



The **VOICE**

OF ST. MARK LUTHERAN CHURCH

June/July 2025



by John Bengston

St. Mark! We are blessed! There is a lot going on at St. Mark and Council has been busy. While I'll provide updates on the two most active initiatives below, I wanted to recognize that I have not provided a recent update on some of the more difficult issues that we have faced in the past, in large part because there has not been anything to update. Justice is sometimes slow. That said, though, I am targeting the end of June to have a few forums (afternoon and evening) to provide current updates that I have at that time. Please watch for the weekly announcements for dates. Meantime, anyone that has a question, can always reach out to me directly.

In the past few years, even before our transition period with Pastor Steve, we heard a lot about how we can do things differently and better. One of those things was a simpler operating structure that took out layers of management that would allow the Congregation and its Ministry Teams to accomplish things more easily.

In June 2024, I joined a team consisting of Jerry Gass, Laurie Kerns, and Intentional Interim Pastor Steve, to start work on a new Constitution and Bylaws. This team did a great job in preparing a draft of both and submitted them to Council in April 2025. On May 2nd and 3rd, Council had a retreat focusing on fellowship, worship and reviewing the draft Constitution and Bylaws. It was a great success. At our May Council meetings there were some additional suggestions and revisions, and it is the hope of Council that this draft will be approved in June and then brought to the Congregation for additional vetting.

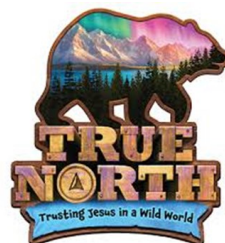
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**Summer Worship
Hours!**
Saturday 5:30PM
Sunday 9:30 AM
June - August

**Vacation
Bible School**
June 16th - 20th
**Registration is
open!**



CHURCH EVENTS

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Next Council Meetings: Tuesday, June 10th & July 8th @ 7:00PM
Next Committee Meetings: Tuesday, June 24th & July 22nd @ 7:00PM

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St. Mark Council News

To keep you better informed about Church Council decisions, please go to <https://smlc.info/minutes/> for Council and Committee minutes.

Below are important decisions from the May 2025 Council meeting:

- Council approval of Interim Pastor contract and pay for period from July 1, 2025, to January 31, 2026. Negotiations to proceed to finalize agreement.
- Council extended authority to Council President to attempt resolution of contract issue with Stratus Cleaning Solutions.
- Council approved benevolence contribution of \$500 per month for three months to RIMI to support mission work of Surgit Digal requiring a Missionary Action Plan and a Voice Article in August.
- Council approved the 2025 Pre-Approved Vendor List.
- Council is finalizing a draft of the new Constitution and Bylaws for congregational vetting. While originally planned for May and June, this will be pushed back to August.

President's Message, *Continued from page 1*

You might recall from my May Voice article that my hope was that we could have the new Constitution in place by August. This was a very ambitious goal and while this would be ideal, it is not realistic. The better approach is more deliberate, allowing the congregation time to absorb and provide comment before final approval and implementation. The goal now is approval and implementation at the November Congregational meeting. This will allow more time to review and meet on these important changes. During the summer, there will be additional communications regarding the changes, and we will have forums to allow for congregational comments. More to come on that.

I also want to provide an update on our Mission and Vision Teams. Recall the Transition Team provided four ministry opportunities: Women's Fellowship, Community Meal, Youth and Family Ministry Development, and Movie Night. Sign up for the teams started in early May through the end of the month. Then, depending on the responses, kick-off meetings will be set for the Team Volunteers to develop and implement these ministries. Updates will be provided to the congregation in June.

As summer approaches, I hope that all of you have time to enjoy the weather and summer adventures. Summer at St. Mark will be exciting, and we want you to be part of it. There are plenty of things happening at St. Mark! VBS, Rummage Sale, and Gardening to name a few – please participate and volunteer for these wonderful opportunities.

Have a great summer.

Blessings,

John

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Considering the Spiritual Discipline of Prayer

Disciplines are never ends in themselves, but a means to an end.

Where does one start with the discipline of prayer? You. Who you are is how you pray.¹
Why does one pray?

