

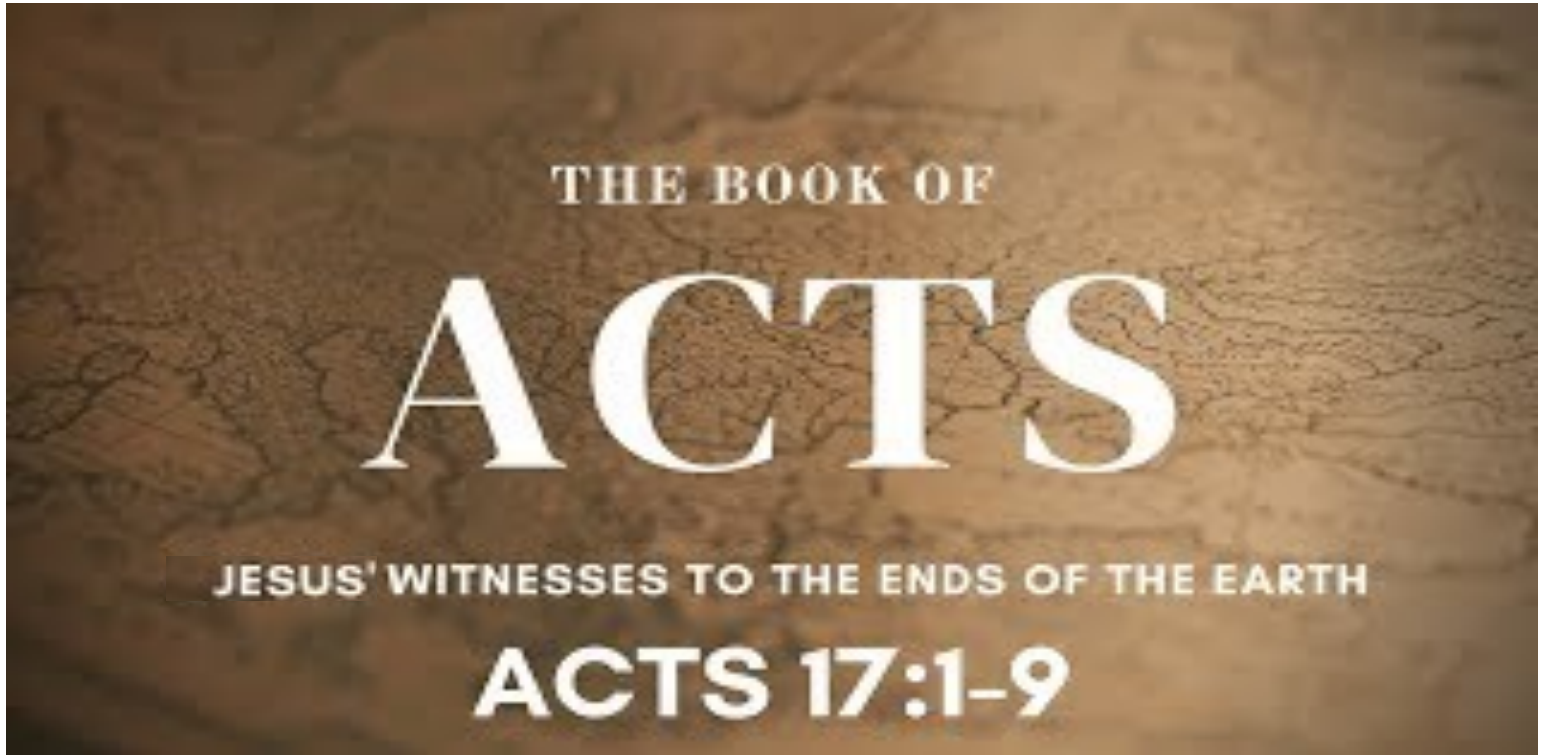
Weekly Announcements
April 21, 2024

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)



APRIL NOISY OFFERING - St. Mark's Furniture Pantry

The April Noisy Offering proceeds will go toward the St. Mark's Furniture Pantry. This ministry receives donated furniture and household items for people in need in Wood County. On occasion, they will purchase bedding, towels, and other small items that may be needed as well. Please contact the church office (419-353-9305) if you have any questions, or have a furniture donation.

