

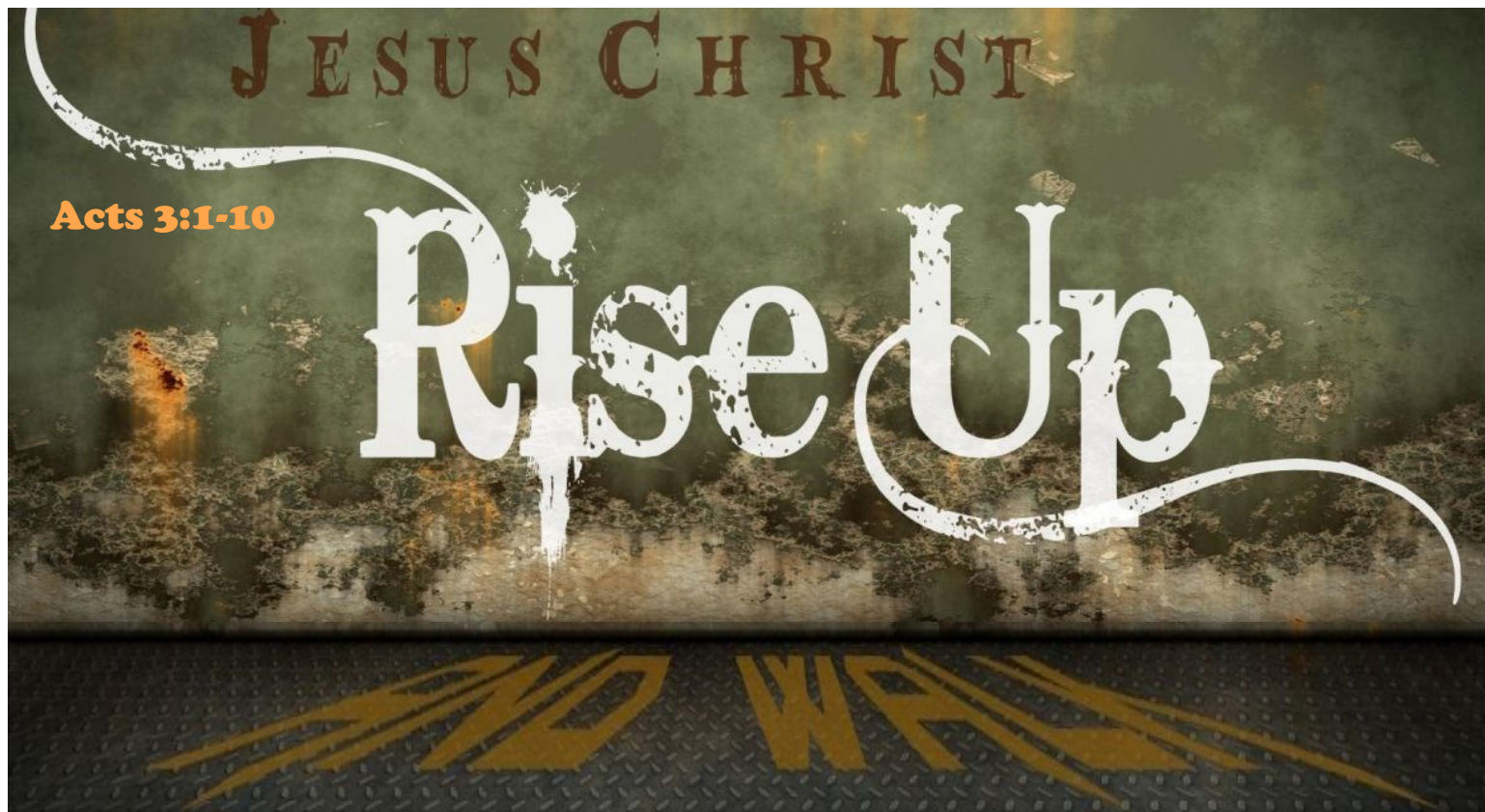
Weekly Announcements
April 14, 2024

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)



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)

COFFEE HOUR TABLE TALK - Sunday, April 14

Join Pastors Robin and Ken in the Family Life Center between services (9:45-10:45 am) for fun trivia and light conversation about current day topics.

thank you

EASTER FLOWERS DONATIONS:

Thank you to all who donated Easter flowers for the worship services. Your flowers may be picked up this week at the Welcome Center (near the church office) through Sunday, April 14.

HOLY WEEK/EASTER VOLUNTEERS:

Thank you to all of the many volunteers who helped make Holy Week and Easter a very meaningful experience for all in attendance.

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

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!

April 8-12, 2024.

