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JULY 2022
FORWARD
MONTHLY
NEWSLETTER



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 Pastor Tyler Werner



"Ongoing Prayers"

In the Gospel reading for the first weekend of July, we hear familiar words spoken by Jesus to His disciples. "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest." (Luke 10:2) These words still ring true in the Church today. Much work is to be done as the Church shares the Gospel of God's salvation for the world. However, we know there are many churches without workers. We can praise God that after this month (associate pastor to be installed at St. John's Plymouth), there will be no vacancies for pastors in our area of Sheboygan. Not every church is as blessed.

That's why this prayer should continually be prayed throughout the Church: "Send out more laborers into Your harvest, Lord of the harvest." Because the work continues in the Church, each and every day that the Lord of the harvest blesses us to share in. And yet, I would even argue further from this prayer that Jesus isn't just speaking about professional church workers in our day and age, but is also praying that all of God's people would be raised up to be "workers" in His kingdom. The Gospel message is a message that is shared by all of us, not just theologically and professionally trained workers. Remember, you are a part of the priesthood of all believers (1 Peter 2:4-5). The good and blessed work of loving and serving our neighbor is for all of us to do.

Ongoing Prayers

Be praying always for those churches who don't currently have a theologically and professionally trained, called worker to serve them with Word and Sacrament. Continue praising God, the Lord of the harvest, for raising up and sending out more workers for the harvest field, as well! But also, continue praying to the Lord of the harvest to raise you up and send you out, that you would be Jesus' hands and feet as you serve and love others. As always, I look forward to seeing you in the Lord's house for worship!

Rejoicing in the work of the Holy Spirit,

Pastor Tyler



If you are in need of a
 Pastoral Emergency,
 please call Pastor Tyler at
 920-316-2887



...and when He had given thanks he broke it and said, "This is my body, which is given for you, this do in remembrance of me. In the same way after supper, He took the cup saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.

1 Corinthians 11:24-25

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

Summer Worship Services

Our summer Wednesday evening services continue and will be offered weekly at 6:30 p.m. and will be offered weekly, in addition to our Sunday, 9 a.m. service with Holy Communion and Bible study.

You are welcome to watch a live stream of Sunday's service at Facebook.com/stmarksheboygan.

If you are unable to join us live, the service is recorded and available on Website.



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.



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

**On July 20 we will be meeting for lunch at the
Log Cabin Restaurant, Howards Grove
Everyone is welcome to attend!**



STEWARDSHIP
Managing God's Gifts To Us

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

	2021	2022
Average Operating Fund Offerings per week (see Note 1)	\$3,945	\$3,570
Average In-person Attendance per week at Services (see Note 2)	67	84
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 \$320 per week through May 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.



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.)



SAY IT WITH FLOWERS

Celebrating a special occasion or honoring a loved one in 2022. Sign up to provide flowers for the altar. The sign-up is on the bulletin board in the back of church. Or, you can also call the church office (920.458.4343.)

ON-LINE GIVING INFORMATION

Online
Giving



We now have online giving through Vanco. You can use this option to make a one time offering or set up a regular contribution. The link for this is on the website: stmarksheboygan.com

Click on the box that says Donate to St. Mark Lutheran Church.

If you need more information, please contact the church office.



God's Goodness

This month we celebrate the Fourth of July. Will you go to see the fireworks? Sing some patriotic songs? We in the United States thank God for the blessings he has poured out on us and our country. And yet we also complain because there is so much wrong in our country, so much activity that opposes the unchanging Word of God. So perhaps we should pray, like Moses did, "God, show us your glory!"

God answered Moses by saying, "I'll show you my goodness." Not glory. Goodness. Why? Because God is LOVE and He shows us His goodness. We see it most clearly in Jesus who went to the cross to pay for our sins. What a good God we have, who rescued us from our sins, even paying for them himself!

And ultimately, that's what you and I, and our country, need to see. We need to see God's forgiving love. We need to hear that God loves us now, that God loves us forever. We need to see that God is gracious, compassionate, forgiving. Seeing God's goodness leads us to appreciate all the more His greatness and His might.

