

THE GRAPEVINE

Greetings Faithful Disciples of Jesus,

I am excited because we continue to do great things for Jesus here at St. Mark's. We've done a fantastic job of taking care of God's building and each of you should take great pride in what we've accomplished together. Our most recent improvement was the sound system and I knew it would improve the quality but I had no idea it would improve the quality to the degree it did. The feedback I've received is pleasing to hear and I thank each and every one of you for making this happen. The quality is so much better because today's technology is so much more advanced than what we had.



Which leads me into what I would like to say about our sign out front: the reader boards are old technology. They are hard to keep clean and often fog up making them difficult to read. We have to replace the bulbs quite often and it is a real challenge to maintain and update the message on the current sign. We are limited to one message where the new sign provides us the opportunity to unlimited possibilities. If our goal is to reach people for Jesus, this old technology is not serving us well.

As you drive around town please notice all the LED signs you see at churches and businesses. There is a reason you see these signs going up and that is because they effective. If I believed our current sign was working for us, I would not even consider replacing it. However, I pass out business cards every week and it so frustrating to hear people say they didn't even know there was a church here. They don't see us because our sign doesn't capture their attention when they drive by and our building is set back pretty far from the road.

A new sign will overcome both of these challenges. It will capture people's attention because it will have movement and color which will get their attention. On every project we have done people say, "Why are we doing this?" and then when it is completed we all end up loving it. I am confident the same will be true with our LED sign.

I know it will take all of us coming together to raise the money for the sign. I promise you it will look great and it will get St. Mark's noticed. Please take a leap of faith and help us raise the money to get the sign installed soon. It would be wonderful if we could use it to help get the word out to new families about Rally Day in September.

If you have any questions at all please give me a call.

Blessings+
Pastor Don

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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

Altar Guild

We are in need of people to help with Altar Guild during the Traditional Service. Please see Pastor Don, Sue Stuckemeyer, Linda Larsen, or Stephanie West if interested. Thank you!

Estate Sale

Jeanne Kelly will be having an Estate / Moving Sale at 2315 E Powell on Saturday, August 4, from 8am—5pm.

Happy
Birthday

7/5—Harvey Bays

7/6—Christian Lejman

7/7—Jason Borg

7/7—Christopher Lejman

7/9—Anthony Conapinski

7/12—Aaron Ferley

7/19—Julie Weyer

7/22—Arlene Sellers

7/23—Robert Parker

7/30—Mackenzie Bryant





There's a place for you!

Evening Bible Study

We are studying the book of Mark. We will meet July 17 & 31 at 6:30 pm. *Everyone is invited and do not need to be members of St. Mark's to attend.* Please see Diane Meier for more information.



Lunch Crew

The Lunch Crew will meet **July 16 at 12:00 pm at Grand Buffet on N. Green St.** 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!





We Remember In Our Prayers

Kelcie Richart,
the family of Dolores
Zahm,
the family of Ruby
Bonke,
Kimberlee Grimm,
Autumn Sinnott,

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,



Let Us Pray...

Gracious Lord,

Your love is greater than any words can express, pouring into hearts left open to receive, bringing healing and restoration where there is brokenness, and peace of mind where there is fear or stress. You often use these vessels, fragile though we are, as the means by which your blessing flows. For such love, undeserved but gratefully received and shared, we offer grateful thanks.

Amen.

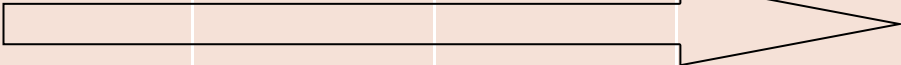
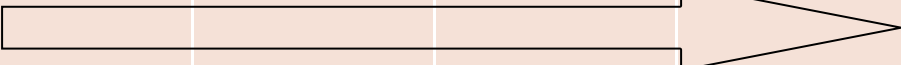
—Birch, John. The Act of Prayer: Praying through the Lectionary, Bible Reading Fellowship.

Please Remember Our Shut-Ins and Homebound Members

Arthur Aarstad—*Newburgh Healthcare*
Harvey Bays—*Protestant Home*
Norma Cobb—*Home*
Jan Heugel—*Protestant Home*
Ken Heugel—*Protestant Home*
Dottie Peteritas—*Oasis Dementia Care*



July Ministry Schedule

	7/1	7/8	7/15	7/22	7/29
Altar Guild	J— Donna Myers T— Mike & Judi Chase				
Usher	Mark & Sherri Zeller	Dan & Lynne Mowrey	John & Janet Voyles	Scott & Linda Larsen	Mike & Judi Chase
Greeter	J— Jim & Deb Schade T— Eugene & Barbara Hamlow	J— Arlene Sellers & Sharon Arvidson T— Dan & Lynne Mowrey	J— Jon & Sara Watson T— John & Janet Voyles	J— Margaret Boyles & Cathy Goller T— Scott & Linda Larsen	J— Terry6 & Debbie Garoutte T— Mike & Judi Chase
Communion Assistant	J— T—	J— T—	J— T—	J— T—	J— T—
Nursery Attendant	J— Diane Hawkins T—	J— Sharon Arvidson T— Sharon Arvidson	J— Margaret Boyles T— Christy Ferley	J— Maria Dennis T—	J— Julie Weyer T— Linda Larsen
Lector	Gary Briesch	LaVon Niehaus	Gary Briesch	LaVon Niehaus	Stephanie West
Acolyte	Isabella Nelson	Mackenzie Bryant	Isabella Nelson	Mackenzie Bryant	Isabella Nelson
Assisting Minister	Karen Dunlap		Larry Gajderowicz	Jeff Braun	Sherri Zeller
Coffee Hour	Schade	Birthday Sunday Larsen	Trevino		
Kids' Church	J— Susan Gray T— Susan Gray	J— Susan Gray T— Susan Gray	J— Susan Gray T— Susan Gray	J— Susan Gray T— Susan Gray	J— Susan Gray T— Susan Gray
Media Ministry	J— Don Rodd & Barbara Rendleman T— Mike Myers & 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