

## St. Mark Lutheran Church and School

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### This Week at St. Mark

- Sunday - Sunday School & Bible Class 8:30 am  
 - Worship Service 9:30 am  
 - Open Forum 10:45 am
- Monday - Worship Service 7:00 pm
- Wednesday - Bible Class Lexington Assisted Living Center 3:30 pm
- Thursday - Bible Class 6:30 am  
 - BIC 7:00 pm
- Friday - Mowing: Lawn—Rainer Gartzke, Lot—Paul Dinges
- Saturday - Church Cleaning: Sec. 1 Soyk Sec. 2 M. Schwede  
 Sec. 3 J. Schwede
- Sunday - Sunday School & Bible Class 8:30 am  
 - Worship Service 9:30 am  
 - Voters' Meeting 10:45 am

Join us at 8:30 am—Sunday School & Bible Class

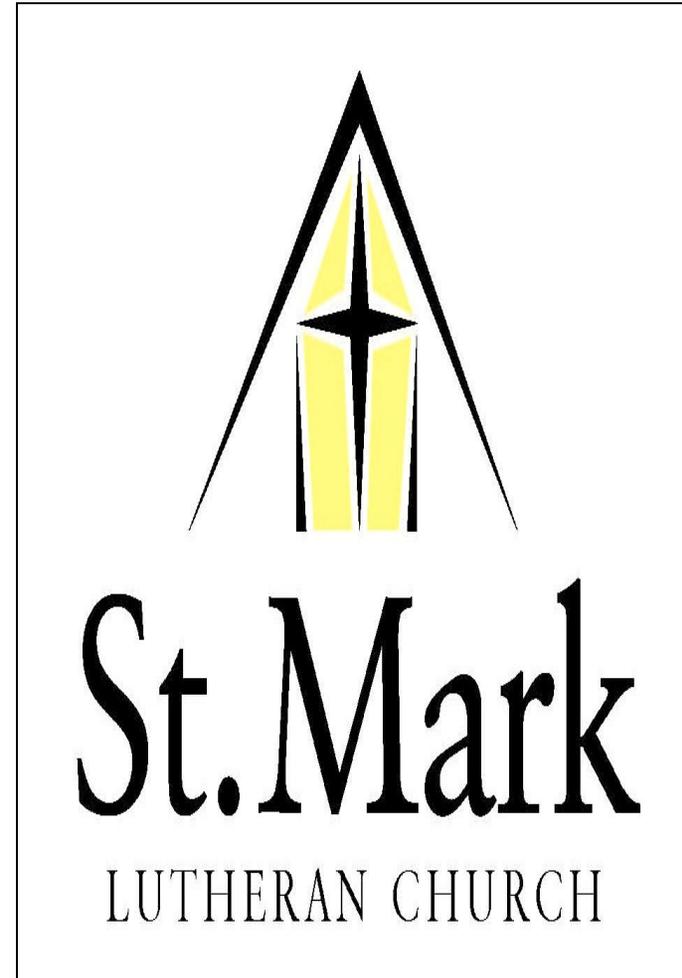
### A Measure of Our Love for Our Lord

Worship Attendance Last Week 165

### Last Week's Thank Offering to our Lord

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|---------------------|------------|------------------------|----------|
| Home                | \$7,331.49 | Missions               | \$495.25 |
| Building Fund       | \$300.00   | Tuition                | \$120.00 |
| School Field Trip   | \$25.00    | NELHS Gen.             | \$200.00 |
| Sunday School       | \$6.00     | St. Mark Tuition Asst. | \$60.00  |
| NELHS Tuition Asst. | \$60.00    |                        |          |

Total Offering— \$8,597.74



Reach, Teach, Rejoice!

## 'God's Family' The Gathering

HYMN: CW 505

Love Is the Gracious Gift

Please stand

## OPENING DIALOGUE

*(Based on Psalm 100)*

M: Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth. Worship the LORD with gladness.

C: **Come before him with joyful songs. Know that the LORD is God.**

M: He made us, and we are his;

C: **We are his people, the sheep of his pasture.**

M: Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name.

C: **For the LORD is good and his love endures forever.**

M: As we gather together to worship you, Lord, help us to focus on your Word.

C: **For in that Word is life and salvation.**

M: Keep the outside world away from us for this hour so that we can be rejuvenated by your message of forgiveness and strength through Jesus.

C: **Send your Spirit into our hearts so that our worship may honor your name.**

## CONFESSION OF SINS

M: Dear Heavenly Father, we praise you for your many wonderful gifts to us. You are the Creator of all good things; all we have is from you.