So, go ahead! Enjoy the fireworks, the patriotic songs. But even more, enjoy the goodness of God! Appreciate His forgiveness, His compassion, His love. Because those bring real fireworks, fireworks for our soul!

Board of Stewardship

Who Are You?

If you were asked to tell someone about yourself, what would you say first? Would you begin by telling where you live? Is one of the first things that you would point out is whether you are single or married? Do you identify your vocation such as a plumber, teacher, dentist, salesman, etc.? Would you describe your family? Would you talk about your education? Would you talk about your interests and hobbies? When would you say you are a Christian who God loves so much that He has adopted you as one of His children?

Each of us would describe ourselves in different ways. We each have several different roles such as father, mother, husband, wife, son, daughter, grandpa, grandma, etc. We play several or a variety of different roles such as neighbors, employees or employers, volunteers, or church members.

One role that affects all of our roles is our role as a steward. A steward is one who has been entrusted with property which is to be administered according to the owner's will or direction. We are in charge of God's property. God has called and chosen us to be His stewards. As stewards, we automatically think of our role as stewards of our time, talents, and treasures, but we are also stewards of the environment, relationships with others, and the life-saving Gospel.

Everything we do, everything we say, and everywhere we go emanates from our sense of identity. Our identity is either in Christ or in the world. C.S. Lewis once said, "There are two kinds of people: those who say to God, 'Thy will be done,' and those to whom God says, 'All right then, have it your way.'" For some it's "God's will be done" and for others it's "my will be done." If it's "my will be done," the focus is only on ourselves. Understanding that God has called us to be His stewards determines what we do.

In Rick Warren's book *The Purpose Driven Life*, he begins by saying "It's not about you." He is exactly right. The Christian life is initiated by God and sustained by God. Our value, our identity, is not to be found in what we "do" in life. Not our performance, our position, our titles our achievements or the power we hold. Our identity is bound up in who we are in Christ.



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 was very busy on Monday, June 20, slicing celery and carrots, browning hamburger and onion, chopping fresh parsley from Barb's garden, and opening cans to make a triple batch of Barb's "Classic" Beef Barley soup to be served at the Community Café at St. Luke UMC here in Sheboygan on Wednesday, June 22. It was so much fun, that those present decided that if we're doing one batch, why not do two right away. So...we are considering making two different soups per month on an every other month (even months) schedule. Watch for more fun and exciting updates! Thank you to all the committee members Barb Keitel, Jim Rose, Kathy Leonhardt, Judy Koball, Kelly Irwin, and Julie Leffin, and to our delivery volunteer Carol Cariveau! And by the way, we taste tested the soup and it was absolutely delicious!



Saturday, September 24
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!

July Fourth Stewardship Thought

Freedom's Celebration

Many of us are looking forward to celebrating our freedom by attending 4th of July holiday picnics and fireworks. It is important that during this time of celebration we stop and reflect on just what this freedom means to us.



Freedom is a right that comes with the privilege of being an American. We have the freedom to work, live, and study wherever we please, to decide how many children we want to have, and to speak out when we are against an issue. We have our freedom to worship in whatever manner we please. We don't have to worry about our churches being closed for what they teach or even being arrested for bearing the name of "Christian." Every day we should thank God for our freedom, but, as Christians, we know that no one is completely free until he is free in Christ. The Apostle Paul said in 2 Corinthians 3:17, *"Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom."*

Prayer: Lord, thank You for the freedoms that we as Americans enjoy. Bless our country. Amen.

Blessings on your stewardship journey!



What is AmazonSmile?

AmazonSmile is a separate portal from Amazon's main site and offers the same items, prices and benefits as amazon.com but with one distinct difference. When you shop at smile.amazon.com, Amazon will contribute 0.5% of the price of your purchase to St.

Mark at no cost to you or our church. It's available at smile.amazon.com on your web browser and can also be activated in the Amazon Shopping app for IOS and Android phones.

