



PALM SUNDAY - Sunday, March 29th

Worship at 8:30am & 10:30am. Commemorate Jesus's triumphal entry into Jerusalem with the waving of palms, and then enter the Passion story as we enter into Holy Week.

MAUNDY THURSDAY - Thursday, April 2nd

7:00pm Maundy Thursday Worship

During the Last Supper, Jesus breaks bread and kneels to wash his disciples' feet. Holy Communion will be served.

GOOD FRIDAY - Friday, April 3rd

12:00pm **Contemplative Prayer Service**

A midday service focused on remembering the death of Jesus utilizing scripture, music, and prayer.

7:30pm **Good Friday Tenebrae Service**

The Tenebrae (Latin for "shadows" or "darkness") Good Friday service is distinctive for its gradual extinguishing of candles while a series of readings and psalms are chanted or recited. Follow Jesus' journey to the cross through this meaningful series of scripture and music.

EASTER SUNDAY - Sunday, April 5th

6:30am Sunrise Easter Service

Quietly anticipate the risen Christ as we worship together around a campfire in Prentice Park, across the street from St. Mark, under the gazebo. Holy Communion will be served.

8:30am Easter Traditional Worship

Celebrate the Risen Christ at our Traditional Worship service, utilizing Lutheran liturgy and organ-led hymns. Holy Communion will be served.

9:30am Sunday School for All Ages

PreK-5th graders will meet in the downstairs Sunday School area, and 6-12th graders will meet upstairs in the Gym. There will be no Adult Class this day.

10:30am Easter Contemporary Worship

Celebrate the Risen Christ at our Contemporary service, utilizing more contemporary Christian music led by our praise band. Holy Communion will be served.

family EASTER celebration!

**Saturday, March 28th
11am-1pm**

St. Mark Lutheran Church
611 WOODVILLE RD • TOLEDO, OH

Join us for a free
community event!

- CRAFTS, ACTIVITIES, BREAKFAST, EGG HUNT
- EASTER BUNNY MEET-N-GREET
- EASTER STORY ADVENTURE
- ...AND MORE!

Please RSVP by calling
the church office at
419-691-3597
by Sunday, March 22nd

For more information, visit [facebook.com/stmarktoledo](https://www.facebook.com/stmarktoledo)



ST. MARK
LUTHERAN
CHURCH

Neighborhood Giveaway

Spring cleaning? Please keep our neighbors in mind. We are happy to accept your household donations for our giveaway area. Thank you for your generosity! We are currently accepting:

- Pillows of any size
- Blankets, quilts, sheets
- Towels, washcloths, dish towels
- Kitchen items (pots/pans/utensils)
- Games and puzzles
- Yarn, craft items
- Candles, lamps
- Small electronics, tools
- Toys - put small parts in baggies
- Belts, hats, socks, purses, wallets
- Hair tools and products, make up
- Jewelry, nail polish, perfumes
- Shoes, boots (casual)

We can not accept books, magazines, CDs, picture frames, computers/printers etc., wine glasses, heavy old glassware. Bring your items to church during office hours or on Sundays when the church is open for worship. Call the office with questions.

A huge thank you to Brian Koenig, Diane Cammarn, and Pastor Giller for donating their filing cabinets to the choir when I expressed our need for some last year. These are greatly facilitating the organization of the wonderful music that Matt & Beth Hoffer gifted to St. Mark from their previous church ministry. Also, I am so very thankful for Beth & Mike Rokicki as they moved these cabinets and even picking one of them up to bring to church! They are always going above and beyond to take care of everyone's needs! We appreciate their kind generosity!

May God Bless you all
-Cheryl Dunlap



Council Corner



Diane Lorenzen called the meeting to order.

Judy Zimmerman (Secretary) presented the minutes from the January 2026 meeting, they were approved by all.

Kelda Vernatter (Treasurer) reported that in January the church expenses were under budget by 1.1% (\$395.47). Diane encouraged council members to review all parts of the treasurer's report each month.

