

Weekly Announcements
January 14, 2024

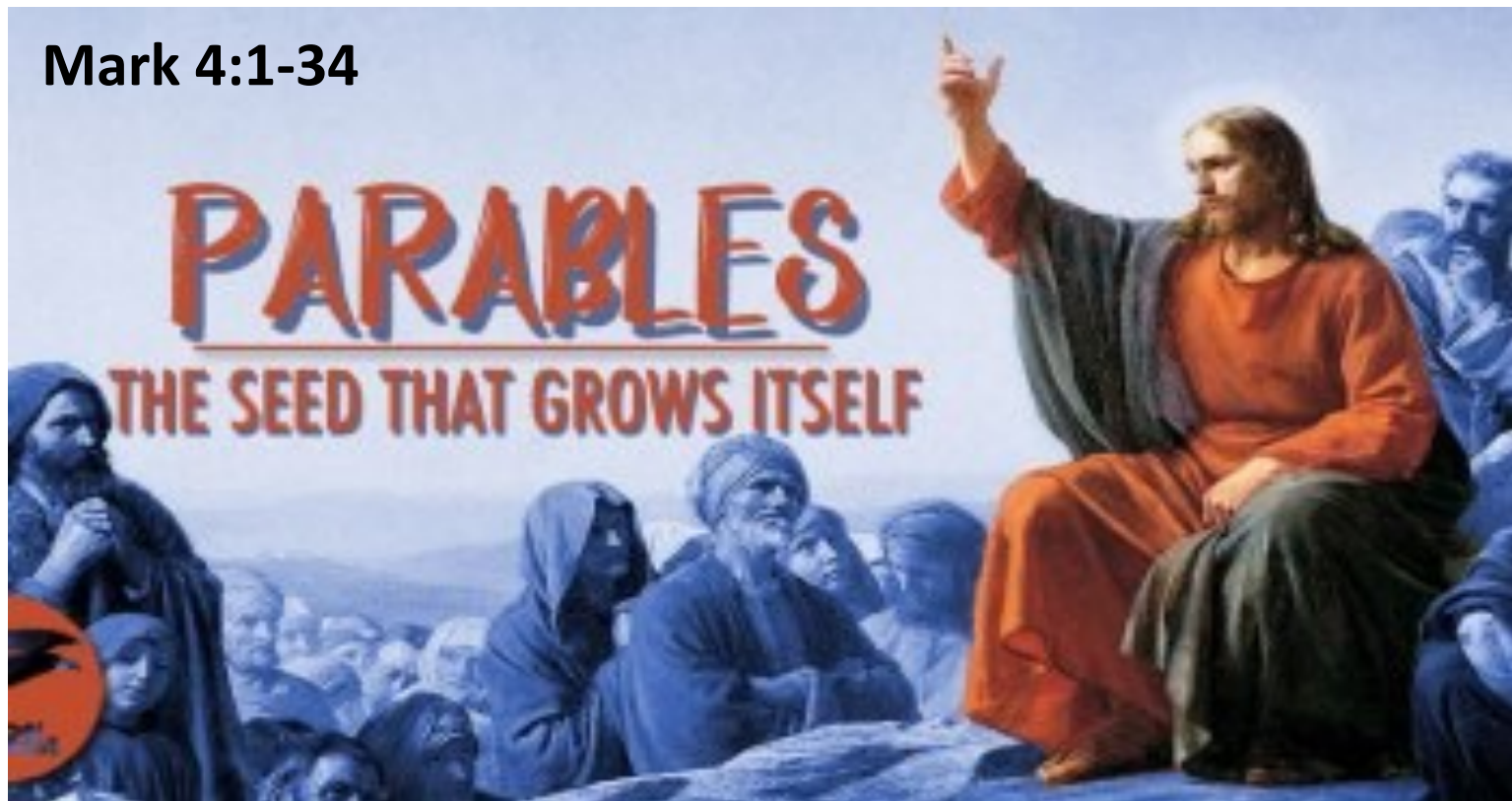
ST. MARK'S LUTHERAN



**In Christ, we Reach up,
Reach out,
Reach in**

**Service Times: Wednesday - 12:00 pm • Saturday - 5:00 pm
Sunday - 8:30 am & 11:00 am • Sunday School 9:45 am (September - May)**

Mark 4:1-34



JANUARY NOISY OFFERING - St. Mark's Quilting Ministry

The January Noisy Offering proceeds will go toward the St. Mark's Quilting Ministry, which has been quilting since February 1996. Quilts are donated to Lutheran World Relief with remainder going to Wood County Children's Services and the BG Fire Department. The materials for the quilt tops are mostly donated, with the materials for backing and batting purchased by the quilters.