(UPDATED: March Noisy Offering collected, designated for the ELCA World Hunger Relief Fund, totaled \$2,248.00)

ANNUAL CHICKEN BBQ - Saturday, May 18

The St. Mark's Annual Chicken BBQ will be held on May 18 from 5:00 pm until we sell out. This is a drive-thru/pick-up meal (half-chicken, baked potato, coleslaw, green beans, bread) for \$12 per meal. Proceeds will benefit the youth at St. Mark's.

MILESTONE MINISTRY - Confirmation

Confirmation students, please send in your name, bible verse and photo to stella@stmarksbg.org. Confirmation will take place on Sunday, May 19 at the 11:00 am worship service.

MILESTONE MINISTRY - Graduation Blessing

Any member graduating this year (High School or College), please send in your name, school, degree and photo to stella@stmarksbg.org. You are invited to the Graduation Blessing on Sunday, May 26, during worship.

VBS - SAVE THE DATE!

Vacation Bible School "Campfire VBS" will be held on June 10-14, from 9:00 am-12:00 pm each day.

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, Greg Durivage
Dunn Funeral Home, Tim Dunn
Anspach Law, Jennifer Ramon



ST. MARK'S LUTHERAN



CHURCH & ACADEMY

Choir Sunday

Sunday, April 28 - 8:30, 11 AM

Celebrate the end of the academic year with the choir's three favorite anthems!

ANNUAL CHICKEN BBQ

St. Mark's Lutheran Church

Saturday, May 18

5:00 - UNTIL SOLD OUT

Drive-thru order/pick-up

\$12 per meal

(half-chicken, baked potato, coleslaw, green beans, bread)

Proceeds will benefit the youth at St. Mark's Lutheran Church

SAVE THE DATE!

COME AND JOIN US AT

CAMPFIRE VBS

JUNE
10-14
9AM-12PM

AGES 3 YRS TO 6TH GRADE

Email Stella at
stella@stmarksbg.org

VBS offers a variety of ways to connect to Christ through camp activities, outdoor adventures, creative arts, and sports. There is something for everyone!



JOIN US FOR

Confirmation Sunday

Celebration of Pentecost
 May 19, 2024
 11:00 AM Worship

Blessing of Graduates!

Join us as we celebrate and bless 2024 graduates!

May 26, 2024
8:30 AM

Any member graduating this year (High School or College), please send in your name, school, degree and photo to Stella@stmarksbg.org



Furniture Pantry PLUS...

NEEDED ITEMS include: sofas, end tables, chairs, lamps, clocks, kitchen table and chairs, dinnerware, eating and cooking utensils, glassware, cookware, blenders, irons, toasters, crock pots, vacuums, flat-screen TVs, microwaves, radios, bed frames, mattresses and box springs, dressers, and clean bedding marked with size.
No decorative items or large appliances please.

Please call the church office (419-353-9305) and our volunteers will schedule a pick up time. Receipts are available for tax deduction purposes.



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. Please feel free to call the church office for more information at 419-353-9305.

Questions can be directed to one of the facilitators:

Jan Ruffner - (419) 308-4072
Joan Staib - (419) 308-1134

The new series begins April 29 and will continue through July 29, 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.