Old Business: Andrew found a projector screen (130 inches wide) that can sit in front of the chancel and come out of its base using a remote control. A church member has offered to donate \$10,000 toward the purchase of the screen and a custom-built cabinet to house it.

Pastor Beth Giller reported that nineteen women will be attending the weekend women's retreat in Adrian, MI February 20-22, 2026. Pastor encouraged the council members to attend the collaborative sessions for Wednesdays during Lent—"What is Church?" Pastor, Emily, Beth R., and Sherry Krieger are going to attend an event ("Fresh Expressions") in Ocala, FL with two pastors from South Toledo. Pastor announced that she will be cruising March 12-16 to see her daughter perform. Pastor Beth told Principal Bob Yendrick of Oakdale Elementary in Toledo that the church will pay for teacher appreciation day on May 5 and also donate cookies to the staff. On May 30 there will be a synod assembly at St. Mark Church in Bowling Green.

Emily Hemminger (Youth/Family Life Director) reported that the Family Easter Celebration will be Saturday, March 28. She plans to work with Pastor Cindy on the planning and will need volunteers. Emily asked for a few volunteers to serve on a committee to plan for and secure prizes for the Golf Outing on May 30 (which may be held at Chippewa). Emily told the group that the EDGE Mission Trip for Hurricane Helene relief will be July 5-10. More info to follow.

Tom Ritter (Finance Board Chair) announced that he has reestablished an endowment committee. Those who volunteered to serve are: Dan Rosenberger (Chair), Joy Recker (Secretary), Reed Reamsnyder, Stan Delventhal, Lloyd Lind, and Greg Smith. Kelda and Tom will also serve on the committee.

Jason Fletcher (Member At Large) reported that he had talked with Brad Isbell about continuing church social events. He will provide the council with dates/times next month. Jason said he met with Mike Rokicki about replacing the current lights in the chapel (that often blink) with dimmable LED cans. They also discussed adding two more dimmable lights w/colors.

Beth Rokicki (Property Board Chair) reported that Mike Rokicki fixed the men's bathroom in the choir room and also cleaned both bathrooms. Mike also found some peeling paint in the back wall of the "cat walk" that he scraped. He will ask the painters who are still on site about some sealer. Mike installed a new outlet in the Sunday School room and also assembled the new cart that was purchased.

Kathy Agoston (In-Reach Board Chair) reported that people who are sharing tasks for the early service each Sunday are in training. Kathy told council that she is working on a system for refilling the oil in the altar candles. Joy Recker will give Kathy some ideas for new banners for the sanctuary. Kathy also told the council that she may have a volunteer to help Karen change the seasonal paraments. Karen reported that she recently took the main altar parament to the cleaners. She also said that when she was changing the paraments last Sunday she noticed a big crack on the altar on the right side. Beth will ask Mike R. to see if one of the contractors can help with suggestions.

Karen Johansen (Out-Reach Board Chair) reported that at the last Kids' Night, 24 of 25 bags were sent home, that also included fresh eggs, bacon, and milk. Karen informed the council that in January, the church gave away: 110 grocery bags, 5 kids' bags, 100 toiletry bags, 80 feminine product bags, and 80 bags of fruit. There was no bread available last month for distribution.

For the Good of the Order: Beth R. reported that plans for Stephen Ministries are "up and running again."

Sunday School pre-K through fifth grade

Each Sunday we ask the children how they let their light shine over the past week. They share their stories of how they were able to do that. By letting their lights shine, they are behaving in a way that Jesus wants us to be with others, pass that light to others, and teach others how important it is to let their light shine.

In February, they learned how Jesus taught others through parables to receive the good news (Parable of the Sower), taught about conflict (Parable of the Unmerciful Servant), taught about His grace to others (Parable of the Vineyard Workers), and how He gathered disciples. On February 15th, we learned about the season of Lent and different ways we can pray, give, and fast during this time to prepare for the greatest gift God gave us - the forgiveness of sins. We stressed the fact that Lent lasts for 40 days because that is the amount of time Jesus spent in the wilderness fasting and resisting the temptations of Satan.