- Prayer enhances our fellowship and intimacy with God (Psalm 116:1-2; Jeremiah 33:2-3).
- The Scriptures command us to pray (Luke 18:1; Ephesians 6:18; 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18; 1 Timothy 2:1).
- When we pray, we follow the example of Christ and other great people in Scripture like Moses and Elijah (Mark 1:35; Numbers 11:2; 1 Kings 18:36-37).
- Prayer appropriates God's power for our lives (John 15:5; Acts 4:31; Ephesians 3:16; Colossians 4:2-4).
- We receive special help from God when we pray (Hebrews 4:16).
- Prayer makes a genuine difference (Luke 11:9-1; James 5:16-18). "When I pray, coincidences happen, when I don't, they don't," attributed to William Temple.
- Prayer develops our understanding and knowledge of God (Psalms 37:3-6; 63:1-8; Ephesians 1:16-19).
- Our prayers and God's answers give us joy and peace in our hearts (John 16:23-24; Philippians 4:6-7). Our problems may not disappear, but in prayer we gain a new perspective on our problems along with the peace and patience to stand firm.
- Prayer helps understand and accomplish God's purposes for our lives (Colossians 1:9-11).

Prayer changes our attitudes and desires (2 Corinthians 12:7-9). How does one pray?

The Lord's Prayer is a model revealing the eight forms of prayer. Strive for a balanced diet in prayer; we are usually short on adoration and thanksgiving.

- Adoration - praise for who God is; thanksgiving - praise for what He has done.
- Affirmation - agreeing with God's will and submitting to it.
- Supplication - making requests for ourselves (petition) and for others (intercession).
- Confession - our need for forgiveness.
- Renewal - as we face the temptations of the world, the flesh, and the devil. Set my mind on things of the Spirit.
- Closing Prayer - that honors the Lord and completes our thoughts.²

Join us on Saturday, June 7th for our **Interactive Prayer Workshop** to learn how to strengthen your conversation with God. 9:30AM - 3:00PM including lunch! Open to all teens and above. Questions, comments email Barb Ewert -

Bewert@colsonfellows.org.

¹Boa, Ken, Conformed to His Image Study Guide, Biblical, Practical Approaches to Spiritual Formation, DVD Video Study, *Diversity*, Zondervan Academic, Grand Rapids, Mi., 2020.

²Boa, Ken, Conformed to His Image, Biblical, Practical Approaches to Spiritual Formation, Zondervan Academic, Grand Rapids, Mi., 2020, pp. 83-84.

³Boa, Ken, Handbook to Prayer, Praying Scripture Back to God, Trinity House Publishers, Inc. Atlanta, Ga, 1993, Kindle Ed., 10-11.



Every Month - 2nd Saturday /
7:00am Breakfast /
8:00am Training / 9:30am Adjourn

Join in person or via zoom on the 2nd Saturday of the month (Men age 15+). Become part of something good and GET PLUGGED IN. We always have room for one more man. Send your contact information to Ministry2EveryMan@gmail.com.



Greetings from the Call Committee!

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The Call Committee has been busy preparing for in-person interviews, for when the time comes, for our potential new Pastor. We have been looking into options for hotel accommodations, local restaurants and ideas for showing our candidate (and potentially their family members) our beautiful community.

We continue to remain positive knowing that God has a plan for St. Mark. We can all be proud that St. Mark is one that any Pastor would be excited to serve.

As always, thank you for your continued prayers, support, and patience during this process.

The Call Committee



Call Committee Prayer

Dear Heavenly Father,

We come before you with humble hearts, seeking wisdom for St Mark's future pastor. Grant, Call Committee, discernment, endurance, and insight on your plan. Help us as one body of Christ to work together, and according to Your will. Guide the heart of the chosen person to know, without a doubt, St Mark is their new Church home. We thank you for your goodness, love, mercy, and perfect timing.

In Jesus name, we pray.

Amen

On Going Opportunities for Prayer at St. Mark Church



- **Pray for the Call Committee and the Prayer** for a new pastor.
- **St. Mark Church 2025 Prayer Guide for Church, leaders and members and Youth Prayer Guide** on the St. Mark website under Prayer tab, smlc.info. Copies are also available on the Prayer Table in the Narthex.

