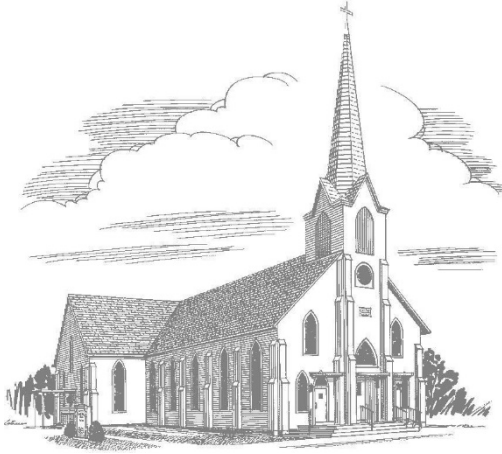


145th Year

March 9-10, 2019

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT



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Welcome, Guests!

*We have a gift mug for you available
at all three of our entrances.*

Please pick one up after the service.

We are glad to have you in worship today.

May God bless you with his love and grace.

--Board of Evangelism

Special Prayers

Charles R. Tiller, Charles H. Tiller

Rev. Matthew Krause as he considers our call to pastor

Continuing Prayer Concerns

Leslie Duvall

Elijah Rabacchi

George Salger

Debra Guebert

Norlyn Kingsten

Ali Gerlach

Alice Knop

Linda Ethridge

Delbert Koen

Julie Heil

Tiffany Troue Denyer

Jim Mevert

Connie Kirkland

Sondra Mahnken

Michael Vallett

Don Ritter

Delbert Joost

Judy Wedemeyer

Dale Schnoeker

Ann Vallett

Genna Biermann (Connie Kirkland's sister-in-law)

Andy Schorr (Carol Mayer's brother)

Roy Thornton (Vicky Potter's father)

Daniel Bell (Lisa Greatting's brother)

Robert Holley (Norlyn & Jane Kingsten's grandson)

Michelle Thies (Gerald & Ruth Ann Thies' daughter-in-law)

Care Center Residents

Delores Doss

Elizabeth Ernsting

Norma Wolters

Irma Wentz

Eileen Clements

Anita Rohlring

Norma Rodewald

Judy Clasen

Lavera Biermann

Mildred Eggemeyer

Wayne Mueller

*We respect the privacy of our members and friends and will not pray for you
publicly unless it is requested, and we know we have your permission.*

Military Personnel & Their Families

Justin Asbury	Casey Vallett	Matt Kraus
Tim Eichenseer	Bill Ingles	Justin Parker
Andrew Grab	Cory Jeffers	Richard Thompson
Denny Ernsting	Kevin Kahre	Ethan Pierce
John Magelitz	Zach Mogavero	Rodney Anderson

Mission Prayer

Remember the centrality of God's Word as you pray:

- for the ministry carried out through the Westfield House of Theological Studies in Cambridge, England, as this ministry trains church leaders for England and many other church bodies around the world.

Lent has begun. Join us each Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. as we focus on *God's Gift of Forgiveness*.

Bible Study Opportunities

Wednesday @ 10:00 a.m. in Meeting Room

Sunday @ 10:15 a.m. in Fellowship Hall

Bible Readings

From *Lutheran Service Book* Daily Lectionary, pp. 299-304

Sunday, 3/10	Genesis 4:1-26; Mark 2:18-28
Monday, 3/11	Genesis 6:1-7:5; Mark 3:1-19
Tuesday, 3/12	Genesis 7:11-8:12; Mark 3:20-35
Wednesday, 3/13	Genesis 8:13-9:17; Mark 4:1-20
Thursday, 3/14	Genesis 11:27-12:20; Mark 4:21-41
Friday, 3/15	Genesis 13:1-18; Mark 5:1-20
Saturday, 3/16	Genesis 15:1-21; Mark 5:21-43

Our Stewardship of Time & Talents

March 9/10

Organist: Carol Lowe

Altar Guild: Julie Tiemann, Carol Hamilton

Acolytes: *Sat.*—Carter and Cooper Wasson;

Sun.—Logan Bartens, Evan Buch

Greeters: *Sat.*—Ruth Waeltz; *Sun.*—Olin & Erna Edler

Elders: *Sat.*—Verline Lorenz, Brian Smith; *Sun.*—Mike Mayer

March 16/17

Organist: Janet Wicker

Altar Guild: Carol Hamilton, Loretta Luedemann

Acolytes: *Sat.*—Brenden Lindenberg, Jackson Knop;

