

**Birthdays Anniversaries**

- 1 Keri Eversmann  
William Kaseman
- 3 Kainen Lee
- 4 Brian Johnson
- 5 Lester Eslinger  
Ellin Lindee  
Kay Linnertz
- 6 Ron Semingson
- 7 Liliauna Specht
- 8 Robert Briggs
- 12 Nancy Davis
- 13 Destiny Mertig
- 14 Merle Peterson
- 15 Buck Moore
- 17 Virginia Braaten
- 19 Sue George  
Cynthia Jorgenson  
Nolan Keller
- 20 John Krill
- 21 Bryson Vannett
- 23 Keith Mollenhauer, Sr.
- 28 Caleen Larson
- 29 Peggy Rothchild
- 30 Sharon Hoffer
- 31 Amanda Ruelle

**Baptismal Anniversaries**

- 1 Marlys Opheim
- 2 Dustin Anderson
- 3 Melissa Larsen
- 4 Royce Johnston  
Krystal Wilcox
- 8 Hatti Mae Reinke  
Kara Peterson
- 11 Demy Braaten
- 13 Keri Eversmann
- 15 Joanne King  
Ted Pfau
- 21 Gene Kaseman
- 22 Kay Linnertz
- 25 Virginia Braaten
- 26 Kash Wilcox
- 29 Evan Berentson  
Ric Tollefson

**Wedding Anniversaries**

- 5 Darrell & Kay Linnertz
- 11 Sue & Brian George
- 19 Mike & Connie Monson
- 26 Clayton & Bonnie Guffey
- 29 Rae & Joel Hoffer
- 31 Rev. & Peggy Rothchild

**The Ascension of Our Lord—May 29**

**Jesus Is Ascended, but Not Absent**

On the fortieth day after His resurrection, our Lord ascended to the right hand of the Father. But although Jesus is hidden from your eyes, He is not absent from you. For He now fills all things in heaven and on earth. He continues “to do and to teach” (Acts 1:1), preaching repentance and forgiveness of sins through those sent in His name (Mark 16:14–20; Luke 24:44–53), giving you His true body and blood in the Supper. Jesus is your great Elijah who pours out on you a double portion of His Spirit in the Word and the Sacraments (2 Kings 2:5–15). He is Lord over all things for the sake of the Church. He whom heaven cannot contain has raised your human nature to share fully in the glory of God. You who believe and are baptized into Christ’s body are already sitting in the heavenly places; for you are in Him who is at the Father’s right hand. When He comes again in the clouds on the Last Day, you also will appear with Him in glory.

Let’s go on a vacation to celebrate Jesus and we don’t even have to leave home! A stay at home vacation, or a stay-cation, can be a great way to get away and relax. Consider some stay-cation activities such as making more time for reading or prayer, doing puzzles, enjoying the outdoors, or starting a special project you never seem to have time to do. Another idea might be more time to connect with long distance family and friends. Doesn’t this kind of vacation sound relaxing? Join your friends in June for a LWML Stay-cation celebration!

All ladies are encouraged to attend the St. Mark’s LWML Meeting “Celebrate a Stay-cation/Texting” Sunday, June 1, 2025 11:00 A.M.



The program, “Celebrating a Stay-cation/Texting,” will remind us to stay our thoughts and actions with Jesus at all times. We will also discover a few texting tips for studying His Word. The program is filled with Bible verses and a few lovely hymns to help tie it all together as we celebrate Him!

After the program there will be a short business meeting and a Mites Offering taken. Finally, members of the Naomi Circle will be serving a lovely lunch for all to enjoy. What a perfect stay-cation with Jesus, let’s celebrate together! See you at LWML in June!



# St. Mark Lutheran Church NEWSLETTER

Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod

May 2025

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**Read Revelation 1:18.** Since Christ is both true man and the true, living God, He doubtless has held, from eternity, the keys of hell and death, having perfect power over them. It is evident that when He spoke the words of our text, He wanted to announce that He had received the keys of hell and death as a fruit of His resurrection. Therefore, He now holds these keys in a different and very special sense.

What sort of key can unlock death and hell, restore a person to life, and remove him from hell to heaven? Since it is sin that brought us into the power of death and to the brink of hell, we cannot be rescued by anything other than the perfect righteousness that avails before God, that is, the righteousness of faith. This is the righteousness that Christ revealed when He returned to life and gloriously rose from His grave. God foresaw the fall of man, but He did not desire that even one being created in His image should perish and be lost. Out of His incomprehensible love, He made an agreement with His Son, even in eternity, that the Son would assume the nature of fallen man, take upon Himself the sins of all people as if they were His own, and suffer and die in order to atone for them. In return, the Father would credit His Son’s atonement to all people, declaring them just and receiving those who accept this through faith. And behold, the Son of God, with His unfathomable love, freely consented to this wonderful agreement, becoming man in the time that had been chosen for this from eternity. Whenever we consider the holy God-man from His conception in the womb of the blessed Virgin Mary to His rest in the bosom of the earth, we must regard Him as burdened with our sins and the need to atone for them.

