

St. Mark Lutheran Church and School

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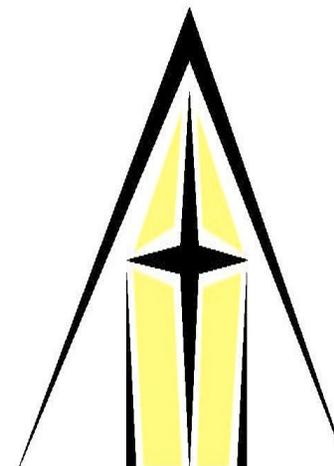
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This Week at St. Mark

- Monday - Worship Service 7:00 pm
Wednesday - Bible Class Lexington Assisted Living Center 3:30 pm
Thursday - Bible Study 6:30 am
Friday - Mowing: Lawn-Tim Hans, Lot-Larry Hans
Saturday - Church Cleaning: Sec. 1 P & K Dinges Sec. 2 Drake

8th Annual NELHS Golf Classic—“Tee it up for Tuition Assistance” Supporters and Friends of Nebraska Evangelical Lutheran High School: Please join them in their eighth annual NELHS Golf Classic to be held at the Highlands Golf Course (new course this year!) in Lincoln on Saturday, August 1st . Forms are found on the table in the entryway.



St. Mark
LUTHERAN CHURCH

Reach, Teach, Rejoice!

A Measure of Our Love for Our Lord

Worship Attendance Last Week 181

Last Week's Thank Offering to our Lord

Home	\$3,472.00	Missions	\$260.00
Building Fund	\$100.00	NELHS Gen.	\$220.00
Moving Fund	\$150.00		
	Total Offering—	\$4,202.00	

We Gather For Worship

Please stand.

HYMN: CW 609 We Praise You, O God, Our Redeemer

OPENING DIALOGUE

M: We begin our worship in the name of God the Father,

C: **Who has created us to be the crown of his creation,**

M: In the name of God the Son,

C: **Who has redeemed us with his holy blood,**

M: And in the name of God the Holy Spirit,

C: **Who has brought us to faith and keeps us in faith.**

M: This is the day that the Lord has made,

C: **Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

M: I was glad when they said to me,

C: **Let us go into the house of the Lord.**

M: One thing I ask of the Lord; this is what I seek:

C: **That I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord and to seek him in his temple.**

CONFESSION OF SINS

M: Brothers and sisters, we come before a holy God knowing we are unclean people. Even when we want to serve him, our words, actions and thoughts betray the selfishness and indifference that still plague our fallen nature. So let us confess our sins to our holy God, knowing that he will never turn away from his repentant children.

Camp Jefferson—The dates for camp this year are Friday, July 17, through Sunday, July 19. The camp is for children entering grades 3 - 8 and the cost per child is \$50. Registration is from May 1 - July 5 and can be done on the camp website: www.welscampjefferson-welsne.org. Payment and donations can be made by check or by PayPal on the website. If you have any questions feel free to send an email to welscampjefferson@gmail.com or call Pastor Steve Kruschel at 402-745-0055. The theme for camp this year is "The Price Was Right" (1 Corinthians 6:20).

WELS Teen Camp—The dates for WELS Teen Camp this year are Sunday, July 19, through Wednesday, July 22 at Camp Jefferson, Fairbury, Nebraska. The camp is for those entering 9th grade through age 19 and the cost is \$60 per person. For additional information please contact Steve Baumann at (402)310-8538 or welsteencamp@yahoo.com. The registration deadline for anyone wanting a T-shirt is July 5th.

VBS We are looking for volunteers to help make St. Mark's VBS this year one to remember! If you would like to volunteer some of your time during the week of July 13-17, there is a sign-up sheet outside the sanctuary on the usher table. We need folks who would be willing to orchestrate snack time, help organize outside games, and lend a hand during lessons and crafts. Even if you can't come every day, there are opportunities to help just once or twice! Please sign up with your name and phone number and Tina Schmidt will be contacting you soon.



Thank You for "Shining your Light for Jesus" by helping us out!

