



During this Lenten season, we will be exploring the twists and turns in the journey of Peter. Peter drops his nets to follow Jesus, but his journey is full of detours and surprises. He keeps walking with Jesus even through the challenges and disappointments. Join worship each Wednesday as we consider what it means to have “A Wandering Heart.”

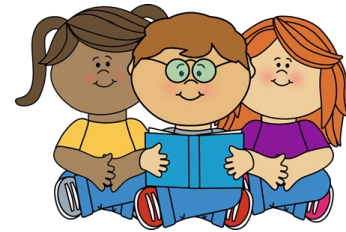
We begin Lent on Wednesday, March 5th with Ash Wednesday Services. Holy Communion and Imposition of Ashes will take place at both 12 pm & 7 pm.

Lent services continue each Wednesday with one service each week at 7 p.m.



The Men's Night group had a great time playing Bocce on ice at The Ribbon at the Glass City Metropark on February 18th! Keep an eye out for future Men's Night hangouts in the Sunday bulletins and Spire Newsletters.





Sunday School Pre-K through Fifth Grade

We have registered 32 students into our program and our average attendance has been 15 a week. Arrival time is 9:30 am and ends at 10:20 am. There will be times that we run over with our lessons, but try our best to be done at 10:20 am. We will always be finished before second service starts. Please do not drop off your student if a Sunday school teacher is not present, and we ask that you do not send them down alone without supervision. The safety of our students is important to us. We ask that every student be picked up at the Sunday School doors after class. No student will be allowed to leave unless their parent or a guardian is there to pick them up.

Our theme this year: **“Trust in the Lord with all your heart.”**

Our mission project this year: Collecting for ELCA/ Good Gifts - Kids/ **God’s Global Barnyard**. Let’s see what we are able to purchase for families in need. We have collected **\$90** so far! This means we can help out by purchasing chicks and honeybees, or a pig, a goat, or a share of a cow for a deserving family.

During the month of February, we learned about Judah being taken into captivity because of their sinful ways and how angry they were with God, instead of accepting responsibility for their actions. Ezekiel told God’s people about their future hope and Daniel and his friends obeyed God. We talked about how these things pertain to us in the present day and time.

We started learning a new song, “Trust In The Lord With All Your Heart”, that we would like to sing to our congregation before the end of our Sunday school year.

Lessons:

Mar. 2 - Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego /Daniel was rescued

Mar. 9 - Lent

Mar. 16 - God brought His people home

Mar. 23 - The Temple was rebuilt

Mar. 30 - Esther became Queen/ God saved His people through Esther

Our team members are: Tess Bourgeois, Megan Buehler, Wendy Johnson, Jessica Kamelesky, and Leslie Welling. I would like to thank these wonderful ladies for their continued support to our youth. **We have had have a solid consistent group for quite a few years which we are grateful for, but would be happy to welcome some new faces and talents to our team!** If you are interested, you can contact Kim Kruse or Emily Hemminger.

“Trust in Jesus with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to Him, and He will make your paths straight” : Proverbs 3:5

Kim Kruse, Superintendent

Neighborhood Ministry

Thank you all for your ongoing generous donations! We are serving larger and larger groups every month and our guests appreciate all of the items provided in our Giveaway area. I am often asked for a list of what our neighbors want/need.

New/Gently used items:

- Pillows of any size and rugs.
- Blankets, quilts, sheets (please mark with size).
- Towels, washcloths, dish towels.
- Kitchen items (dishes, pots, pans, utensils, SMALL appliances, glassware, etc.).
- Misc. desk items, games, puzzles – tape boxes closed.
- Yarn, craft items, shelf knick knacks.
- Candles, lamps, small electronics, tools.
- Toys – if small parts, please place in baggies.
- Belts, hats, scarves, socks, purses, wallets.
- Hair tools and products, make up, nail polish, jewelry.
- Lotions/perfume/cologne – half bottle or fuller please.
- Shoes- boots, tennis shoes, casual (NO dress shoes).



CLOTHING: baby up to junior, mens, LIMITED womens.
(*current season please – no shorts in winter, no heavy knit sweaters in summer)

PLEASE DO NOT BRING:

Books, magazines, CDs, picture frames, computers, printers, etc.
Wine glasses, heavy older glassware (platters, candy dishes, etc).

All items should be brought to the SORTING ROOM in the Sunday School area. Pass the pews to the corner door. If the table inside is full of donations, you may leave them on the table outside the room by the windows. If you have any questions, see Cathy Klewer. Thank you again!!



