

# THE SPIRE

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Thank you all for your continuing support of the ministries at St. Mark! We continue to worship, study, minister to our community and always seek to serve Jesus. On Sunday mornings, we are continuing to livestream a service at 9 a.m. through the St. Mark Facebook page, and then that service is posted to the church Youtube channel, usually on Monday or Tuesday. You are always welcome to come and be present in the sanctuary while we are worshipping, while wearing a mask and maintaining appropriate physical distancing. It is healing to be in the sanctuary, even when we may not be able to participate in worship in the ways we are accustomed. On Sunday October 18, we will offer another "drive-up/walk-up" Holy Communion after the Sunday service is done, from about 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Please continue to pray for the safety of our parishioners, for those who are lonely and isolated, for those who are frustrated and angry. And of course for a vaccine/solution/cure to COVID-19.



## **Blessing of the Pets**

On Sunday, Sep. 18, we will be having a time of Blessing the Pets from 4 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. Bring your furry, fuzzy, scaly, feathered friends to the church parking lot and we will pray over them and give thanks for the grace they bring to us! There will also be a station set up to honor beloved pets we have lost. Please be sure that your pet is properly leashed or otherwise restrained. If you'd like to bring a bag of dog or cat food or some clean old towels, we will donate them to a local pet rescue.

ST. MARK KIDS MINISTRY

# AMAZING RACE!

SUNDAY SCHOOL 2020-21

socially distanced  
**IN-PERSON EVENTS!**

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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18 - 2pm  
and

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8 - 2pm

*Watch the SMASH email, Facebook, and website for more information!*

### Have questions?

**Contact Emily or Kim!**

emilyinministry@gmail.com

kimberly.kruse@sbcglobal.net

## MEMORY CHALLENGE

Each unit will introduce a new memory challenge for our students! We challenge you to memorize your Big Idea Phrase or Memory Verse to receive an extra prize!

**PreK & Kindergarten:**  
Big Idea Phrase

**Grades 1-5:**  
Memory Bible Verse

## WEEKLY CHALLENGE CHECKLIST

### 1. Watch the weekly video.

Comment on the video or post a picture of you watching in the SMASH group! Videos will premiere Sundays at 10:00am.

### 2. Complete your journal entry.

Grab your SMASH Amazing Race journal and complete that week's entry using the prompts from the weekly video.

### 3. Pick an activity.

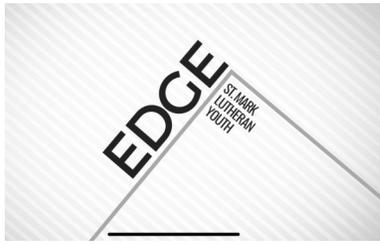
Choose one of the individual or family activities to complete for the week. Share a photo of the activity or of your finished product!

**Take photos of your completed challenges to receive a Level Up sticker for that week! Level Up on all of your weeks to win a prize!**

**SEE REVERSE!**

### Where can I find the weekly content?

- YOUTUBE "St. Mark Lutheran Church - Toledo, OH"
- FACEBOOK "SMASH - St. Mark Kid's Ministry"
- Weekly SMASH Email
- stmarktoledo.com



EDGE 6-12 grade youth meet Wednesday nights at 8 P.M. (virtually & in-person).  
 Contact Emily with questions at [emilyinministry@gmail.com](mailto:emilyinministry@gmail.com)



The neighborhood household pantry continues to serve our guests with tables of items. Please consider donating: gently used kitchen items, bedding, towels, pillows, toys, jewelry, and small appliances. We are not accepting clothing at this time. Bring your donations to church throughout the month. Any questions, call or text Cathy at (419) 260-3169.  
 Thank you!



**FIRE  
 PREVENTION  
 WEEK™**

This year's FPW campaign, "Serve Up Fire Safety in the Kitchen!™" works to educate everyone about the simple but important actions they can take to keep themselves, and those around them, safe in the kitchen. To learn more, please visit [firepreventionweek.org](http://firepreventionweek.org). Also, our Safety Task Force is always prepared to lead us through any fire emergencies swiftly and calmly with plenty of exits that are clearly marked in and around the building.



