

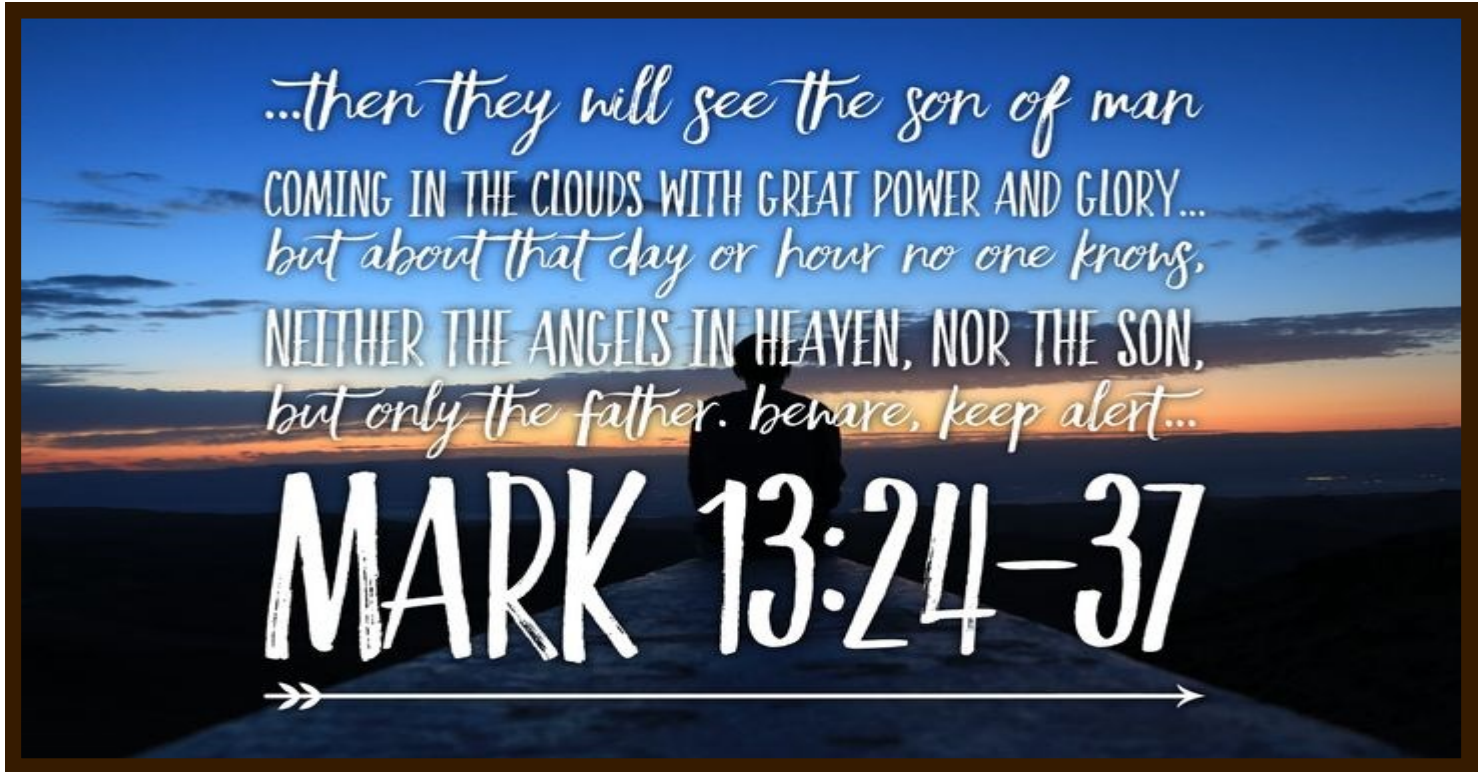
Weekly Announcements
March 17, 2024

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)



MARCH NOISY OFFERING - ELCA World Hunger

We start with relationships marked by conversation and listening. We believe people know their own communities best. It is our congregations and our global companion churches that first identify the local needs and related solutions to help make a difference. Then, we partner with communities to help make those solutions a reality. In addition to funding relief and development projects that assist our sisters and brothers in need, we engage members of the ELCA in education and advocacy to help change the systems that perpetuate poverty.