Opportunities to Pray with Fellow Members

- ***Praying at the Rail*** - after service coming around mid-May.
- ***Interactive Prayer Workshop*** - 5 sessions and lunch; bring a friend, open to all (high school and older), Saturday, June 7, 9:30-3:00 Education Center
- ***St. Mark Prayer Chain***, a wonderful group of fellow Christians, praying for all prayer requests and praising God for His listening to our petitions, thanksgivings and praises for His responses. Email requests and praises to smlcprayers@gmail.com. Please share with the Prayer Chain; how God has responded to your prayer request. Check with Connie Saunders, if you want to join.
- ***ZOOM Weekly Prayer Meeting*** - Come, pray and be blessed. Currently Thursday until further notice from 6:30 to 7:10 pm. We will be meeting on Zoom praying over the previous week of Prayer Chain requests, St. Mark Church and each other. Contact Person: Pam Burke and Barb Ewert for Zoom link.

Sunday School needs help this Fall

Co-coordinator-Teachers-Substitute Teachers

There is a wonderful opportunity for those who have been thinking about helping our children here at St Mark. We are in need of a second Coordinator to help Denise Schaufel. As a coordinator, you are vital to sharing in the responsibilities in the operation of the Sunday School program and working with our Parish Education Ministry Team. We have a handout if you're interested in serving in this capacity.

We also are in need of two or more teachers. The Simply Loved curriculum is hands-on with the lessons, videos and extra curricular ideas included.

We always welcome those interested in substituting. You can choose the grade levels you are interested in helping. You would be the 2nd adult helper in the classroom (not the teacher). You always have the opportunity to say "yes" or "no".

Please prayerfully consider and contact either Lori McKenzie, Jane Milani, Dean Miller, Nancy O'Connor or Denise Schaufel if you are interested. Thank you for considering to join the Sunday School team.



June/July of 2025: Sunday School at Saint Mark



The Parish Education Ministry team would like to recognize our Sunday school staff for their devotion and time to our Sunday school students in helping them grow in their faith.

Coordinators: Melissa Grandt and Denise Schaufel. Teachers: Amya Appelt, Kelly Gregori, Tracy Gaul Barb Griffith, Maria Hill, Page Wolf, Paul Acutt, and II Pastor Steve. Assistants: Khloe Coughenour, Joseph Reiner, and Sheryle Braddock. Music leader: Karissa McGill and our substitutes. A special thank you to Melissa, Maria, and Page who will not be returning next Fall.

Denise and I also want to thank Tim Rick for helping our staff and students have our first live fire drill in April. He also has collaborated with the Lake Villa Fire Department to add some safety signs to the Education Center.

Denise and I hope that our Sunday school students stay active with other activities at church this summer and we hope that our staff and students will stay safe this summer! One of those activities is Vacation Bible School. VBS is Monday June 16-20 from 9 in the morning until noon. Registration is open. Lastly, we hope that our congregation will continue to support

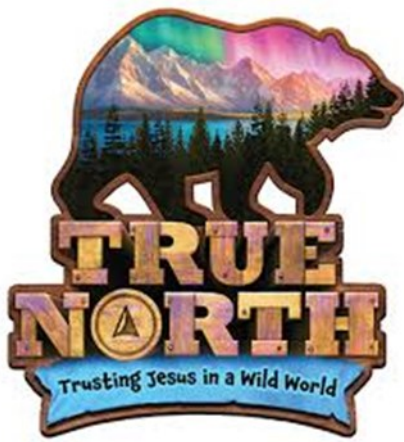


If you or a family member are currently serving in any branch of our Armed Forces or any First Response Unit, would you please let me know. I would like St. Mark to honor them and pray for them by making a photo gallery that we all can see at St. Mark. Once you tell me who they are and how they serve, I will let you know how big of a picture I would like. Thank you and please thank them for their service.

Mike Mol

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Trek with us through VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (VBS)

Join us for the ultimate Alaskan adventure! As kids trek the tundra, we'll build a rock-solid foundation and point them to Jesus, their unmovable, unshakable friend forever!

When: Monday, June 16th – Friday, June 20th

Time: 9:00 am - Noon

Who: Preschoolers (3-years old and potty-independent) through 6th graders (for the 24-25 school year)

***KIDS & VOLUNTEERS
REGISTER BY JUNE 11th***

Use this QR Code OR go to the

St. Mark website (www.smlc.info/kids/)



VBS SUPPORT NEEDED!

