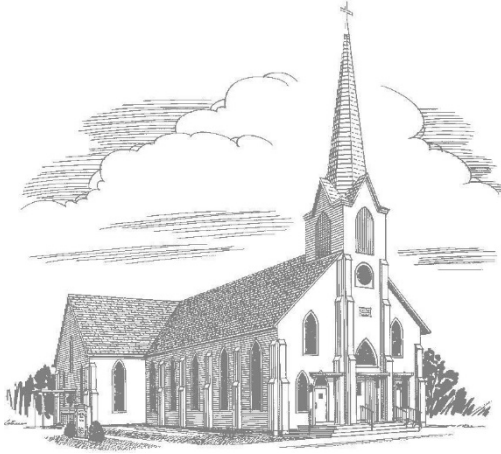


146th Year

March 14/15, 2020

THIRD 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

Irma Wente on her 96th Birthday on March 14th
Willard Knop

Continuing Prayer Concerns

Leslie Duvall	Elijah Rabacchi	George Salger
Debra Guebert	Ann Vallett	Ali Gerlach
Alice Knop	Linda Ethridge	Delbert Koen
Julie Heil	Delbert Joost	Jim Mevert
Sondra Mahnken	Victor Brelje	Larry Ebers
Don Ritter	Sam Huffman	Judy Wedemeyer

Patricia Ford (Larry Grab sister)

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

Patty McAdams (sister of Jeff Welten)

Arnold Mueller (father of Alice Wydeck)

Rick Mathis (Bruce Mathis' brother)

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)

Care Center Residents

Delores Doss	Mary Lou Goetting	Norma Wolters
Irma Wente	Eileen Clements	Mildred Eggemeyer
Norma Rodewald	Judy Clasen	Lorien Ebers
	Wayne Mueller	

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
Chasten Lindenberg		Braden Eichenseer

Mission Prayer

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

- for LCMS professors and pastors who travel overseas to teach seminars and intensive courses for our current and emerging church partners, that God would grant them safe travel and fruitful labors.

Attention!

Make plans to join us on Saturday, May 9th for the 9th annual St. Mark's Dinner Auction. Get ready for a night of fun with this year's—Beach Bash theme. For questions, requests, or to make a donation you may call or text Natalie Spiller, Stephanie Hecht or call the church office (965-3192).

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, 3/15	Genesis 27:30-45; 28:10-22; Mark 9:1-13
Monday, 3/16	Genesis 29:1-30; Mark 9:14-32
Tuesday, 3/17	Genesis 35:1-29; Mark 9:33-50
Wednesday, 3/18	Genesis 37:1-36; Mark 10:1-12
Thursday, 3/19	Genesis 39:1-23; Mark 10:13-31
Friday, 3/20	Genesis 40:1-23; Mark 10:32-52
Saturday, 3/21	Genesis 41:1-27; Mark 11:1-19

Our Stewardship of Time & Talents

March 14/15

Organist: Janet Wicker

Altar Guild: Christa Parker, Marilyn Wentz

Acolytes: Sat.— Savana Link, Ellie Markley; Sun.— Elly Buch, Miranda Rodewald

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

Elders: Sat.— Carl Handel; Sun.— Marvin Bartens, Mark Troue

March 18, 7:00 p.m.

Organist: Janet Wicker

Acolytes: Colin Vallett, Cayton Cratch

Elders: Nathan Harding

March 21/22

Organist: Carl Handel

Altar Guild: Marilyn Wentz, Lorene Word

Acolytes: *Sat.*—Christian Zimmer, Canon Ruby; *Sun.*— Colin Vallett, Cayton Cratch

Greeters: *Sat.*—Christa Parker; *Sun.*—Herman & Darlene Mayer

Elders: *Sat.*—Rick Ebers, Brian Smith; *Sun.*— Andy Gerlach

Attendance

Worship, Mar. 7/8; Sat.: 68; Sun.: 170

Lenten Service, Mar. 11: 50

Bible Study: Sun.: N/A; Wed.: 5

2019 Giving Statements are available in the Narthex.

LWML Meeting

Please join us for the LWML meeting on March 19 at 7:00 p.m.
We will be repairing old Chrismons and making new ones.