Sun.—Kathrine Pierce, Summer Hassebrock

Greeters: *Sat.*—Leonard Lampe; *Sun.*—Shirley Hornbostel

Elders: *Sat.*—Alan Uchtman; *Sun.*—Rodney Wilson, Andy Gerlach

Attendance

Worship, 3/2-3; Sat.: 72; Sun.: 55

Ash Wednesday, 3/6: 51

Bible Study: Sun.: N/A; Wed.: 4

Lenten Meals & Fellowship

Come and enjoy a prepared meal and fellowship before attending the Lenten services. The Board members of our Church are asked to sponsor pre-service meals from 5:30-6:30 before the Wednesday evening services. Each meal comes with drink and dessert. A basket for a free will offering is available. The Board Sponsors and menus for 2019 are:

March 13	Elders	Pork Loin & Baked Beans
March 20	Christian Education	Mi Casa Subs & Chips
March 27	Trustees	Chili
April 3	Stewardship	Pulled Pork
April 10	Youth and Young Adults	Sloppy Joes

ST. MARK'S LUTHERAN SCHOOL NOTES

Our chapel service on Wednesday, March 13th, will be led by Pastor Handrick. **The service will be at 12:30 pm. Please note the time change.** Offering for the next few chapel services will be designated to the Lutheran Student Center through SIU Missions. Everyone is invited to attend our weekly chapel service that begins around 8:25 am at the church weather permitting.

The anticipation builds as opening night grows closer! Plan to attend this whimsical, fast paced melodrama by Whitney Ryan Garrity, "Return to Calamity Gulch" performed by St. Mark's Comedy Crew! Dates are March 15, 16 & 22, 23, at 7:00 pm at St. Mark's Lutheran School gym. The cast of comedic characters are: **Pa CulPepper**-Mark Troue, **Ma Culpepper**-Cindy Troue, **Ivory Keyes**-Ann Luedders, **Widder Black**-Dawn Uchtman, **Horace Prickley**-Seth Troue, **Pansy Perriwinkle**-Adrienne Kraus, **Violet Perriwinkle**-Chrissy Lindenberg, **Sheriff Prettyfoot**-Jennifer Wilson, **Peter Loveless**-Reid Wilson, and **The Quicksilver Quartet**-Marvin Bartens, Jim "Doc" Kirby, and Ryan Bartens. Trying to keep this crew in line is director Sandy Fortner.

Easter break for St. Mark's will begin with **no school on Maundy, Thursday, April 18th and continue through Monday, April 22nd.** Classes will resume on Tuesday, April 23rd. Please make this change on your school calendar!

The school board has set the final week of the 2018-2019 school year. The last full day of school will be **Monday, May 13th.** This is also Pre-K's last day for class and their field day. There will be no school on **Tuesday, May 14th** for a Teacher's work day. On **Wednesday, May 15th** we will have our closing chapel followed by field day and an **11:30 am dismissal** to close the school year. Report cards will be sent home with students that have all accounts paid in full, this includes tuition, latchkey, hot lunch and any other outstanding accounts or sports uniforms not turned in.

Ms. Alexa Zacheis and Mrs. Delana Luebkemann would like to **thank** everyone that participated or donated to the Kid's Heart Challenge. St. Mark's had over 36 people donate which raised over \$1,700 dollars. A huge thank you to Savana Link for collecting the most donations! Way to go Savana! The American Heart Association & St. Mark's gives a big high five to Ms. Zacheis and Mrs. Luebke

St. Mark Sports

Mon., Mar. 11 – V-Ball vs Trico (8th grade recognition night)
Home 6:00 pm

March 12, 14 & 15 – V-Ball SIJHSAA Regionals
@ St. Mary's, Chester TBA

Thurs., Mar. 14 – V-Ball SIJHSAA Regionals
@ St. Mary's, Chester 6:00 pm

Dinner Auction Update

Preparations are being made for this year's 8th Annual Dinner Auction. The Dinner Auction Committee is accepting donations for the live or silent auction. This year's theme is "Take Me Out to the Ballgame". Make plans to join us on May 4th, 2019 and watch for your dinner auction invitation in March. Any questions, please contact Sherri Buch 618-978-0323 or Deanna Reitz 618-615-1350. Thank you!

Coffee Cakes and Cinnamon Rolls

The Youth Group is taking orders for coffee cakes and cinnamon rolls. The coffee cake flavors that are available are Cherry, Peach, Peanut Butter and Old Fashioned. Cinnamons rolls come in packages of 6. The price is \$5 per/item. To place an order, call a youth group member, the church office at 965-3192 or Rhonda Wilson at 618-559-0964.