EASTER EGG HUNT DONATIONS

Needed: Bite Size Wrapped Candy

Please place the donated items inside the box in the hallway near the Church Office by Palm Sunday, March 24.
Thank you!

VOLUNTEER TO HELP AT SYNOD ASSEMBLY (held at St. Mark's) - June 1

If you would be interested in helping on Saturday, June 1, during the Northwest Ohio Synod Assembly, please let the office staff know by indication on the connection card or call the church office directly (419-353-9305). Additional volunteer information will be available soon.

EASTER BREAKFAST SIGNUP

Please signup in the Gathering Area to volunteer or donate food for our Easter Sunday Breakfast.



Easter

SUNDAY

CELEBRATION CHECK LIST

- ☐ Attend Worship "Christ is Risen!"
 - Saturday 5:00 pm Service
 - Sunday 7:00 "SONrise" Service (*Courtyard*)
 - 8:30 & 11:00 am Services
- ☐ Attend Easter Breakfast
 - 9:00-11:00 Family Life Center
- ☐ Purchase an Easter Lily, Tulips, Hyacinth for the worship area
 - present in memory/in honor of a loved one (fill out info sheet)
 - Form Deadline: Tuesday, March 26
 - drop off plant during Holy Week (March 25-29, Monday-Friday)
- ☐ Bring a child to the Easter Egg Hunt
 - Between services (10:00 am)
- ☐ Donate Items for Easter Egg Hunt
 - Bite Size Wrapped Candy
 - NOTE: Please place the donated items in the box in the hallway near the Church Office by Palm Sunday, March 24
 - Thank you for your continued generosity!*



EASTER Egg Hunt

All children Pre-K through Grade 6

Hop on over to our annual Easter Egg Hunt! Join us on Easter Sunday, March 31 between worship services. We will meet in the Family Life Center, and begin at 10:00 am.

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Easter Breakfast

Food Donations & Volunteers

Please sign-up in the Gathering Area if you are willing to volunteer or donate fruit, milk or orange juice for the Easter Morning Breakfast.

Please complete form, cut and submit to Church Office by March 26.

Easter Flowers Designation Form



This Easter, celebrate new life found in the resurrection of our Savior, Jesus Christ, by donating a fresh Easter floral plant for the sanctuary (Lilies, Tulips, Hyacinth) in honor/in memory of a loved one. The Easter flowers will adorn the altar area on Easter Sunday, March 31.

Please fill-in the information below as you wish it to be printed in the Easter worship bulletins, and submit to the church office no later than Tuesday, March 26.

Flowers may be dropped off during Holy Week (March 25-29), and picked up after the 11:00 am Easter Service.

YOUR NAME: _____ **PHONE:** _____ **EMAIL:** _____

IN MEMORY OF (deceased): _____

IN HONOR OF (living): _____

OTHER DESIGNATIONS: _____

GOOD FRIDAY

Friday, March 29 at 7:00 PM

A Tennebrae Service of Darkness
Presented by
Bowling Green Community Churches
and a Combined Choir

Hosted by: St. Mark's Lutheran Church
315 S. College Dr., Bowling Green



Sponsored by the Bowling Green Ministerial Assoc.



Holy Week at St. Mark's

Palm Sunday	March 23, 2024 5:00 PM March 24, 2024 8:30 & 11 AM
Maundy Thursday	March 28, 2024 7:00 PM
Good Friday	March 29, 2024 7:00 PM
Easter Saturday	March 30, 2024 5:00 PM
Easter "SONrise" (Courtyard)	March 31, 2024 7:00 AM
Easter Sunday	March 31, 2024 8:30 & 11 AM



PALM SUNDAY Bake Sale

*A fundraiser for the
2024 Youth Gathering*

March 24, 2024
9:00am - 11:00am

St. Mark's
Family Life Center

Bring your appetite!




