

SUMMER WORSHIP HOURS
 Our summer worship hours will begin on May 31st. We will have one service on Sundays at 9:30 a.m., bringing aspects of both the Traditional and Praise & Worship services into one.



18TH ANNUAL
St. Mark Golf Outing
benefitting St. Mark Youth Mission Team

Saturday, May 30th, 2026
 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 **18th Annual Golf Outing** on **Saturday, May 30th, 2026**, at Chippewa Golf Course in Curtice, OH. This event allows our 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 our group's trip to North Carolina to continue disaster relief efforts for those affected by Hurricane Helene!

THREE WAYS TO SUPPORT:

SIGN UP TO GOLF

The cost of the scrambles is \$80 per golfer and includes cart, lunch, and prizes. Shotgun start is at 8:00 a.m. Registration deadline for golfers is May 6, 2026.

SPONSOR A HOLE

Hole sponsors can be businesses or personal donors, and includes signage at a hole on the course as well as special mention in the program. The hole sponsor deadline is May 6, 2026,

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

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

Thank you for your consideration and anticipated support!

ST. MARK VBS 2026



UNDER THE

BIG TOP

TAMING OUR FEARS IN THE
INCLUSIVE LOVE OF GOD

JUNE 8-11
5:30-8pm

ST. MARK LUTHERAN CHURCH
611 Woodville Rd, Toledo, OH

Join us at the circus for St. Mark's 2026 Vacation Bible School! Enjoy dinner at 5:30, and then experience music, games, crafts, Bible stories & more! **All children PreK-5th Grade are welcome!**

To learn more & register your student, visit
stmarktoledo.com/vbs2026



Council Corner



After President Diane Lorenzen called the meeting to order, Judy Zimmerman (Secretary) presented the March 2026 meeting minutes which were approved as presented.

Kelda Vernatter (Treasurer) reported that the church expenses in March were over budget by 0.5% (\$163.09), and yearly expenses were over budget by \$892.85 (0.8%). The treasurer's report was approved. The council approved a motion to use funds from the Brandt Estate to pay the painting project invoice of \$15,830. The council also approved paying the balance due (\$7,752.25) from the Capital Campaign fund to Toledo Mirror & Glass for the church's new windows after other funds, including donations, were used to pay the bulk of the cost (\$25,292).

Old Business: Diane reported that she and others decided that the new projector screen for the sanctuary does not really need a cabinet built to cover it. Instead, it will be anchored to the railing. The church has contracted with TruGreen to complete 5 applications per year for less than \$300 total.

Pastor Beth and the council decided to begin the summer worship schedule on May 31 with one service at 9:30. She said the church received donations from two groups that recently used the church: REFIT (\$806), and The Oregon Community Theater (\$100). Pastor thanked all of the council members who helped with the Easter services, and personally thanked Beth Rokicki for all that she has done to make the office look so nice. Pastor reported that she and others will meet with representatives from other churches on April 23 to discuss how to operationalize what they learned at the "Fresh Expressions" event that they had attended in FL. Pastor also shared that from May 15-17, she will be acting in the play "Come From Away" at the Maumee Indoor Theater.

Emily Hemminger (Youth/Family Life Director) said that both the March confirmation retreat and the Family Easter Celebration went well. Emily shared that one of her students recently said, "Our church is everything and a church". She briefly discussed important upcoming dates including: May 3 – High School Graduation Sunday at 10:30, May 17 – Confirmation at 10:30, and May 30 – Golf Outing at Chippewa.

Tom Ritter (Finance Chair) reported to Diane that the Finance Committee recently met to discuss paying off the capital campaign (line of credit) loan and to use future contributions to replenish the fund to pay the church back. The church is currently paying 8.5% in interest monthly on the loan. Hence, at a special meeting on April 26 the council voted to approve the motion to use funds that are in the 2030 Project Investment Fund in S&D Capital to pay off the capital campaign (line of credit) loan at WesBanco up to \$125,000.

Jason Fletcher (At Large Member) reported that he is still trying to secure tickets for church attendance at the Faith and Family Night at the Mud Hens' game on June 14.

Barb Delventhal (Personnel Chair) reported that she is still trying to find someone to help Tony (the church's door supervisor). The notice for the position has been posted in the latest Spires. Beth R. suggested that a sign about the open position be placed near where the people who attend Alcoholic Anonymous meet. Barb also said that she has reached out to other churches for suggestions for the open cleaning position.

Beth Rokicki (Property Board Chair) reported that she is pursuing quotes for new flooring in the office area and for fixing the peeling paint in the gym. She said that Dreams of Fields will remove two trees in the back parking lot for \$4,500. Beth also presented a "wish list" of prospective projects to be completed with a recent anonymous donation to be used for the update of the office area including: remodeling the bathroom and kitchenette, providing new storage for Ryan in his office, and purchasing new office furniture.

Kathy Agoston (In-Reach Chair) reported that, for the time being, she and Karen will replace oil in the altar candles and change the seasonal paraments. Kathy said that a meeting to discuss banners has not been scheduled yet, although she and a few others have visited some other churches to see their banners, which are fairly small.

Karen Johansen (Out-Reach Chair) reported that at the last Kids' Night, 20 of 24 bags were sent home, which also included fresh eggs, sausage, cinnamon rolls, and milk. She informed the council that at the last neighborhood dinner, they distributed 110 food bags, 100 toiletry bags, and 80 bags of feminine products.

