



Life

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Annual St. Mark Palm Sunday Breakfast

Sunday, April 2nd
8am-9:30am in the Gym

Free will offerings will be accepted to benefit the Youth Group.

Come eat and then stay for our Palm Sunday Worship service at 9:30am

Holy Week Schedule



Maundy Thursday

April 6, 2023 ● Worship at 7:00pm

Good Friday

April 7, 2023 ● Worship at 7:00pm



April 9, 2023
Worship
At
9:30am



St Mark Has Many Ways to Volunteer on Saturday, April 22nd!

Gods Work our Hands!

The Stewardship Committee is organizing a group at 9am at the church to walk the neighborhood and collect debris along the route. We will walk to Van Buren Park and back to church. The Estimated time is 1 hour. This would be a great opportunity for families with children to get involved as we celebrate Earth Day! Bags will be made available for those choosing to help. Gloves and trash grabbers would be useful.

The Property committee will meet at 9am at the church. The Main focus will be trimming the hedges and cleaning under the east parking lot hedges. All the trimmings will need to be disposed at the compost facility. Many hands - make light work! Hedge trimmers/rakes/trash grabbers will all be helpful!

April 22nd is the Saturday the Stewardship committee organizes lunches for Habitat for Humanity. The Menu for this month includes: pulled chicken sandwiches on buns, chips, fruit and dessert. If you would like to provide items or you are willing to donate money for this outreach, please notify Maureen Currier.



B.I.G.
YOUTH GROUP
★ *News* ★

Our annual Palm Sunday Breakfast is on Sunday April 2nd from 8am-9:30am in the Gym. We will be serving scrambled eggs, pancakes, bacon, sausage, biscuits and gravy, fruit, and pastries. Free will offerings will be accepted to benefit the Youth Group.

Youth and Parents: We need all hands on deck! Please help make this event great!

Thank you to everyone who came out for the Pizza Ranch Community Impact Night. The Youth had a blast and were able to raise \$606 to help with programming and their summer community service week.

There will be no BIG Saturday Night in April due to Holy Week and Easter Sunday. We will resume BIG Saturday on May 13th.



Preschool News
Now Enrolling

for the 2023/2024 school year!

Call 563-326-5060 for more information.

Accidents Happen!

Sometimes accidents happen and we send kids home in clothes we have on hand in the office. Most of the time we do not get the clothing items returned.

The preschool is in need of donated boy's jackets or sweatshirts, sizes 5t-8. We are in desperate need of girl's clothing sizes 5t-8. We could also use socks and underwear for girls and boys, size 6-10.

New or used (freshly washed) donations can be dropped off at either the preschool or the church office. *Thank you!*



**There is a Bible Study
at St Mark for youth in
3rd-5th grade - Sundays at
8:30am in the Library!**

All children in this age group are welcome to join us.



MAD Camp is back this summer and ready to put on a creative production called **“Heroes of the Faith”**.

You are invited to experience our St. Mark Museum's unique exhibit featuring the adventures of some of our favorite biblical heroes. Their stories will take us from their lives as ordinary people to their transformation into extraordinary heroes!

MAD Camp will be held during the week of July 24th-28th. Our performance will be July 29th during our 5pm Saturday worship service.

The camp runs from 9am to 3pm and the participants will need to bring a sack lunch each day.

The registration fee is \$20.

Any child that is able to read a script and who is comfortable being on stage is welcome to join us.

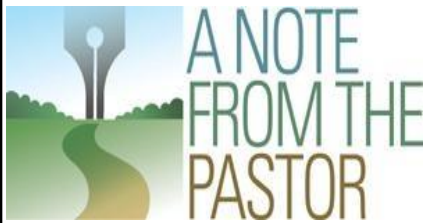
Name _____ Age _____ Grade Completed _____

Address including Zip Code _____

Phone _____ Parent/Guardian name(s) _____

Emergency contact _____ Emergency phone _____

Any questions please contact Katie Carstens @ 563-271-8634. Can't wait to see everyone this summer!



Why Easter Matters!

“Jesus said, “It is finished.”