MILESTONE MINISTRY - Kindergarten Baptism Anniversary Blessing - January 14

On Sunday, January 14, the following children will receive a blessing and a shell engraved with their name and baptism birthdate as part of St. Mark's Milestone Ministry Program (Eli Budke, Jude Forman, Blake Heilmeier, Axel Miller, Josie Parsell, Ella Spohn, Michael Walch).

B4 WORK MEN'S BIBLE STUDY - Tuesdays at 7:00 am

The next B4 Work Men's Bible Study will continue and run through February 27. Please contact Pastor Ken Pollitz (pastorken@stmarksbg.org) for more information.

FOOD FOR THE SOUL - From Women of Faith - Bible Study

Food for the Soul from Women of Faith. A new evening Bible study is coming in January for women. A new year, new friends, new connections. After the holiday rush, join us, sit back, relax, and feed your soul. Details coming.

LET'S GO BOWLING! Sunday, February 4 (2:00-4:00 pm)

Sign-up to enjoy an afternoon of bowling...you can register at: stmarksbg.org Proceeds will go toward our 2024 Youth Gathering in July. See page 2 in these announcements for additional information.



JANUARY

Upcoming Youth Events



SUN

14

2-5PM Youth Service
Project: blanket making
and ice skating

SUN

28

2-4PM Youth group:
Gathering Getting
Ready Session

St. Mark's Lutheran Church
2024 Youth Gathering

Let's Go Bowling!

Limited
Space
Register
TODAY!

Sunday, February 4 • 2:00-4:00 pm
Al Mar Lanes, BG

- All ages are welcome!
- \$20.00/person or \$100.00/team
(Includes bowling & shoes)
- 5-person team | Max 16 teams
- 2 hours of bowling
- Individuals can be placed on a team to make a 5-person team
- Team Name will be needed when registering as a team

Registration & Payment Online at:
www.stmarksbg.org
or you may fill out the form and drop it off
in the church office along with your check.

WINTER 2024 FAITH FORMATION GROUPS

Sunday	9:45-10:45 Education Hour	Children - PK-3 through Grade 6 - Sunday School Jr. High - Grades 7 & 8 - Catechism High School - Grades 9 through 12 - Youth Small Group Adult Study - Relating the Gospel to Everyday Life
Monday	1) 11:00 am 2) 6:30-8:30 pm 2nd and 4th Mondays Multipurpose Rm.	1) Joy of Discovery in Bible Study: In depth inductive study of the coming Sunday's Gospel reading. 2) Women's 4 Session Bible Study: <i>Listening to God</i> , by Charles Stanley
Tuesday	1) 7:00 am January 9 - February 27	1) B4 Work Men's Bible Study Contact Pastor Ken for info (pastorken@stmarksbg.org)
Wednesday	1) 7:00 am on ZOOM 2) 12:00 pm, Sanctuary 3) 6:00 pm, Family Life Center (5:00 pm Meal)	1) Women's Bed Head Bible Study 2) Worship - 30 minute worship with Holy Communion 3) Devotion - following Community Evening Meal
Thursday	1) 7:15 pm, at BGSU	1) Oasis St. Mark's Campus Ministry Small Group

For more information: Call the church office (419-353-9305) or Email: office@stmarksbg.org

January 8-12, 2024.

St. Mark's Lutheran Academy



In the Classroom



This week in St. Mark's Lutheran Academy we focused on community. We are all different, but all equal in our school community. The students shared ways we are the same, and ways we are different while each contributing to the group as a whole. No matter how big or how small we are, we can still do great things with God's help. It is important that each member of our community feels they are special, seen, and valued.



Upcoming Dates:

January 15- Martin Luther King Jr. Day- NO SCHOOL

18- Book Share Day

25- Snowflake Festival

31- Class winter Party



Contact Us:

academy@stmarksbg.org

419-353-9305

**Kindergarten
Baptism
Anniversary
Blessing**



On Sunday, January 14, the following children will receive a blessing and a shell engraved with their name and baptism birthdate, as part of St. Mark's Milestone's Ministry program:

Eli Budke	Josie Parsell
Jude Forman	Ella Spohn
Blake Heilmeier	Michael Walch
Axel Miller	

**Have You Directed
Your 2023 Thrivent
Choice Dollars?**



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The Thrivent Choice program encourages benefit members to recommend where *Thrivent Financial* distributes an amount of its charitable grant funds. Members make this recommendation by directing Choice Dollars to enrolled nonprofit organizations, including churches. Choice dollars for 2023 can be directed up through March 31, 2024.

