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FORWARD
MONTHLY
NEWSLETTER





Jesus says in the Gospel of Luke: *“Therefore, I tell you, do not be anxious about your life.”* Wow, Jesus! Easier said than done! There is so much in life to be anxious about. We have anxiety over our finances, over future plans, over our health, over current affairs in our country and around the world. Even things like what we’ll want to make for meals or where we want to go out to eat causes us stress and anxiety!

Jesus reminds us: “Don’t be anxious about the things in this life.” He goes on to explain how God takes care of many things. Why wouldn’t he take care of his crown jewel of creation: you, me, and all humanity? He surely does! We’re reminded of this in Martin Luther’s explanation to the First Article of Apostles’ Creed. We have a Creator God who is truly taking care of us and providing for all our needs of body and soul. No matter what is causing you to have anxiety right now or whatever you are stressing over, know that you have a God who truly loves you and is always providing for what you exactly need for each and every day. And even more, God is always providing for you in his Word and Sacraments. As always, I hope to see you all in worship where God promises to provide for all your needs of body and soul!

Your servant in Christ,
Pastor Tyler Werner



<u>Pastor’s Office Hours</u>	
Monday:	8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Tuesday:	8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Wednesday:	8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Thursday:	8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Friday:	Off

You are welcome to watch a live stream of Sunday’s service at [Facebook.com/stmarksheboygan](https://www.facebook.com/stmarksheboygan).
If you are unable to join us live, the service is recorded and available on our Facebook page.
The sermon will continue to be recorded and available after Sunday’s service on our website.



Sunday, August 28

Come join us for the annual church picnic, in the Fellowship Hall, immediately after the Sunday morning church service. The Social Gathering committee is providing brats, hamburgers, and German potato salad. Everyone is asked to bring a yummy dessert.

There will also be a silent auction for two beautiful quilts that have been hand sown by the quilters.

Donations will be accepted to off-set the cost of the event.



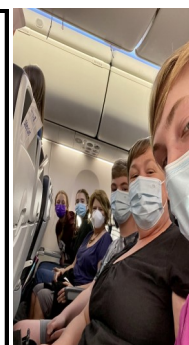
Youth Gathering



Sunday, August 14

Join us as the youth group will present highlights of the National Youth Gathering in Houston TX this past month.

Light refreshments will be served to the congregation



R & R meets every third Wednesday at 11:30 a.m.

On August 17 we will be meeting for lunch at the Parkside Family Restaurant 6727 South Business Drive, Sheboygan

Everyone is welcome to attend!



Backpack Distribution at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church August 13 1-3pm



We are looking for a few more members to add to our list of volunteers for our Altar Guild and Ushers. Contact Pastor Werner or the church office if you are interested. Many hands make for light work!

We are also seeking willing volunteers who can help on Sunday mornings with Projection, sound booth, and assisting with our Facebook live stream. Please contact Rob Sass if you are interested.



Saturday, September 24

We are registered and people are signing up.

Sign up sheets and information are located in the Narthex.

For more information, or to ask questions, please contact Kathy Leonhardt.

The end of Alzheimer's starts with YOU!



**OUTREACH: Noun/outreach/the extent or length of reaching out.
“The loving outreach of God to the world.”**

The Outreach Committee here at St. Mark made a double batch of Barb's Classic Beef Barley soup and Carol Carriveau willingly delivered it to the Community Café at St. Luke UMC on June 21. It was very well received. We will be making two soups on a quarterly basis, in the months of September, December, March and June. If it works well, we will consider increasing the frequency. If you'd like to come and join us for the next soup making event in the month of September, please feel free to do so. The more the merrier! Stay tuned to the weekly Messenger for that date!

Mary's Room is in desperate need of diapers, wipes, and newborn clothes (boys clothes sizes 1-6). If you have anything to donate, please do. It will be greatly appreciated.

The next meeting of the Outreach Ministry will be Tuesday, August 2 at 5:30 p.m.



What's Your Story?

Once upon a time...

Maybe as a kid you remember a parent, grandparent, relative or friend reading you a story and that's how they would start it out. In some ways it makes the story seem older and that much more important.

Everyone has a story. Sometimes we wonder if our story is as important or extravagant as the next person's. What makes our story exciting? If you have received Jesus as your personal Savior, then your story is not over, it's just beginning with so many more exciting things to come.

When we allow the Holy Spirit to come in and write His story on our lives, our story no longer becomes just about us. We will start to see our story become something incredible and we will never have to walk it alone. We will look at the things of this world with a different viewpoint and look at people differently and hopefully people will start to see you differently as well. I pray you will begin to see your story take shape and be something that others will see and want it too!

“Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path”. Psalm 119:105

If you are walking the path and following the story God has written, then that is the most important story you will ever need!



The church website is a wealth of information to St. Mark Lutheran Church. In addition to many helpful references, the monthly and volunteer calendars can now be found on the homepage of the website. Please check it out at: <https://stmarksheboygan.com/>. If you don't have Internet or email access, please stop by the church office to pick up a copy and say “hi” in person. Another option is to call Becky, and she will be more than happy to mail you a copy, the old fashioned way!



STEWARDSHIP

Managing God's Gifts To Us

GIVING and WORSHIP ATTENDANCE COMPARISON **Through June 2022 Compared to 2021**

	2021	2022
Average Operating Fund Offerings per week (see Note 1)	\$3,835	\$3,435
Average In-person Attendance per week at Services (see Note 2)	66	81
Weekly Budget (see Note 3)	\$4,540	\$4,115

Note 1: 2022 Giving includes offerings during Worship, online donations, and payments received in Church Office through the end of May. Values do not include special fund donations to ministries such as We Care, the Food Pantry, the Vineyard Fund, the Youth Group, and building projects. These donations were approximately \$305 per week through June 2022. Other sources of funds, such as outside contributions, Memorials, refunds, rebates, and transfers from the Congregational Fund, are also not included in the amounts.

Note 2: Attendance per week includes only in-person attendance. Comparable online attendance figures are not available for live-streamed services.

Note 3: Budget figures are included as a comparison because the budget was the estimated amount voted on by the Congregation Membership to meet the Congregation's financial requirements during the year. Actual expenditures are available in the monthly accounting report distributed by the Treasurer.

Note 4: These amounts are presented for comparison purposes only. Our individual giving amount should be based on being faithful to the Lord so that we return a generous amount of the gifts He gave us.

The Stewardship Committee

THANK YOU !

We hope you are enjoying the less hectic, less routine days of summer. For many, summer is the time for family vacations and trips. Whether you are going off to some exciting destinations or staying at home, We pray that God is blessing you with a safe and enjoyable summer with time to reconnect with families and friends, time to travel, picnic, boat, walk, golf, as well as just relax, and, most important, time to reflect on God's ever-present help and blessings. *"Behold, He who keeps [you] will neither slumber nor sleep"* (Psalm 121:4).

We thank you for your generous financial support of our church. By God's grace, our members understand that God is the giver of all good gifts and that He is the One who has given us the ability to earn the incomes from which we give our offerings (Deuteronomy 8:17-18). The money God graciously entrusts to us provides for our needs, the needs of others, and the needs this church has to preach the Good News in our community and to extend God's kingdom.

We learn from 1 Corinthians 16:2 that the words planned, priority, and proportionate are part of God's design for people to support the mission of the church. With God's help, we can each create a giving plan that will reflect the confidence that we have in the assurance of God's abiding and steadfast love and provision. Scripture encourages us to make giving a priority by giving the first fruits of our income to the Lord through our church (Proverbs 3:9). We are also directed to give in proportion to the income that He enables us to earn (2 Corinthians 8:12).

Some people in our church commit ten percent or even more of their income to the work and mission of our church. Others give proportionately by committing a different percentage. Still others give as they are able. What is important is that you trust God to be at work through you and your gifts in His Kingdom-building work.

Because of the generous and faithful gifts of so many people, our church will keep doing what God directs us to do by nurturing and providing the ministries both inside and outside the walls of our church.

Hi from your Parish Nurse!



Summer is upon us and we are spending more time outside enjoying a wide variety of activities from water sports to hikes in the woods. It is also a time when more people show up in the emergency room (ER) from injuries that could have been avoided or diminished if people had followed some simple safety tips which I will be sharing with you.

Did you know that bicycles are the number one cause of summertime injuries in adults? In 2021 there were 237,000 ER visits from adult bicycle injuries! To protect yourself, always wear a helmet, Making sure it fits correctly. Make sure your bicycle fits you properly as well. Wear highly visible colors when riding your bicycle, (such as neon or fluorescent clothing). Watch for vehicles and road hazards. Be sure to model safe biking habits for your children and grandchildren. Always follow local bicycling laws.

Next, let's discuss lawnmower safety. Always keep your lawnmower in a safe storage area when not in use. Never touch the blades of your lawnmower when it is on or reach into a lawnmower's blade area to remove debris or grass when it is on. Don't use a lawnmower when under the influence of alcohol or drugs. Always wear gloves, goggles, hearing protection, long pants and closed-toe shoes when mowing the lawn.

You probably pick up your garden hose before mowing the lawn but make sure it is picked up at all times as it is a tripping hazard! Depending on the other structures in your yard you could rip and fall onto a walkway, grill or pool.