EASTER CANDY DONATIONS

We are collecting bite size wrapped candy donations for the Easter egg hunt. Donations can be dropped off in the box outside the church office. Accepting donations through March 24th.

THANK YOU!



SMLA PARENT EDUCATION NIGHT

by the Willow Center

Join us for a mental health awareness presentation on March 21 from 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm in the Multipurpose Room at St. Mark's Lutheran Church
*Childcare will be provided.

All are welcome!



ST. MARK'S LUTHERAN

CHURCH & ACADEMY

WELCOME

Sunday

INVITE
SOMEONE!



Interested in learning about our worship?

Come join us! Learn about us!

Sunday, March 17 @ 8:30, 11:00 AM

St. Mark's Lutheran Church and Academy

315 S. College Dr.

Bowling Green, OH 43402

Bed Head Bible Study

CREATE
IN ME
A HEART
OF
WISDOM

*Create
In Me
A Clean
Heart*

**6-week Bible Study for women beginning
Wednesday, April 3 at 7:00 am (on zoom).**

**For more information, please contact
Pastor Robin: pastorrobin@stmarksbg.org**

B4 Work Men's Bible Study

7:00 AM ~ Tuesdays
Starting March 26 - May 14, 2024

St. Mark's Lutheran Church

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

food for the soul from Women of Faith

Next Gathering: March 24, 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)





St. Mark's Lutheran Academy

MARCH 11-15, 2024.

THIS WEEK

This week our students were led by Ms. Emily and Ms. Raegan, with the help of our faithful volunteers. Ms. Christy and Ms. Gretchen returned Wednesday with lots of fun stories for the students. On Friday we celebrated St. Patrick's Day with our class party. The students did lots of fun activities and crafts! It was a great week here at SMLA!

Happy
St. Patrick's
Day

REMINDER:

Please be sure to RSVP for the Willow Center Presentation on our Parent Education Night, March 21 at 5:30 pm in the church Multipurpose Room. This is a special event and we hope it is well attended!

Thank you



COMING UP:

March 18-22 Lutheran School Week
21 - Book Share Day
21 - WILLOW CENTER PARENT EDUCATION NIGHT
24 - Palm Sunday
25 - April 1- NO SCHOOL/Spring Break
31 - Easter

CONTACT US:

academy@stmarksbgo.org

419-353-9305





March Newsletter

Youth newsletter and upcoming events!

Holy Week

Palm Sunday, Jesus enters Jerusalem on a donkey. The crowd waved palms in the air to greet and honor Jesus.

Maundy Thursday is the washing of the feet and the Last Supper. During service those who wish will be receiving their First Communion.

Good Friday, the day that Jesus was crucified and died for our sins.

Easter Sunday, Christ is risen from the dead!

Palm Sunday & Easter Day Activities!

Palm Sunday - students process in with palms and sing during the offering (you do not need to attend both services). Please attend the service your family regularly attends.

Easter - breakfast will be served between services along with an Easter egg hunt!

Upcoming Events

The Willow Center will be coming on March 21st to speak with families about mental health awareness. Please join us in the Multi-Purpose room from 5:30-6:30 pm.

March Sunday School Offering

March offering we will be raising funds to purchase a goat, through ELCA World Hunger, for a family in need. This goat will provide a family with fresh milk and help end world hunger. Offering is collected during children's music.

First Communion

March 28th
First Communion



Questions?