St. Mark's Lutheran School Notes

*We have this hope as an anchor
for the soul, firm and secure.*

Our chapel service on Wednesday, March 11th will be led by Matt Foster from COSLHS. Our offering until the end of April will be designated for Sara Potter, an alumnus of St. Mark's Lutheran School that is suffering from a noncancerous brain tumor.

Sara Potter, a former student of St. Mark's Lutheran School, is undergoing treatments for symptoms that stem from radiation treatments for a non-cancerous brain tumor. St. Mark's Lutheran School has designated its chapel offering for the months of March and April to help with expenses that Sara and her family may have. If you would like to contribute, you may send a check payable to St. Mark's, (Sara's fund in the memo), 504 N. James Street, Steeleville, IL 62288.

On Sunday, March 22nd the 1st through 4th grade will be singing, "Freely, Freely" at the 9:00 am church service. They will be under the direction of Mrs. Ann Luedders. Please plan to attend.

The first practice for track will be Wednesday, March 18, immediately after school at St. Mark's followed by an informative meeting with parents. Students should wear shorts, t-shirt, and proper shoes for running. A hoodie and sweat pants is suggested if the weather is cool/cold. Steeleville Public is in a coop with St. Mark's for track. A list of scheduled meets will be distributed at the parent meeting. If you have any questions give Coach Larry Luedders a call at 965-9283.

St. Mark's is now accepting pre-registration/enrollment for both Preschool and K-8 students (new and old) for the 2020-2021 school year. Pre-registration forms are available at the school office from 8:30-3:00 daily or you may call 965-3838 for more information. In order to ensure placement for your pre-school aged child a nonrefundable registration fee of \$25.00 will be required. For both Preschool and K-8 students, if you pay the \$200 pre-registration fee, you will be charged the discounted tuition. If you do not preregister, you will be responsible for the regular 2020-2021 tuition rates. To verify that your child is eligible for enrollment, a certified copy of the birth certificate (required for new student enrollment) from the County Courthouse where your child was born must be presented at the time of pre-registration. All Pre-enrollment/preregistration fees are non-refundable.

The gangsters are coming! The gangsters are coming! Opening night is almost here for St. Mark's Comedy Crews production of "Pistols and Posies" by Christy Fredrickson. Mark your calendar for either March 20 & 21 or 27 & 28 at 7 pm. All the action takes place in the school gym. For the small price of \$10 for adults and \$5 for ages 8 & under you can see Primo Malvone and MaMa Mia battle it out to see who rules Chicago! Proceeds from this event will go towards upgrades and equipment for the studio room.

St. Mark's Sports

Mon., Mar 16 – V-Ball vs Trico (A, B, C)

@ S'ville Public 5:30 pm

Thurs., Mar 19 – V-Ball Regional Tournament

@ St. John, Chester Parish Hall vs Counterville 5:00 pm

Fri., Mar 20 – V-Ball Regional Tournament

@ St. John, Chester concludes 6:00 pm



Wish List

Church Ceiling—Have you looked up lately? The paint on the sanctuary ceiling is peeling and will require repaint in near future. The Parish Council has decided to start a fund to pay for the repainting. If you would like to donate to this fund please make checks out to “St. Mark’s” and write “Church Ceiling” in the memo.

Lenten Meals

Come and enjoy a prepared meal and fellowship before attending the Lenten services. Board members of our church will sponsor pre-service meals from 5:30—6:30 before the Wednesday evening services. Each meal comes with drink and dessert. A free will offering basket will be available.

March 18	Board of Trustees	<i>Chili</i>
March 25	Board of Stewardship	<i>Pulled Pork</i>
April 1	Board of Youth	<i>Sloppy Joes</i>

Our Church Directory is Online!