Let's take a look at the safety hazards with porches and balconies. Prior to leaning on any balconies, be sure to check that the structure is secure. Install lighting around porch stairs to increase visibility at night. When installing new decks or balconies, construct them to meet local code, which is usually at least 36 inches high.

We all like to cool off in the summer. When going in the water know your physical limits as swimmers many times succumb to exhaustion too far from shore to save themselves. Never swim alone. Wear sunblock and reapply frequently as water washes it away. Prepare for hypothermia as even Lake Michigan can be cold in the middle of summer! Also, if you have a healing wound stay out of the water until it's healed including pools, lakes rivers and the ocean. I'm sure you don't want your wound to come in contact with other people's germs, sand or any other contaminants that might be in the water. Instead relax on your towel until your wound is healed.

There are so many heat-related injuries just waiting to happen, such as grills, campfires, hot asphalt and of course fireworks. Supervise anything that burns and continuously supervise anything that burns and keep children a safe distance away from outdoor cooking units and recreational fires. Never leave a fire unattended and have a fire extinguisher handy during those summer cookouts.

Finally, use of alcohol increases the risk of accidental injuries as reaction times are decreased and coordination is impaired. Hot tubs are one of the most common causes of alcohol related injuries due to a person's decreased coordination and slippery surfaces. I hope you have a safe and injury free rest of the summer!

From: www.safehome.org, www.inspirahealthnetwork.org and www.franciscanhealth.org

Carolyn Eiden, RN
Parish Nurse

I will be in my office all Wednesdays in the month of August.



DO YOU REMEMBER to consider including St. Mark in your estate planning? Examples of ways to give: through your will, through a direct monetary gift, gift of real estate, gift of stocks and/or bonds, or as a beneficiary in insurance planning. After prayerful consideration, consult your legal counsel or tax preparer to learn the current methods and rules to do so.

"Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for GOD loves a cheerful giver."
2 Corinthians 9:7



ATTENTION!

New to Our Family

Welcome to our new members
**Carol Schaefer and
Melanie Arthurs**



When you are hospitalized, are in need of assistance, or are dealing with a pastoral emergency, contact Pastor Tyler directly (920.316.2887) or call the church office (920.458.4343.)



Please call the church office if you would like to receive private communion.

Spread sunshine
wherever you go!

To assist Becky in the office, please continue to mark your meetings and events on the wall calendar outside of the church office. The monthly and volunteer calendars will no longer be included in the monthly FORWARD, but will be available for viewing on the new website design. A few hard copies will also be printed and available at the back of church.

The website is a very helpful tool that provides important worship and church information to current members and potential church guests who may be looking for a home church or those who may not see the announcements via the live stream or the printed copy of The MESSENGER, that is provided weekly to those who attend in person.

It is also very much appreciated that if you have anything that is newsletter worthy, to please email the material directly to Julie Leffin at jleff@att.net, by the 20th of each month so it can be included in the next month's FORWARD publication. And please remember to put the helpful words FORWARD (and month it should appear) in the subject line.

Thank you so much!

Happy Birthday to You! Hope your day is great!

Marilyn Kalkopf	August 3	Earl Kneever	August 10
Bev Sorenson	August 3	Jane Kocmoud	August 10
David Eiden	August 5	William Langley	August 10
Allan Brusse	August 6	Randy Rydz	August 11
Cole Irwin	August 6	Brenda Hartman	August 12
Terri Erickson	August 6	Pat Frick	August 13
Joe Erwin	August 7	Ken Barbian	August 16
Michael Sommerfeldt	August 7	Marcy Marcheske	August 16
Phyllis Clark	August 8	Ginny Altendahl	August 19
Alyssa Evans	August 8	Julie Leffin	August 21
Jim Leonhardt	August 8	Mike Hotz	August 23
Jim Meyer	August 9	Mackenzie Irwin	August 23
		Kevin Markham	August 24



Happy Anniversary! God bless your years together.



Ken and Barb Sohn	August 4	60 years
Jim and Cherie Leonhardt	August 9	53 years
Earl and Charmaine Kneever	August 14	68 years
Jerry and Darlyn Cramlet	August 15	52 years
Pat and Karen Robison	August 19	22 years
Rick and Vicki Martens	August 23	42 years
James and Sherry Bath	August 24	46 years
Mike and Brenda Schaller	August 24	26 years
Rob and Mary Sass	August 27	34 years



Albiana Danny Raine Mohr
Parents are Adam Mohr and Heather Boldt

Lincoln Harvey and Parker Michael Finley
Parents are Brian Finley and Krista Martens

Welcome to the St. Mark Family through the rite of Holy Baptism