

THE GRAPEVINE

Greetings Faithful Disciples of Jesus,

Can you believe in a couple of weeks our youth will be back in school; where did the summer go? I know this to be true, time waits for no one so make the best of every minute God gives you.

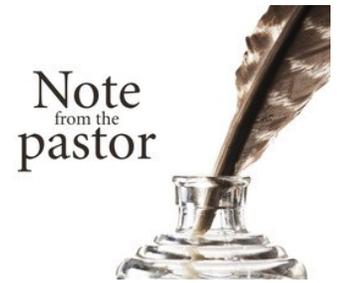
These are exciting times for us as we begin our remodeling project. By the time you receive this message much of our remodel will be completed and that is exciting. So please share that excitement with family and friends and invite them to come and see all the changes we are making. Telling someone about the remodel provides a wonderful opportunity to invite someone to come and see.

As we are talking about inviting I want to brag on someone who does a wonderful job when someone attends our church. This woman is phenomenal! She always learns the individuals name, she will invite the individuals to sit with them, she will invite them to middle hour and she has invited them to bible study. I share this with you because each of us can do this and I pray that the next time you see a visitor you will do the same; make them feel welcome.

I'd like to change gears and talk about something new I just started last week. Each Monday you will see what I am calling "Monday Rewind" as we mail this out via email and we will post it on our website. Monday rewind is a short synopsis, a thought for the week from my sermon on Sunday. Last Monday was the first time we've sent it out and I had several members send back positive comments. I hope by doing this each Monday it may be just what you needed to rekindle your spirit to get you through the week.

People of St. Mark's, enjoy the rest of the summer and thank you for being so faithful. Together we will continue to reach people for Jesus Christ.

Blessings+
Pastor Don



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Updates from the Building Development & Maintenance Committee

This is an exciting time for St. Mark's! Our Capital Campaign Projects are underway this week. We would like to thank everyone for their generous contributions to beautify our church to support our mission to Worship, Love, and Serve.

Here is how we stand financially with our capital campaign. Pledges total \$70,000. Out of the \$70,000, we have already collected \$51,000. In addition, we agreed to use the \$25,000.00 from the building fund towards these project. So right now, we have \$76,000 in hand which is enough to fund the NEW NURSERY, the CRY ROOM IN THE SANCTUARY, and the HANDICAP BATHROOM & PRESCHOOL ROOMS REMODEL. This is great news!!!!

Our goal in 2016 is to complete the first four projects, which includes RESURFACE THE PARKING LOT, and then target the Atrium in 2017.

The commitments we have of \$70,000 + \$25,000 from the Building Fund gives us a total of \$95,000 which is enough to complete the fourth project—RESURFACE THE PARKING LOT. It would be wonderful if everyone could complete their commitment by October 1, 2016 so that we could get the parking lot done before it gets to cold to lay asphalt.

We will keep the congregation updated on progress. Again, we thank you for your generous contributions to beautify God's church.

The financials for the capital campaign projects:

CAPITAL PROJECT	COST
NEW NURSERY	\$8,000.00
CRY ROOM IN SANCTUARY	\$19,000.00
HANDICAP BATHROOM & PRESCHOOL ROOMS REMODEL	\$37,500.00
RESURFACE PARKING LOT	\$35,000.00
REMODEL ATRIUM	\$99,000.00
TOTAL CAPITAL CAMPAIGN COSTS	\$198,000.00

CAPITAL PLEDGE TOTALS	\$70,000.00
-ONE-TIME GIFTS	\$52,000.00
-WEEKLY/MONTHLY/QUARTERLY	\$18,000.00
CURRENT BUILDING FUNDS	\$25,000.00
ONE-TIME GIFTS + CURRENT FUNDS	\$77,000.00

CHURCH NEWS

Scripts Orders

There is no Scripts order in August, but Carole usually has a stack of gift cards on hand that you can buy. Please see her for any cards you may need between now and September!

Counters

Thank you to everyone who volunteered to help count the weekly offering and make deposits. Your help is very much appreciated. Thank you!

Mid-Year Giving Statements

Mid-Year Giving Statements have been completed and are in your mailbox located in the coat room. Please check them over for accuracy. Thank you!

Baptism

Maya Isabel Henne will be baptized on August 7 during the first service. Please help us welcome her into the body of Christ!



Chapel Leaders

The preschool is looking for volunteers to come help lead chapel time with a bible story and activity once per month. They would also love volunteers to come read stories or do crafts with the children. Please let Ms. Denise know if this is something you would be interested in doing. Thank you!





After School Tutoring Program

The after-school tutoring program will begin Wednesday, August 31. The program will be open to grades K-5 and will run 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!



MISSIONAL SERVICES

School Supplies

It's hard to believe, but the back-to-school sales have started. The EVSC begins August 10 and we'd like to help the students at Dexter and Washington with school supplies. If you're out and about, please pick up a few to help area students in need. Most stores have school & grade specific lists that the classrooms need, but most lists include: scissors, 24 count crayons, pencils (Ticonderoga or Papermate), pocket folders, notebooks, markers, Elmer's glue, glue sticks, pink erasers, composition books, loose paper, highlighters, Prang watercolors, and dollar store ear buds. *Supplies will be delivered to Dexter **next Monday, August 8** in time for their Back-to-School Bash.* Thank you for all you do for our area students!





