



# The Parish Post

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## Good things are happening here at St. Mark's!

**St. Mark's VBS 2023**

**TWISTS & TURNS**

**START**

**June 12th-14th**

**6-8 pm Dinner 5pm**

**Preschool thru 6th Grade!**

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**APRIL 29, 2023**  
**JUNE 24, 2023**  
**SEPTEMBER 16, 2023**  
**OCTOBER 7, 2023**

**ST. MARK'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
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### MISSION STATEMENT

Nourished by Word and Sacrament, the mission of the members of St. Mark's Evangelical Lutheran Church is to spread God's Word in Jesus Christ through our thoughts, words, and actions, proclaiming God's good news for all to hear and live.



**“Be still, and know that I am God!  
I am exalted among the nations;  
I am exalted in the earth.”  
The Lord of hosts is with us;  
the God of Jacob is our refuge.”  
Psalm 46:10-11 (NRSV)**

Is it just me, or does it seem like people these days are less patient, more tense, always in a hurry, often irritable for little or no reason and less tolerant of people or events that “invade” their lives?

Some blame the fast pace of society these days. Others complain of how busy they always seem to be. Many feel that others are making unfair demands on their time or that they are confronted with trivial matters by trivial people who should be able to do more for themselves. This impatience, irritability and intolerance can lead to frustration, arguments, broken relationships, and may even be a contributing factor in some of the violence that pervades our daily news.

I’ve said before that, even though I cannot prove cause and effect, it seems to me that the farther people get from God, as evidenced in lagging attendance at church services and activities, the worse the social environment becomes. The church is here to reassure not only its members but society as a whole that God is ultimately in control, Jesus offers us peace beyond understanding, at that the Holy Spirit is at work even as much of the world works against it.

Words like those above from Psalm 46 have been a reminder to all people throughout the ages that God knows us, God loves us, and that, given time and a welcoming heart and mind, God will help us feel at peace no matter the circumstances. Throughout the Bible, in both the Old Testament and the New Testament we hear words of reassurance and peace. “Yea, though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil.” “So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them.” “My peace I give to you, my peace I leave with you.” “The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.” When we greet each other with the Peace in church services, we pray for one another to know the peace and love that come from God through us to the world. This is the peace

that seems to be lacking in so much of society today.


Some of the people who know me have described me, and I often think of myself as “a laid-back kind of guy.” That is somewhat ironic because, as a teenager and young adult, I often displayed the short temper and impatience I must have inherited from my father. (I once caught him searching through the flower bed for tools he had flung there while trying to fix the car. When I asked what he was doing he rather brusquely replied, “Go in the house and leave me alone.” Fortunately, his demeanor 90% of the time was more joker than grump, but when we witnessed that 10%, we left him alone to cool off!) As I matured, though, I began to see the futility of impatience and adopted more of my mother’s attitude of tolerance and patience, and my wife says it’s a good thing I did!

I am well aware that my laid-back attitude can be frustrating to people working with me, but for the most part it has served me well. I find time to get the important things done and am often able to deal with people calmly and gently when others have given up in frustration. While I am not averse to reminders, and even prodding at times, I have found that what often seems like foot dragging to my more ram-bunctious friends and coworkers turns out to be an opportunity for the right people and/or circumstances to come about for something meaningful to be done. Be it coincidence or Divine Intervention, it works for me (usually). I am sure I have missed some opportunities by not acting promptly, and I am willing to accept that. I have faith that, if it is truly important, God, my wife, or someone else will move me to action.

In the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus says, “do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And which of you by worrying can add a single hour to your span of life...But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.” Be still and know that God is God (and you’re not!)

Your partner in ministry and mission,

Pr. Jim Person



## From the Council President

Pentecost, our version of “Red Sunday” is just past. It reminds us of the story of the believers gathered in one place when each began speaking in a different language. Strangely each person understood perfectly what the other(s) were saying. Why can’t that be true today? There are so many voices competing for our attention, each with a different message, but it seems no one is listening to anyone else. There seems to be no real communication.

God speaks in one loving voice. Stop for a moment and listen. Pastor Person shares God’s messages with us every Sunday. Listen, think about the message, and take it to heart. Perhaps it will help when some of those disparate voices begin clamoring for your attention.