St. Mark News and Notes

Nursery At St. Mark, we love children and encourage their worship, too! In the foyer, we have some children's busy bags hanging from hooks that you are most welcome to use. If your child becomes restless during the service and you feel you both could just use a little break, you're welcome to use the nursery. Most of us have or have had young children, so you're with caring people who understand what it's like to have little ones.

Birthday— Tom Bork 6/28, Maclain Beach 6/28, Scott Meyer 7/1, Bev Randazzo 7/4 **Anniversaries**- Blake & Abby Baumann 7/1, Joshua & Eva Van Egmond 7/1

THANK YOU FOR SERVING

Elders: Jarod Wilkinson, Jeff Schmidt
Ushers: Chad Colson, Rainer Gartzke
Greeters: Al & LuAnn Wattles, Mark & Carolyn Schwede
Organist: Eva Van Egmond

Congregational/Voters' Meeting There will be a short meeting today after the service to approve the budget.

Please remember in your prayers...

- **Thomas Fox** (Vicki Rankin's brother-in-law who had heart surgery)
- **Vesta Newman** (Dorothy Burianek's mother)
- **Sarah Brauer** (Margaret Booth's daughter)
- **Lisa Vogel Rittierodt and her Family** (Pastor Vogel's sister)
- **Jacob Kander**, Jean & Denny Riegsecker's nephew.
- **Alida Freese**, Julie Nelson's mother



C: O Lord, my God and Father, I come before you as a broken sinner in need of restoration. You know my failings, my fears, my compromises and my doubts. You know my stubborn pride and self-righteousness. You know my most secret sins. I place these and all my sins before you. For the sake of your Son, my Savior Jesus Christ, and trusting in your mercy for his sake, I humbly ask for your forgiveness.

Silence for personal confession

M: Jesus said, "If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven." So Christ entrusted the forgiveness of sins to his Church and commanded us to forgive one another. Therefore, based on your confession and because of the promise and command of our Savior Jesus, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Be assured that you are a dear child of God and an heir of eternal life. Now leave your life of sin and serve God in all you do.

HYMN: CW 379 (v. 1-3) Amazing Grace—How Sweet the Sound

Amazing grace -- how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost but now am found,
Was blind but now I see.

The Lord has promised good to me;
His Word my hope secures.
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures.

Through many dangers, toils, and snares
I have already come;
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far,
And grace will lead me home.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: O Lord, our God, govern the nations on earth and direct the affairs of this world so that your Church may worship you in peace and joy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Please be seated.

THE WORD

FIRST LESSON

Job 38:1-11

Then the LORD answered Job out of the storm. He said: ²"Who is this that darkens my counsel with words without knowledge?
³Brace yourself like a man; I will question you, and you shall answer me. ⁴"Where were you when I laid the earth's foundation? Tell me, if you understand. ⁵Who marked off its dimensions? Surely you know! Who stretched a measuring line across it? ⁶On what were its footings set, or who laid its cornerstone- ⁷while the morning stars sang together and all the angels shouted for joy? ⁸"Who shut up the sea behind doors when it burst forth from the womb, ⁹when I made the clouds its garment and wrapped it in thick darkness, ¹⁰when I fixed limits for it and set its doors and bars in place, ¹¹ when I said, 'This far you may come and no farther; here is where your proud waves halt'?

PSALM 46

M: God is our refuge and strength,
C: **an ever-present help in trouble.**

M: Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way
C: **and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea,**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

CLOSING DIALOGUE

M: We give thanks to you, O Lord, Most High.

C: **You show forth your loving-kindness every morning and your faithfulness every night.**

M: You have made us glad through your Word.

C: **We triumph in the work of your hands.**

M: Grant us your power from on high by sending us the gift of your Holy Spirit according to your promise.

C: **As you have given us the power to become your children through faith in Jesus Christ, so grant us the determination to spread your Word.**

M: Strengthen our faith and help us to put our faith into action.

C: **As we anticipate the fulfillment of your glory, give us the zeal to accomplish your will.**

THE BLESSING

M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.

C: Amen.

HYMN: CW 439

Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me

M: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

Silent prayer.

