kids' Church	J— Heather Miller T—	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— Don Schmitt T— Brandon Gardner & Carol Courter	T— Gary Briesch & Carol Courter	T— Gary Briesch & Carol Courter	T— Brandon Gardner & Carol Courter



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Please join us for worship each Sunday

9 am Contemporary Service

10 am Coffee Hour

11 am Traditional Service