Putting together one of St. Mark's largest congregational and community outreach programs requires many people with various talents.

BEFORE VBS:

- **Adopt a prop:** Would you like to make some of the decor or prepare some teaching materials from the comfort of your own home? **Look for these at the VBS table in the Narthex!**
- **Join our Decorating Crew:** Want to have a part in turning St. Mark's campus into the Alaskan tundra? Join us for an hour or two between **1:00pm and 4:00pm** on one of the following afternoons:
 - Tuesday, May 27th: Rocks (will include some painting)
 - Friday, May 29th: Flowers (no mess!)
 - Tuesday, June 10th: Stumps (will include some painting); Trees (no mess!)
 - Thursday, June 12th: Setting up classrooms (no mess!)

DURING VBS:

- **Station Leaders:** Using a provided curriculum, share the Bible story, lead games, make crafts, sing songs, **or** prepare snacks. Must be over the age of 18; will require a background check through St. Mark.
- **Crew Leaders:** Experience VBS with a group of preschool or elementary kids as your crew moves through the different stations/activities. Must be 7th grade or older.

If you've got any questions or want to chat about VBS, please **contact Beth Miller at smarkvbsfun@gmail.com or reach out to our Parish Education Committee.**

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ST. MARK ANNUAL RUMMAGE SALE

July 31st, August 1st & 2nd

The Annual St. Mark Rummage Sale is only 2 months away. Time to stop procrastinating and start cleaning out those closets, basements and garages and packing up your great treasures to donate to the sale.

Before I tell you all the details for this year's sale I'm going to try to answer some questions I get every year.



1. Why do we only let members help set up? Although it is always nice to have extra help, we have learned that people who are not members are usually volunteering to help so they can pre-shop. They do more shopping than helping and we don't have time to supervise people we do not know. Many are resellers who just want to get the best items first. Although this would make us money for a couple years, if all the good items are gone before we opened the sale shoppers would stop coming in the large numbers they do now because we wouldn't have the great treasures they expect from us each year. Also our volunteers are so awesome we have never opened a sale without everything done.
2. Why do we have a "Do Not Accept List"? Over the years we have found certain items just do not sell. If we accepted them they just take up time and space and then we have to dispose of them at the end of the sale. They are not worth our time.
3. Why do we not raise our prices? Although many of our items may be worth more than we charge we have found we make money on volume sales. Also because we have low prices more people shop our sale. We make money and the community gets great bargains. Last year we made \$27,000 so we feel our prices are good. This year our goal is \$30,000 so start cleaning!
4. Why don't we collect all year? First we don't have the storage space. Second if we collected all year we wouldn't have room to set everything up. Just collecting for one month fills every inch of space we have.
5. Why don't we have a room with more expensive items for sale? We would love to do this but that would mean extra cashiers to man that room. If anyone would be willing to sit in that room from 9-8 for 3 days that would be great.
6. This is one of our most asked questions. Why do we give our leftovers to Goodwill? Many people don't like Goodwill because it is a for profit organization. We like it because, except for furniture, they take everything. They drop off a semi-truck and we just fill it up. By the time the sale is over our volunteers are exhausted. Easy clean up is needed. Many places will take our items but we have to deliver to them. Most of our pick up crew is over 65 and they do not need to be moving things all over. I always tell people if they would like to take items somewhere right after the sale or if they know of a group that picks up items let me know. We do have the Veteran's Closet that picks up items, Kindred Life parents who are invited to shop for free and last year we gave all our leftover shoes to the group Mike Mol collects for.

I hope this helps you understand how we run the sale. Now for the important news. Rummage schedule..... June 30th... Rummage collection starts. July 7th...Ed Center set up begins. Days and times will be on the sign up poster. July 20th... Donations in main building are moved to set up areas. July 21st...Main building set up begins. July 31st, August 1st & August 2nd...Sale days! All hands on deck August 2nd...Clean up after sale. Many hands make quick work. Everyone is welcome to come and help. We have volunteers of all ages. My grandkids grew up helping and still come each year. It is a great way to meet other members you may otherwise never see. We are a fun welcoming group of men, women and kids. It's a rummage sale, so you really can't make mistakes. We can't wait to see new faces this year, so come join us for fun, fellowship and yes..work. If you are willing to help with pickups let me know. Younger bodies are needed. See you in July. Questions or to schedule pickups call Laurie Kerns.