See you on Sunday and we can listen together.  
Jay Snyder



### Communion Munchos?

I rarely remember my dreams, but this one is a doozy that I would like to share with you!

While stateside, I would regularly assist in distributing communion to the homebound, and occasionally assist during worship services. Maundy Thursday has a deeply special meaning for me, and I fondly remember many discussions with friends and family about the significance of celebrating communion.

In my dream, I was assisting a pastor during the communion distribution. I remember the altar area being elevated and finished with parquet flooring. As I raised the eucharist to give to the pastor, I remember it being of unusual texture and non-uniform shaped (more like an amoeba instead of a circular wafer), and slightly mauve in color. The pastor was giving direction to other assistants at the rail and we distributed these “munchos” as the body of Christ.

When it came time to distribute the wine, the carafe contained honey with an Egyptian-looking metal spork. When I stirred the honey to investigate the material, there were a few sugar ants roaming around. I

showed my discovery to the pastor who nodded like this is a normal occurrence and then moved the spork to avoid the ants and distribute to the waiting assistants. I remember feeling a bit anxious, thinking, what if I accidentally include an ant in a sporkful?

I woke up and recalled what I had for dinner the previous night that may have triggered such a crazy dream. I had nothing unusual, but I did recall a pastor once telling me that sometimes in the mission field you have to improvise because you may not have bread and wine, but maybe only water or fish. A couple of internet searches suggested that dreaming about the inside of a church means I am seeking spiritual enlightenment and guidance (aren’t we all). Dreaming about communion specifically signifies an inner conflict between material and spiritual worlds and between values and feelings (again, isn’t this a constant in our lives because of our capacity for free will?) I will never know what this silly dream really means, but I do know that God has a sense of humor and will continue to walk with me in my journey.

***And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will keep your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. (Philippians 4:7)***

Peace,

Ruth

**ST. MARK'S  
COMMUNITY  
BREAKFAST**

**SECOND  
SATURDAY  
EVERY  
MONTH  
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*Flag Day*  
June 14

**Father's  
Day**  
Sun 18th  
June 2023

**JUNE  
TEENTH!**

**FIRST DAY  
OF SUMMER**  
JUNE 21

*June is*  
**PRIDE MONTH**

**ALZHEIMER'S AND BRAIN  
AWARENESS MONTH**  
— JUNE —

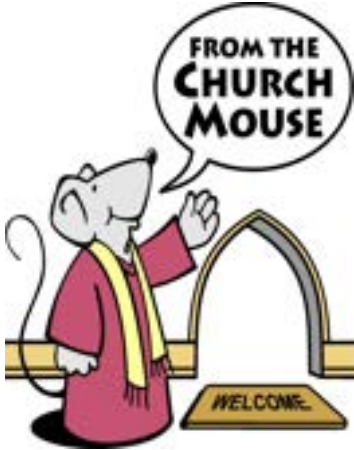
**DATES TO  
REMEMBER**

- 1- The Craft Artisans- 1 pm
- 4- LYF - Last Meeting- 5 pm
- 5- Worship, Music & Arts- 6 pm  
St Mark's Altar Guild- 6:30 pm
- 6- Men's Breakfast- 8 am  
Community Outreach Ministry- 6 pm
- 7- Bible Study- 10 am
- 8- The Craft Artisans- 1 pm
- 10- Community Breakfast- 8 am
- 12- Stewardship Ministry- 3 pm  
WELCA Board Meeting- 4 pm  
VBS- 6-8 pm (Dinner- 5 pm)
- 13- VBS- 6-8 pm (Dinner- 5 pm)  
Property meeting- 6:30 pm
- 14- Bible Study- 10 am  
VBS- 6-8 pm (Dinner- 5 pm)
- 15- The Craft Artisans- 1 pm
- 20- Church Council Meeting- 6:30 pm
- 21- Bible Study- 10 am
- 22- Book Club- 10 am  
The Craft Artisans- 1 pm
- 24- Chicken & Rib BBQ- 10 am
- 28- Bible Study- 10 am
- 29- The Craft Artisans- 1 pm

Last LYF Meeting of the Year!  
Sunday, June 4th

Confirmation Camp - June 18th-24th

**FOLLOW US!**



**Hello my friends at St. Mark's:**

WOW! What a glorious time of the year it is! I took a little time away to reflect on the wonders of the Easter Season and just to gather my thoughts about how fortunate I am to be the **St. Mark's Church Mouse**. I took in all the Lenten services and Easter festivities around the church and now I am rejuvenated.