St. Mark's Quilting Ministry

Our next gathering is
Tuesday, April 30 at 10:00 am
 in the Family Life Center

St. Mark's Prayer Shawl Ministry

Our next gathering is
Wednesday, May 8 at 6:30 pm
 in the Gathering Area



*Come join us!
 All are welcome!*

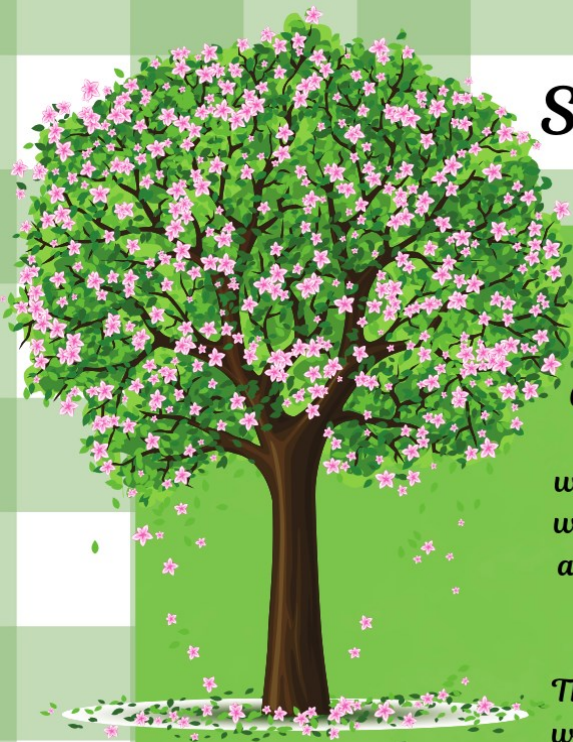
Grief Support Group

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.

April 22	May 27	June 24
July 22	August 26	

April 15-19, 2024.

St. Mark's Lutheran Academy



Last week, the school made a video about "a little Jesus", if you haven't watched it yet check out our social media!

Our students are enjoying learning about the famous artist Claude Monet. This week, they painted watercolor gardenscapes, and heard all about his life's work. In the classroom we studied the weather, spring, and the water cycle, in addition to our main classroom areas. The teachers love to hear the buzz of happy activity during class time.

The students definitely enjoyed their outside time this week though as I think we all have a little spring fever!



Coming Up:

- April 22- Class Earth Day Party
- 25- Earth Day Fair
- May 16- Book Share Day
- 27- NO SCHOOL/ Memorial Day
- 30- Preschool Graduation
- 31- Last Day of School/
Family Picnic and Awards
- June 5- 1st Day of Summer Program



Contact Us:

academy@stmarksbg.org

419-353-9305

St. Mark's Lutheran Academy

Earth Day Fair



**April 25
4-6pm**

Come join us for an evening of Earth fun!
Children will travel to each classroom
for an activity, then get their passport
stamped to win a prize.
All are welcome!

Parent Education Nite

Guest Speaker
Tim Brackenbury

Professor of Communication Sciences
and Disorders at BGSU

~Presenting on Language Development
and Speech Assessment

All are welcome!!!

**Wednesday, May 8th
5:30-6:30**

SPRING 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, Multipurpose Rm	1) B4 Work Men's Bible Study
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

food for the soul

from Women of Faith

Next Gathering: April 28, 6:30 pm
Multipurpose Room/Kitchen

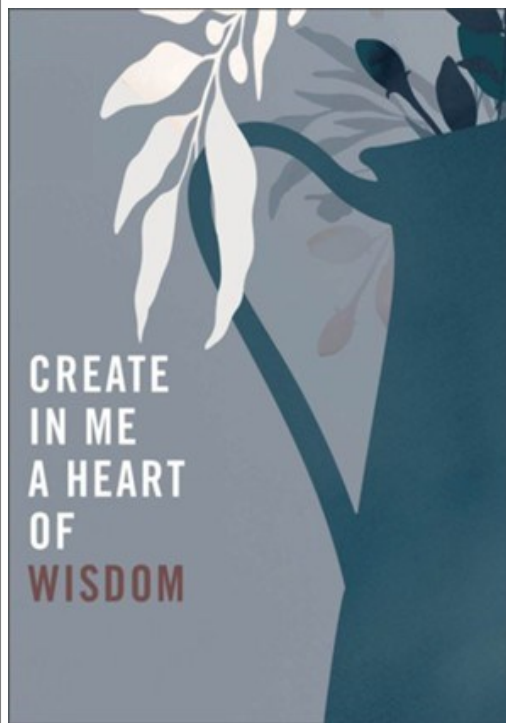
As women, we often share our skills from generation to generation or friend to friend, whether it be baking, knitting, quilting, gardening, hair cutting, child care, etc. And often, along with these skills, we share our faith.