These are many of the items we do not accept. TVs, large appliances, microwaves, pianos, organs, large exercise equipment, artificial Christmas trees, chandeliers, chemicals, house paint, building supplies, china cabinets, large desks, large glass top tables, mattresses or box springs, large mirrors without frames, oversized couches, magazines, encyclopedias, computers, used make up or beauty supplies and any broken or unusable items. If you would throw it away so will we. A full list of unacceptable items will be available in July.

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Collection Days: June 30th– July 20th

ST. MARK ANNUAL RUMMAGE SALE

Thursday, July 31st 9:00am-7:00pm

Friday, August 1st 9:00am-7:00pm

Saturday, August 2nd 9:00am-3:00pm

Clean Up Saturday, August 2nd
All Hands On Deck!

Churchwide YARD SALE





Noah's Nursery News

The nursery remains open during the summer months with many events planned as well as covering the Sunday morning worship service each week!

In addition, we will continue to host the FREE Parents' Morning Out (PMO) events for children 5 and under to our church members and the community from 9 am - 12:00 pm on the following Fridays: June 27th, August 22nd, and September 26th. We hope to see your children/grandchildren/neighbors there!

Enjoy some pictures from the PMO held on Friday, April 25th, 2025. The theme was "bunnies"...



Story time with a book titled "How to CATCH the EASTER BUNNY"!



Making edible bunny roadster cars!



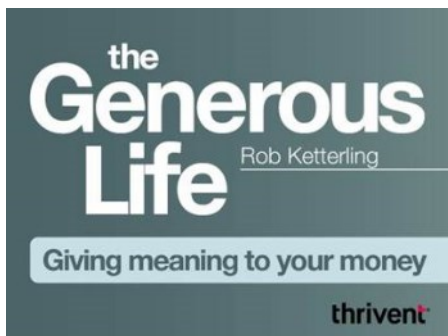
Learning how to do the original "Bunny Hop" with Ms Jackie! We had so much fun!

Also, we will host another FREE Parents' Afternoon Out (PAO) on Saturday, June 28th, from 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm for children 12 years and under for members and/or the community! Please Save the Date!

(Registration IS required for all PMO and PAO events so please check our SMLC web page as event dates approach. Thank you.)

Lastly, as we are all busy enjoying the summer weather and activities this time of year, remember to take a moment to reflect and be grateful for God's treasures all around us! Amen

In Christ,
Deb Heide



The Generous Life

How do we know if we're truly generous? For most of us, we want to be known as someone who lived a generous life. We don't want money and possessions to guide our decisions. From big gifts to small gifts, from teenagers to multi-millionaires, God wants us all to live generously. Through Pastor Rob's lived experience in ministry, you will see that God's faithfulness can take the most unlikely story and launch a movement of generosity.

Date: Thursday, June 5th at 1pm CST

Registration: [Click Here to Register](#)

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UPDATE

First – our next packing event will NOT be the FIRST SATURDAY in June as the pattern usually has it. Because of the prayer workshop going on Saturday the 7th, I have moved our packing to Monday night, June 9th at 7 pm. As a reminder, there are stand up jobs, sit down jobs, and jobs that will help you reach your step goal for the day. If you think you might be too old to help, here is a picture of two volunteers who joined FMSC recently. George is a spry 94 and Lorene is ONLY 103!!! As always, please ask me for any help signing up and/or questions about FMSC.



Second - on May 3rd, Lori and Jeff McKenzie, along with Joyce and I, had the wonderful opportunity, because of St. Mark's awesome Benevolence, to attend this year's FMSC Gala. I would highly recommend this to anyone who wants to experience the excitement of about 300 people working for one singular cause – fighting world hunger!! We got to hear from FMSC's new CEO, J. J. Slag, and from John Paul Kiffasi, Executive Director for Uganda, [Irene Gleeson Foundation](#) – two amazing human beings on the front lines of fighting world hunger. JP's stories of the food problems in Uganda are almost unbelievable for people on this side of the globe.



