ST. MARK'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
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THE GRAPEVINE

Faithful Disciples,

Live a God-Pleasing Life!

The *Live a God-Pleasing Life!* stewardship program is here!

Stewards **living a God-pleasing life** are managers of all of God's creation. As owner, God has called us to be responsible as we fulfill the role for which we have been created, to do his will as long as we remain on earth. *"For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do"* (Ephesians 2:10).

We are not given these responsibilities because of our great talents and abilities. On the contrary, we often feel inadequate and unprepared for the tasks God places before us. Our strength is in the Lord. The Apostle Paul made that point very clear as he gave praise to God for his power within us: *"Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen"* (Ephesians 3:20-21). As stewards **living a God-pleasing life,** we welcome our opportunities for stewardship and give all the glory to God.

This month I will be sharing a series with you titled: "***Live a God-Pleasing Life!***" in our worship services. We will discuss **faith** as the foundation for stewardship, for it is only through faith that we can please God. We will delve into the important role that **discipleship** holds in our lives as obedient stewards. We will hear how **generosity** is the hallmark of grateful stewards responding to the love and generosity of God. Our stewardship program emphasizes the grace of God who has called us to faith and continues to sustain us. Let the words of the writer to the Hebrews be our prayer:

> *"May the God of peace . . . equip you with everything good for doing his will, and may he work in us what is pleasing to him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen" (*Hebrews 13:20, 21).

Please make every effort to join us October 13, 20 and 27, with October 27 being commitment Sunday. May God give you the grace to continue the faithful stewardship of the many blessings that he has entrusted to your care.

Blessings+
Pastor Don

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CHURCH NEWS

Annual Congregational Meeting

We will have our Annual Congregational Meeting on **November 24** between services. We will discuss the budget and hold a vote on the CLC building project. Please plan on attending this important meeting.

Youth Group

Youth Group meets **Fridays** in the Gathering Area from **6:00—7:30pm year -round.** Please join us as we have dinner, hang out and discuss topics that are important to our youth. All youth, age 11-18 are welcome to attend. *Invite a friend!*

Scrips Orders

Scrips cards are back for the holidays! You will have the opportunity to buy Scrips cards October-December so start your Christmas shopping now! The first Scrips order will be turned in on **Sunday, October 6.** Please see Carole Ross to order. *This is an easy way to earn money for St. Mark's by buying gift cards to the places you already shop.*

New Members

Please join us in welcoming new members Pamela Stofleth, Noah Stephens, Misty & John Wolford, and Elcia & Isaiah Hill into the St. Mark's family. They will be celebrating their Affirmations of Baptism this Sunday, October 6 during the services.

10/1—Christy Ferley
10/4—Diane Hawkins
10/5—Karen Mitchell
10/8—Sharon Arvidson
10/11—Elcia Hill
10/13—John Geary III
10/14—Barbara Rendleman
10/16—Brad Anderson
10/17—Connor Borg
10/18—Marilee Johnson
10/18—Eric Forche
10/18—Isabella Nelson
10/18—Malachi Nelson
10/19—Ethan Gray
10/19—Ellie Tarter
10/27—Mary Blanke
10/28—Nicholas Forche
10/30—Carrie Ferguson
10/30—Noah Stephens
10/31—Barbara Hamlow

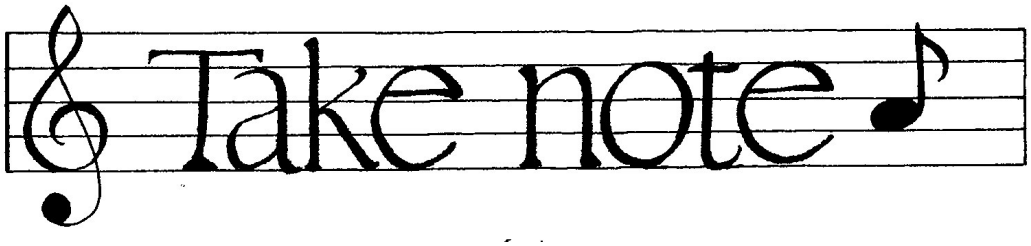
community outreach

Trunk or Treat

Trunk or Treat will be held **Saturday, October 26 from 3:30-6:00 pm.** We've had over 10,000 views of our event on Facebook so we need as many trunks as we can get for the kids to visit for candy! Please sign up on the sheet in the Gathering Area. **Also, when you're at the store this week, please grab a few bags of candy to pass out to the trunk-or-treaters!** Candy can be placed in the tub near the Gathering Area or brought to the office. Thank you!

