

**Let's Build Beds update!**

Our event is May 14th from 9 am-12 pm. We are currently at \$6,975 raised of our \$10,000 goal. If you are wondering how you can help, we are in need of monetary donations to help us reach our goal.

We are also looking for volunteers to help on the day of our event. Building 50 beds will require lots of hands to help and we currently have 5 people signed up to help us build beds. You can sign up by calling the office or going to [stmarktoledo.org/letsbuildbeds](http://stmarktoledo.org/letsbuildbeds) to use the sign up genius link.

Please share with your co-workers, neighbors, friends and family. We would love to see everyone at our event!

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**Sunday School- Preschool- Fifth Grade**

We learned a lot about the season of Lent over the past month and a half- preparing for Easter and the resurrection of Jesus. Ask your children what they learned- how long Lent lasts, why we celebrate it, Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday..... They should be able to tell you everything they know.

Our schedule for May is as follows:

May 1- John's Vision of Jesus

May 8- Jesus on the Throne

May 15- Jesus Will Return

May 22- is our last day for the Sunday School year and our summer send- off



Please remember our offering mission: The Beach House- a family shelter that takes in entire families affected by homelessness. We will give a monetary donation or needed supplies at the end of our Sunday School year.

A reminder that we start promptly at 9:30 and end at 10:20, so families can make it to our second church service, if they choose. Please drop off and pick up your children at the doors to our opening area downstairs. Masks are now optional.

We want to thank the Rosenbergers for supplying the snacks for our children again this year. Thank you for being a part of our Children's Ministry!

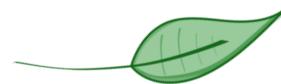
We are looking for individuals who would like to join our team next year to help teach our younger students about God's gospel. You would only be responsible to actually teach a lesson every 4- ? weeks depending on how many team members we have. The other weeks you would be helping out the person teaching the lesson. If you would be interested or would like more information, please contact Emily Hemminger or Kim Kruse. We would be excited to have you on board!!

Our team members are: Tess Bourgeois, Megan Buehler, Jessica Kamelesky, Kristie Rife, and Leslie Welling.

-Kim Kruse, Superintendent

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Support our St. Mark Youth & flex your green thumb at Knitz Greenhouse this spring! When you shop May 1-15 and mention "St. Mark Youth" at checkout, our youth ministry will receive a percentage of your total order! Knitz Greenhouse is a family-owned greenhouse located at 8865 Arquette Rd in Oregon, OH. Questions? Contact Emily Hemminger!



## Greetings!

We are now in the Easter season...a time of post-resurrection biblical stories. God's Word is guiding us to live our lives in a certain faith-filled fashion. As we desire to follow God's will...what are these Gospel lessons going to teach us?

In the Gospel of John (Chapter 20 & 21) we hear these words from the Risen Jesus, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When He has said this, He breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit." This is often called the Pentecost story in the Gospel of John. He gives them peace, the Holy Spirit and the knowledge that they are being sent into the world as He was; so that others may come to believe. Jesus also tells Peter that he is to "feed my sheep and tend my sheep and follow me." Peter is charged with the work to shepherd Jesus' sheep. Might these words be meant for us also? What might this work look like in our context? In our homes? In our workplaces? In our communities? In our world?

In the Gospel of Matthew (Chapter 28) Jesus meets His eleven disciples on a mountain in Galilee. This is often called the "Great Commission." It is said that they worshiped Him and some doubted. He said to them that they were to GO and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to obey everything that He had commanded them. And some of my favorite words in the Bible were shared by Jesus at this time:

"And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

In what is known as the longer ending of the Gospel of Mark (Chapter 16) Jesus commissions the disciples to "Go into all the world and proclaim the good news to the whole creation." It must have happened...because here we are today receiving and sharing the good news. It was also said that the Lord worked with them. And I believe the Lord works with us too. Praise God! Everyone needs the Lord!

In the Gospel of Luke (Chapter 24) we learn from scripture that Jesus walked and talked with two of His followers on the "Walk to Emmaus." They did not recognize Him. Jesus used this moment to teach them all about Moses and all the prophets. He also interpreted to them things about Himself in all the scriptures. He went with them into their village and stayed with them and ate with them. They recognized Him in the breaking of the bread. They got up and went back to Jerusalem and shared with the eleven disciples that the Lord was Risen and had appeared to them. Jesus Himself then came among them and said, "Peace be with you." He ate broiled fish with them. He told them that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in His name to all nations. He was sending them. He blessed them and He was then ascended into heaven. They worshiped Him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy. They were continually in the temple blessing God.