Sunday School Pre-K – Fifth Grade

During the month of April we celebrated the resurrection of Jesus and the ways He showed Himself to some of His followers so they would believe and spread the word. We continued to discuss ways we can let our lights shine in different places and had fun making posters and sun catchers.

May lessons:

- 3rd - Make glow in the dark jars
- 10th - Mothers of the Bible lesson/ Mother's Day craft
- 17th - Last day party



Our mission is to continue to help with God's Global Barnyard. So far we have collected \$155. We will vote on which option to purchase within the program to help those in need.

Our team members are Tess Bourgeois, Megan Buehler, Wendy Johnson, Jess Kamelesky, Dana Sabback, and Leslie Welling. Please consider joining our team. If you are interested, see Kim Kruse or Emily Hemminger.

“Let your light shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven”
Matthew 5:16

-Kim Kruse

Hello Friends!

The office area looks great, painting is completed and everything looks fresh and new! Thank you to NAMHO Enterprises for their professional work.

I have been requesting flooring prices and am waiting on one more quote. Last month we were blessed with an anonymous donation to be used for the flooring and window treatments and anything else that may be needed to update the office area. I will also be getting prices to update the small bathroom and researching a new countertop and cabinets for the main office. I am so very grateful for this donation and feel so blessed to use it as requested. A thank you just does not seem like enough!

We have also been blessed with a donation to pay for treatments for the grounds surrounding our Church. Thank you to Diane and Jim Lorenzen for doing the legwork and research on the right company to do the work for St. Mark. Again, we are blessed in so many ways!

If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out.

Beth Rokicki – Property Board Chair



WHITNEY JOY DUNLAP age 36, passed away on April 8th.

JOHN "BILL" ZIMMERMAN age 79, passed away on April 29th.



Memorials

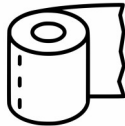
SHARON TOTH by Marlene Brinkman, Jim & Diane Lorenzen, Quentin & Kelda Vernatter, Joy Roecker, Amy Ackerman, Bob Larson, Lloyd & Heidi Lind, Jamie & Joy Farr, Laura Crane.

ANGELA HANLEY by The Leemaster family, Carol Kinsel, Clay High Class of 1996, Jim & Diane Lorenzen, Leigh Vogelsong, Mike & Linda Deehr, Quentin & Kelda Vernatter, Dianne Davis, Joy Roecker, Reed & Dianna Reamsnyder, Lloyd & Heidi Lind, Jeff & Kim Kruse.

WHITNEY DUNLAP by Barry & Ann Ramlow, Reed & Dianna Reamsnyder, Carol Kinsel.

JANET EDWARDS by Cross Creek Meadows, Carol Kinsel, S&D Capital.

MARGARET WITT by Mary Crouse and Joy Roecker, Quentin & Kelda Vernatter, Jim & Pat Gardull.



We are in need of small cans of tuna fish. Please drop them off in the office area if you can help.

We are also currently in need of toilet paper and feminine product donations. If you can help, please leave them in the bin in the chapel.



Council has voted to pay off our Capital Campaign loan in order to save approximately \$1,000 a month in interest. The money will be taken from an investment account, the 2030 fund. Your continued commitment donations will be used to replenish that 2030 fund, saving the church interest payments.

By the glory of God, we have surpassed our goal with commitments continuing from the dedicated and generous congregation and friends of St. Mark.

April Weekly Giving Totals

3/29 - 4/3

General Fund: \$7,026
Dedicated Funds: \$4,274
Total: \$11,300

4/5 - 4/10

General Fund: \$8,826
Dedicated Funds: \$1,011
Total: \$9,837

4/12 - 4/17

General Fund: \$3,925
Dedicated Funds: \$1,650
Total: \$5,575

4/19 - 4/24

General Fund: \$5,936
Dedicated Funds: \$576
Total: \$6,512

4/26 - 5/1

General Fund: \$5,387
Dedicated Funds: \$3,231
Total: \$8,618

*"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 \$669,169 cash received as of Friday, May 1st.

Sunday In-Person Attendance

Easter Sunrise: 24 Traditional: 75 Praise: 214
April 12th Traditional: 40 Praise & Worship: 77
April 19th Traditional: 48 Praise & Worship: 68
April 26th Traditional: 33 Praise & Worship: 74

MARCH INCOME / EXPENSE TOTALS

General: \$34,509 (Feb. \$40,179)
Dedicated: \$8,075 (Feb. \$5,207)
Capital Campaign: \$17,470 (Feb. \$10,013)
Expenses: \$35,862 (Feb. \$42,704)

May 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 <u>Worship Services</u> 8:30am Trad. Service 9:30am Sun. School 10:30am Praise Service	4 Endowment Mtg in Lounge at 5:30	5 A.A. at 5:30pm in the Fellowship Hall	6 Al-Anon 7pm In the Chapel	7	8	9
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24 <u>Worship Services</u> 8:30am Trad. Service 9:30am Sun. School 10:30am Praise Service	25	26 A.A. at 5:30pm in the Fellowship Hall	27 Neighborhood Dinner 5pm Al-Anon 7pm In the Chapel	28	29	30
31 <u>Worship Service</u> ONE service at 9:30 am						