Visit smile.amazon.com and select "Get Started." If you already have an Amazon account, you'll be asked to sign in. If you don't have an Amazon account, you will need to set one up. It doesn't cost a thing. Next you will be prompted to pick a charity. Simply type St. Mark Lutheran Church Sheboygan, WI in the "Search" box and then you can begin to shop. Automatically a percentage of your purchases will be donated to St. Mark. During future visits to the site, AmazonSmile will remember St. Mark as your charity. Urge your family and friends to do likewise. If you are an Amazon shopper, there's no simpler way to complete your shopping AND support St. Mark every time you shop.

If you have any questions, please contact Mike Hotz.

ST. MARK LUTHERAN CHURCH: CONNECTING-SHARING-EQUIPPING-REFLECTING

- Connecting by building bridges with our neighbor for a changed community
- Equipping each other for opportunities to serve
- Reflecting God's love through acts
- Sharing the Good News of Jesus of kindness





Hi, From Your Parish Nurse!

Did you know that July is UV Safety Awareness Month? Everybody likes to take in the warm summer rays, but we must remember to protect our skin and eyes from the harmful effects of the sun. I will be discussing the different types of UV rays, what they can cause, the safety of tanning beds and how to protect yourself.

UV radiation is split into three main categories: **1) UVA rays** have the least energy between the UV rays. UVA rays can trigger skin cells to age and may produce some indirect damage to cells' DNA. UVA rays are mostly linked to long-term skin damage such as wrinkles, but they also believed to play a role in some skin cancers. **2) UVB rays** have slightly more energy than UVA rays. UVB rays can damage the DNA in skin cells and are the principal rays that produce sunburns. Plus, these rays are believed to cause most skin cancers. **3) UVC rays** have more energy than the other types of UV rays. Luckily, due to this, they react with ozone high in the atmosphere and do not reach the ground, thus they are not typically a risk factor for skin cancer. Did you know that UVC rays can come from some man-made sources, such as arc welding torches, mercury lamps and UV sanitizing bulbs used to kill bacteria and other germs (like in water, air, food or on surfaces)?

Exposure to UV rays can cause health Problems such as: **1) Skin cancers.** Both basal cell and squamous cancers (most common types of skin cancer) tend to be found on sun-exposed parts of the body and their incidence is related to life-time sun exposure. On the other hand, the risk of melanoma, a more serious, but less common form of skin cancer, is also related to sun exposure, possibly not as strongly. Furthermore, skin cancer has also been connected to some man-made sources of UV rays. **2) Premature aging of the skin and signs of sun damage** cause wrinkles, leathery, skin actinic keratosis (10% of them lead to skin cancer) and solar elastosis (thick, yellowed skin that sometimes appears furrowed, creased, or bumpy). **3) Eye problems.** Some studies have revealed a possible link to melanoma of the eye. UV rays can cause the cornea (on the front of the eye) to become inflamed or burned. They can also lead to the development of cataracts (clouding on the lens of the eye) and pterygium (tissue growth on the surface of the eye), both can lead vision impairment. **4) Weakening of the immune system.** This causes the body to have a harder time fending off infections. This can lead to health issues such as reactivation of herpes triggered by exposure to the sun or other sources of UV rays. It may also cause vaccines to be less effective.

Many people believe that the UV rays of tanning beds are harmless, but this is not true. The best thing is to not use tanning beds or booths. The US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) which refers to all UV lamps used for tanning as "sun lamps" requires them to carry a label that states, "Attention: This sunlamp should not be used on persons under the age of 18 years." The FDA has proposed a new rule to ban the use of indoor tanning devices by anyone under the age of 18, to require tanning facilities to inform adult users about the health risks of indoor tanning and to require acknowledgment from all users. Some US states have already banned indoor tanning by all people under than 18, while others have banned used by younger teens and children. Studies have shown that people who use tanning beds or booths have an increased risk of skin cancer, including melanoma and squamous and basal cell skin cancers. The risk of melanoma is higher if the person started indoor tanning before age 30 or 35, and the risk of basal and squamous cell skin is higher if indoor tanning started before age 25.