I'm excited to start up choir for the 2016-2017 year. I've missed it so much and can't wait to get started! To kick off the choir season, let's get together for a supper and planning meeting on **Tuesday, August 9 at 6:00 PM** in the gathering area. This is for anyone who has sung with us in the past or anyone who would like to join us in the future. I'll have pork BBQ sandwiches with the fixin's, potato salad, and drinks. If you'd like to bring a dish to share, please list it on the sign-up sheet on the music bulletin board near the coat room.

Special thanks to Janet Voyles for all her contributions to music this summer to make our Traditional Service really special: Hurdle Quartet, the Reed Riders Clarinet Quartet, as well as playing piano and clarinet.

This summer, Leah Trost shared music on her alto saxophone and Chase Reising and Mackenzie Bryant both shared some music on piano. We'd also like to thank Greg Bryant for sharing his vocal talent with us.

If you know of anyone who would be a good fit for choir, please let me know so we can encourage them to join us. No experience necessary—just a desire to “make a joyful noise.”

¹Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth.

²Worship the LORD with gladness;
come into his presence with singing.

³Know that the LORD is God.

It is he that made us, and we are his;
we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

⁴Enter his gates with thanksgiving,
and his courts with praise.

Give thanks to him, bless his name.

⁵For the LORD is good;
his steadfast love endures forever,
and his faithfulness to all generations.

—*Psalm 100*

Musically in Christ,
Deb Ordner



There's a place for you!

Third Friday Group

Meets on the 3rd Friday of each month at a member's home, September through May. Have a great summer and we look forward to getting together again in September!

Women's Bible Study

The Women's Bible Study will meet again on **August 2 at 6:30 pm**; then, begin our regular meetings on the first and third Tuesday of the month on **September 6**.

Monday Morning Bible Study

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



Ladies' Night Out

After a couple of months off for vacations, we will be starting back up again on **Friday, August 12th, at 6 pm**. \$5.00 for dinner, dessert and drink. Hope to see everyone there!

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 at The Gersthaus on Franklin Street at 11:45 a.m.** All are welcome! Please come join us for fellowship and a great meal.

Let's
do
Lunch





We Remember In Our Prayers

Donna Vendetti
KewBee McDonald
Carol Rose
Mary Blanke
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
Jay Augustus & family



Let Us Pray...

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

You, Lord, have told us time and time again to be ready for your return. Make us aware of the need to follow your command. Place in our hearts the will and the desire to prepare ourselves. Fill our storehouses with the true treasures found only in your presence and having put on the full armor of God, be fit and ready to serve when he comes. Since only the Father knows the day and the hour of your return, by your strength and mercy, keep us protected from all forms of sin.

On you, Almighty Father, we place all our dependence. You have, from the beginning of time, showed forth your love for your creation and have, because of that love, provided our only means of salvation. When we stray and fall short of your commands and desires for us, strengthen our weaknesses and forgive us our failures.

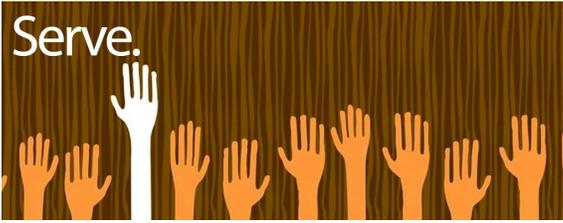
All this we ask in the name of your Son, Jesus. Amen.

—Anonymous

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*





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

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| 8/7—Jeff Braun | 8/16—Debbie Garoutte | 8/25—Debbie Anderson |
| 8/7—Larry Gajderowicz | 8/17—Norma Cobb | 8/28—Wanda Krodell |
| 8/10—Don Schmitt | 8/20—Christie Martin | 8/31—Carol Courter |
| 8/11 Rebecca Blanke | 8/24—Cheri Kieffner | 8/31—Pastor Don Gray |



August Ministry Schedule

	8/7	8/14	8/21	8/28
Acolyte	Connor Borg	Mitchell Ferley	Kaitlyn Porter	Dakota Ferley
Altar Guild	J— Diane Meier, KewBee McDonald T— Jason & Christy Borg, Joe & Sheryll Trost			
Usher	Tom Pfender & Jim Weitzel	Scott & Linda Larsen	Dan & Lynne Mowrey	Joe & Sheryll Trost
Greeter	J— Bob & Cheri Kieffner T— Kathy Ewing & Bob Gerst	J— KewBee McDonald & Diane Meier T— Scott & Linda Larsen	J— Carole Ross & Wanda Krodel T— Dan & Lynne Mowrey	J— Jim & Deb Schade T— Joe & Sheryll Trost
Communion Assistant	J— T—	J— T—	J— T—	J— T—
Nursery Attendant	J— Jayme Trevino T—	J— Margaret Boyles T— Sheryll Trost	J— Kelsie Tarter T—	J— Sharon Arvidson T— Sharon Arvidson
Lector				
Assisting Minister		Karen Dunlap	Sherri Zeller	Mark Zeller
Coffee Hour	Watsons	Birthday Sunday		
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 T— Brandon Gardner & Carol Courter	T— Gary Briesch & Carol Courter	T— Gary Briesch & Carol Courter	T— Brandon Gardner & Carol Courter



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HAPPY AUGUST!



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