

THE GRAPEVINE

Greetings Faithful Disciples of Jesus,

I am sure many of you are familiar with the lyrics **“Soon and very soon we are going to see the King. Soon and very soon we are going to see the King.”** Let me say, soon and very soon we are going to see what God the King is doing among us! Thank you for your commitments to the capital campaign and from the fruits of your giving we will be able to replace ceilings in the preschool rooms, expand the yellow bird room, create a handicap bathroom, build a cry room in the sanctuary and convert room number 3 into our new nursery. I am excited and thankful that God continues to bless our ministry here at St. Mark’s.

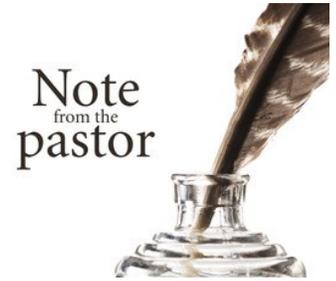
So what is next for us? I see several areas of discernment that we should continue to explore so as to remain a vibrant ministry for Jesus as we continue to serve Evansville and Newburgh. As we move forward, I pray that the “Building Development and Maintenance Committee” will continue to pursue enclosing our atrium which will beautify our building and greatly impact our energy bills.

Secondly, I pray that their team will continue to pursue raising money so that we can build our “Community Life Center” to enable us to expand our ministry. To remain relevant in the twenty first century, one must be willing to recognize the changing environment all around us and then pursue how we can interact in that environment effectively and faithfully. Let me share an example: I’ve proposed to the Shepherding Team that we explore streaming our services live on Sunday morning so anyone with an internet connection can join us. Take it to the next level and have an open chat line where anyone could be sending us prayer requests, etc.. These are the things we should consider as we challenge ourselves to reach God’s people.

Which leads me to our third area of discernment and that is, “Growing God’s Kingdom.” It would be wonderful to gather a Team that would come together and engage in conversation pertaining to growing God’s kingdom. The possibilities are endless, we just need some folks who are passionate about reaching people for Jesus to get together and begin the conversation.

Friends, the things we continue to accomplish are exciting and I truly trust that Jesus will continue to do great things through our ministry here at St. Mark’s. To God be the glory.

Blessings+
Pastor Don



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CHURCH NEWS

Remodeling

Over the next couple of weeks, we'll be cleaning out the storage room. The toys used throughout the preschool in the past will be sorted through and placed on tables in the gathering area for anyone to take as needed. In addition there are three floor sample colors for the congregation to finish voting on this week on a table in the narthex.



Scripts Orders

The Scripts orders are due next **Sunday, July 10**. Stock up on cards now because the next order won't be until September, although Carole usually has gift cards on hand between orders.

Photo Directories

The new photo directories are finished and in your box. *New mailboxes were created so everyone listed in the directory now has a box in the coat-room.* Thank you to everyone who helped in making these happen!

Baptism

We will be celebrating the baptism of Miguel Trevino during the first service on **July 24**. Please join us as we welcome him into the body of Christ.



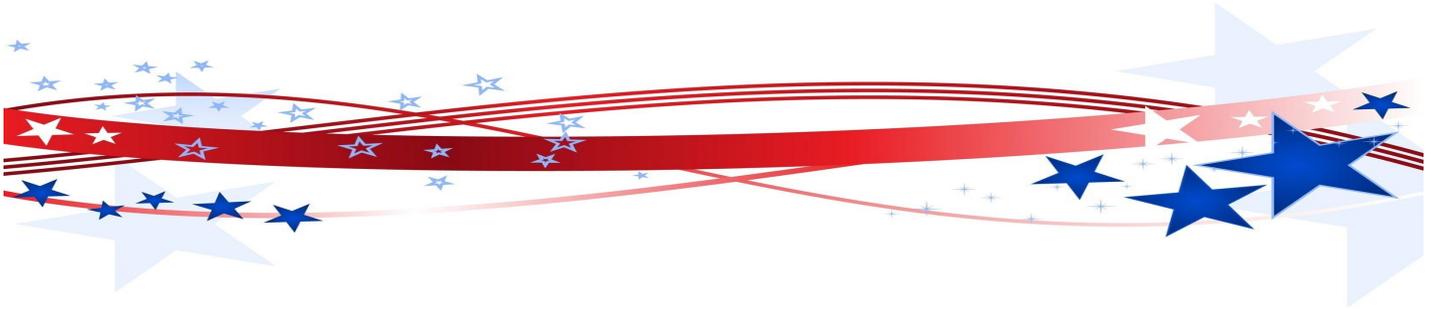
Coffee Hour

Thank you to everyone who has signed up to serve Coffee Hour in July! We only have one slot still open on July 31. Looking ahead, we are in need of volunteers for August as well. Please check your calendars and see when you could volunteer for this important ministry. Thank you!