There surely is a lot going on at my church. I supervised a clean up day (I had to keep Mr. Chris in line), I attended a community breakfast, and I watched our nursery school end of year program and also the graduation. What a joyous time for our "littles" and their parents.

And I got to attend our first "breakfast church" hosted by our St. Mark's LYF. I have to say, I didn't know what to expect but I will say in hindsight, it was fabulous. There was so much good food, good conversation and a general all around feeling of love and camaraderie throughout our fellowship hall. I have to extend a special thanks to Kellen, Maggie, Maddie, Malaia, Katie, Dan and Lizzie who made the service and music happen and to the Fellowship ministry. Also a great big huge thank you to everyone who brought such wonderful food and those on clean up. And to my special friend Chris. He does so much to see that everything and everyone is at the ready. Mr. Chris, you rock! I hope we can do it again real soon.

I hope you all have a safe and happy summer! I'll be back soon with my report on our wonderful Bible School which I can't wait to attend.

**YOURS IN CHRISTIAN LOVE,**

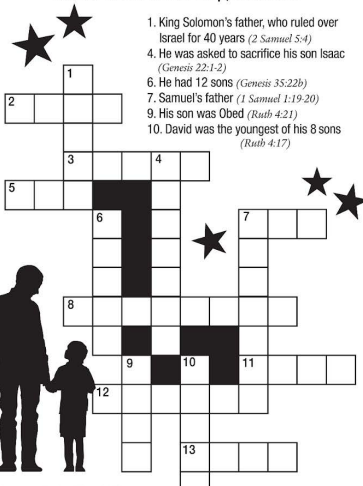


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Please let us know if we missed your Birthday. We wish you many blessings as you celebrate!

# Puzzle!

Complete this crossword with names of biblical fathers. Use the references for help, if needed.



1. King Solomon's father, who ruled over Israel for 40 years (2 Samuel 5:4)
4. He was asked to sacrifice his son Isaac (Genesis 22:1-2)
6. He had 12 sons (Genesis 35:22b)
7. Samuel's father (1 Samuel 1:19-20)
9. His son was Obad (Ruth 4:21)
10. David was the youngest of his 8 sons (Ruth 4:17)

2. His 3 sons helped him build an ark (Genesis 6:10)
3. His youngest son, Jacob, tricked him into giving away a birthright (Genesis 27:30)
5. The Father of our Lord (Ephesians 1:3)
7. His sons were not like Samuel; they were wicked (1 Samuel 2:12)
8. David's best friend and the father of Mephibosheth (2 Samuel 9:6)
11. Father of Cain, Abel and Seth (Genesis 4:25)
12. He was married to Mary, mother of Jesus (Matthew 1:20-21)
13. Father of Jonathan; Israel chose him as their first king (2 Samuel 9:6)

Answer: DOWN 1. David, 4. Abraham, 6. Jacob, 7. Elkanah, 8. Jonathan, 11. Adam, 12. Joseph, 13. Saul  
9. Boaz, 10. Jesse, ACROSS 2. Noah, 3. Isaac, 5. God, 7. Eli.



As May comes to an end we say goodbye to our Nursery School class of 2023! May was filled with a lot of end of the year fun. We had our final visit from Grandma Grace who is one of our students favorite visitors. The students love when she comes in to read to us and of course leaves us with a treat. In May we had our end of the year program and art show. Students sang a few songs to their grown ups and showed off their artistic skills and projects throughout the year. Our four year olds enjoyed carnival day where we played games, took pictures and enjoyed a morning outside in the sun. All classes enjoyed a bubble party and chalk day as well during the last week of school. We ended our school year with graduation, where we celebrated our awesome Sheep class!

