



The Forward

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## Worship and Bible Study Programs in October

- Sunday morning service w/Holy Communion @ 9am
- Live stream of Sunday's service at [Facebook.com/stmarksheboygan.com](https://www.facebook.com/stmarksheboygan.com)
- The sermon will be recorded and available after Sunday's service on our website
- Bible study held Wednesdays @9am and Sundays at 10:00am

### From Pastor Tyler

Ephesians 2:8-9 *"For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast."*

These words capture the essence of Martin Luther's message and the transformative power of God's grace.

Before the Reformation, many were ensnared in the belief that salvation could be earned through good works, rituals, and indulgences. Luther boldly proclaimed that our salvation is a gift, received through faith alone. This pivotal truth sets hearts free from the burden of self-reliance and the fear of never measuring up.

In a world that often equates worth with achievement, we are reminded that our value comes from being beloved children of God. The Reformation reoriented our understanding of grace—it's not something we can earn; it is freely given.

As we celebrate this legacy, let us cling to the assurance that our faith rests on God's promise, not our performance. May we live out this grace in our lives, extending it to others, and rejoicing in the truth that we are saved solely by God's unmerited favor. As always, hear this wonderful truth in worship and Bible study!

Your servant in Christ,

Pastor Tyler Werner

## October Happenings

- Monday, October 7th:** 5pm Outreach Meeting  
6pm Deacons Meeting
- Monday, October 14th:** 5pm Trustees Meeting  
6pm Church Council Meeting  
7pm Board of Directors
- Wednesday, October 16th:** 11:30am R & R Lunch at Roadside Plymouth
- Wednesday, October 23rd:** 1:30pm Daughters of St Mark Meeting
- Saturday October 26th:** 11am Trunk or Treat Event

*St Mark Men's Club will be holding their annual Pancake Supper featuring potato pancakes, wheat pancakes, along with sausage, applesauce, cake, coffee, and milk on November 10th, 2024, from 3:00-6:00pm.*

*Supper to be held in Fellowship Hall. Ticket prices are \$6.00 per child (10 years and younger), and \$10.00 per adult. Tickets can be purchased from any Men's Club member or the church office.*

### Stewardship

#### "The Singing Church"

Lutherans have historically been called "the singing church." There is no doubt that music has been a major component in the theology and practice of the Lutheran church. Luther once remarked about music, "We can mention only one point, namely, that next to the Word of God, music deserves the highest praise."<sup>1</sup> Music has a power and purpose that cannot be understated in our worship and the life of the congregation.

But music does more than touch the emotions. Music is a vehicle that carries both the musician and the hearer deeper into connection with the truth of the Scriptures. This is true of the most complex Bach chorale and even the simplest of songs like "Jesus Loves Me, This I Know." Each musical selection within the church shapes the thoughts, minds and faith of the people who experience them.

This is also true of stewardship hymns. We are currently considering the verses of "Forgive Us, Lord, for Shallow Thankfulness" (LSB 788) as it shapes our understanding and practice of stewardship. This month we take a deeper dive into verse two:

*Teach us to thank you, Lord, for love and grace*

*For life and vision, for a purpose clear,*

*For Christ Your Son, and for each human face*

*that shows Your message ever new and near.*

The stanza begins by touching on the truth of the Law. Thankfulness is not a natural posture for fallen humanity. For sinners curved in upon themselves, thankfulness for love and grace is something that must be taught. We are those who hoard and clutch. Our confession of our shallow thankfulness highlights the need for us to learn thankfulness to God.

Thankfulness also points to what we are stewards of: love and grace! All the things we have traditionally called stewardship aren't actual stewardship. Rather, what matters is how we steward the one, true and only treasure: the love and grace of God revealed to us in the Gospel of Jesus Christ. So, all stewardship is stewardship of the Gospel! How can we gaze at the cross and empty tomb and not be thankful?

The LCMS defines stewardship as “the free and joyous activity of God’s family — the church — in managing life’s resources for His purposes.” God’s love and mercy give us a clear purpose as we live out our Baptism and practice this joyous stewardship. All we are, all we have entrusted to us, and all we are called to do is to connect others with the love and mercy of God revealed in Jesus!

The faithful steward sings with lips and life of this love and mercy that is ever new and near. In the Scriptures. In the Lord’s House. At the Lord’s Table. This is where our stewardship song starts and ends. Our family, our co-workers and classmates, and our world need to hear this song!

Source: LCMS Stewardship Ministry – [lcms.org/stewardship](http://lcms.org/stewardship)

## *Parish Nurse News, Carolyn Eiden, RN*

Hi, From Your Parish Nurse!