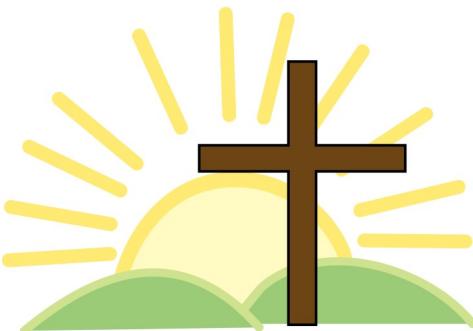
In these post-resurrection times we hear a variety of teachings that Jesus shared before He ascended to His Father in heaven. In these gospel stories we learned that we are to receive peace from Jesus. We are to receive the Holy Spirit within us. We are instructed to go, to be sent, to the entire world, to all nations...to share the Good News, to baptize, to forgive sins, to feed, to tend, to follow, to worship and bless God with GREAT JOY. This was the commission to the disciples and it is also our commission as children of God and as followers of Jesus Christ.

How will YOU and I follow these requests, these wishes, these desires from Jesus Christ our Risen Lord? Let us each pray about them and trust and believe that God will guide us. Yes, He will lead all of us in so many ways so that we can serve our Loving Lord and share this AMAZING GOOD NEWS with the world, all nations, the whole creation...with EVERYONE...EVERYWHERE!

Jesus Christ is Risen! He is Risen Indeed! Alleluia!

God Loves You! God Bless You!

Peace and Joy,  
Pr. Cindy Ritter



Notes from the  
**Youth & Family Life Director**

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### **15<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL ST. MARK GOLF OUTING**

June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2022 | Chippewa Golf Course, Curtice, OH

St. Mark EDGE Youth are excited to invite you to participate in this year's Golf Outing on Saturday, June 4<sup>th</sup> at Chippewa Golf Course in Curtice, OH. Proceeds from this event will help send them on a mission trip to Columbia, SC this summer! There are several ways you can support our youth at this event:

- **Register a foursome** to golf at [stmarktoledo.com/golfouting](http://stmarktoledo.com/golfouting)
- **Become a hole sponsor** at [stmarktoledo.com/golfouting](http://stmarktoledo.com/golfouting)
- **Donate items** for our outing, including bottles of water, golf balls, tees, gift cards, and special gifts that can be used in our basket raffles.

### **CONFIRMATION UPDATES**

- **Confirmation Class** will continue to study Martin Luther & the Catechism on Sunday mornings at 9:30 am in the gym. Remember to alert Emily if you will be absent!
- **8<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation** will take place at the 10:30 am service on Sunday, May 22.
- **May Acolyte Schedule:** May 1 - Gracie Sekinger, May 8 - Codey Shimman, May 15 - Ella Johnson, May 22 - Grant Oberdick

### **EDGE 6-12 YOUTH GROUP**

Join us for these fun upcoming events on Sundays from 5:30-7:30 pm! Dinner is provided.

MAY 1 - Paint Night - 5:30-7:30 pm at church

MAY 22 - Nerf Wars - 5:30-7:30 pm at church

MAY 25 - Serve at Neighborhood Dinner + Deeper Dive Night for Mission Team (6-7:30)

Don't forget to follow @stmark\_edge on Instagram or join our Facebook group at [facebook.com/groups/edgesmlc](https://facebook.com/groups/edgesmlc) to stay up to date on all our gatherings!

### **SYNOD YOUTH EVENT**

Sunday, June 12<sup>th</sup> 2-6 pm

Mark your calendars - we are invited to join with other students around the NWO Synod at Sidecut Park for fellowship, worship, music, lawn games, food trucks, and more!

### **MEET WITH EMILY**

Have a question? Want to chat? Need some prayer? Let's connect! Whether it's at church, your home, a local coffee shop, or over the phone - I'm here for you! You can schedule a one-on-one conversation with me at [calendly.com/emilyhemminger](https://calendly.com/emilyhemminger).

"Being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus." – PHILIPPIANS 1:6



## Neighborhood Giveaway



The weather is warmer and that means 2 things – spring cleaning and increased attendance at our neighborhood dinners. We had a great turnout in April. The home goods and kids toys were very popular. So as you spring clean, please keep St. Mark in mind. Our heaviest need is for new and gently used:

- Bed sheets, blankets, and pillowcases (mark bag with size if possible).
- Pillows (any type).
- Kitchenware (especially pots, pans, and utensils).
- Toys and games.
- Spring and summer clothes (all sizes).
- Casual and tennis shoes (no dress shoes).
- Small appliances.
- Health and beauty/ miscellaneous (partially used are fine).



*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!**

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### Blessing of the Bikes & Rides Event

Join us on Saturday, May 14<sup>th</sup> from 11 am – 2 pm at the St. Mark parking lot for our Blessing of the Bikes and Rides event put on by our very own East Side Parish! We will have LIVE Music, a free lunch, raffles, awards and more! You will receive a one-on-one blessing over your bike or ride and free blessing stickers. See you there!