Then he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.”— John 19:30

Now, if this is where our story stopped, we would not be living as people of the resurrection. We would be stunted at the crossroads, having no clue where to go and what to do. We would not know who we are or where we were going. But, thanks be to God, that is not where our story ends, that is just the beginning. God does something miraculous through Jesus Christ, so we are able to shout with joy-filled hearts on Easter Sunday, "CHRIST IS RISEN!"

“He is not here; for he has been raised.”— Matthew 28:6

This is what we proclaim on Easter Sunday and every day following. Because of God's greatest promise, that he is not dead, but Christ lives! And through Christ's life, death and resurrection we are granted grace upon grace. Through this unfailing, unflinching, unparalleled love, we are set free to be people of the resurrection, covered by grace and forgiven. No longer finding ourselves at a crossroads, but rather, covered in grace.

Therefore, in this grace we receive from Christ Jesus, we give God our praise and thanksgiving. For the light of Christ is found in the resurrection, we see Christ in his glory and we receive the gift of grace. We sing and we trust the light of Christ will never burn out, it will never be dim, it will not let us stumble in the darkness, no Christ's light will shine and guide our steps. This is why Easter matters. Because we are never to be forsaken, we will never be left alone to wander in the darkness. True light has come and God has done something extraordinary through Jesus Christ. God, the creator of the world and liberator of all people has brought Christ to new life, and through the resurrection of Jesus we are freed from our fears, and ignited with the light of Christ. It is through Jesus Christ that we are forgiven, set free and saved by grace. There is no greater love than this and nothing compares to this grace. Almighty God has restored humanity and in God's mercy, we are called to share this love and grace with all whom we encounter. Let the light of Christ shine in your hearts, illumine your path and guide your comings and goings so that you might always know the way, the truth and the light. Because we know this only through Jesus Christ, who is, who was and who will always be our Savior and Lord. Thanks be to God.

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Remember the true meaning of Easter, which is the resurrection. As the world brings out fluffy bunnies, sweet treats, and eggs, be rooted in the promises of forgiveness and grace that come from a crucified and risen Savior. Remember that when you come to worship, we worship together, with trumpets and song, a God of unparalleled love. We worship a God who gave everything so we might know the comfort and promise of grace. Remember that when the trumpets and fanfare fade away and the work week resumes that we are still covered in God's abundant grace. Remember that as we go about our daily lives and the glorious nature of Easter Sunday fades in your memory, God is still loving us and Christ still died and rose again so we might know this AMAZING GRACE! Savor the sacred moments of Holy Week and let the Holy Spirit wash over you as you worship on Easter Weekend and know that God's love is why Easter matters. Thanks be to God. I look forward to Easter Worship and the blessed sacred journey of Holy Week.

In Christ,
Pr. Travis

Finance Update

General Fund Summary

Regular Offerings 2023 Through February

February Offerings	\$17,121	Received	\$33,868
February Expenses	\$34,566	Budgeted Amount	\$41,666

April 2023

May 2023
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Mar 26	27	28	29	30	31	Apr 1
Palm Sunday 8:00am Palm Sunday Breakfast 9:30am Worship 3:00pm A. Kyle BB - Gym	3	4	5	6	7	8
Easter 8:30am 3rd-5th gr Bible study 9:30am Worship 3:00pm A. Kyle BB - Gym	10	11	12	13	14	15
8:30am 3rd-5th gr Bible study 9:30am Worship 10:45am "May Day" Bags Assembly 3:00pm A. Kyle BB - Gym	17	18	19	20	21	22
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10:30am Celebration of Life for Gary & Donna Baker
 1:00pm West-enders Special Olympics in the Gym
 5:00pm Worship

10:00am Easter Egg Hunt - Gym
 5:00pm Worship

10:00am Prayer Shawl Ministry at St. Mark
 1:00pm West-enders Special Olympics in the Gym
 5:00pm Worship

9:00am Church Clean-up Day
 9:00am Neighborhood Clean-Up
 11:30am Habitat for Humanity Lunch
 1:00pm Special Olympics/Gym
 5:00pm Worship

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Office and Food Pantry are closed.
 7:00pm Finance

12:00pm LIFE articles due!
 6:30pm Council

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 6:30pm Choir Rehearsal



According to The Old Farmer's Almanac, May Baskets were popular back in the 19th and 20th centuries. People would fill baskets or cones with treats and flowers. Then, they'd knock on the recipient's door and yell "May basket!" and run away.