M: Gracious Father, we pray boldly as Jesus taught, with the confidence that you will hear and with the faith that you will respond for our welfare. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

C: **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

HYMN: CW 419 (verses 1,2,6,7)

If God Himself Be for Me

CONFESSION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

M: though its waters roar and foam
C: **and the mountains quake with their surging.**

M: There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
C: **the holy place where the Most High dwells.**

M: God is within her, she will not fall;
C: **God will help her at break of day.**

M: The Lord Almighty is with us;
C: **the God of Jacob is our fortress.**

M: He says, "Be still, and know that I am God;
C: **I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth."**

M: The Lord Almighty is with us;
C: **the God of Jacob is our fortress.**

SECOND LESSON

Acts 27:13-26

¹³When a gentle south wind began to blow, they thought they had obtained what they wanted; so they weighed anchor and sailed along the shore of Crete. ¹⁴Before very long, a wind of hurricane force, called the "northeaster," swept down from the island. ¹⁵The ship was caught by the storm and could not head into the wind; so we gave way to it and were driven along. ¹⁶As we passed to the lee of a small island called Cauda, we were hardly able to make the lifeboat secure. ¹⁷When the men had hoisted it aboard, they passed ropes under the ship itself to hold it together. Fearing that they would run aground on the sandbars of Syrtis, they lowered the sea anchor and let the ship be driven along. ¹⁸We took such a violent battering from the storm that the next day they began to throw the cargo overboard. ¹⁹On the third day, they threw the ship's tackle overboard with their own hands. ²⁰When neither sun nor stars appeared for many days and the storm continued raging, we finally gave up all hope of being saved. ²¹After the men had gone a long time without food, Paul stood up before them and said: "Men, you should have taken my advice not to sail from Crete;

then you would have spared yourselves this damage and loss. ²²But now I urge you to keep up your courage, because not one of you will be lost; only the ship will be destroyed. ²³Last night an angel of the God whose I am and whom I serve stood beside me ²⁴and said, 'Do not be afraid, Paul. You must stand trial before Caesar; and God has graciously given you the lives of all who sail with you.' ²⁵So keep up your courage, men, for I have faith in God that it will happen just as he told me. ²⁶Nevertheless, we must run aground on some island."

HYMN: CW 405

Oh, for a Faith that Will Not Shrink

SERMON

Mark 4:35-41

³⁵That day when evening came, he said to his disciples, "Let us go over to the other side." ³⁶Leaving the crowd behind, they took him along, just as he was, in the boat. There were also other boats with him. ³⁷A furious squall came up, and the waves broke over the boat, so that it was nearly swamped. ³⁸Jesus was in the stern, sleeping on a cushion. The disciples woke him and said to him, "Teacher, don't you care if we drown?" ³⁹He got up, rebuked the wind and said to the waves, "Quiet! Be still!" Then the wind died down and it was completely calm. ⁴⁰He said to his disciples, "Why are you so afraid? Do you still have no faith?" ⁴¹They were terrified and asked each other, "Who is this? Even the wind and the waves obey him!"

OFFERING

Please stand.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

M: O Lord, our God, you are wise and powerful, good and gracious. Your mercies are new every morning. Each day you open your hand and provide for the needs of your children on earth.

C: **We praise you for every grace and blessing.**

M: Strengthen your Church in all the world. Let your comforting message of salvation in Christ Jesus be proclaimed to troubled souls everywhere.

C: **Use our ministries and offerings to extend your healing and your hope.**

M: We bring you our requests, for the various structures of our society. Bless our national, state, and local governments.

C: **Grant us civil servants who are worthy of honor and respect.**

M: Grant prosperity to our businesses and industries. Give employers a sense of fairness toward their workers, and employees a feeling of joy and pride in their workmanship.

C: **Help us find satisfaction in all work well done.**

M: Invigorate the schools of our land. Give success to every effort that helps students read, think, and communicate in ways that will promote an informed and responsible citizenry. Arouse curious minds to discover the wonders of your created order.

C: **Give us teachers and students who pursue excellence.**

M: Strengthen the families of our country. Give fathers and mothers a renewed commitment to be good parents. Give children and young people the wisdom to regard their parents as your representatives.

C: **Lead us to love one another as you have loved us.**