March Lessons:

- 1 - Jesus Miraculously Helps at a Wedding**
- 8 - Jesus Helps a Man with Leprosy**
- 15 - Peter Walks on Water**
- 22 - Jesus Helps People do Miraculous Things**
- 29 - Jesus' Friends go with Him to the Garden (Palm Sunday)**



We continue to collect our offering to put towards God's Global Barnyard. To date, we have collected \$100.

Our team members are Tess Bourgeois, Megan Buehler, Wendy Johnson, Jess Kamelesky, Dana Sabbock, and Leslie Welling. Please consider joining our team. You can contact Kim Kruse or Emily Hemminger for questions or if you would like to join.

"In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven" Matthew 5:16

Kim Kruse, Superintendent
Superintendent

I would like to report that February was a quieter month. There were only a few easy maintenance items around the building. A toilet in the choir room was running very slow. It was taken care of and thoroughly cleaned. Thank you, Mike Rokicki, for taking on that task that I know, was not a fun one.

A new utility cart has been purchased and is placed outside of the gym doors. This will help with the need for transferring items from the steps to that cart. It will be very helpful if we all work together to ensure the cart remains at that location so that when needed, it is there. Thank you.

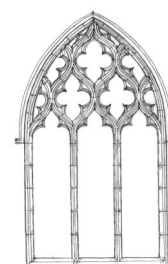
If the weather has warmed up any by the first of March, the Parsonage window installation could take place. I should know over the next few weeks.

The staff continues to clean out their spaces in preparation for their offices to be painted. Another big thank you to Mike Rokicki for making trips to the dumpster and taking filing cabinets down the steps. I am sure they are ready for the windows and the painting to be completed.

I would also like to clean those carpets and do a nice deep cleaning of the office spaces after the work has been completed. If anyone is interested in assisting with this, please let me know. It would most likely be on a Saturday so that we can avoid interrupting them and we can get it done all in one day. If anyone has a carpet cleaner we can borrow, please let me know.

Thank you!

Beth Rokicki – Property Board Chairperson



JUANITA LENSTROHM age 89, passed away on January 18th. Interment at Lake Township cemetery.

JOHN ALTAFFER age 66, passed away on February 20th.



Memorials

JUANITA LENSTROHM by Norma Rymers, Craig & Kathy Bowie, Tom & Cindy Ritter, Carol Devine, John & Sharon Smith, Dorothy Munding, Tom & Jeanne Coy, Karen Harwood, Karis Nally, Dean & Carmen Price, Joyce Kettinger, John Soltesy, Alan & Kaylene Nissen, David & Susan Brown, Joe & Theresa Romano, Roger & Cynthia Cedoz, Joe & Anita Hofbauer.

JUDY BEE by Quentin & Kelda Vernatter, Jeff & Kim Kruse, Reed & Dianna Reamsnyder.

MARK & NANCY MURPHY by Diane Frick, Reed & Dianna Reamsnyder.

MARY DINGESS by David & Shelley Mattocks, Bonnie Bunce, David & Joan Wiegand, Lisa Demko, James & Susan Gries.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

We are seeking a part-time church building supervisor. This position requires someone to be at the church to let guests in for after-hour meetings and events, then closing and securing the building afterwards. Duties include monitoring activities in the church building while keeping a safe and secure environment for all. This is a paid position. If you are interested or know someone who would be, please contact the church office at (419) 691-3597.

EASTER TULIP ORDERS

It's that time of year when we prepare to beautify our church with tulips for Easter! The cost is \$11 per pot.

Order forms are located at the welcome desk in the church lobby. Please include payment when turning in your order form. If paying by check, make payable to **St. Mark Lutheran Church**. Ordering deadline will be

Friday, March 20th at 1 pm. Call the church office with questions 419-691-3597.