**AUGUST WEEKLY GIVING TOTALS**

**9/6/20 - 9/11/20**

Envelope Offerings: combined with 9/13 count  
 Simply Giving: \$2,107.00

**9/13/20 - 9/18/20**

Envelope Offerings: \$6,497.00  
 Simply Giving: \$3,679.00  
 Total: \$10,176.00

**9/20/20 - 9/25/20**

Envelope Offerings: \$2,265.00  
 Simply Giving: \$2,065.00  
 Total: \$4,330.00

**9/27/20 - 9/30/20**

Envelope Offerings: \$1,830.00  
 Simply Giving: \$2,350.00  
 Total: \$4,180.00

*Weekly amount needed to meet annual budget: \$6,807.00*



THANK YOU for your continued support!



**CAROL MAE PERRY**, age 82, died  
September 7th.



### MEMORIALS

**FRANK HAMILTON** by Diane Frick and Veronica Placko, Arnold & Barbara Brossia, Mark & Nancy Murphy.

**DONNA SHERER** by Jean Oberkiser, Larry & Nancy Oberdorf, Jack & Jacquelyn Baumgartner, Keith Sherer, Diane Frick, Veronica Placko, Ronald & Jacquelyn Dusza, Karen Foley, Women of the Church, Arnold & Barbara Brossia, Mark & Nancy Murphy.

**RICHARD WINELAND** by Mark Wineland, Arnold & Barbara Brossia.

**RICHARD MANTEUFFEL** by Mark & Nancy Murphy.

**GEORGE STUCKER** by Arnold & Barbara Brossia.

**DEAN DORR** by Arnold & Barbara Brossia.

**WAYNE CULLUM** by Mark & Nancy Murphy.

**BETTY KADLICK** by Mark & Nancy Murphy.



### **JOINED IN MARRIAGE**

Austin Lewis and Brianna Swinton on  
September 25th, 2020.

The greatest commandments are to love God and neighbor. Welcome to worship, where we're strengthened in God's love so we can better love others. May God's grace nourish you.



### **PAUSE FOR PRAYER**

Tune in weekdays at 5:00 PM on the St. Mark Facebook Page for a short meditation and prayer. All Pause for Prayers can be found on the St. Mark YouTube page as well. Just go to Youtube.com and search "St. Mark Lutheran Church Toledo."



### DONATE THROUGH AMAZON SMILE!

When you shop on amazon.com, amazon will donate a percent of the purchase to St. Mark Lutheran Church. It's easy and it does not cost extra or take away any value from your account. Visit smile.amazon.com, sign in with your amazon.com credentials and choose St. Mark Lutheran Church Toledo as the organization to donate to.



VANCO is a service that we use for you to easily donate from the comfort of your home. We also refer to it as "Simply Giving". You can set up a direct debit from your bank account for a one time donation, or schedule a weekly donation plan, or ever donate with your credit card. We have been safely using this service for several years and it has been an easy way for our congregation to continue to help support the St. Mark Ministries. To set up your online donation, visit [www.stmarktoledo.com](http://www.stmarktoledo.com) and in the top bar, choose "More" then choose "Donate" and set up your account.



### MAIL IN DONATIONS

If you would rather mail in a donation to the church, please send it to:

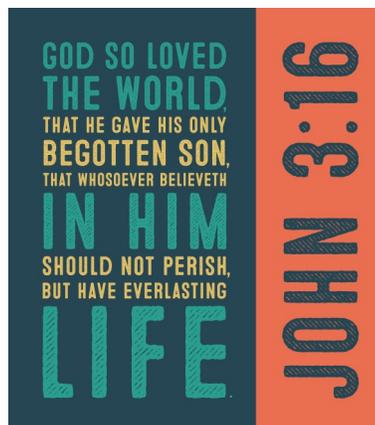
St. Mark Lutheran Church  
611 Woodville Rd.  
Toledo, OH 43605



### "CIRCLE OF FRIENDS"

Recorded by Keith Klewer

"Circle of Friends" is a CD comprised of musician friends of St. Mark. A compilation of recordings over the last several years put together by Keith Klewer. To get your copy, stop in the St. Mark Office between the hours of 9AM - 3PM Monday through Friday. Cost of the CD is a free will donation of your choice. All proceeds will go towards supporting the St. Mark Youth Group.



### The best medicine

Near the end of his life, Protestant reformer Martin Luther suffered debilitating headaches. When told about a costly medicine that might offer some relief, Luther smiled and said, "My best prescription for head and heart is that 'God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.'"

That Bible verse became a refrain for Luther on his deathbed. "What Spartan saying can be compared with this wonderful brevity," he said of John 3:16. "It is the Bible itself!" After repeating the words of that Gospel-in-a-nutshell verse three times in Latin, Luther exclaimed, "They are the best prescription for headaches and heartaches!"