I have been assisting a friend who is investigating assisted living facilities for her mom who is still at home with her husband, my friend’s stepfather. She is looking ahead of time as she knows her mom will need more care than her stepfather can provide and she is frequently driving to Green Bay to help out. For the next couple of months I will be discussing how to tell when a loved one needs extra support, the different types of support that are available in our community, and resources in the community to help you find the right care for your loved one.

It may not always be clear whether an aging parent or relative needs help. At times a person will realize they need help and ask for help. Sometimes a person has an emergency or sudden illness which makes it clear that your loved one needs assistance. While others will try to hide the fact that they need help.

**How can you tell if your loved one needs extra help?** The following signs may indicate that a loved one needs extra help: **1) Changes at home.** For example, can the person prepare meals on a stove safely? Are they bathing regularly and wearing appropriate clothing for the weather? Is the home relatively clean and free of clutter? Do they have the

medications they need and are they taking them regularly? **2) Mental health concerns.** Changes in mood may indicate a need for help. Sometimes depression in older people is confused with normal aging. A longer visit is needed to see if the person is trying to hide a serious mood problem. Seek immediate help if they feel hopeless or have no reason to live, or they may harm themselves. You can call or text 988 the Suicide & Crisis Lifeline. **3) Other health concerns.** Signs associated with the person's general health that could raise concerns include: significant weight gain or loss, poor hygiene, confusion, falls, loneliness or social isolation and difficulty with mobility.

**What can you do when a loved one needs help?** Some issues have easy fixes like needing a new glass prescription but other times, you may need to furnish more support. First, talk to your loved one about your concerns without sounding critical. Next try to meet their needs as best as possible. For instance, if your loved one wants to keep cooking but doesn't have groceries in the house, offer to have groceries delivered regularly. Attempt to include useful help with your suggestions and give specific examples of what could be done. If you are worried about your loved one's physical or mental health, recommend a visit to their health care provider. You can assist them to make an appointment and go with them to the appointment.

You don't need to do all the work yourself. In our community there are many resources that can help the elderly. For example in the Sheboygan area there are many home care agencies that provide non-medical assistance in the home such as help with cooking, bathing and household duties. If you are having difficulty finding the right assistance for your loved one's care needs there are resources in the community to find help whether in Sheboygan county or other areas. First there is the Aging and Disability Resource Center in Sheboygan Falls that has many resources when you are searching for the right care for your loved one. You can call them at 920-467-4100. There are two companies that help you find the right place for your loved one at no cost to you. They receive a fee from the place you choose. One is [aplaceformom.com](http://aplaceformom.com). The other is the Care Patrol. The local representative is Ryan F. Rabe at 262-228-6587. You can also get ideas by asking friends or loved ones that have had family members at the various long term (LT) facilities.

It's best to learn about the different home care or LT care services in your area before your loved one needs extensive help. The choice your loved one and you make may depend on the loved one's health, ability to complete activities of daily living, financial resources, and personal preferences. Next month I will be discussing the differences between assisted living facilities and nursing homes, as well as how to choose one.

From: NIH on Aging.

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## Happy Birthday to You!

*Pat Machut - Oct 1*

*Jana Brocher - Oct 2*

*Nanci Saucier - Oct 4*

*Austin Drews - Oct 6*

*Kelly Irwin - Oct 6*

*Katie Schrank - Oct 7*

*Patricia Pawasarat - Oct 8*

*Brenda Schaller - Oct 8*

*Allen Timm - Oct 8*

*Deb Ericsson - Oct 12*

*Pat Robinson - Oct 21*

*Darlyn Cramlet - Oct 22*

*Neil Richter - Oct 26*

*Krystal Delabreau - Oct 29*

*Cherie Leonhardt - Oct 29*

*Pastor Tyler Werner - Oct 30*



## Happy Anniversary!

*Eric and Shannon Otten October 13 (23)*

*Dave and Carol Wood Oct 15 (58)*

*Pastor Tyler Werner and Miranda Siech Oct 16 (3)*

*Andy and Jackie Lorbecki Oct 22 (31)*



## In Remembrance Of Baptism

*Kathy Becker - Oct 1*

*Dawn Marver - Oct 7*

*Jessica Fritz - Oct 10*

*Jana Brocher - Oct 11*

*Garrett Erickson - Oct 12*

*James Leonhardt - Oct 13*

*Heather Conlon - Oct 16*

*Kelly Irwin - Oct 20*

*Zachary Falkenberg - Oct 21*

*Cael Erickson - Oct 23*

*Robbie Sass - Oct 25*

*Taylen Bulkow - Oct 26*

*Pat Machut - Oct 28*

*Karen Robison - Oct 28*

*Jim Rose - Oct 30*

*Dennis Diener - Oct 31*