As we end our school year we look back on the fond memories we made with our students throughout the year with a grateful heart for the time we shared. Our students have filled us with so much joy, lots of laughs and a lot of learning. We hope all of you have a blessed summer filled with sun and fun! As we look to the new school year we hope to add more new faces. We still have openings in our 2, 3, and 4-5 year old classes. Please help us by spreading the word!

Jessica Broome, Director



**NOW ENROLLING** 2, 3, AND 4 YEAR-OLD CLASSES  
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St. Mark's Nursery School

Following the Lamb

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*Saint Mark's Family,  
Thank you so much for the beautiful flowers to  
celebrate my birthday.  
Sending Hugs,  
Suezan King*

*Just to tell you how much I enjoyed my years at St.  
Mark's. But now I'm very much limited to what I do  
and where I go, and it's unlikely that I'll be in  
Harrisburg again. Time marches on! But thank you  
for the time spent there, and keep on keeping on!  
Suzan Seitz*

*Thank you all for the beautiful flowers delivered to  
me on Sunday for my birthday.  
Thanks,  
Lucy Nusz*



April 27, 2023

Dear Valued Partner,

Thank you for your continued support of the CommunityAid mission through your bin donation partnership. Our commitment remains steadfast and simple: We are neighbors helping neighbors. And we cannot do this without your partnership, driving donations to our stores, enabling us to create quality jobs, offer an affordable shopping experience, and support nonprofit partners serving our local community.

2023 has already brought exciting changes for our CommunityAid family. Have you heard?

- In March, we announced the CommunityAid 30x Grant Program, open year-round to all our actively engaged partners, supporting those unanticipated needs in the community. We've already awarded \$250,000 through this program and are excited by this new way to serve.
- Breaking news! We recently announced the opening of a seventh CommunityAid store in Reading, PA. We are gearing and preparing for a fall opening and are excited for the opportunity to extend our impact to new neighbors.

We have been blessed to be a blessing and thank you for your role in this work. And we're pleased to inform you of additional changes coming in the second quarter, all with the goal of increasing donations and generating more funds for the community. Watch your email next week for an important announcement about changes to donation payouts.

Do you have questions about your partnership with CommunityAid? Are you interested in hosting a donation drive? Would you like to learn more about our grant programs? Please be in touch with your partner liaison. We want to know more about you and look forward to partnering further in the weeks, months and years to come!

With a Grateful Heart,

*Laura Brown*  
Laura Brown, VP of Mission Impact



**The Lutheran Camping Corporation  
of Central Pennsylvania**  
Kirchenwald, Nawakwa, & The Wittel Farm

**Upcoming Event List**

- Dinner Church** at The Wittel Farm - June 25, 2023
- Elder Camp** at Nawakwa - July 9 - 15, 2023
- Kids at Heart** at Kirchenwald - July 9 - 15, 2023
- Family Camp I** at Nawakwa - July 16 - 22, 2023
- Dinner Church** at The Wittel Farm - July 30, 2023
- Kirchenwald Camp-K-tion (Family Camp)** at Kirchenwald - August 6 - 12, 2023
- Family Camp II** at Nawakwa - August 6 - 12, 2023
- Dinner Church** at The Wittel Farm - August 27, 2023
- Campfire Worship** at The Wittel Farm - September 24, 2023
- Party with a Purpose** at Kirchenwald - September 30, 2023
- Capture the Flag Spectacular** at Kirchenwald - October 1, 2023
- Adult Study Retreat** at Nawakwa - October 3 - 5, 2023
- Fall Foliage Day at Nawakwa** at Nawakwa - October 22, 2023
- Fall Foliage Day at Kirchenwald** at Kirchenwald - October 29, 2023
- Campfire Worship** at The Wittel Farm - October 29, 2023
- Annual Quilt Auction** at Nawakwa - November 5, 2023
- Women's Craft Retreat** at Nawakwa - November 10 - 12, 2023
- Advent Day Apart** at The Wittel Farm - December 9, 2023
- Advent/Christmas in the Barn** at The Wittel Farm - December 17, 2023
- Winter Youth Retreat** at Kirchenwald - January 5 - 7, 2024

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