THE HANDCLASP

MARCH 2023

Growing Disciples for the 21st Century

 St. Mark’s Evangelical Lutheran Church

**9:00AM and 11:00AM WORSHIP IN SANCTUARY**

**9:00AM also broadcast on parking lot on 92.1 FM**



“OUR JOURNEY TO EASTER”

WEDNESDAYS DURING LENT:

MARCH 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

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5:45-6:45 PM Lenten soup and salad in Social Hall

1:00pm AND 7:00 pm worship and study

Video and Discussion: The Missionary Journey of the Apostle Paul and the Mission of the Early Church.



PALM SUNDAY/PASSION SUNDAY- APRIL 2, 2023

9:00 AND 11:00am WORSHIP

MAUNDY THURSDAY-APRIL 6, 2023

7:00 PM- HOLY COMMUNION AND STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR

GOOD FRIDAY- APRIL 7,2023

12:00 NOON AND 7:00PM

EASTER – APRIL 9, 2023

WORSHIP 9:00AM AND 11:00AM

9:45AM SUNDAY SCHOOL EASTER STORY

10:00 AM EASTER EGG HUNT

FROM THE PASTOR’S DESK

The pastor’s article for March 2023 will be mailed or emailed to you titled
**Ash Wednesday Sermon.**

Christian Education

 

FIRST COMMUNION INSTRUCTION: 

Students in kindergarten, first or second grade, who have not received First Communion instruction- please see Pastor Carr

SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR CHILDRENages 2 through 5th grade meet on Sunday morning at 9:45 AM. Ages 2 through 4 meet in the nursery with Corinne Sigai. Kindergarten through 2nd grade meet in room 16.

 

**ON EASTER SUNDAY,** our children will spend the Sunday School hour hearing about the resurrection, enjoying an Easter egg hunt, and decorating St. Mark's 2 wooden crosses with flowers.  We invite you to join us for these activities. There are two ways you can help us prepare.  We will be collecting bagged candy to stuff the eggs (peanut and tree-nut free, please) now through Sunday April 2nd ( Palm Sunday) - please bring donated candy to the box in the social hall..  We would also appreciate your contributions of flowers for the crosses on Easter Sunday. Please see or contact Margy Ziegler or Dawn Ridglley.

SAVE THE DATE FOR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: 

**July 9-13, 2023**

**PREPARING LENTEN DINNERS**: Thank you to all who signed up to allow this ministry. This allows those who attend different services to gather at a simple meal and enjoy time together.

Wednesdays March 1: Yarutas March 8: Lois Miller March 15: Tom Yates March 22: Littles March 29: Garrettsons

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**Just a reminder for anyone wishing to order Easter candy from St. Marks' Wockenfuss candy fundraiser, the orders need to be in by this Sunday, March 5th.**

**Join us every month for Breakfast Sandwiches**

**in the Social Hall between Services**

**First Sunday of the Month-March 5**

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 Have a sandwich and cup of coffee or juice

Muffin sale 

On the second Sunday of each month, muffins will be on sale in the social Hall to benefit the Sunday School

 GENTLE REMINDER: daylight savings begins March 12, 2023. Move clock forward one hour.

**THE LUTHERAN CHURCH MEN OF THE WESTMINSTER CONFERENCE SPRING DINNER:**April 24th 6:30 PM at Trinity (Deer Park) Lutheran Church 833 Deer Park Rd. Westminster.The host church will be serving a pork and sauerkraut dinner . A free-will offering will be received with at least $15.00 expected. Bishop Bill Gohr will attend and speak following dinner. Reservations to Steve Covington by April 1st.

 SPOTLIGHT ON

worship and music ministry

The Music & Worship Committee is an organization that focuses on the worship experience here at St. Marks. It is a laid-back organization that consists mostly of members who are active in our various music groups, and members of the altar guild. Some things that are discussed include what kind of music is played; what technology can be used to improve worship; special events; and holidays. Everyone is welcome to join and share their views with how we can build a better church for our entire community. The next meeting will be held on April 13th at 7:00 PM.

**OFFERING - PLEASE TAKE AN ENVELOPE FROM THE PEW AND MARK WITH YOUR ENVELOPE NUMBER AND NAME. IF YOU DO NOT REMEMBER YOUR NUMBER, PLEASE PRINT YOUR NAME ON THE ENVELOPE.**

By using an envelope or using Vanco, we have a church record of your giving and attendance. This information is also important because to be a voting member of the congregation, we need to have a record of you having contributed at worship.

**THANK YOU FOR CONTINUING TO SUPPORT THE MINISTRY OF ST. MARK’S through your offering envelopes or by using Vanco!**

**CHANGE FOR CHANGE:** Collection bottles are located at the top of the stairs and at the entrance to the Social Hall. Please take the time to add any of your loose change. Thank you

Grades 3-5 meet in classroom #20 at the end of the hall. Confirmation class will meet in Youth Room.