15<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL  
**ST. MARK GOLF OUTING**  
benefitting "EDGE Youth in Mission"

**Saturday, June 4th, 2022**  
at Chippewa Golf Course in Curtice, OH

SHOTGUN START at 8:00 a.m.  
LUNCH to follow

St. Mark EDGE Youth are excited to be hosting their **15th Annual Golf Outing on Saturday, June 4, 2022**, at **Chippewa Golf Course** in Curtice, OH (*with a rain date set for Saturday, June 11, 2022*). This event allows the youth to raise funds for their various activities and provides them with the financial means to serve in mission fields both near and far. Proceeds from this year's Golf Outing will not only allow us to serve our neighbors here in Northwest Ohio but will also help fund a mission trip to Columbia, South Carolina. In Columbia, we will partner with nonprofit organizations, businesses, and local churches to meet the needs of the people in the greater metropolitan area.

**THREE WAYS TO SUPPORT:**

[SIGN UP TO GOLF](#)

The cost of this year's scrambles is \$75 per golfer and includes lunch, cart, and prizes. Shotgun start is at 8:00 a.m. Registration deadline for golfers is May 8, 2022.

[BECOME A HOLE SPONSOR](#)

Hole sponsors can be businesses or private donors, and includes logo signage at a hole on the course as well as special mention in the program. The hole sponsor deadline is May 1, 2022.

[DONATE ITEMS](#)

Including bottles of water, golf balls, tees, gift cards, and special gifts that can be used in our basket raffles.

**SIGN UP ONLINE AT [STMARKTOLEDO.COM/GOLFOUTING](http://STMARKTOLEDO.COM/GOLFOUTING)**

If you have any questions, please contact Emily Hemminger at [emilyinministry@gmail.com](mailto:emilyinministry@gmail.com) or by calling the church office at 419-691-3597.

**Thank you for your consideration and anticipated support!**

## Update on the St. Mark Dartball Team

The St. Mark Dartball team concluded the 2021-22 season on April 4th. A GREAT night for the team was on March 7th when they won the 7 team Dartball Tournament at 1st St. John Lutheran Church on Seaman Rd. The team lost its first game but then went on to win SIX straight games which enabled them to WIN the entire Tournament.

During the regular season the record was 15 wins and 21 losses. The good news is that the members of this team enjoy not only playing Dartball...but the team spirit and fun fellowship with each other and the players from the other churches. A bonus each evening is the delicious homemade desserts and lively conversation with all the players following the games.

The members of the 2021-22 team were:

- Jadin LaPorte-Schroeder
- Cindy Ritter
- Bob Damschroeder
- Greg Smith
- Arnie Brossia
- Dave Geisert
- Tony Kaczmarek
- Tim Keefe
- Mark Padley
- Barry Ramlow
- Brian Garee
- Bob Agoston (AWESOME Team Captain)



At the Dartball Banquet the team enjoyed a DELICIOUS meal and entertainment at Trinity Lutheran Church on Glendale Ave. in Toledo. A BIG BLESSING was to have our team member Bob Damschroeder be honored as the "Player of the Year" for the league this year. A picture of those who attended the banquet is included in this article.

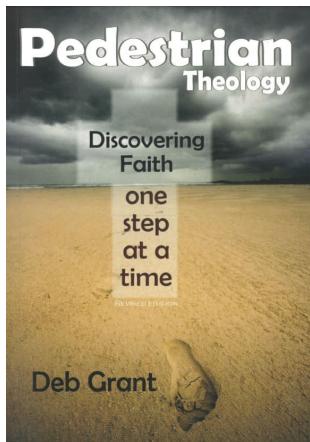
For anyone interested in participating on next year's team please contact Bob Agoston for information. Men, women and teenagers of the church are all welcome to join the fun. Games are played on Monday evenings and will begin again in the fall.





