



THE SPIRE

**ST. MARK LUTHERAN CHURCH
611 WOODVILLE ROAD
TOLEDO, OHIO 43605**

PASTOR: BETH GILLER

**9:30 A.M. - WORSHIP SERVICE
(ONE SERVICE THROUGH SUMMER)**

HANDICAP ACCESSIBLE

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PROPERTY BOARD NOTES

I have now been the property board chairperson for six months and I thought I would share some of the things that have been done.

We hired Carissa’s Green Cleaning Company to clean the church and balcony area once a month. They have done an excellent job so far. If you have noticed how clean everything else is, please know that Jeff Kruse can take full credit! Thank you, Jeff, for keeping our building looking so nice!

I’ve been busy cleaning and organizing rooms within the church so that we can optimize the space that we have. Thanks to those who have helped me along the way. It has been fun discovering old memories that have been stored away.

Brad Isbell and the lawn crew have done a great job, and I appreciate Brad’s leadership and volunteering to take over this task. New eco-friendly mowers have been purchased. The outside storage area has also been cleaned out and re-arranged, Brad even painted the door, thank you!

The Fellowship Hall restroom sink handles have all been replaced with more up-to-date ones that are much easier to use, believe me, you will agree! A HUGE thank you to Mike Rokicki for volunteering his time and efforts to achieving this daunting task. It’s those little things in life.

If you have any questions/suggestions or need to point out any issues, please reach out to me at 419-277-0220. I will do my best to answer any questions or find someone that can.

Yours truly,

Beth Rokicki
Property Board Chairperson



Neighborhood Giveaway



The Neighborhood Ministry will again feature Christmas in July. If you have Christmas items and artificial trees of any size to donate, please bring them to church by July 24. We continue to stock up on kitchen-ware, toys, and household misc. Thank you for remembering us when you are purging!

Drop off your items in the Sunday School area, look for the orange signs downstairs.

If you have any questions, check with Cathy Klewer
(I’m usually at the second service or you can call/ text me at 419-260-3169). **Thank you!**

“Let your light so shine before others, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.” (Matthew 5:16)

Greetings!

This Bible verse about letting “Your light so shine,” has always been one of my favorites. These words are often spoken at baptisms along with, “*Jesus said, I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will have the light of life.*” (John 8:12)

When a person is newly baptized the pastor marks the sign of the cross on their forehead and says, “Child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.”

What a joyous moment this is for the newly baptized person and their family and friends...brothers and sisters in Christ.

As we live out our baptism from that moment on how might we let our light shine and how might we follow Jesus who is the light of the world?

What might our faith practices include? What comes to your mind? There are promises made when we are baptized. I have found a prayer for us to pray from the ELCA. It is called Living Our Baptism...Five Gifts of Discipleship.

Gracious God,

Send your Holy Spirit. Awaken in me the gifts of discipleship:

**to live among God’s faithful people;*

**to hear the word of God and share in the Lord’s Supper;*

**to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed;*

**to serve all people, following the example of Jesus;*

**to strive for justice and peace in all the earth. Amen.*



When we do these practices we grow in our faith and care for others and the world our Amazing God created. We also encourage and nurture others to do the same. In this church community I have witnessed so many people exhibit JOY in the Lord during worship, prayers, fellowship, serving others and being generous in so many ways. Thank you! God’s Light and Love is being spread among us and out into the world.

When our lives in Christ exhibit JOYFULNESS we are letting our light shine and it is observed by others bringing greater glory to our Lord. Might we wonder...what are some things that may be focused upon to live out these gifts of discipleship...here and now in this place?

The word FELLOWSHIP comes to my mind; this participation with friendly companionship develops deeper relationships with God and others and is accomplished when we spend valuable time together.

In our Worship Services fellowship occurs while together we hear scripture readings, sermons, pray prayers, receive Holy Communion, and singing hymns and songs. Participating in Sunday School, Bible and Prayer Studies also helps us get to know one another on a more personal level.