As a neighborhood outreach, the Social Ministry committee will assemble May Baskets on April 16th after worship and then deliver them to surrounding neighbors on April 30th after worship. Volunteers are needed for both the assembly and delivery.

This volunteer opportunity is open to everyone!



Southeastern Iowa Synod
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
God's work. Our hands.

Synod Revival "Imagine"

Saturday, May 20
10am-3pm

Grandview University in Des Moines

- Worship
- Inspirational Music & Speakers
- Learn about various ministries
- Bring a chair or blanket
- Rain or shine (indoors if rain)
- \$5 cash Lunch and free snacks
- All ages, all are welcome
- Free! No RSVP needed



Notes from the Organ Bench by Ross Jallo



For the close of our hundredth anniversary year festivities, I'd like to invite you to a special concert of dance music for flute and piano. Lisa Crews, the Lyric Flute Trio, and I will present a variety of dance-based pieces in many different genres. Furthermore, we will present the world premiere of a newly-commissioned piece by Dr Edgar Crockett, written to celebrate St Mark Lutheran's hundredth anniversary.

Join us for this rhythmic, energetic concert in the sanctuary at St Mark Lutheran, at 2pm on Sunday, May 7th. All music-lovers are encouraged to attend!



*A
Stewardship
Moment*

We know that many of you are tuning in to the St. Mark services online from the comforts of home and we're happy you can do so.

But you know what?

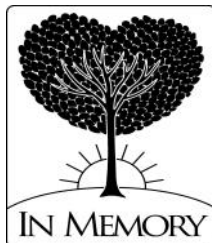
WE MISS YOU HERE IN THE PEWS.

And we miss your help ushering, with fellowship, greeting, lecturing, counting, singing in the choir, serving on committees, Habitat for Humanity lunches, and many more opportunities.

With the weather turning warmer, and more people getting out, we hope to see you, and your talents, soon!

Sincerely,

Your Stewardship Team



We offer the Family of:
Gary & Donna Baker
words of love, support, and comfort. May they rest assured in the midst of their challenges and adjustments that God will sustain them in the loss of their loved one through faith in our Risen Lord.

Because He lives, we too shall live.



The Prayer Shawl Ministry April 15 at 10 am

We will meet in the lounge.

Please join us for faith and fellowship. We have people who can help you learn how to knit or crochet. All are welcome!



A total of 303 people were served at our food pantry in February 2023. Items were donated from: Midwest Food Bank, HyVee, Faith United Methodist Church, Moline Healthplex, and St. Mark Friends and Members.

Thank you!



Thank you to all who attended the Lenten Bible study. We learned from Max Lucado and each other. I am hopeful the study helped enrich the Lenten season for those who attended.

Ministry Survey

Please check any programs that would be of interest to you.

When there are options, please circle the item that applies or write on the blank.

Education Classes

- Sunday School: Youth or Adult
- Theology classes, Topic: _____
- Current Events, Topic _____
- Craft Classes (make and take projects)
Crafts you would like to make: _____
- Other _____

Health Ministries

- Blood Pressure Screenings
- Foot Clinic
- Health/Life Education Classes
 Healthy Relationships Parenting Marriage Mental Health Awareness
- Exercise/Fitness Classes Other (please list) _____
- Support Groups
 Psychoeducation, Topic: _____
- Skills Development, For: _____ (depression, anxiety, anger, etc)
- Support Group, Topic: _____ (grief, parenting, teen, etc)
- Interpersonal Process Group
- Home Visit from a pastor, parish nurse, or lay visitor
- Other _____

Music Ministry

- Choir Bell Choir Solo/Ensemble Volunteer Opportunities

Parish Life Group

- Women's Ministry Group Men's Ministry Group Youth Ministry Group: Volunteer or Chaperone
- Activity Groups, suggestion: _____ (craft day, book club, prayer shawl ministry, etc)
- Game Night
- Travel Groups: Overnight or Day Where to? _____

Availability

Some programs, like Sunday school, are held on Sunday morning.

What times work best for other activities?

- Weekdays: Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs, or Fri AM or PM
- Weekend: Sat or Sun AM or PM

Name(s): _____

(If you are putting a name down other than your own, please have the permission of the person listed.)