C: **Help us to appreciate the many gifts you have given us, and to use them faithfully and to your glory.**

## Bake Sale Donations for Reformation Carnival

St. Mark school will once again be hosting a Reformation carnival on Saturday, October 17<sup>th</sup> from 11 AM - 3 PM. One of our patrons' favorite stations is the bake sale table. We are seeking donations for this table from members, family, and friends of our congregations. Feel free to be creative! Suggestions for donations include but are not limited to:

- Cakes
- Pies
- Cupcakes
- Cookies
- Gifts-in-a-Jar
- Cinnamon rolls
- Doughnuts



Not a baker? That's okay! If you have a favorite treat you purchase from a local bakery or vendor that you think others will enjoy, too, we will accept donations of packaged, purchased good as well.

Donations need to be delivered to St. Mark, preferably by 10 AM on the day of the carnival. If you prefer to drop it off at St. Mark before that, please be sure to attach a note that this item is for the carnival.

## **Reformation Carnival**

Join us in celebration of the Lutheran Reformation. **Saturday October 17 from 11AM to 3PM** St. Mark PTO is hosting their 3<sup>rd</sup> annual **Reformation Carnival**. Bring your family and friends out again to enjoy some traditional carnival games and try your hand at some new ones. Check out the soft ball toss, darts, or ring toss. Enjoy the abundance of food at the snack booth, take home some treats from the bake sale, or test your luck playing the cake walk. New this year a Reformation themed game run by Pastor Vogel. Invite your neighbor kids to join you in a morning filled with food, fun, and fellowship. There will be a bounce house, a craft station where each child can take home a decorated pumpkin while supplies last, face painting and numerous other activities to entertain. Above all this will give us the opportunity to reach out to the community and invite them to get to know us. Please come help us share God's blessings with those around us. Volunteers and donations are still needed. If you are able to share your time and talents for this event please sign up at the back of church. We are looking for relief workers for the games, baked goods for the bake sale, treats to hand out to kids, crock pots of chili for the contest and free meal, and smiling faces to help spread the word!



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### ***CHILI CONTEST!***

When: Saturday, October 17 11AM – 3Pm

Where: During the St. Mark Reformation Carnival.

What: Chili feed, bring your best pot of chili to be shared with carnival attendees. All submitted chili's will be judged and best chili will win a special surprise.

Need to Know: Chili is intended to be shared with any person attending the carnival. Please bring enough chili to dish up and share with a group of people. Please bring a list of ingredients used in the chili.

Sign up: In the back of church so we may have an idea of how much chili we will have.

**Participants do not need to be present to win.**



- M: We especially give you thanks for the gift of your Son, Jesus Christ, through whom we also become heirs to your heavenly inheritance and kingdom by faith.
- C: **Forgive us for those times when we fail to live our lives as your children, when we choose to live for ourselves instead of for you. Lead us by the power and example of your Son to live in love, both for you and for others.**

*Silence for personal confession*

## **WORD OF FORGIVENESS**

- M: God the Father looked down from heaven and had compassion on us; we were caught in the trap of sin with no way out. Jesus alone had the power to break through sin and death and the power of the devil. He suffered and died the death we deserve, and then rose to assure us of his victory.

By the command and in the stead of our Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Now leave your lives of sin and follow Jesus.

- C: **Amen.**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

- M: With grateful hearts we pray to the Lord.
- C: **Almighty God, in your bountiful goodness keep us safe from every evil of body and soul. Make us ready, with cheerful hearts, to do whatever pleases you; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**Please be seated.**

**HYMN: CW 343**

**Christ Is the World's Light**

# THE WORD

## FIRST LESSON

Genesis 2:18-24

### Psalm 139 (selected verses)

- M: O LORD, you created my inmost being;  
C: **You knit me together in my mother's womb.**
- M: I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made;  
C: **Your works are wonderful, I know that full well.**
- M: My frame was not hidden from you;  
C: **Your eyes saw my unformed body.**
- M: All the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be.  
C: **How precious to me are your thoughts, O God!**
- M: Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts.  
C: **See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.**

## SECOND LESSON

Ephesians 5:21—6:4

### HYMN: CW 506

Oh, Blest the House, Whate'er Befall

## SERMON

*After a brief introduction, the congregation sings...*

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise him all creatures here below;  
Praise him above, ye heav'nly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!**

## OFFERING

**Meditations** If you have not picked up your Meditations, you may pick one up from the table in the entryway. These personal devotions are a great way to grow in grace and Godly living.

**Box Tops for Education:** St. Mark Lutheran School is collecting Boxtops for Education, which are located on many of the products you already purchase. Our school can redeem the Boxtops for cash. Please give your unexpired Boxtops to Tracy Jamison. Thank you!

**Birthday**—Garrett Dorn 10/11, Kaiah Colson 10/12, Don Raasch 10/14, Curt Jamison 10/15, Dillon Richert 10/16  
**Anniversary**—David & Rhonda Medley 10/14

**Silent Auction** - Oct. 25 is the date of our area Lutheran High School's Fall Concert and Silent Auction. Proceeds from this annual fundraiser will be used to purchase campus signs to make NELHS more welcoming to visitors. Please consider showing your support for our school by donating auction items or attending this fun event. For more information or help in getting your donations to Waco, contact Carol Hans.