Fellowship occurs as we Volunteer to help at worship services, the last Wednesday of the month neighborhood event, funeral luncheons, distributing homebound communion, leadership groups, or for events such as VBS, Let’s Build Beds, and other church & youth group sponsored activities. These experiences give everyone the chance to know one another better while serving the Lord.

Other joy filled fellowship opportunities involve food and/or fun such as the OWL’S luncheons, the dart ball team, singing in the church choir and joining in various children’s activities.

FYI: We are having a Mudhens Game Outing on Wednesday, July 27th at 7:05 pm. Please call the church office at (419) 691-3597 to reserve your seat, tickets are \$11 and the deadline to sign up is July 13th.

In the days ahead it is my hope and prayer to see more people living out their gifts of discipleship and coming together for joy filled fellowship. May all of our “lights so shine” that people will be attracted to our St. Mark community more than ever before and come to know our Father in Heaven.

Blessings,

Pr. Cindy Ritter



MEMORIALS

JOANNE HAMILTON by Rosanne Babiuch, Robert & Rose Belville, Jan Livingston, Lillian Lager, Margaret Babiuch.



Youth Mission Trip to Columbia, SC

Our 8th-12th grade EDGE Mission Team is gearing up for their mission trip with Next Step Ministries to Columbia, SC this July 23-30! Columbia is the state capital of South Carolina and is located between sandy white beaches to the east and rolling Appalachian Mountains to the west. Our team will have the opportunity to engage in community transformation through home repair and relational ministry. In South Carolina, we will partner with local churches, businesses, and nonprofits to best serve the community. In meeting the more immediate physical needs, our hope is that those we are serving alongside would come to know and experience the life changing love of Christ. **Would you like to send along an Agape gift for our team? Contact Emily!**



2022 Summer Vacation Bible School Mission: Deep Sea! July 11-13th from 6-8pm

A crew of deep sea explorers from the Sea Exploration Agency are on a mission to explore the deepest depths of the ocean, in search of knowledge about its Creator — **and you're invited too, as a SEA agent in training!** As our crew travels deeper and deeper below the surface, experience the wonders of creation, face a few challenges, and discover that knowing our Creator doesn't require a special badge or a submarine. Our faith grows deeper when we spend time with God, spend time with others, use our gifts to serve, and share our stories of faith! **Register your child by July 6th or sign up to volunteer at stmarktoledo.com/vbs2022!**

JUNE WEEKLY GIVING TOTALS

6/5 - 6/10

Envelope Offerings: \$3,377

Simply Giving: \$1,828

Total: \$5,205

6/12 - 6/17

Envelope Offerings: \$3,655

Simply Giving: \$3,599

Total: \$7,254

6/19 - 6/24

This Sunday offering was counted/added with 6/26

Simply Giving: \$2,094

6/26 - 6/30

Envelope Offerings: \$4,098

Simply Giving: \$2,855

Total: \$6,953

Weekly amount needed to meet annual budget: \$7,383

Thank You



SUNDAY IN PERSON ATTENDANCE

6/05 Total: 105

6/12 Total: 87

6/19 Total: 82

6/26 Total: 65



Congratulations, 2022 St. Mark Graduates!*

Braden Alore is a 2022 graduate of Northwood High School. In the fall, he played football for 4 years earning 3 varsity letters and was team captain his senior year. During the winter, he wrestled for 4 years earning 4 varsity letters and was team captain his senior year. He also played baseball for 3 years earning 2 varsity letters. Braden has earned many athletic and academic awards in his high school career. You might also see Braden bagging your groceries at Kroger. Braden will be attending Northern Michigan University in the fall of 2022 majoring in Accounting and Communications.

Maura Carr is a 2022 graduate of Clay High School. She was a member of the Women's Soccer team, Volunteer Focus, DECA and National Honor Society. She has also been active in the Edge Youth Group here at St. Mark. She will be attending Wilmington College in the fall majoring in Sports Management and Marketing. She will also be playing soccer for the Lady Quakers in the fall. Maura thanks her family, friends and church family for all the support throughout the years.