Hello Friends,

You will see a few changes in the Fellowship Hall and I encourage you to head down that way to see them. There have been several TVs hung around the perimeter of the hall to scroll information about our current events here at St. Mark. We have many groups and/or events that utilize our space and thought it would be a great opportunity to share our information. Thank you Andrew English for this idea and for hanging those TV's.

There has also been an update in our Kid's Ministry room. This is the room all the way to your left when you enter into the Fellowship Hall. Again, thank you to both Andrew and Samantha English for this update. The carpet squares were removed and new flooring was installed. There are new cabinets and cubbies as well. This room will be used for the Kid's Ministry event and if there is a church meeting or event, it will be a safe place for kids, and parents can still keep an eye on their children. Do yourself a favor and check it out. It looks beautiful!

We were gifted money to purchase new seating in the Ladies Lounge. There were 12 chairs purchased and will be placed around the tables. We will be keeping most of the old ones for additional seating. Thank you for this donation!!

Most of you may have already seen work being done by Columbia Gas. They are installing new lines around the church and neighborhood. If any sidewalks are damaged, the City of Toledo will be replacing them. Once it is determined which ones they will replace, we will then continue working with the contractor, Westlick, to complete the rest of the sidewalks.

Thank you to Mike Rokicki and Brad Isbell with their continued efforts to help make the room that the freezer died in, smell much better. Barb Brossia and I cleared the room out and had to toss items that took on that smell. Mike has painted the ceiling tiles and shelves with KILZ Restore along with washing the walls and floors. Brad brought in a commercial ozone machine and that has been running, on a timer, over the past week. Fingers crossed that this smell will dissipate over time.

More space was created in the Sunday School area in the room where the kid's give-away and seasonal items are stored. There is now a space for seasonal items and a space for just the kid's items. There was even enough room to put a table in the middle to assist with sorting!

Thank you to Jeff and Tony for keeping our sidewalks safe with all the snow and ice we have had thus far. I am looking forward to spring!

Please reach out with any questions/comments/ideas.

Peace,

Beth Rokicki, Property Board





Women’s Game Night

Join us for games and fellowship!

Date: Sunday, March 16th

Time: 6 – 8:00 p.m.

Location: Ladies Lounge

Please bring board or card games you enjoy.

Light snacks and water will be provided.
We will also discuss ideas for future events.

Hope to see you there!

The Year Of Listening Bible Study

(Created by the Northwestern Ohio Synod Staff)

Classes will be on Wednesdays at 9:30 am in the St. Mark Ladies Lounge.

Starting on March 12th
“Why Listening?” By Deacon Sherry Krieger

No class on March 19th or 26th

Classes resume on April 2nd through May 14th with a new subject each week.

All are welcome, we hope to see you there!
Call the church office with any questions.

Neighborhood Giveaway

We are in need of donations of toilet paper for the monthly neighborhood giveaway. If you can help, please bring them to the church and leave them in the donation bin at the welcome desk in the lobby of the church. Thank you!

February Weekly Giving Totals

2/2 - 2/7

General Fund: \$5,557
Dedicated Funds: \$277
Total: \$5,834

2/9 - 2/14

General Fund: \$2,838
Dedicated Funds: \$1,466
Total: \$4,304

2/16 - 2/21

General Fund: \$11,012
Dedicated Funds: \$335
Total: \$11,347

2/23 - 2/28

General Fund: \$12,738
Dedicated Funds: \$5
Total: \$12,743

*“General Fund” is used for everyday church expenses.
“Dedicated Funds” are contributions directed to specific ministry areas and can only be used for those areas.*

Weekly General Fund amount needed to meet annual budget: \$8,293

The Still Ringing the Bell Capital Campaign has received commitments of \$762,300 with \$488,673 cash received as of Friday, February 28th.

January Financial Report

Capital Campaign Income: **\$35,076**

General Income: **\$22,757**

Dedicated Accounts Income: **\$3,445**

Expenses: **\$37,093**

Sunday In Person Attendance

2/02 Early: 33 Late: 83 Total: 116

2/09 Early: 39 Late: 80 Total: 119

2/16 Early: 15 Late: 37 Total: 52

2/23 Early: 33 Late: 81 Total: 114

March 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Soccer team meeting in hall 5-7 pm
2 <u>Worship Services</u> Trad. - at 8:30 am Sund. Sch. 9:30 am Praise - 10:30 am H.A. 7 pm in Fellowship Hall	3 Pickleball 9 am in gym	4 A.A. at 7:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall	5	6	7	8
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