## Coming Events:

October 11—Open Forum 10:45 am

October 18—Voters' Meeting 10:45 am

October 17 —Reformation Carnival 11:00 am—3:00 pm

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Please remember in your prayers...



- Sarah Brauer, Margaret Booth's daughter
- Jacob Kander, Jean & Denny Riegsecker's nephew
- Alida Freese, Julie Nelson's mother

### 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 in church. 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. Ask an usher to lead you to the nursery. If you need a private place to feed your baby, there is a chair downstairs in the women's restroom along with a changing table. 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.

**Africa Calling:** The Central Africa Medical Mission is accepting applications for Clinic administrator for the Lutheran Mobile Clinic (Malawi) for a 3 year term of service. The clinic administrator can be a nurse, but teachers, those with a business background, or anyone with a strong desire to serve in a business is encouraged to apply. The clinic administrator performs all business transactions and a wide variety of tasks. The desire to learn within another culture is essential. Preferred applicants are single females due to living arrangements. The next term of service will begin in November 2016. Because employment permits for Malawi take almost a year to process, candidates will be selected in late 2015. Please email [camcontact@charter.net](mailto:camcontact@charter.net) or call 262-677-3844 for more information.

**Voters' Meeting:** There will be an open forum meeting today at 10:45 am. The voters' meeting will be on Sunday, October 18 at 10:45 am. It is strongly encouraged that all men of voting age (18 and up) fulfill their responsibility by serving God in this important manner.

### THANK YOU FOR SERVING

**Elders:** James Mullen, Bryan Hodges

**Ushers:** Tom Bork, Noel Lee

**Greeters:** Jim & Susan Rehm, Nate Workentine

**Organist:** Eva Van Egmond

*Please stand.*

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- M:** Dear Heavenly Father, you created Adam and Eve for each other and gave them children.
- C:** **We praise you for blessing us and all people through our families.**
- M:** We thank you for protection, shelter, food, clothing, love, guidance, and education.
- C:** **We thank you especially for the opportunity to share with one another the true and saving faith.**
- M:** We remember our sins of anger, grudges, violence, disobedience, harsh words, and unloving actions toward other members of our families.
- C:** **We are ashamed of these sins. We beg your forgiveness for Jesus' sake.**
- M:** Give us patience, understanding, and love in all family interactions. Give us joy and delight in our homes and relationships.
- C:** **Help fathers and mothers provide not only for the physical and material needs of their children but also for their emotional and spiritual needs.**
- M:** Lead our government officials to consider the needs of children in all the laws they pass and enforce.
- C:** **Bless the efforts of churches, relatives, and friends as they encourage and support families.**

*Special prayers and intercessions may follow.*

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

*Silent prayer*

**M:** We thank you for making us members of your family of believers through Baptism.

**C:** **Help us live as your children, secure in your love. Amen.**

### The Lord's Prayer

**M:** O Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray...

**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.**

*Please be seated.*

**HYMN: CW 601**                      **Your Love, O God, Has Called Us Here**

### CONFESSION OF FAITH

**I believe in the one true God, who reveals himself as three persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. He created everything that exists out of nothing in six days. He sustains and provides for his created world.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God the Son, who came to earth to live the perfect life that I could not. I know that he was the complete sacrifice for my sin. He died so that I might live. He rose from the grave victorious over sin and death, guaranteeing that all my sins are forgiven. He left this earth visibly, went up into heaven and now rules with all power and authority because he is God and his work on this earth is finished. He will come again one day as Judge, to finally defeat his enemies and to bring believers to live with him forever in heaven.**

**I believe in God the Holy Spirit, who has brought me to faith and made me God's child and an heir of eternal life. Now he pleads to the Father on my behalf, strengthens me when I am spiritually weak and empowers me for service to my loving Savior, Jesus. All this he does through God's Word and sacraments.**

**God's Word points me to my need for a Savior, and to his saving love for me. I believe the Bible is the true Word of God which teaches and guides me to now live for him because of all the things my God has done for me. Amen.**

### CLOSING DIALOGUE

**M:** We give thanks to You, our God and Savior, for all the good things You have given us, and especially for the gifts of marriage and family.

**C:** **Keep us faithful to Your truth and hopeful in your promises that we may never lose the blessings your gifts bring.**

**M:** Keep us under the shadow of Your protecting goodness, and continue to purify our bodies and souls, for the inheritance of the kingdom of heaven:

**C:** **Confident of our forgiveness and God's power working in us, our mission is clear: We dedicate ourselves...**

**to REACH all the world with the Gospel of Jesus.  
to TEACH all according to His saving Word,  
and to REJOICE in the salvation that Christ has won for us all.**

### 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 408**                      **Christians, While on Earth Abiding**