



April 2026 Newsletter

St. Mark Lutheran Church



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From the Pastor

The festival of Easter Sunday is the highest point in our church year. It works its way through the Lenten season, and then Holy Week culminates in Easter itself. We need something to remind us of the great blessings God has graciously given us. I think that's why God has given us spring in Northern Wisconsin.

Spring is like life itself, filled with wonderful expressions of new life, and yet can also remind us that it's not summer yet. It forces us to look forward even as it allows us to enjoy the hint of what is to come. While we might not notice the red-winged blackbird in the middle of summer, their first arrivals remind us that summer can't be far away. The first robin that we see guarantees it.

When May comes, the trees begin to know that it is safe to begin their transformation to their summer beauty. The brave among us even think about putting out a few flowers.

In all of the above, God uses His creative powers to remind us that He is still among us with both his power and His love. Easter celebrates the greater of His gifts. Spring reminds us that His grace never ends.

From the Vicar

Greetings, St. Mark family! It's been an eventful month at the Wyss house. Many of you heard about Rowyn's head injury, and I just want to thank you for all the prayers and support. We truly felt carried by those prayers, and it gave us real peace knowing he was in God's hands. Moments like that remind us of the comfort we have in the cross and the empty tomb. Speaking of which, Easter is almost here! I'm also knee-deep in my third class, *Systematic Theology 411: The Master Narrative*. It's all about how the Bible's story shapes who we are, how we worship, and how we live in the world. We're digging into how Scripture challenges the stories around us and how pastors proclaim Christ's saving work in preaching, teaching,

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and everyday ministry. It has been very interesting, but also demanding. Hodag Track & Field season is in full swing. We have home Track meets in April on the 14th and 28th if you want to catch the team in action. But between my job, practices, meets, and coursework, the days are long and the nights are almost nonexistent. One of my assignments for this course has been analyzing Pastor Miller's sermons, and let me tell you, they're even richer the second and third time through. We are blessed to have him as our shepherd, and I'm grateful for his leadership and guidance through this program. As we look forward to warmer days ahead, I want to thank the congregation for St. Mark, for your ongoing support for me and my family during this busy season. Your encouragement means more than you know.

Vicar Wyss

HOLY COMMUNION

If you need to have Holy Communion brought to you in the pew, please let an usher know. Pastor will be happy to accommodate you.

THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS

“Thank you” to all members continuing to participate in the “Choice Dollars” donation to St. Mark Church. We received \$128.00 for the month of March.

EASTER SEASON SERVICES

Palm Sunday	3/29	9:00 AM
Maundy Thursday	4/2	6:00 PM
Good Friday	4/3	6:00 PM
Easter Sunday	4/5	9:00 AM

Easter breakfast served after Easter Sunday service in lower level..



ST. MARK QUILTERS

These quilting ladies have been working at a feverish pace for so long,, and fabric is running short, so they have decided that Tuesday, June 2nd will be the last quilting day until September 1st. They will be at around 50 boxes of quilts and the time off will give them some time to collect more fabric to work with in the fall. These ladies have been good servants to this needed project, but even good servants can use a much needed break. We will still be having the fellowship lunches on the first and third Tuesdays of the month at noon. It will be nice to stay connected over the summer. Thank you ladies for all of your hard work. If you happen to have any extra fabric at home or know of anyone else that may have some they would like to donate, please bring it to St. Mark.

FELLOWSHIP PRAYER LUNCH

The dates for the Fellowship lunch are April 7th at the Papillion's and April 21st at the Pizza Ranch. We meet at the restaurant at 12:00pm at the restaurant on these dates. Everyone is welcome. Give the office a call if you are coming so reservations can be made. We look forward to seeing you.

YOUR ELDER INFORMATION

As mentioned in the past, here is a list of the elders and their phone numbers by alphabetical order of the parishioners:

Alsteen/Walkowski to Buntrock	Elder, Al Peterson	715-482-6333
Clapper to Froetschel	Elder, Rick Hlavka	920-458-5231
Funk to D. Jesse	Elder, Mike Bucheger	715-661-0186
S. Jesse to J. Leinss	Elder, Henry Scheinebeck	715-661-1130
Lemmer to Paffrath	Elder, Shane Dornfeld	715-630-1547
Pappenfuss to Smutzer	Elder, Ed Bauer	715-360-4979
Sorley to the end	Elder, Dave Krueger	715-842-2501

Please feel free to call with any concerns involving the worship at our church.

God Bless

The Elders