**Participants February 2023**

 **9am 11am**

**March 5 Greg Little Ginger Jefferson**

**Usher Greeter: Greg Little Ginger Jefferson**

**Communion Assistant Margy Ziegler, Stacy Little Robin Lewis**

**Altar Guild: Debbie Lindsay, Stacy Little**

**March 12 Lector: Pam Bamberger Sherry Hirth**

**Usher/Greeter: Kurt and Amy Sandberg Sherry Hirth**

**Communion Assistant: Cassie Klein, Chris Winemiller Robin Lewis**

**Altar Guild: Ivy Storey**

**March 19 : Stephen Bamberger Ivy Storey**

**Usher/ Greeter: Lois and Warren Miller Judy Hafele**

**Communion Assistant Lois Miller, Pam Bamberger Robin Lewis**

**Altar Guild: Brenda Covington, Susan Hines**

**March 26: Lector Margy Ziegler Robin Lewis**

**Usher/ Greeter: Stephen and Pam Bamberger Stuart Hefele**

**Communion Assistant: Margy Ziegler Robin Lewis**

**Altar Guild: Margy Ayers**

**PRAYER LIST AS OF March 2**

Wilma Harman- continued recovery from knee replacement

Marlene Berry- home( with palliative care)-mother of Debbie Lang

Ken Ziegler-recovering from shoulder surgery

Brian Charitonuk- in treatment

Rose Bognanni-starting aggressive cancer treatment-friend of Victoria Garrettson

Ryan Bowles- cancer

Bradley Metz-leukemia-sophomore at Hereford High-friend of Littles

Tina-friend of Lois Miller diagnosed with breast cancer

Wayne Abrell-cancer-friend of Barb Yaruta

Dave Smith- in treatment-friend of Buzz Geist

Don Savage, Sr. -leukemia treatment(father and grandfather of

 the Savage family)

Mark Spanato-brain cancer-high school friend of Warren Miller

Rose Casazza – lymph node removal-co worker of Genie Klohr

Marianne Leatherwood-bone infection-friend of Carol Aberts

Jeff Jackson-health issues-brother of Brenda Covington

Barry-cancer treatments, coworker of Ivy Storey

Janice Lane: treatment for lymphoma-cousin of Sharon Dyas

VBS - BLOOM IN CHRIST

A CHANGE TO

St. Mark’s Evangelical Lutheran Church

Easter Flower and Music Fund

This year, in keeping with our efforts to increase our community awareness and outreach, and to spread the good news – a mission of St. Marks…… we will NOT be offering the traditional Easter Lily for purchase. We invite you to donate to our “budding” Vacation Bible School program. We hope, with your help and generous contributions, to increase our capabilities to reach more children. Your contributions will help purchase supplies for not only our St. Mark’s children but others in the community, so they can “BLOOM IN CHRIST”.

To make your contribution, you can send donations to the church office (1373 North Main St. P.O. Box 249 Hampstead, MD 21074) or place it in the offering basket in church clearly marked “VBS - Bloom in Christ”. If you would like to make your donation in honor of or in memory of someone special, please complete the form below. All forms that accompany a donation and are received by April 2, 2023 will be included in the Easter bulletin.

THANK YOU

Provide exact wording-

In Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 In Honor of: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

To the Glory of God: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

(Please make checks payable to St. Mark’s Lutheran Church)

**RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE**

 **BLOOD DRIVE RESULTS**

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| **Goal:** | **22** |   |   |   |  |  |
| **Register:** | **22** |   |   |   |  |  |
| **2 RBC:** | **1** | **Power Red Donation** |  |   |  |  |
| **Defer:** | **3** |   |   |   |  |  |
| **QNS:** | **1** | **Quantity Non-Sufficient** |  |  |  |  |
| **Collected:** | **19** |   |   |   |  |  |
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| **Fiscal Year to Date (July 1, 2022-June 30, 2023) :**  | **66** |

On behalf of the patients in our community please extend our thanks and appreciation to all those who donated.  For each unit of blood collected, 3 lives can potentially be saved.  Although we did not hit our goal, through the support of your donors and volunteers we were able to help save up to **57** lives.  Your group has helped save up to **198** lives in this Fiscal Year.  That is EXCELLENT!!!

Next drive:

**Thursday, April 13, 2023**

 **Call1 80 Red Cross To Schedule APPOINTMENT**

**ATTENTION!**

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**Committee Chairs**

**And organizers of events at St Mark’s**

**Contact the church office for new forms when hosting a fundraising event at St Mark’s**

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**MARCH 2023**

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 **Minister of Music: Mr. Jake Ziegler**

 **Office Manager: Mrs. Nancy Klein**

 **Nursery: Mrs. Corinne Sigai**

 **COUNCIL 2023**

**President: Greg Little**

**Vice President: Pam Bamberger**

**Secretary: Amanda Storey**

**Treasurer: Steve Covington**

**Financial Secretary: Dave Yaruta**

**Larry Ridgley, Warren Miller, Ivy Storey, Robin Lewis, Ginger Jefferson, Dawn Ridgley**