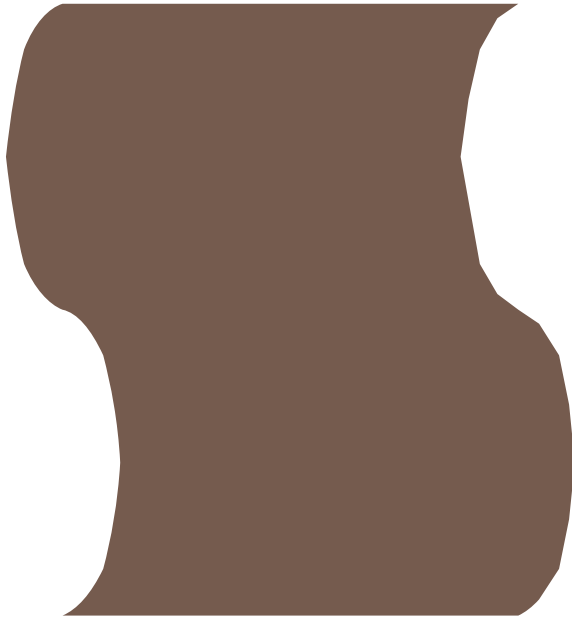


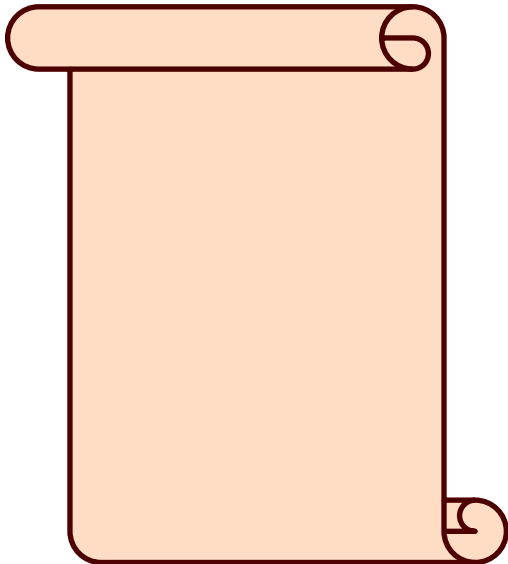
Bishop Brenda Bos sharing the Good News!



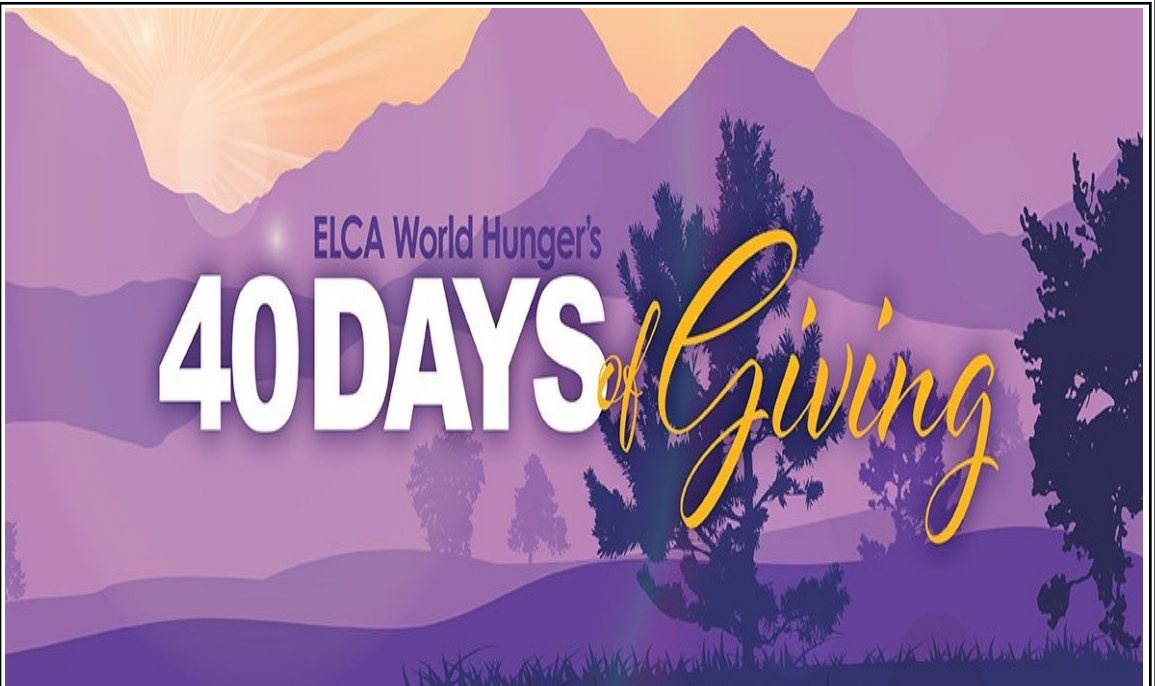
Children's Choir for 60th Anniversary led by Mala Williams



Adult Anniversary Choir led by Sharon Heck



Pastor Jim receives the County Proclamation




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OUR MISSION
Reaching out to the community to share the Gospel through faith, fellowship, and service.