J. J. shared some good news/bad news numbers with us, too!

- Good news – we made over \$1 MILLION on last year's gala!!
- Bad news – that money is all gone!
- Good news – FMSC has promised to make/provide 384 MILLION meals this fiscal year!!
- Bad news – our partners asked for 550 million meals!!
- Good news – FMSC had over 1.152 million volunteers last year!!
- Bad news – that was last year!!

Can we count on you to help this year???

Summer Open Arms Food Pantry

Please donate these items in June & July:

Pasta Sauce
Baby Food/Baby Wipes
Adult Pull-Ups (Med & Large)



All non-perishable food is accepted always!

***Currently, 346 households visit Open Arms Mission each month, sometimes twice a month.

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**Spindale ...
the time is
getting
closer!!!**



First – thank you so much with helping us with your donations during the Stock Sale!! You St. Mark'ians are awesome!! Be on the lookout for news about our next fundraiser – a car wash!!!! We will hold this in the Ed Center's parking lot maybe in the next couple of weeks or the second week of July????

Second – some of you have already asked me what supplies we'll need to take to donate to help with their Hurricane Helene relief. YouthWorks, the company that organizes/runs the trips, has given me the following suggestions: donations of arts and crafts supplies, as well as games (e.g., frisbees, soccer balls, etc.), and cleaning supplies. Thank you in advance.

Third – please pray for our trip, our participants, and the people of the area we are going to work in. Going on this year's trip will be high schoolers: Ayla Appelt, Avina Doty, Abbey Johnson, Leah Koslosky, Erin Pasdiora, and Joey Reiner. Lori and Jeff McKenzie will be the adult leaders helping me this year! We will be based in the town of Spindale, NC, which is right outside of Rutherfordton – I bet you know exactly where we are going now!!! (Spindale is about an hour southeast of Asheville.) When I look a map on how to get to our site, there is a direct road that connects Asheville and Spindale, but Google Maps says I can't take it. What you see in this photo may be why???

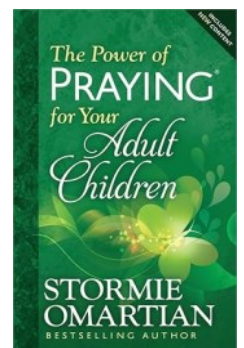


The Power of Praying for Your Adult Children

In *The Power of Praying for Your Adult Children*, author and prayer warrior Stormie O'Martian addresses areas of concern you may have for your grown children and shares how to lift them up to God. With stories from other parents and insight gleaned from personal experience, Stormie helps you pray with the power of God's Word over your adult children and their

- career choices and sense of purpose
- marriages and other vital relationships
- parenting skills and leadership
- struggles, addictions, or emotional trials
- faith commitment and prayer life

Perhaps you are watching your grown children step out into the world and wishing you could do more to support them while giving them the freedom they crave. You can. It doesn't matter how young or old they are, you can rest in the power of God working through your prayers. You can find this book under call number 248.3.



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The Dunfrund family would like to thank everyone for the love and kindness shown after Carl's passing. I feel truly blessed to be part of this wonderful church family.

Judy Dunfrund

Thank you very much to everyone for your condolences, your prayers, and your cards in the death of my mother. It really means a lot to have such a wonderful church family for support. We are blessed!

Jeff McKenzie



At any point in life our burdens can become too great to bear alone. This is where a trained **Stephen Minister** can come alongside to help. Stephen Ministers are lay members of the congregation that have gone through extensive training to provide high quality, **confidential**, Christ-centered care to people who are hurting or overwhelmed by the burdens of life.



Stephen Ministry

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Maybe one good thing that came out of Covid was that we started our Helping Hands Ministry.

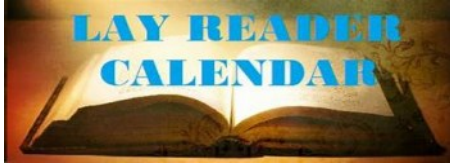
Even though we haven't been as busy as we started out, we are still receiving calls for help every now and then. With that being said, I would like to ask you two things:

- 1) If you are willing to be a "helping hand", please let me know. The time commitment for this ministry is not a lot and the work is not that hard. You just need to be willing to help people from St. Mark or the community.
- 2) I have been leading this ministry from the beginning but now would like to step down from that position. I would be more than willing to help you "learn the ropes" of what this position entails and would stay on as a helping hand. Please pray about this role and if you have any questions, please feel free to ask me.