Log in to your account and direct your 2023 Thrivent Choice Dollars to St. Mark's today!

**Church
office
closed**

***Closed for
MLK Day
Monday,***

January 15, 2024



DID YOU KNOW?

St. Mark's weekly community meal served over 1500 meals this past Fall 2023 (September-December)

Thank you to our many volunteers and the local restaurants who have helped make this happen.

*Thank
you*



St. Mark's Family,

A big thank you to everyone who has made me feel so welcome at St. Mark's. Being able to share in worship and visitation has been great over the past 4+ years. While I once again go into retirement, I still look forward to worshipping with you, sharing in your lives, and the work of St. Mark's and our Lord. Thank you for the gifts which will remind me of this congregation and the love that flows so freely. Blessings to all of you as together we reach up, reach out, and reach in.

Pastor Jim

Online Worship

If you wish to watch online, click on this link:

CLICK HERE

YOUTUBE LIVE STREAMS:

Sundays

8:30 am & 11:00 am

Remember to contact the office if you are having difficulty connecting.

We are happy to help!



St. Mark's Inclement Weather Policy



Level 3

If there is a Level 3 snow emergency, the church building and all scheduled activities will be cancelled.

Level 2

If there is a level 2 snow emergency on Saturday or Sunday, the service(s) scheduled for that day will be cancelled.

All other activities may continue if the organization/individual wishes.

During the week, if there is a level 2 snow emergency, the church is open and activities will continue. If the responsible party for an event would like to cancel an event, it is their responsibility to cancel and let participants know.

Closing information will be announced on the following Toledo television stations:

WTOL (CBS, Channel 11 and Fox 36)

WNWO (NBC, Channel 24)

WTVG (ABC, Channel 13)

Cell phone numbers listed in Breeze may also receive a text alert indicating a closure.

The Executive Team may choose to cancel events before snow emergency levels are announced if conditions warrant.

JANUARY Birthdays

1	John Kunstmann	17	Addison Ruffner
1	Gary Marten	17	Kelcie Kellerrmeier
1	Grady Lemmerbrock	18	Steve Bowe
1	Sophia Spohn	20	Fran Weiss
2	Von Graffin	20	Jenifer McKee
2	Jill Gross	21	Sharon Stratmann
3	Cindy Gerken	21	Lisa Wagner
4	Sue Shank	21	Rachel August
4	Kathleen Munger	21	Jessica Johnson
4	Eric Klotz	21	Bradey Smeltzer
4	Ardy Gonyer	22	Ned Baker
5	Marsha Blake	22	Susan Klotz
5	Teresa Linholm	22	Beth Joseph
5	Rachel Beaudoin	22	Ryan Tyrrell
5	Bryce Christensen	23	Ryan Klotz
6	Annette Reazin	24	Nick Ezzone
6	Scott Seelinger	24	Judith Miller
6	Karen Riley	24	Allison DeVries
6	Rhonda Montague	26	Royce Beaverson
6	Bryan Christy	26	Karen Lewis
6	Lincoln Amspoker	26	Jerry Bruns
7	Kaitlan Sewell	26	David Tyson
8	Thomas Wagner	27	Lois Zeh
8	Dean Marten	27	Virginia Woelke
9	Tiffany Genson	27	Kathryn Tyrrell
10	Alice Gross	28	Jerrold Parsell
10	Hana Jennings	28	Christina Olmstead
10	Ethan Adams	29	Shirley McGee
11	Lee Sundermeier	29	Gail Wachter
11	Robin Vietch	29	Kelsey Bloom
11	Wesley Kellermeier	30	John Frobose
12	Heidi Christy	30	Martha Armstrong
12	Luke Johnson	30	Chris North
15	Richard Hahn	31	Doug Pendleton
15	Melanie Miller	31	Erik Singh
17	Cynthia Barnett	31	John Vollmar
17	Sean Blanchard		

food for the soul

from Women of Faith

Beginning January 28, 6:30 pm
Multipurpose Room/Kitchen

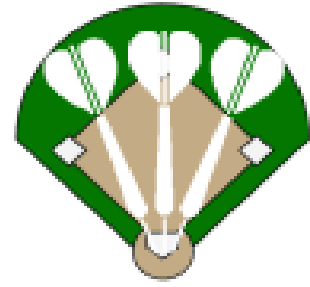
As women, we often share our skills from generation to generation or friend to friend, whether it be baking, knitting, quilting, gardening, hair cutting, child care, etc. And often, along with these skills, we share our faith.