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)



Bed Head Bible Study

Create In Me A Clean Heart

6-week Bible Study for women on Wednesdays 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
March 26 - May 14, 2024

St. Mark's Lutheran Church

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

UPCOMING YOUTH EVENTS

APRIL
19-20

LOCK IN:

Join us for a lock-in at the church! A time to have fun and build relationships.

APRIL
28

YOUTH GROUP:

Getting ready devotion for the Youth Gathering and games.

Online Worship

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



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!



SAVE THE DATE!

ST. MARK'S GOLF OUTING

AUGUST 17TH • 1:30PM
STONE RIDGE GOLF CLUB

MORE INFORMATION TO COME

HELLO April Birthdays

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| 1 | Bob Ezzone | 17 | Mary Beth Crawford |
| 1 | Elizabeth Kern | 17 | Rob Dimon |
| 1 | Jensyn Meyer | 17 | Kate Sommerfeld |
| 2 | Aaron Gerwin | 17 | Amanda Kern |
| 3 | Gregory Wobser | 17 | Allyson Utz |
| 3 | Sarah Neal | 19 | Karl Joseph |
| 3 | Quinn Hollinger | 19 | Daniel Mauk |
| 5 | Jean Whitson | 19 | Delaney Blake |
| 5 | Paul Tyson | 20 | Marna Conner |
| 5 | Ethan Lenox | 20 | Barbara Fruth |
| 6 | Peg Bankey | 20 | David Gerden |
| 6 | Sara Bushong | 21 | Bernice Lohmann |
| 6 | Noah Wagner | 21 | Miriam Utz |
| 6 | Graham Dulaney | 22 | Mary Ezzone |
| 7 | Alan Sundermeier | 22 | Hayden Black |
| 7 | Tabitha Ezzone | 23 | Robyn Moellenberg |
| 7 | Heath Huber | 24 | Norma Baden |
| 8 | Lisa Weihl | 24 | Coann Ducat |
| 8 | Trevor Hennan | 24 | Kevin Auchmuty |
| 9 | Forrest Blake | 24 | Jamie Fletcher |
| 9 | Michael Schroeder | 25 | A.J. Fuller |
| 9 | Michael Walch | 25 | Seth Woelke |
| 10 | Jimmy Wilford | 26 | Elaine Bruns |
| 10 | Dixon Marten | 26 | Sharon Woelke |
| 11 | Scott Kisabeth | 26 | Sandra Mikulka |
| 12 | Andrew Tyson | 26 | Jay Pilkington |
| 13 | Aubrey Fletcher | 28 | Jessica Johnson |
| 14 | Janice Ruffner | 28 | Monica Ashenfelter |
| 14 | Brian Bushong | 30 | Wilma Ameling |
| 14 | Mason Ernsthausen | 30 | Kweyamba Kamala |
| 16 | Mary Frobose | 30 | Brent Boston |

Looking for an opportunity to **REACH OUT** in Christ in service to others?



We are in need of additional servers for our 5:00 pm Wednesday Community Meal. Please contact Josh in the church office if you are available and interested in helping with this wonderful outreach.

Email: josh@stmarksbg.org | Call: (419) 353-9305

The light shines in the darkness and
the darkness did not overcome it.

~ John 1:5

Be The Light!

*A Gathering for Women of the
North Central Conference of the ELCA NWO Synod
Sponsored by Bethlehem Lutheran Church and Hope Lutheran Church*

**Saturday, April 27th from 8:30 to 12:00
at Bethlehem Lutheran Church**

220 Cedar Street, Pemberville Ohio 43450

Registration cost: \$10.00 ~ Check-in: 8:30 – 9:00
Breakfast will be provided ~ Bethlehem is handicap accessible

Guests:

Chris Budke - Bible Study Leader

The Light Still Shines: John 1:1-18

Sonfire by the River praise band

NAMI of Wood County staff—QPR Training

Representatives from NAMI Wood County will be presenting QPR Training. QPR stands for Question, Persuade and Refer. Three simple steps anyone can learn to help save a life from suicide. In as little as an hour, you will learn to recognize the warning signs of suicide, know how to offer help, and know how to get help to save a life. This course is for anyone, including parents, grandparents, friends, neighbors, teachers, pastors, doctors, nurses, police officers, supervisors, caseworkers, firefighters, and many others who are strategically positioned to recognize and refer someone at risk of suicide.