February Weekly Giving Totals

2/1 - 2/6

General Fund: \$5,217
Dedicated Funds: \$2,051
Total: \$7,268

2/8 - 2/13

General Fund: \$9,571
Dedicated Funds: \$1,168
Total: \$10,739

2/15 - 2/20

General Fund: \$7,502
Dedicated Funds: \$784
Total: \$8,286

2/22 - 2/27

General Fund: \$16,139
Dedicated Funds: \$100
Total: \$16,239

*"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 \$634,051 cash received as of Friday, February 27th.

Sunday In Person Attendance

2/01 Early:45 Late:79 Total:124

2/08 Early:45 Late:68 Total:113

2/15 Early:30 Late:89 Total:119

2/18 Ash Wed. 12pm:25 7pm:67

2/22 Early:32 Late:67 Total:92

2/25 Lent:43

January Income & Expense Totals

General: \$23,113 (Dec. - \$46,453)

Dedicated: \$5,634 (Dec. - \$25,611)

Capital Campaign: \$7,283 (Dec. - \$5,956)

Expenses: \$37,003 (Dec. - \$35,767)

March 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 <u>Worship Services</u> 8:30am Trad. Service 9:30am Sun. School 10:30am Praise Service Private Party 1-4pm Lounge/Gym O.C.T. 6:30pm	2 Endowment Mtg in Lounge at 5:30 O.C.T. 6:30pm	3 O.C.T. 6:30pm AA 5:30pm in Fellowship Hall Flag Football prac- tice 7-8:30pm Gym	4 Bible Study 9:30am in Lounge O.C.T. 6:30pm Flag Football practice 7pm Gym Lent Worship at Glenwood Church At 7pm	5 Lucas Co. Board of Disabilities in Hall 2pm Softball practice in gym 5:30 - 8 pm	6	7
8 <u>Worship Services</u> 8:30am Trad. Service 9:30am Sun. School 10:30am Praise Service	9 Dartball game 7pm in Gym O.C.T. 6:30pm	10 Dartball practice 6:30pm in Gym O.C.T. 6:30pm A.A. at 5:30pm in the Fellowship Hall	11 Bible Study 9:30am in Lounge Kid's Night 3:30 - 6pm O.C.T. 6:30pm Flag Ft.ball 7pm Lent: Glenwood 7pm	12 Lucas Co. Board of Disabilities in Hall 2pm O.C.T. 6:30pm Softball practice in gym 5:30 - 8 pm	13	14
15 <u>Worship Services</u> 8:30am Trad. Service 9:30am Sun. School 10:30am Praise Service O.C.T. Meeting 6pm in Lounge Private party in Hall 11:30am - 2pm	16 Isaiah House Meeting 6pm in Brotherhood room O.C.T. 6:30pm Dartball game 7pm in Gym	17 Council 6:30 pm O.C.T. 6:30pm A.A. at 5:30pm in the Fellowship Hall Flag Football prac- tice 7pm in Gym	18 Lent Worship at St. Mark 7pm O.C.T. 6:30pm Flag Football prac- tice 7pm in Gym	19 Lucas Co. Board of Disabilities in hall 2pm O.C.T. 6:30pm Softball practice in gym 5:30 - 8 pm	20	21 Private party 2- 7pm in Hall/Gym
22 <u>Worship Services</u> 8:30am Trad. Service 9:30am Sun. School 10:30am Praise Service	23 Flag Football prac- tice 7pm in Gym	24 Dartball practice 6:30pm in Gym A.A. at 5:30pm in the Fellowship Hall	25 Bible Study 9:30 am St. Mark Lounge Neighborhood Dinner 4:30pm Lent Worship at St. Mark at 7pm Flag Football prac- tice 7pm in Gym	26 Lucas Co. Board of Disabilities in hall 2pm Softball practice in gym 5:30 - 8 pm	27	28 Easter Family Celebration 10am - 1pm Private party 4-7pm in Lounge
29 <u>Worship Services</u> Palm Sunday 8:30am Trad. Service 9:30am Sun. School 10:30am Praise Service	30 Dartball game 7pm in gym	31 A.A. at 5:30pm in the Fellowship Hall				