The Second Annual Shamrock Shootout NASP Tournament and Fun Flights will be held at *COS* on March 16, 2019 from 8 am to 5 pm. Not only is this a fun tournament for NASP School individuals and teams to participate in, we also will be having fun flights in which coaches, parents and community youth and adults can compete. This as a fundraiser to grow NASP in the Southern IL area. Wearing green is encouraged and a good time is guaranteed. Concessions will be available.

Parents and community members can get more information and register using this form: <http://bit.ly/coslhs-Shamrock> Registration is \$10.00 per archer. Medals will be awarded to the top archers.

Don't forget to direct Thrivent Choice Dollars®

Eligible Thrivent Financial members who have been designated Choice Dollars have until **March 31, 2019**, to direct any remaining 2018 Choice Dollars. Go to Thrivent.com/thriventchoice to learn more and find program terms and conditions. Or call 800-847-4836 and say "Thrivent Choice" after the prompt.

Shadow Days: Parents of eighth graders and potential transfer students are encouraged to call and make arrangements for their student to spend a day at *Christ Our Savior* shadowing a *COS* student and learning more about the *COS* advantage.

Choice Dollars

There are still some choice dollars available for Thrivent members for 2018, but they must be designated by March 30, 2019. If they are not designated by members, the recipient of these dollars will be determined by Thrivent. During 2018, St. Mark's School has received a total of \$1,524 and St. Mark's Church has received \$895, for a total of \$2,419. This money is used to help pay our utility bills. Thank you to Thrivent and Thrivent members for these Choice Dollars, which is free money to us. Choice Dollars can be designated by calling 800-847-4836 and saying "Choice Dollars" or by visiting "[www.thrivent.com/thrivent choice](http://www.thrivent.com/thriventchoice)".

Community Events

St. John's (Baldwin) annual "All You Can Eat" Chicken Dinner will be held on Sunday March 10th, 2019 from 11:00 am to 1:30 pm. The menu will be fried chicken, mashed potatoes/gravy, corn, green beans, slaw, drinks and desserts included. Only ½ chicken dinners available as carry-outs.

Christ Lutheran School, Jacob, will be hosting a St. Patrick's Day Trivia on March 15th from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. There is a prize for the best table decoration. \$10 per person, 8 people per table and there will be 10 rounds. To reserve a table please contact the school at 763-4664. It is a great deal of fun, hope you can join us!! There will also be a silent auction and 50-50 drawings throughout the night.

Salem Adults in Christ present "The Saga of the Golden Horseshoe...or That was no Lady, That was my Filly" by Pat Cook. The play will be presented at Salem Lutheran Gym, Farrar, MO. Play dates are Fri. & Sat., March 15 & 16 and Fri. & Sat., March 22 & 23 at 7:00 p.m. all nights. Tickets are: Adults--\$8; Children (6-12)--\$5; Children 5 and under are free.

St. Mark's Weekly Calendar

Sat., March 9 *Food Pantry Donations*
6:00 p.m. Worship Service w/Communion

Sun., March 10 *Food Pantry Donations*
9:00 a.m. Worship Service
10:15 a.m. Bible Study

Mon., March 11 7:00 p.m. Parish Council

Tues., March 12

Wed., March 13 8:25 a.m. School Chapel
10:00 a.m. Bible Class
5:30-6:30p.m. Lenten Meal
6:00 p.m. Adult Choir
7:00 p.m. Lenten Service

Thurs., March 14 10:00 a.m. Accessible Worship
w/Communion

Fri., March 15

Sat., March 16 6:00 p.m. Worship Service

Sun., March 17 9:00 a.m. Worship Service w/Communion
10:15 a.m. Bible Study

Blanket Makers meet each week on Tuesday from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in the Ladies Aid room on the second floor of the school.

The blanket makers are in need of bed sheets or donations to purchase them. The sheets are used for the back of their quilts. They could also use information about a sewing machine repairman.

MISSION STATEMENT

Our mission is to proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ, through worship, education, outreach, fellowship, and service.



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Saturdays @ 6:00 p.m.

Sundays @ 9:00 a.m.

Accessible Service @ 10:00 a.m. on 2nd Thursdays

HOLY COMMUNION

Holy Communion is celebrated every weekend, the first, third and fifth Sundays of the month at the 9:00 a.m. service and at the 6:00 p.m. Saturday evening service before the second and fourth Sundays of the month.

ST. MARK'S IS A MEMBER CONGREGATION & SCHOOL OF



THE
LUTHERAN CHURCH
MISSOURI SYNOD

We believe and confess the doctrine of the Evangelical Lutheran Church is faithful and true to the Bible and we strive for a balanced Law/Gospel practice of same.