St. Mark's Lutheran Academy

**This week began with a pretty monumental celestial event!
We were closed Monday so our students could view the eclipse
with their families.**

**In class this week we painted Monet flowers, learned about
turtles, and studied the weather in addition to the main
classroom areas.**



Contact Us:

academy@stmarksbg.org

419-353-9305

Coming Up:

- April 18 - Book Share Day
- 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



**Our students loved the warm weather this
week during play time!**

Parent Education Night

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

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!

WINTER 2024 FAITH FORMATION GROUPS

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



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 | 11 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.*



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.

April 22
July 22

May 27
August 26

June 24

food for the soul

from Women of Faith

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

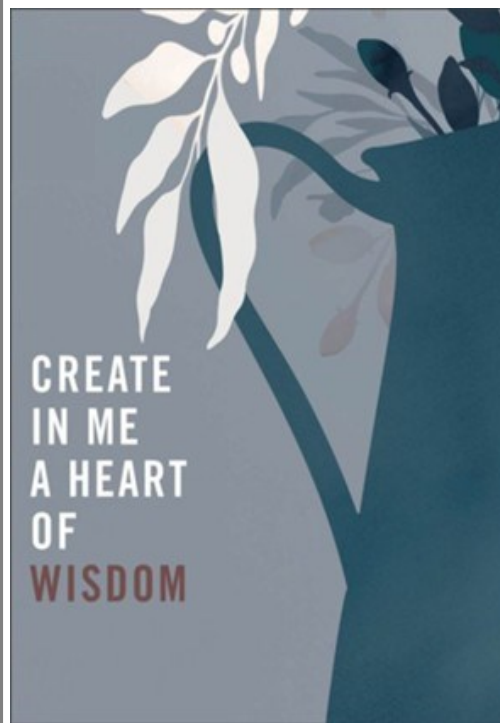
As women, we often share our skills from generation to generation or friend to friend, whether it be baking, knitting, quilting, gardening, hair cutting, child care, etc. And often, along with these skills, we share our faith.

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!




Coffee Hour
Table Talk

Sunday, April 14 9:45-10:45 Family Life Center

Join Pastors Robin and Ken in the Family Life Center between services for fun trivia and light conversation about current-day topics.

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



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)

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

SAT/SUN VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE:		
Roles	Saturday, April 13	Saturday, April 20
5:00 PM Worship Team	<i>Communion</i>	<i>Communion</i>
Scripture Reader	Pasch, Deb	Green, Ethel
Worship Assistant	Laube, Denny	Dahl, Michael
Worship Assistant	Philo, Jodee	Mercer, Yarin
Roles	Sunday, April 14	Sunday, April 21
8:30 AM Worship Team		<i>Communion (stations)</i>
8:30 - Greeter	Kallenbach, Gerry	Neal, Paul
	Kallenbach, Belva	Neal, Sarah
	Klotz, Eric	Sergent, Barb
	Klotz, Sarah	Sergent, 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	Johnson, Hobie	McKibben, Craig
8:30 - Acolyte	Kellermeier, K. & Klotz, R.	Brendle, G / Heilmeier, C
8:30 - Crucifer	Kellermeier, Wesley	Sundermeier, Lee
8:30 - Communion Server	-	Bock, Tim
	-	Bock, Jeanne
	-	Gardner, Sandy
8:30 - Communion Set-Up/Clean-Up	-	Volunteer Needed
8:30 - Soundboard Operator	Wobser II, Greg	Kellermeier, Wes
11:00 AM Worship Team		<i>Communion (stations)</i>
11:00 - Greeter	Champion, Mary	Crawford, Mike
	Champion, Roy	Crawford, Mary Beth
	Schimpf, Jane	Nelson, Rebecca
	Vollmar, Barb	Nelson, Mark
11:00 - Usher	Brewster, Mike	Boswell, Eric
	Brewster, Christy	Hansen, Bob
	Ducatt, Coann	Herber, Patti
	-	Niekamp, Doug
11:00 - Assisting Minister / Deacon	Champion, Roy	Bushong, Brian
11:00 - Acolyte	Ernsthausen, Mason	Boswell, G / Hollinger, Q
11:00 - Crucifer	Boston, Brent	Boston, Brent
11:00 - Communion Server	-	Volunteer Needed
11:00 - Communion Set-Up/Clean-Up	-	Volunteer Needed
11:00 - Soundboard Operator	Klotz, Ethan	Boswell, Cole
Hospitality Team		
Coffee Hour Host	Tyrell, Cindy	Volunteer Needed
Nursery Team		
Nursery Attendant	Horstman, Adison	Roehn, Raegan
	Roehm, Raegan	
Money Counter Team		
Money Counters	Jennings, Kelly	Jennings, Kelly
	Swegan, Gary	Swegan, Gary
Safety Team		
8:30 AM Safety Team	Emmerich, Ann	Volunteer Needed
11:00 AM Safety Team	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed

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