Mike Mol

Lay Readers & Media Assistants For June & July

If you are unable to read or be the Media Assistant on a specific Sunday, please switch with someone on the list **and notify the office**. Readings for both Saturdays and Sundays will be out the week before you read.



Sunday, June 1 st	9:30AM	Deb Zuchowski
Saturday, June 7 th	5:30 PM	Lynn Johnson
Sunday, June 8 th	9:30 Am	
Saturday, June 14 th	5:30 PM	Kathy Kurth
Sunday, June 15 th	9:30 AM	Rhonda Doran
Saturday, June 21 st	5:30 PM	Johnna Morton
Sunday, June 22 nd	9:30 AM	Bonnie Millsop
Saturday, June 28 th	5:30 PM	Lynn Johnson
Sunday, June 29 th	9:30 AM	Carl Norlin
Saturday, July 5 th	5:30 PM	NOT AVAILABLE
Sunday, July 6 th	9:30 AM	
Saturday, July 12 th	5:30 PM	
Sunday, July 13 th	9:30 AM	
Saturday, July 19 th	5:30 PM	
Sunday, July 20 th	9:30 AM	
Saturday, July 26 th	5:30 PM	
Sunday, July 27 th	9:30 AM	

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Saturday, June 7 th	5:30 PM	
Sunday, June 8 th	9:30 AM	
Saturday, June 14 th	5:30 PM	
Sunday, June 15 th	9:30 AM	
Saturday, June 21 st	5:30 PM	
Sunday, June 22 nd	9:30 AM	
Saturday, June 28 th	5:30 PM	
Sunday, June 29 th	9:30 AM	
Saturday, July 5 th	5:30 PM	
Sunday, July 6 th	9:30 AM	
Saturday, July 12 th	5:30 PM	
Sunday, July 13 th	9:30 AM	
Saturday, July 19 th	5:30 PM	
Sunday, July 20 th	9:30 AM	
Saturday, July 26 th	5:30 PM	
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9:30AM Traditional Worship	2 10:00AM AL-Anon 6:30PM Divorce Care 7-8:45PM FMSC 7:30PM AA	3	4	5 6:00PM Stephen Min. 7:00PM Arise Practice 7:00PM Adult Bible Study	6	7 7:00AM Men's Group 9:30AM– 3:00PM Prayer Retreat Ed Ctr. 9-10:45AM FMSC 5:30PM Worship
8 9:30AM Contemporary Worship	9 10:00AM AL-Anon 6:30PM Divorce Care 7:30PM AA	10 8:30AM Men's Group 10:00AM Bible Study Ed. Center 6:00PM Choir Practice 7:00PM Council Mtg. Antioch Pizza Tuesday	11 6:30-8:00PM VBS Training	12 7:00PM Arise Practice 7:00PM Adult Bible Study	13 6:00 PM Date Night	14 7:00AM HIS Ministry 5:30PM Worship
15 9:30AM Traditional Worship 6:30PM Youth Group	16 10:00AM AL-Anon 6:30PM Divorce Care 7:30PM AA Vacation Bible School all week from 9:00am—Noon (Mon– Fri)	17 8:30AM Men's Group 6:00PM Choir Practice	18	19 7:00PM Arise Practice 7:00PM Adult Bible Study	20	21 7:00AM Men's Group 5:30PM Worship
22 9:30AM Contemporary Worship VBS Celebration Sun	23 10:00AM AL-Anon 6:30PM Divorce Care 7:30PM AA	24 8:30AM Men's Group 10:00AM Bible Study Ed. Center 6:00PM Choir Practice	25	26 7:00PM Arise Practice 7:00PM Adult Bible Study	27 9:00AM Parent's Morning Out	28 7:00AM Men's Group 1:00-4:00PM Parent's Afternoon Out 5:30PM Worship
29 9:30AM Traditional Worship	30 10:00AM AL-Anon 6:30PM Divorce Care 7:30PM AA Rummage Drop Off Begins					

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