Contact Stella
stella@stmarksbg.org
567-344-0224

First Holy Communion

These children will be receiving their First Holy Communion on **Maundy Thursday, March 28**, at our 7:00 pm worship service:



Lyndsay Ashman
Hayden Black
Gracelyn Boswell
Allison DeVries
Carson Heilmeier
Joshua Jenny
Anneliese Lawrie
Clayton Tyrrell

Anniversary of Baptism
Bible Presentation
First Communion
Entry into Catechism
Catechism Presentation
Confirmation
Blessing of Car Keys
Graduation

Kindergarten
3rd Grade
5th Grade
7th Grade
8th Grade
8th Grade
10th/11th Grade
12th Grade & College

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!



Sanctuary/Worship Area Renovations will begin **JUNE 2024**



Worship Services during June/July will be held in the Family Life Center.



Grief Support Group

Following participation with a GriefShare group from St. Mark's, all are invited to meet for lunch at the Senior Center from 11:30 am to 1:00 pm every fourth Monday of each month. For more information please call Jan Ruffner at 419 308-4072.

March 25
June 24

April 22
July 22

May 27
August 26



1	Jane Graffin	17	Jon Christy
1	Elijah Bowe	17	Brian Heilmeier
1	Wynn Ruffner	18	Mary Flory
2	Joseph May	18	Barb Christy
2	Annabeth Parsell	18	Bob Ashenfelter
3	Carolyn Shetzer	19	Dewayne Lohmann
3	Roger Hayward	20	Sharon Traver
3	Michael Cremer	20	Kane Miller
3	Drake Gerken	21	Annette Teet
4	Austin Gardner	22	Lisa Bowe
5	Linda Harden	22	Lauren Henning
5	Bruce Ralston	24	Gary Henschen
5	Kyle Turnow	24	Janet Knappe
5	Zachary Weiss	24	Dennis Bower
6	London Bernath	24	Katherine Budke
8	Beth Utz	24	Suzanna Walch
9	Rita Klotz	26	Sandra Kerr
9	Kristin Forman	26	Scott Weiss
10	Sharon Bowers	26	Mark Nelson
10	Orrin Keller	28	Robert Hansen
10	Gordon Digby	28	Kimberly Valentine
10	Jonathan Lenox	29	Jeanne Bock
10	Benjamin Bushong	29	Shane Meyer
10	Benjamin Wagner	30	Virginia Hutflied
12	Carol Lenox	30	Beverly Meyer
13	Janet Smith	30	Denny Laube
13	Jeffrey Noble	30	Katherine Tyson
15	Bob Allen	31	Diane Petteys
16	Kenzie Kellermeier	31	Cheryl Hayward
17	Joan Staib	31	Cecilia Castelleno



DARTBALL

St. Mark's Dartball

**St. Mark's will host the
Dartball Tournament**

Beginning Monday, March 18 (7:30 pm)

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

Estate Planning Workshop

April 23, 2024

1:30-3:00 pm

St. Mark's Family Life Center

Learn about the components of an estate plan, including information on wills and probate, funeral planning, powers of attorney, health care proxies, and the importance of gifting.

Guest presenters from:

**Thrivent Financial, Tim Bracy
Dunn Funeral Home, Tim Dunn
Anspach Law, Jennifer Ramon**



Camp Luther
at HopeWood Shores

"There's a place on the shore where God's people are gathered."



It's Work Weekend... Let's Volunteer!

HopeWood Shores Camp Luther Work Weekend

May 3, 4, 5, 2024

3901 Lake Rd, Conneaut, OH 44030

All talents, knowledge and willingness to help needed for a variety of chores to open and prepare camp for the 2024 season.

Come ready to serve and have fun. All ages welcome!

Friday - arrive afternoon or evening, supper not provided

Saturday - breakfast, lunch and supper provided

Sunday - leave or work according to your schedule,
breakfast and lunch provided

Lodging - camp cabins with other volunteers; individual
cabins also available

To reserve a spot contact : Cindy Gerken (419) 308-2924
(please call or text by April 14)

Ready for His Return

"Be on guard! Be alert! You do not know when that time will come."