Your responses are appreciated. Please return this survey to the church office by April 30th.



St. Mark Ev. Lutheran church

CHARITY SOLICITED FOR
1612

BIRD NUMBER _____

I PLEDGE TO DONATE:

\$ _____ to the charity noted above.
(one time, flat donation amount)

BIRDIES FOR CHARITY BONUS FUND

Yes, I would like to make an additional donation to the Birdies for Charity Bonus Fund in the amount of \$ _____, to help provide the minimum 5% match to all participating charities.

GUESS THE BIRDIES TO WIN A TWO YEAR LEASE ON A 2023 LEXUS!

I guess that _____ birdies will be made. Only one grand prize will be awarded. Void where prohibited by law.

BIRDIES SCORED BY YEAR

2,040 (2014)	1,918 (2017)	N/A (2020)
1,990 (2015)	2,355 (2018)	1,905 (2021)
1,982 (2016)	2,091 (2019)	2,041 (2022)

PLEDGE & DONOR INFORMATION (please print)

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY, STATE, ZIP _____

PHONE AND/OR EMAIL _____

Please include payment & make checks payable to:
BIRDIES FOR CHARITY

Chip in for your chance to win

When you chip in to help area charities, you could win! But your favorite charity will be the real winner. That's because participating charities receive 100% of the donations pledged to them in this program, plus a bonus from the Birdies for Charity Bonus Fund, which is a guaranteed 5% match.

HERE'S HOW IT WORKS

Simply make a one-time flat donation and mail with payment to the Birdies for Charity office at **15623 Coaltown Road, East Moline, IL 61244**

To enter the contest, guess the number of birdies that will actually be made by PGA TOUR Pros during the tournament, Wednesday through Sunday. A grand prize will be given to one person who guesses the correct number. In case of ties, winners will be randomly selected.



**GRAND PRIZE:
2 YEAR LEASE ON A 2023 LEXUS NX!**



One lucky supporter of the
John Deere Classic's Birdies

SMART LEXUS OF QUAD CITIES

for Charity program will win a 2 year lease on a 2023 Lexus NX, courtesy of Smart Lexus of Quad Cities.

CONTEST RULES

- Only 1 grand prize awarded. Ties determined by random drawing.
- All guesses must be on an official pledge card and received at the tournament office by June 16.
- Rules are available at www.birdiesforcharity.com
- No pledge or purchase required. Need not be present to win.
- Pledges submitted after the JDC (after July 9, 2023) may be applied the following year.

KEEP FOR YOUR RECORDS AS YOUR RECEIPT

I pledged \$ _____ one-time donation.

I guessed _____ birdies would be made.

Payment was included with pledge

YES \$ _____ NO

CASH CHECK NO. _____

Please make checks payable to:

BIRDIES FOR CHARITY
15623 COALTOWN ROAD
EAST MOLINE, IL 61244



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Sunday
 9:30am

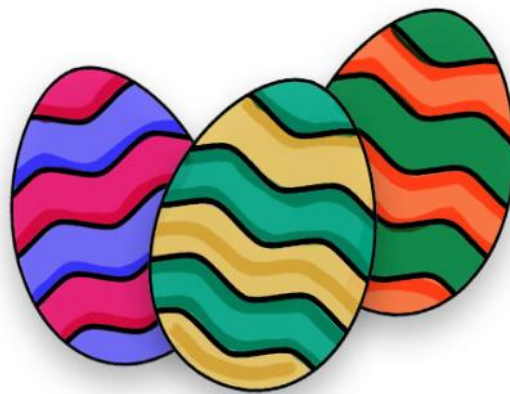


**Office
 Hours**

Tuesday - Friday:
 9:30am-2:30pm, or
 by appointment.

*The church office
 will be closed on
 Tuesday, April 11*

St. Mark Easter Egg Hunt



**Saturday,
 April 8, 2023
 10:00am
 in the Gym
 Ages:
 Crawling to 11yrs**

Please arrive early to sign children up for prizes, in the gym.

Names will be drawn while kids hunt for eggs.

Lunch will be provided in the gym.

If you have any questions, please contact
 Kimberly Sherrod-Hensler.

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