OUR VISION
Become the visible presence of Christ in this community

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT
 MARCH 13, 2022, 10:00 A.M.

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WELCOME TO WORSHIP

We are glad you are here! May this be a holy time for you to offer your praise to God as well as receive God's grace through word, sacrament, song, and prayer.

For those worshipping here in person, please fill out the connect card that you received and leave it in the offering plate. For those who are worshipping with us online, we would invite you to share that you are watching via Facebook or YouTube by making a comment.

You may contact Françoise our church Office Administrator at fdutil@stmarks.ws or email Pastor Mericle directly, pastorjim@stmarkshh.com.

If you have questions, about the service or St. Mark's, please do not hesitate to ask one of the ushers.

Last Sunday Attendance 256

SERVING TODAY

PASTOR: the Reverend James Mericle

MUSIC GUEST: Graham Jackson

LECTOR: Krista Guerrero

CHILDREN'S SERMONETTE: Lynn Yann

ACOLYTE: Lindsay Miranda

ALTAR GUILD: Janna Barnhart, Lee Uhl

TECH: Steven Chou, Dan O'Connell

CO-DIRECTOR OF USHERS: Phil Barnhart, Frank Winn

HEAD USHERS: Dan Guerrero, Emil Wolfe

USHERS: Frank Winn, Irvin Thomas

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR ARE GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD. In honor of Ryan's birthday, given by Teri Jackson. There are also flowers given by Marian Locke who shares, "I am so very grateful to all of you who helped me create a wonderful 60th anniversary for St. Mark's."

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+ indicates to stand as you are able. If it is difficult for you to stand, please feel free to stay seated or sit back down at any time.



HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

4/10 - PALM SUNDAY WITH PROCESSIONAL - 10AM

MEET ON CHURCH PATIO

SUNDAY SCHOOL JOINS PROCESSIONAL

RECEIVE 40 DAYS OF WORLD HUNGER GIFTS AND PIGGY BANKS

4/14 - MAUNDY THURSDAY

DINNER - 6PM - FELLOWSHIP HALL

WORSHIP WITH FIRST COMMUNION - 7PM

4/15 - GOOD FRIDAY

STATIONS OF THE CROSS IN SANCTUARY - NOON TO 6:45PM

TENEBRAE WORSHIP (LIGHT TO DARK) - 7PM

4/17 - EASTER

SUNRISE WORSHIP ON THE PATIO - 6:30AM

CELEBRATION WORSHIP IN THE SANCTUARY - 10AM

EASTER EGG HUNT (GRASS AREA BELOW SANCTUARY) - 11:15AM

EASTER PICTURES -AFTER WORSHIP/HUNT

FIRST COMMUNION CLASS

First Communion Class will be held on April 3 and 10, 2021 at 11:20AM after worship in the Chapel. The classes are designed for 4th graders and above and require the attendance of at least one parent or guardian. If you have children younger than 4th grade and would like them to take the class, please talk with Pastor Jim. First Communion will then be held on Maundy Thursday, April 14, at 7PM. Please call Pastor Jim at 651-2409-6261 to sign up or register online at stmarkshh.com and scroll down to events and click on First Communion.

FOOD PANTRY

New Horizons Food Shelter is asking for donations of ANY breakfast foods - pop tarts, breakfast bars, cereal, oatmeal, individual applesauce, and bagged/boxed juice. They are preparing for school-aged children on their spring break to eat breakfast. Please bring your donations to the church office. Thank you for supporting and helping our community.

-Carolyn Collosi

ALTAR FLOWERS

Celebrating a special occasion? Honoring a loved one? Say it with flowers. Sign up on the Flower Calendar in the Narthex to provide flowers for the altar area. Please fill out the pink envelope (in the Narthex) and drop it in the offering plate. \$25.00 each bouquet

OFFICE NEWS

Office hours are:

Monday– Thursday 8:30 AM - 4:00 PM

Friday 8:30 AM - 3:30 PM, Francoise has Physical Therapy appointments.

OFFERINGS

If you would like to make a donation to St. Mark's Lutheran Church, just go to the link below. Thank you for your generosity. <https://secure.subsplash.com/ui/access/34WJTS>

You can also give by text to St. Mark's Church. Just text **Stmarksgive** to 1-888-364-GIVE (4483) in order to receive a reply with the link to your giving interface. The code is not case sensitive. We would like to thank you for your generosity.