Thank you!

Thank you to all the volunteers who helped make VBS a “rockin” success this year! We couldn’t do it without the superstars who give so freely of their time and resources to help us “Rock the World” for all the kids who come.



Golf Outing Fundraiser

The 10th Annual Golf Outing Fundraiser for Evansville Lutheran Family Counseling will be held on **Saturday, September 10**. We offer mental health counseling to all people regardless of income or faith affiliation, and we humbly say—thanks to the continued support of so many—that this is our 10th anniversary of providing these much needed services to our community. *This year's outing will be held at Eagle Valley Golf Course at a cost of only \$55 per person.* Tee time is 10 a.m. with registration/breakfast beginning at 8:45 a.m. Prizes will be awarded, including the longest drive, longest putt, and closest to the pin competitions. Can't golf with us? Be a hole sponsor! Sponsorships include Gold Star for \$500, Silver Star for \$250, and Bronze Star for \$100. For reservations or to sponsor a hole, contact Elizabeth at 812-424-5620 or by e-mail at elfc@sigecom.net.





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 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. *There will be Bible Study as usual on July 4.*

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 Hilltop Inn, located at 1100 Harmony Way 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.

Lord, send us into your harvest fields as your workers. In sending us out, we also are somewhat like lambs and wolves. At this time in history, we do not seem to be as much in danger as your appointed ones may have been in their day, yet we do face obstacles that can overwhelm us. When through your power and by your mercy, we become able to diminish Satan's attacks, and can make the presence of your kingdom known, let us never rejoice in what we may think we have accomplished, but let us fully rejoice that you have seen fit to make our names known in heaven.

In the name of your Son, Jesus, we pray. Amen.

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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| 7/5—Harvey Bays | 7/9—Anthony Conapinski | 7/19—Julie Weyer |
| 7/6—Christian Lejman | 7/12—Aaron Ferley | 7/22—Arlene Sellers |
| 7/7—Jason Borg | 7/13—Jamie Gooch | 7/23—Robert Parker |
| 7/8 Taylor Smith | 7/14—Donna Hartke | 7/30—Mackenzie Bryant |



July Ministry Schedule

	7/3	7/10	7/17	7/24	7/31
Acolyte	Dakota Ferley	Ethan Gray	Nitin Gardner	Olivia Rodd	Krislyn Porter
Altar Guild	J— Jorge Carmona T— Sue Stuckemeyer & Linda Larsen				
Usher	Dan & Lynne Mowrey	Eugene & Barbara Hamlow	Mike & Sherri Zeller	Bob & Cheri Kieffner	Mike & Judi Chase
Greeter	J— Arlene Sellers & Joy Phillips T— Dan & Lynne Mowrey	J— Margaret Boyles & Cathy Goller T— Eugene & Barbara Hamlow	J— Terry & Debbie Garoutte T— Erlus Shatara & Pat Baker	J— Lee & Judy Hodoval T— Bob & Cheri Kieffner	J— Marilee Johnson & Pat Powers T— Mike & Judi Chase
Communion Assistant	J— T—	J— T—	J— T—	J— T—	J— T—
Nursery Attendant	J— Margaret Boyles T—	J— Alison Jones T—	J— Deb Schade T— Christy Ferley	J— Julie Weyer T—	J— Cathy Goller T— Linda Larsen
Lector				Erlus Shatara	
Assisting Minister	Stephanie West	Karen Dunlap	Karen Dunlap	Mark Zeller	Sherri Zeller
Coffee Hour	Donna & Sharon	Birthday Sunday Kieffners	Watsons	Aaron & Christy Ferley	
Kids' Church	J— T—	J— Heather Miller T—	J— Heather Miller & Susan Gray T— Susan Gray	J— Heather Miller & Susan Gray T— Susan Gray	J— Heather Miller T—
Media Ministry	J— Don Rodd & Barbara Rendleman T— Brandon Gardner & Carol Courter	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