## MEMORIALS

**NANCY OBERDORF** by James & Robin Kramer, Keith & Cathy Klewer, Reed & Dianna Reamsnyder, Neil & Elaine Mackinnon, John & Carole Burnworth, Tom & Cindy Ritter, Joy Roecker, Aubrey & Adrian Pusey, Sean & Stacy Fedrick, Richard & Lynda Lees, Wes & Kim Linenkugel, Mark Hamen, James & Marcia Nagy, Barry & Ann Ramlow, Massino & Kathy Babusci, George & Elizabeth Abele, David & Joni Wieland, David & Shelley Mattocks, Carol Smooth, Gail Howell, Jeffery & Lorraine Roe, Jan Livingston, Carol Kinsel, Thomas & Susan Ferguson, Bonnie Bunce, Robert & Theresa Eigensee, Diane Porter, James & Judy McCumber, Becky Hrabovsky, Daniel & Jamie Evarts, David & Evelyn Erdman, Chris & Heather Marsh, Larry & Juanita Perkins, Michael & Christina Deehr, Bill & Susan Hollyday, Mike & Linda Fatre, Floyd & Ruth Light, Dave & Monica Cornell, FCA Tigers Softball, John & Constance Carter, William & Mary O'Connor, John & Megan Hayes, James & Susan Gries, Cynthia Pod, James & Paula Circle, Martin & Kelly Ewersen, Quentin & Kelda Vernatter, Mike & Beth Rokicki, Greg & Kristie Reighard, Barbara Ritzenthaler, Neal & Rita Carter, John & Sharon Howder, Jim & Diane Lorenzen, Anita Widmer, Frederick & Linda Kalmbach, Cornelia Wright, Suzanne Gartz, Michael & Peggy McClusky, Kevin & Kimberly Youster, Fred & Denise Hahn, Margaret Witt, Marlene Brinkman, Christopher & Laurie Abele, Mr. & Mrs. John Vargo, David & Cheryl Baum, Jim & Nichole Hermann, Barbara Fix, Larry Michaels.



Join Pastor Cindy Ritter for a 3-week book study on “Pedestrian Theology by Deb Grant” starting May 10th in person or on zoom. Tuesdays at 10 am in person at St. Mark or 7:11pm on Zoom. Also on Wednesdays at 10 am in person at Zion Latcha. At the end of the study we will have a guided “Pedestrian Theology” tour at The Lourdes University campus with Art & Worship Highlights. Call the office to sign up (419) 691-3597.

## APRIL WEEKLY GIVING TOTALS

### 4/3 - 4/8

Envelope Offerings: \$2,987  
Simply Giving: \$3,096  
Total: \$6,083

### 4/10 - 4/15

Envelope Offerings: \$9,366  
Simply Giving: \$4,431  
Total: \$13,797

### 4/17 - 4/22

Envelope Offerings: \$7,572  
Simply Giving: \$1,710  
Total: \$9,282

### 4/24 - 4/28

Envelope Offerings: \$8,093  
Simply Giving: \$1,060  
Total: \$9,153

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



## APRIL IN PERSON SERVICE ATTENDANCE REPORT

**4/03:** Early– 40 Late– 87 Total: 127

*(Palm Sunday)*  
Early– 45 Late– 78 Total: 123

*(Maundy Thursday)*  
Total: 61

*(Good Friday Tenebrae)*  
Total: 100

*(Easter)*  
Sunrise– 25 Early– 83 Late– 148 Total: 256

**4/24:** Early– 31 Late– 59 Total: 90

# May 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Traditional Service - 8:30am  Sunday School 9:30am  Contemporary Service - 10:30am  Youth Edge Paint Night 5:30pm	2  Refit Dance Class at 6:30pm in the Gym (Glow Party Fundraiser)	3	4	5 AL ANON at 7:30pm in the Chapel	6 Refit Dance Class at 6:30pm in the Gym	7 Refit Dance Class at 9am in the Gym
8 Traditional Service - 8:30am  Sunday School 9:30am  Contemporary Service - 10:30am	9  Refit Dance Class at 6:30pm in the Gym	10 Book Study in-person 10am in St. Mark Chapel, or on Zoom at 7:11pm	11 A.A. at 7:30pm in the Fellowship Hall	12 AL ANON at 7:30pm in the Chapel	13 Refit Dance Class at 6:30pm in the Gym	14 Let's Build Beds Event 9am-12pm  Blessing of Bikes 11am - 2pm  Refit Dance Class at 9am in the Gym
15 Traditional Service - 8:30am  Sunday School 9:30am  Contemporary Service - 10:30am	16 Refit Dance Class at 6:30pm in the Gym	17 Book Study in-person 10am in St. Mark Chapel, or on Zoom at 7:11pm	18 A.A. at 7:30pm in the Fellowship Hall	19 AL ANON at 7:30pm in the Chapel	20 Refit Dance Class at 6:30pm in the Gym	21 Refit Dance Class at 9am in the Gym
22 Traditional Service - 8:30am  Sunday School 9:30am  Contemporary Service / Confirmation - 10:30am  Youth Edge Night Nerf Wars 5:30pm	23  Refit Dance Class at 6:30pm in the Gym	24 Book Study in-person 10am in St. Mark Chapel, or on Zoom at 7:11pm	25 Neighborhood Dinner  Youth Edge Meeting 6pm	26 AL ANON at 7:30pm in the Chapel	27 Refit Dance Class at 6:30pm in the Gym	28 No Refit Dance Class
29 Traditional Service - 8:30am  Sunday School 9:30am  Contemporary Service - 10:30am	30 Memorial Day  No Refit Dance Class	31 A.A. at 7:30pm in the Fellowship Hall				