Mark 13:32-37 (NIV)



What time
is it?

X S Y U H H R S L E E P I N G
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DOOR
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WATCH
DAWN
SLEEPING

ALERT
ANGELS
ROOSTER
SERVANTS

HOUSE
CROWS
EVENING
KNOW

SAT/SUN VOLUNTEER SCHED:		Welcome Sunday	
Roles	Saturday, Mar. 16		Saturday, Mar. 23
5:00 PM Worship Team	Communion		Communion
Scripture Reader	Pasch, Deb		Hayward, Cheryl
Worship Assistant	Dahl, Michael		Laube, Denny
Worship Assistant	Lemmerbrock, Teresa		Philo, Jodee
Roles	Sunday, Mar. 17	Welcome Sunday	Sunday, Mar. 24
8:30 AM Worship Team	Communion (stations)	Additional Greeters:	Communion (stations)
8:30 - Greeter	Sergeant, Barb	Fuller, Cindy	Clinard, Jane
	Sergeant, Roger	Fuller, A.J.	Nelson, Cathy
	Budke, Jim	Holcomb, Linda	Nelson, Mary
	Budke, Chris	Holcomb, Jeff	Wood, Jane
8:30 - Usher	Ashenfelter, Bob	West, Tiffany	Bowe, Al
	Heilmeier, Eric		Cremar, Ann
	Heilmeier, Brian		Kamala, Wellington
	Small, Tim		Parsell, Jerrod
8:30 - Assisting Minister/Deacon	Schroeder, Amy		Volunteer Needed
8:30 - Acolyte	Heilmeier, Carson		Volunteer Needed
8:30 - Crucifer	Budke, Adam		Sundermeier, Lee
8:30 - Communion Server	Garner, Sandy		Gardner, Sandy
	Thorpe, Julie		Herringshaw, Darlene
	-		Ruffner, Jessica
8:30 - Communion Set-Up/Clean-Up	Klotz, Sue		Ruffner, Jessica
8:30 - Soundboard Operator	Kellermeier, Wes		Germann, Jody
11:00 AM Worship Team	Communion (stations)	Additional Greeters:	Communion (stations)
11:00 - Greeter	Crawford, Mary Beth	Brewster, Christy	Groves, Julie
	Crawford, Mike	Brewster, Mike	Shetzer, Carolyn
	Nelson, Mark	Champion, Mary	Schimpf, Jane
	Nelson, Rebecca	Champion, Roy	Staib, Joan
11:00 - Usher	Boswell, Eric	Niekamp, Doug	Hollinger, Cindy
	Digby, Gordon	Niekamp, Jeni	Hollinger, Dave
	Digby, Robin		Van Vorhis, Greg
	Hansen, Bob		Van Vorhis, Jannifer
11:00 - Assisting Minister/Deacon	Bushong, Brian		Billnitzer, Tim
11:00 - Acolyte	Boswell, G/Hollinger, Q		Nester, Emma
11:00 - Crucifer	Boston, Brent		Concannon, Wyatt
11:00 - Communion Server	Bushong, Sara		Volunteer Needed
11:00 - Communion Set-Up/Clean-Up	Volunteer Needed		Volunteer Needed
11:00 - Soundboard Operator	Boswell, Cole		Van Vorhis, Kaleb
Hospitality Team			
Coffee Hour Host	VanVorhis & Nelson		Nelson, Cathy
Nursery Team			
Nursery Attendant	Roehm, Raegan		Roehm, Raegan
Nursery Attendant	Horstman, Adison		
Money Counter Team			
Money Counters	Fultz, Kathy		Fleshman, Kim
	Volunteer Needed		Jennings, Kelly
Safety Team			
8:30 AM Safety Team	Emmerich, Ann		Volunteer Needed
11:00 AM Safety Team	Volunteer Needed		Volunteer Needed

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