LifeLine Screening

Life Line Screening, a leading provider of community-based preventive health screenings, is pleased to offer a preventive health event at St Mark's on October 22. Register for a Wellness Package which includes 4 vascular tests and osteoporosis screening from $149 ($139 with our member discount). All five screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete. There are three ways to register for this event and to receive a $10 discount off any package priced above $129, please call toll-free 1-888-653-6441 or visit http://lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle or text the word circle to 797979



If you are looking for a small group, and enjoy singing please join us for choir practice every Thursday evening from 6-7pm in the Sanctuary. Our choir is family! No experience is necessary to join our choir and children who enjoy music and can read well are also invited.

There will be no choir practice on October 24.

If you are interested in singing in our Christmas Eve choir, we will begin practicing our Christmas music this Thursday, October 3.

Musically in Christ,

Debra Ordner

small groups

There's a place for you!

Evening Bible Study

The evening Bible Study will meet **October 1 & 15 at 6:30 pm**. We started a new book, *Honoring our Neighbor's Faith: A Lutheran Perspective on Faith Traditions in America, Revised Edition*. Please contact Diane Meier if interested.

Ladies' Night Out

Ladies' Night Out will meet on **October 11 at 6:00pm**. Susann Betz will be showing us how to decorate a pretty, lighted, wine bottle. The cost is $5 and includes dinner and dessert. Please sign up on the sheet in the Gathering Area.

Lunch Crew

The Lunch Crew will meet **October 21 at 12:00 pm at Herradura's Mexican Restaurant.** This is a great opportunity to spend time with your church family outside of the church walls. This will also serve as one of the cottage meetings to talk about the CLC. Join us for good food and great fellowship. All are welcome!

Creative Hands

Creative Hands fellowship group will meet Wednesday, **October 9 & 23 from 9am-2pm** and also on **Saturday, October 19 from 9am-8pm** in the Fellowship Hall. Bring your own creative project to work on plus any snacks or lunch you might want. There will be people here during the times listed, however, you are welcome to come when you like and leave when you need. Hope to see you there! —Susann Betz

Cottage Meetings

For anyone who was unable to attend the information meeting on September 22, or anyone who has additional questions later, we will be holding a series of "Cottage Meetings" throughout October to address any additional questions or concerns people may have. Meetings are set for **October 1 at 7pm, October 10 at 7pm, October 14 at 11am and October 21 at 12pm**. Please sign up for one of these cottage meetings to get answers to your questions and discuss your thoughts on the project.

We Remember In Our Prayers

The Krodel family,
Martin Englebert,
Jerry Stofleth,
Jessie Raper,
Vicky Newman,
Anita Conapinski,
Jennifer Galey,
Denise Lane,
Jennifer Lathrop,
Ken McDonald,
Charlie Littlepage,
Jordan Ivy,
David Mowrey,
Sue Boyles,
Lynne Mowrey,
Deb Schade,
June Coslett,
Alice Aiken,
Debby Tartell,
Kenny Clark,
Darrell M.,
Clifford Schmidt,
Dottie Peteritas,
Jim Brogan,
Kelcie Richart,
John Williams,
Skip Herrera & family,
Arlene Sellers,
Sharon Bieber,
Sharon Cota,
Mary Lou Thayer &
Jan Heugel

Let Us Pray...

Lord, we bring to you our 'almost' moments. When the opportunity arose to bring your name into a conversation and we almost did. When we were challenged to help someone in need, and almost did. When we were angered by an injustice and, fired up to make a change, almost did. When we heard your call to take a different path, and almost did. Forgive our timidity, our reluctance to live the life that we proclaim. We bring to you our 'almost' moments. By your Spirit empower our lives, that your name might be glorified and our 'almost' become 'always'.

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*

October Ministry Schedule

	10/6	10/13	10/20	10/27
Altar Guild	J– Maria Dennis T— Sue Stuckemeyer & Linda Larsen			
Usher	Eugene & Barbara Hamlow	Scott & Linda Larsen	Bob Parker & Scott Larsen	Dan & Lynne Mowrey
Greeter	J— T—Eugene & Barbara Hamlow	J— T—Scott & Linda Larsen	J— T—Bob Parker & Scott Larsen	J— T—Dan & Lynne Mowrey
Communion Assistant	J— T—	J— T—	J— T—	J— T—
Nursery Attendant	J— Angela Koewler T—	J— Jayme Trevino T—	J— Kelsie Tarter T—	J— Sharon Arvidson T—
Lector	Wanda Krodel	LaVon Niehaus	Stephanie West	LaVon Niehaus
Acolyte	Mackenzie Bryant	Isabella Nelson	Mackenzie Bryant	Isabella Nelson
Assisting Minister	Karen Dunlap	Jeff Braun	Sherri Zeller	Jeff Braun
Coffee Hour	Arvidson/Hawkins	Cheri Kieffner	Chase	**Commitment Sunday Luncheon**
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
Media Ministry	J— Don Rodd & Barbara Rendleman T— Mike Myers			

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October 26, 3:30-6:00 PM

Please join us for worship each Sunday

9 am Contemporary Service
10 am Coffee Hour/Sunday School
11 am Traditional Service