Come join us for an evening to relax, perhaps learn a new skill and hear stories of the Biblical and modern women who have fed us - body and soul. *Child Care will be available.*

Upcoming themes for discussion:

January 28	Faithfulness
February 25	Hospitality
March 24	Generosity
April 28	Growth
May 26	Sabbath

For information or to let us know you need child care, call Chris Budke (419-806-9886), or the church office (419-353-9305)



DARTBALL

St. Mark's Dartball

St. Mark's will visit

New Rochester

on Monday, January 15

(7:30 pm)

*Come out and support
our St. Mark's team!*

GRIEF SHARE - ALL ARE INVITED

GriefShare is a friendly, caring group of people who will walk alongside you through one of life's most difficult experiences. You don't have to go through the grieving process alone. Call the church office for more information at 419-353-9305.

Questions can be directed to one of the facilitators:

Robin McKibben—(419) 783-1811
Barbara Vollmar—(419) 409-1766
Debra Pasch—(419) 386-7052

The new series begins January 15 and
will continue through April 8, each
Monday 1:00-3:00 pm. The only cost is \$20
for the workbook. Participants may join at
any time.

*It hurts to lose someone.
Find help at GriefShare.*

B4 Work Men's Bible Study

7:00 AM ~ Tuesdays
Starting January 9 - February 27, 2024

St. Mark's Lutheran Church

Contact Pastor Ken Pollitz for more information.
pastorken@stmarksbg.org

SAT/SUN VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE:

Roles	Saturday, Jan. 13	Saturday, Jan. 20
5:00 PM Worship Team	<i>Communion</i>	<i>Communion</i>
Scripture Reader	Lemmerbrock, Teresa	Hayward, Cheryl
Worship Assistant	Traver, Sharon	Dahl, Michael
Worship Assistant	Hayward, Cheryl	
Roles	Sunday, Jan. 14	Sunday, Jan. 21
8:30 AM Worship Team		<i>Communion (stations)</i>
8:30 - Greeter	Kallenbach, Belva	Neal, Paul
	Kallenbach, Gerry	Neal, Sarah
	Klotz, Eric	Sergeant, Barb
	Klotz, Sarah	Sergeant, Roger
8:30 - Usher	Bresler, Ed	Ashenfelter, Bob
	Holcomb, Jeff	Heilmeier, Brian
	Wobser, Greg	Heilmeier, Eric
	Wobser, Sue	Small, Tim
8:30 - Assisting Minister / Deacon	Neal, Paul	McKibben, Craig
8:30 - Acolyte	Kellermeier, K. / Klotz, R.	Brendle, G / Heilmeier, C
8:30 - Crucifer	Kellermeier, Wes	Budke, Adam
8:30 - Communion Server	-	Cremar, Ann
	-	Herringshaw, Darlene
	-	Ruffner, Jessica
8:30 - Communion Set-Up/Clean-Up	-	Ruffner, Jessica
8:30 - Soundboard Operator	Wobser II, Greg	Kellermeier, Wes
11:00 AM Worship Team		
11:00 - Greeter	Black, Jordan	Crawford, Mary Beth
	Black, Devon	Crawford, Mike
	Digby, Robin	Nelson, Mark
	-	Nelson, Rebecca
11:00 - Usher	Brewster, Mike	Boswell, Courtney
	Brewster, Christy	Boswell, Eric
	Volunteer Needed	Hansen, Bob
	Volunteer Needed	Herber, Patti
11:00 - Assisting Minister / Deacon	Weiss, Larry	Bushong, Brian
11:00 - Acolyte	Ernsthausen, Mason	Boswell, G / Hollinger, Q
11:00 - Crucifer	Volunteer Needed	Boston, Brent
11:00 - Communion Server	-	Van Vorhis, Greg
11:00 - Communion Set-Up/Clean-Up	-	Van Vorhis, Greg
11:00 - Soundboard Operator	Billnitzer, Josh	Boswell, Cole
Hospitality Team		
Coffee Hour Host	Van Vorhis, Greg	Tyrrell, Cindy
Nursery Team		
Nursery Attendant	Roehm, Raegan	Bowe, Morgan
Money Counter Team		
Money Counters	Klotz, Sue	Jennings, Kelly
	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed
Safety Team		
8:30 AM Safety Team	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed
11:00 AM Safety Team	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed

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