Yet what happened? Awakened by God the Father Himself, Christ rose on the third day after His death on the cross. Formerly bowed down with the weight of our sins, He is now the comforted Head entirely free of those sins. At one time, He assumed, for the sake of our sins, the role of a servant, even walking humbly among His enemies, but today He is enthroned in kingly majesty, revealing Himself to His believers alone. At that time, for the sake of our sins, He was condemned by the Father Himself as guilty and deserving of death, but now He is absolved of all debt and punishment before heaven and earth. For the sake of our sins, He was thrown into the debtor’s prison of death and hell, but He was later released, having atoned for every debt. He who once was the object of God’s wrath now shines like a thousand suns with His Father’s complete favor and grace. For the sake of our sins, He once sighed, groaned, and struggled as One who had been conquered by the poisonous sting of the hellish snake in His heel. Today, however, we see Him triumphant while Satan writhes, powerless, his head crushed under the foot of the almighty Victor. For the sake of our sins, having once wrestled with death and having been swallowed up as death’s prey with open vengeance, He is now clothed with a glorious body, and the sting of death has been broken. He who once cried, “**I am a worm and not a man**” (Psalm 22:6), now proclaims, in divine grandeur, “**All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me**” (Matthew 28:18).

*It was a strange and dreadful strife, / When life and death contended; / The victory remained with life, / The reign of death was ended. / Holy Scripture plainly saith / That death is swallowed up by death, / Its sting is lost forever. / Alleluia! (LSB 458:4)*

In the peace of Christ,  
Pastor Philip Beyersdorf



**January - March 2025 Financials**

**Income** \$58,524.59 (lower same time last year)  
**Expenses** \$85,291.59 (higher same time last year)  
**Net Income** -\$26,767.00



All are welcome to be a part of helping “spruce up” the church yard. We will begin at 9:00 A.M. on Saturday, May 10th. Hope to see you there. Board of Trustees’





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## SHEPHERD'S HILL AT THE CROSSROADS Clean-Up Week

When?

May 28, 2025 Through June 1, 2025

Let's Clean Our Camp Together!

Help us get ready for summer camp season! Come and help when you can. We have jobs for all abilities. We will feed you in exchange for your work.

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Baseball season is upon us and baseball can teach us a new perspective about stewardship. The home team faces off against the visitors. While it is a team game, there are individual skirmishes that take place within the game. It begins with the individual pitcher against the hitter. Once the batted ball is in play, the battle is between the fielder and the speed of the baserunner. Once there is a runner on base, an attempt to steal a base pits the runner against the catcher. Another hit into the outfield pits the outfielder against a runner trying to score. Without all those individuals working together and achieving their tasks, the team will lose.

Romans 12 puts our stewardship of the Gospel in a similar setting. St. Mark's Lutheran church certainly could be described as a team of individuals. Verse 3: "For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned." No one member of the baseball team can win the game by themselves and in the same way, no one part of the church can accomplish stewardship of the Gospel alone. Put the members of the congregation together with Pastor Beyersdorf and our team can accomplish the mission of stewardship.

Verses 4-6: "For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: " Every member of St. Mark's has a unique set of time, talents and treasures. When the congregation assembles together as a team, we can succeed in so many way in the faithful stewardship of all the Lord has entrusted to us. And that is the goal of stewardship—it's all about Jesus!

## Serving St. Mark Lutheran Church Church Council 2025

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## May 4th we will recognize our High School Seniors!

**Blake Guffey**

**Kennady Dewitz**

**Kassidy King**

**Halle Larsen**

**Leightyn Lee**



## Youth Servant events in March and April

On March 30, the youth prepared a meal for the Men's Winter Shelter.

On April 16th the 6th grade PCC and 7th & 8th grade confirmation classes worked at the Lord's Cupboard Food Pantry.

We helped to put away 656 pounds of food and bagged 875 pounds of potatoes.

**June Upcoming : VBS theme is Wonder junction . June 8-12 6:00-8:???.**

Volunteers are needed to help be wranglers :)

## Serving us at St. Mark in May

Date of Divine Service	Communion Elder	Communion Setup	Acolytes	Joined the Church Triumphant Scott Clouse
May 4	Mike Enslin	Peggy Rothchild	Emma Wilcox	
May 11	Greg Anderson	Mike Enslin	Demy Braaten	
May 18	Jacob Merck	Deb Schultz	Autumn Hendrickson	
May 25	Steve Erdman	Penny Wahus	Kash Wilcox	

## Main Street Living Media Ministry



"MAIN STREET LIVING" is a locally-produced TV program that includes a 30-minute worship service led by participating pastors of the Minnesota North and North Dakota Districts of our LCMS, along with a 30-minute Lutheran Hour program (normally "This Is The Life," along with occasional church-season specials).

Programs are broadcast starting **at 10:00 am Central Time / 9:00 am Mountain time** on the following **WDAY XTRA Channels:** Minot/Williston KMCY Xtra Channel 14.3

**May 4:** Rev. Scott Johnson, Immanuel Lutheran Church, Fargo, ND, presents the message: "God's Samurai" based on Acts 9:15. *This Is The Life Program: "The Day we Lost Ella Mae."*

**May 11:** Rev. Bernie Worrall, Immanuel Lutheran Church, Fargo, ND, presents the message: "I and the Father are One" based on John 10:31-33. *This Is The Life program: "Out of Bondage."*

**May 18:** Rev. Christopher Lieske, Trinity Lutheran Church, Fergus Falls, MN, presents the message: "God Has Gifts to Give" based on Acts 11:1-18. *This Is The Life program: "Man Adrift."*

**May 25:** Rev. Steven Hokana, Assistant Director of Ministry to the Armed Forces in St. Louis, MO, presents a message titled "Faith and the Warrior", based on Isaiah 6:7.