You are welcome to mail in your donation, if you prefer not using the internet.

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Gathering + Word +

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WELCOME AND THEMES OF THE DAY

Welcome to St. Mark's Lutheran Church! It is a blessing to have you be a part of this community today as we gather to worship God and give thanks to our Lord.

We are now in our fourth week of Lent and are taking time to reflect on how to live in the Wilderness of life. Today we hear Jesus sharing the parable of the Prodigal Son and how transformation and grace can come through our God who even runs to us. Stay with us during this 40 Day journey.

Blessings to each of you and may the Holy Spirit refresh the path before you. Welcome!

PRELUDE

+ GATHERING HYMN **“Come Now is the Time to Worship”** *Projection Screen*

+ WELCOME/GREETING *Projection Screen*

+ WELCOME SONG **“Your Grace is Enough”** *Projection Screen*

+ PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray together.

Almighty God, you inspired your servant Luke to reveal in his gospel the love and healing power of your Son. Give your church the same love and power to heal, and to proclaim your salvation among this community to the glory of your name, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

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READING

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 32, pg. 469

CHILDREN’S SERMON

Krista Guerrero

GOSPEL

The Holy Gospel according to Luke the fifteenth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Luke 15:1-3, 11-32, pg. 954

SERMON

Transformed in the Wilderness

Pastor Mericle

+ HYMN OF THE DAY

“Our Father, We Have Wandered” ELW 606

+ APOSTLES’ CREED

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PEACE

+ OFFERTORY RESPONSE

“For the Fruit of All Creation” ELW 679 v 1, 3

+ OFFERING PRAYER

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+ PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

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+ LORD’S PRAYER

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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+ SENDING BLESSING

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+ SENDING HYMN

“Amazing Grace “ ELW 779 vv 1-3, 5

+ DISMISSAL & VISION

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POSTLUDE

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PRAYER LIST:

HEALING

Johanna Locke; Kenna Dutil-Baker-lungs (Francoise's daughter); Vernon Weigand; Krystal Barnhart; Pastor Lee Rozen (better health); Nancy Carnehl (Janna Barnhart's friend)-lung cancer; David Lau (Cindy Lau’s father) - stroke; Christy Zapfel- knee pain.

ILLNESS

Noris Maldonado - Alzheimer's (Natalie Pereda’s mother); Donovan McLaughlin - cancer (Judy Willett's grandson); Deborah Morocco (Barbara Richards’ friend, please pray for Deborah’s family) - cancer; Dorothy Miller (Dr. Clark's aunt) - pancreatic cancer; Carol Adams (Linda Merchant's cousin) - hospitalized; Robert Dutil (Françoise's Papa)- dementia.

TREATMENTS

Tony Hernandez (Michael’s brother) cancer, Nancy Richardson (Diana Hernandez's friend) cancer, Preslee Durston (Christine Birtja's niece) leukemia treatments; Kim Wolfe (friend of Dan O’Connell) cancer; Nassar Sattar (Mary Rodriguez's friend) - cancer.

HOSPICE

Faye Heinrich

GRIEVING

Family of Tim Constantine (friend of Anna Guerriero)

WEEKLY LENTEN STUDY CONTINUES THIS WEDNESDAY (NO TUESDAYS BIBLE FELLOWSHIP)

Join us Wednesday at 12:00 PM, in the side chapel for the Lenten Study. If you are not available to be there join us in the evening on Zoom, meeting at 7:00 PM. Please remember to pick-up a study guide from the Narthex. For the ones attending the Zoom meeting, there will be a copy emailed to you with the link.

40 Days of Giving for World Hunger - Church and school goal \$4,000.00

HONORING DR. BARBARA CLARK'S RETIREMENT FROM SML

As you probably know, our school superintendent, Dr. Barbara Clark, is retiring in May and moving to Iowa. Barb has been the leader of our school since 1986, first as principal, and more recently as superintendent. Dr. Clark’s professional accomplishments include being named National Distinguished Principal, ELCA Principal of the Year, and IWC Distinguished Alumnae. However, her proudest accomplishment was the creation of a premier leadership academy, which focuses on teaching leadership skills to students in grades K-8. She has also been very proud to have St. Mark’s alums return to the school as educators. Each of the over 2000 students graduating from St. Mark’s Lutheran School during these years has benefitted from Barb’s love for history and vast knowledge of government. She is hopeful her knowledge and appreciation for history will be transferred to her students and, in turn, they can make a difference in the future. We would like to honor Barb at the church service on May 1, and would like to give her a thank you gift from the congregation. If you would like to participate in this gift, please give your contribution to Gwen Andrizzi or Mary Rosentreter. If you would like to write a check, please make it out to Mary Rosentreter.