Remember that some people are more susceptible to the damaging effects of UV radiation. Also, some medications can make you more sensitive to UV radiation, making it easier to get a sunburn. Certain medical conditions can be made worse by UV radiation. If you have any concerns about this, talk to your doctor.

What can you do to minimize the risk that comes with sun exposure: **1) Cover up.** Wearing a hat (preferably wide brimmed) or other shade-protective clothing can partially shield your skin from the harmful effects of UV ray exposure. Appropriate clothing can include long-sleeved shirts, pants, hats, and sunglasses for eye protection. **2) Stay in the shade.** The sun's glare is strongest at midday. Staying in the shade between 10am and 4pm will further protect your skin. Remember the sun can still damage your skin on cloudy days which I found out many years ago at a church picnic. I thought since it was cloudy, I was protected, but I had the worst sunburn I ever had! The sun can also damage your skin in winter too! **3) Choose the right sunscreen.**

The FDA new rules for sunscreen labeling advises that your sunscreen have a sun protection factor (SPF) of at least 15 and ought to protect against both Ultraviolet A (UV-A) and Ultraviolet B (UV-B) rays. **4) Use the right amount of sunscreen.** Did you know that most people apply only 25-50% of the recommended amount of sunscreen? You should be applying at least one ounce (a palmful) of sunscreen every 2 hours. Apply it more often if you are sweating or swimming, even if the sunscreen is waterproof. By taking the proper precautions you and your family can enjoy the sun.

From: www.cancer.org and www.va.gov

Carolyn Eiden, RN
Parish Nurse

I will be in my office all Wednesdays in the month of July **except** July 13.

Estate Planning

Consider a gift to St. Mark.

*Your donation to the
Congregational Fund
can enable your church
to do great things
through this method of giving.*

- ★ Missions
- ★ Education
- ★ Building Repairs
- ★ Outreach
- ★ Church Related Projects
- ★ Special Needs



Operation Backpack School Year 2022-2023 Sponsored By The Hispanic Outreach

Distribution day is August 13th from 1-3pm at Good Shepherd. If you're willing to donate, please put the items in the blue bin in the Narthex. You can also send a check donation with a memo: Operation Backpack, to Sheboygan County Hispanic Outreach, 730 County Rd PPP Sheboygan Falls Wisconsin 53085. If you know a family who may benefit from this event please share the information with them. For further info, contact Rev. David Blas 630-229-2455.



Membership Statistics

As of June 2022

Confirmed:	220
Unconfirmed:	11
Baptized:	231



ATTENTION!

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. 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.



The monthly and volunteer calendars can now be found on the homepage of the website, which is a 'work in progress' to make it more efficient and user friendly! Please check it out at: <https://stmarksheboygan.com/>



Happy Birthday to You! Hope your day is great!

George Schaetzle	July 1	Ken Greger	July 18
Charmaine Kneever	July 2	Meg Sohr	July 19
Mary Rautmann	July 4	Jim Rose	July 20
Mary Warden	July 9	Mark Holling	July 21
Kay Hilpertsauer	July 12	Lana Brock	July 25
Paxton Allison	July 12	Jerry Gapinski	July 25
Roxie Sohr	July 12	Gerri Evans	July 26
Bev Diener	July 16	Barbara Keitel	July 29
David Kraemer	July 17	Herb Thiel	July 31



Happy Anniversary! God bless your years together.



Gary and Kathy Leonhardt	July 1	50 years
Lyle and Vicki Schultz	July 1	49 years
Richard and Bonnie Broder	July 2	28 years
Don and Judy Koball	July 8	55 years
John and Kathy Sundee	July 12	47 years
Jim and Pat Davis	July 20	59 years
Steve and Kim Schueffner	July 23	39 years
John and Carol Rautmann	July 25	35 years



Easton Brion

Baptized on Sunday, June 12, 2022

Parents are Nathan and Megan Brion