Offering: A monetary offering will be received at the gathering which will be divided between NAMI of Wood County and NWO Synodical Women of ELCA.

**New option for
2024...Online
registration!**

Visit

**[https://bit.ly/
NWOgathering2024](https://bit.ly/NWOgathering2024)**

(case sensitive)

or scan the QR code
below to register and pay
for the gathering through
the NWO Synod's online
registration site by **April 22**



*Mail-in registration is also available
using the form on the next page. Must
be postmarked by April 15.*

**2024 Spring Gathering
mail-in registration form**

Must be postmarked by April 15

Mail to:

Bethlehem Lutheran Church
PO Box 344
Pemberville, Ohio 43450

See other side for online registration option

Name: _____

Phone #: _____

Email address: _____

Church: _____

Payment:

- Check included (payable to: Bethlehem Lutheran Women)
- Check includes additional \$ _____ for offering (for NAMI & NWOSW)
- Will pay by cash at event

Name: _____

Date: _____

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| idols | Silas | Berea | jews | Paul |

SAT/SUN VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE:		
Roles	Saturday, April 20	Saturday, April 27
5:00 PM Worship Team	<i>Communion</i>	<i>Communion</i>
Scripture Reader	Green, Ethel	Johnson, Hobie
Worship Assistant	Dahl, Michael	Laube, Denny
Worship Assistant	Mercer, Yarin	Philo, Jodee
Roles	Sunday, April 21	Sunday, April 28
8:30 AM Worship Team	<i>Communion (stations)</i>	
8:30 - Greeter	Neal, Paul	Clinard, Jane
	Neal, Sarah	Nelson, Mary
	Sergent, Barb	Wood, Jane
	Sergent, Roger	-
8:30 - Usher	Ashenfelter, Bob	Bowe, Al
	Heilmeier, Brian	Creumar, Ann
	Heilmeier, Eric	Kamala, Wellington
	Small, Tim	Parsell, Jerrod
8:30 - Assisting Minister / Deacon	McKibben, Craig	Kisabeth, Denise
8:30 - Acolyte	Brendle, G / Heilmeier, C	Wichman, Kendal & Brayden
8:30 - Crucifer	Budke, Adam	Budke, Adam
8:30 - Communion Server	Bock, Tim	-
	Bock, Jeanne	-
	Gardner, Sandy	-
8:30 - Communion Set-Up/Clean-Up	Heilmeier, Erin	-
8:30 - Soundboard Operator	Kellermeier, Wes	Billnitzer, Isabelle
11:00 AM Worship Team	<i>Communion (stations)</i>	
11:00 - Greeter	Crawford, Mike	Groves, Julie
	Crawford, Mary Beth	Schimpf, Jane
	Nelson, Rebecca	Shetzer, Carolyn
	Nelson, Mark	Staib, Joan
11:00 - Usher	Boswell, Eric	Hollinger, Dave
	Digby, Gordon	Hollinger, Cindy
	Hollinger, Dave	Volunteer Needed
	Niekamp, Doug	Volunteer Needed
11:00 - Assisting Minister / Deacon	Bushong, Brian	Fleshman, Kim
11:00 - Acolyte	Boswell, G / Hollinger, Q	Nester, E. & Niekamp, S.
11:00 - Crucifer	Boston, Brent	Concannon, Wyatt
11:00 - Communion Server	Zeh, Lois	-
11:00 - Communion Set-Up/Clean-Up	Klotz, Sue	-
11:00 - Soundboard Operator	Boswell, Cole	Billnitzer, Isabelle
Hospitality Team		
Coffee Hour Host	Van Vorhis, Jenn & Greg	Tyrrell, Cindy
Nursery Team		
Nursery Attendant	Roehn, Raegan	Bowe, Morgan
Money Counter Team		
Money Counters	Jennings, Kelly	Keller, Susan & Chris
	Swegan, Gary	Klotz, Sue
Safety Team		
8:30 AM Safety Team	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed
11:00 AM Safety Team	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed

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