Ty Johnson is a 2022 graduate of Genoa High School. Ty played saxophone and participated in Genoa's marching band, stage band, and pep band throughout his HS years. He was involved with HS Musicals (Little Mermaid, Addams Family, and most recently Little Shop of Horrors). He lettered in Cross-Country. Ty was awarded two Scholarships from the Genoa Area Schools Scholarship Foundation and one scholarship from The University of Toledo where he will major in Environmental Science.

Ava Moore graduated from St. Ursula Academy this Spring. She played varsity tennis all 4 years and plans to play club tennis in college. She also was a member of the St. Ursula Ambassador Society all 4 years. Ava is going to the University of Cincinnati. She will major in Public Relations. She decided on Cinci because of their strong co-op and internship program.

Grace Moore graduated from St. Ursula Academy. She was a member of the St. Ursula Ambassador Society all 4 years. She also rowed on the crew team for 4 seasons. Grace is going to Ole Miss. She wants to be a Physician's Assistant and can't wait to go to the south for college. Ole Miss has a good pre-PA program which will help her get ready for grad school.

Alex Rife is a 2022 graduate of Clay High School. He will be attending the University of Cincinnati in the fall, majoring in Electrical Engineering. He discovered his love of engineering early on through the First Lego League program which then transformed into the high school robotics team where this past year they made it all the way to the FTC State Championship. He was recently awarded the Clay High School Outstanding Senior in Engineering Design & Development and is in the beginning stages of getting one of his designs patented. Outside of his passion for engineering, he has been on the Clay High School Honor Roll/Dean's List throughout his academic career, was Culver's Employee of the Month and played for the Clay Soccer Team all four years. Most importantly, he is a kind, hardworking young man and we are so excited to see what the future holds.

Dominic Marquette is a 2022 graduate of Clay High School. He will be attending Capital University as a student athlete this fall and plans on majoring in Biology with a Pre-Med track. He will also be a part of their football program as an incoming freshman. Some of his accomplishments include being an all TRAC athlete award recipient, and all TRAC academic award recipient in athletics. Dominic was a two year member of the National Honor Society, as well as a three-year varsity player for football and a two-year varsity player for Track.

**These are the submissions we have received from graduates or their families. If there are other seniors who would like to submit information, we will include it in future newsletters.*

July 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<i>Note: Keep an eye out for Refit class cancellations due to extra hot summer days on their Facebook page: search "Refit on</i>				1	2 Refit Dance Class at 9am in the Gym
3 Worship Service at 9:30 am (One Service)	4 OFFICE CLOSED Happy Independence Day! No Refit	5 A.A. at 7:30pm in the Fellowship Hall	6 AL ANON at 7:30pm in the Chapel	7 Refit Dance Class at 6:30pm in the Gym	8	9 Refit Dance Class at 9am in the Gym
10 Worship Service at 9:30 am (One service)	11 Refit Dance Class at 6:30pm in the Gym	12 A.A. at 7:30pm in the Fellowship Hall	13 AL ANON at 7:30pm in the Chapel	14 Refit Dance Class at 6:30pm in the Gym	15	16 Refit Dance Class at 9am in the Gym
17 Worship Service at 9:30 am (One service)	18 Refit Dance Class at 6:30pm in the Gym	19 A.A. at 7:30pm in the Fellowship Hall	20 AL ANON at 7:30pm in the Chapel	21 OWLS Luncheon at Spaghetti Warehouse 11:30 am Refit Dance Class at 6:30pm in the Gym	22	23 Refit Dance Class at 9am in the Gym
24 Worship Service at 9:30 am (One service)	25 Refit Dance Class at 6:30pm in the Gym	26 A.A. at 7:30pm in the Fellowship Hall	27 AL ANON at 7:30pm in the Chapel	28 Refit Dance Class at 6:30pm in the Gym	29	30 Refit Dance Class at 9am in the Gym
31 Worship Service at 9:30 am (One service)						