Our new Church Directory is online and we are working to keep your information secure. In order to keep you information secure your email is required to log into the directory. Send your email address to us at stmks.directory@gmail.com. We will then add it the directory and send you an email with the link so that you can log in when this step is completed.

Choice Dollars

There are still some choice dollars available for Thrivent members for 2019, but they must be designated by March 31, 2020. If they are not designated by members, the recipient of these dollars will be determined by Thrivent. During 2019, St. Mark's School has received a total of \$1,057 and St. Mark's Church has received \$1,873 for a total of \$2,930. 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" after the prompt, or by visiting "www.thrivent.com/thriventchoice".

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. Cinnamon 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 559-0964. Deadline to place orders is April 1st and the orders will be available on April 10th between 3-4 p.m. at the school cafeteria.



The Third Annual Shamrock Shootout NASP Tournament and Fun Flights will be held at *COS* on March 21, 2020 from 8 am - 5 pm. Join the fun and shoot a flight of arrows or just watch. Parents and community members can get more information and register using this form: <http://bit.ly/coslhs-shamrock2020> Registration is \$10.00 per archer. Admission is \$2 for students, \$3 for adults, or \$10 per family. Medals will be awarded to the top archers. Concessions will be available.

***COS* FFA Alumni:** Join the *COS* FFA Alumni to help support FFA at *COS*! The next meeting is at *COS* on March 23 at 6:30 pm.

Early Registration for 2020-2021: Register your students for next year by filling out the forms and paying the early registration fee of \$150. The early registration period ends March 31. You are also encouraged to apply for financial aid via FACTS and complete the *COS* Scholarship application.

Don't forget to direct Thrivent Choice Dollars®

Grant funding from Thrivent Financial through its Thrivent Choice® program can help support organizations you care about. Eligible Thrivent Financial members who have been designated Choice Dollars have until **March 31, 2020**, to direct any remaining 2019 Choice Dollars. You can use those dollars to support Christ Our Savior Lutheran High School. 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.

Kids in the DIVINE SERVICE



Why do we celebrate Lent for six weeks?

Don't forget what Lent is all about! It is a time when we are reminded of what Jesus gave up for us, and a time when we look forward to and prepare for His death and resurrection!

We celebrate Lent for six weeks. Not counting Sundays, this adds up to forty days. These forty days remind us of Christ's temptation in the wilderness (Matt. 4:1-11). There He was without food for forty days. We remember the temptation of the Israelites in the desert after the Lord had delivered them from Egypt. This lasted forty years (Num. 14:34). Finally, we can remember the story of Noah and his family. After forty days and forty nights in the ark, it finally stopped raining, and the Lord delivered them just as He promised. (Gen. 7:17).

FOR PARENTS

Continue to encourage your children in their Lenten preparation. During worship, point out the places where our Lord comes to us (i.e., God's Word, Holy Communion, Holy Baptism, Absolution). Remember that being their example and companion on this Lenten journey makes a difference!

During these forty days of Lent, we remember the faithfulness of God to His people and how His faithfulness is complete in Jesus Christ, our Savior. Jesus remains faithful to us, always being where He promises to be: in His Word and Sacraments. Wow! What a Savior!

St. Mark's Weekly Calendar

Sat., March 14

6:00 p.m.

Food Pantry Donations

Worship Service

Sun., March 15

9:00 a.m.

10:15 a.m.

Food Pantry Donations

Worship Service w/Communion

Bible Study

Mon., March 16

Tues., March 17

Wed., March 18

8:25 a.m.

10:00 a.m.

5:30 p.m.

6:00 p.m.

7:00 p.m.

School Chapel

Bible Class

Lenten Meal & Fellowship

Adult Choir

Lenten Service

Thurs., March 19

Fri., March 20

Sat., March 21

6:00 p.m.

Worship Service w/Communion

Sun., March 22

9:00 a.m.

10:15 a.m.

Worship Service

Bible Study

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.

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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.