

SAINT MARK'S EPISTLE

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CHANNEL 98.
AT 12:00 PM**



Pastor's Ponderings

When I was a kid there was one thing you could count on when I woke up in the morning, I started every day with a healthy dose of Captain Kangaroo. Bunny Rabbit, Mr. Moose, and Dancing Bear, were my friends, as was Mr. Greenjeans and all the other characters of this long running series. Not that I was exclusivist, Romper Room, The Funny Company, and catchy commercials (Oh, I wish I was and Oscar Meyer Weiner...) all hold a special place in my heart, but Captain Kangaroo was my generations' Mr. Rogers. (Not surprisingly, they were friends and fellow advocates for children and children's educational television, even appearing on each other's shows.)

I think what made him and his show so special, was that he and his cast-mates told stories that helped us learn about life and values in a down to earth way that was fun and easy to understand, sometime in the form of actual storybooks.

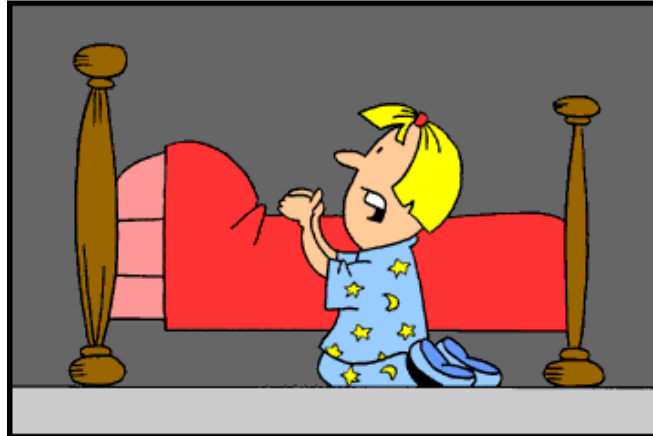
One story that I loved, was "Stone Soup." Now, I have discovered that this is a very old European folktale and there are many versions of it, but the one that he would read was by Marcia Brown (Athenium books for young readers). I was a story about three soldiers coming home from war (other versions, poor beggars, travelers, etc.) who are hungry and tired, but people are wary and turn them away. This story has many parallels to biblical Lenten themes and will be a starting place for our Wednesday evenings.

Lenten Evenings, (not including Ash Wednesday) we will be meeting at 6pm in the basement of St. Mark's for soup, bread, fellowship, and a brief service in the spirit of "Stone Soup" as a modern parable. We will end on Maundy Thursday with a special meal and the movie, "Babette's Feast." Please mark these days on your calendar as we prepare with joy and penance for the Pascal Feast on Easter. More info in March

Your sister in Christ, *Pastor Karen*

Saint Mark's Stewardship Committee

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WILL YOU BE MY VALENTINE?

Send your kids to Sunday School at St. Marks

Open to kids in preschool up to 6th grade

Visitors and friends are always welcome

Begins at 10:00am on Sundays
in the church sanctuary



Worship & Music

Meeting:
**February 8th,
2023 @ 5pm**
At St. Mark's

February Bible Readings

Date	First Reading	Psalms	Second Reading	Gospel
2-5	Isaiah 58:1-9a [9b-12]	Psalms 112:1-9 [10]	1 Corinthians 2:1-12 [13-16]	Matthew 5:13-20
2-12	Deuteronomy 30:15-20	Psalms 119:1-8 1	Corinthians 3:1-9	Matthew 5:21-37
2-19	Exodus 24:12-18	Psalms 2	2 Peter 1:16-21	Matthew 17:1-9
2-26	Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7	Psalms 32	Romans 5:12-19	Matthew 4:1-11



WORDS OF THANKS AND OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS



Fun Facts About Valentine's Day

- * In the Middle Ages, men & women drew names to see who would be their Valentine
- * About one billion Valentine's day cards are exchanged each year
- * 35 million heart shaped boxes of chocolate will be sold on Valentine's Day

2023 Nebraska Synod Assembly

**June 2nd – June 3rd
Younes Convention Center -
Kearney, NE**

**This year's theme, GO
More details to come**

CHURCH COUNCIL MEMBERS FOR 2023



**Max Cochran
Charlene Dunn
Jaima Geisert
Haley Haymart
Gene Kai
Raegan Anderson**

Sign-up!

There are three SIGN UP sheets in the Narthex as you come into the church. Since different people prefer different methods for church things, there is a sign up for offering envelopes—many are using other methods, Email for newsletters or financial reports, or a paper copy of the newsletter and reports. Please let us know so that we can be more efficient in the future.



The Discovery Barbershop Chorus is sending a Quartet to the Pender area on Valentines day, **Tuesday the 14th of February**. If you would like them to sing for your significant other, parent or special group at their residence or workplace, the cost is \$50 for two songs, a rose, card and your special message. Please contact Gene Kai @ 805-478-1430 for scheduling your request.



Treasurer's Report for the Month of Dec. 2022

GENERAL FUND

Balance on hand 11/30/2022	\$ 144,077.69
Income	\$ 47,653.70
Total	\$ 191,731.39
Expenses	\$ (24,252.65)
Balance on hand 12/30/2022	\$ 167,475.74

TOTAL BALANCE OF GENERAL \$167,475.74

Thank You!

*Thank you, Matt
Torczon, for your
time serving on
council.*

St. Mark's Bible Study

St. Mark's Adult Bible Study class, formerly, Martha's Circle-WELCA, was resumed meeting at St. Mark's. Thanks be to God!

Meetings are the first
Wednesday of each month
at 2pm. It is open to every-
one.

Bible Study

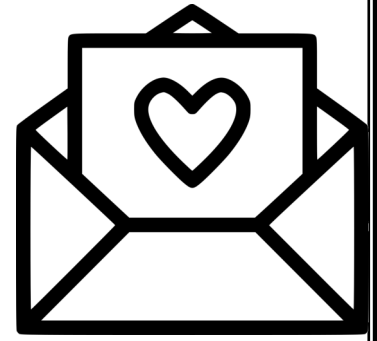


Welcome to Teri Lamplot who will be joining Nancy Beckman and Janice Smith as an organist. What a blessing to have you leading worship with your musical gifts.



And a slightly premature, but non-the-less deserved, welcome to Jane Tonjes who is little by little acclimating to the job of future secretary as Melissa winds down over the next several months. Melissa is still the person to contact until Jane starts later this year.

Greeting cards are now offered by St. Mark's Church. There are boxes of SYMPATHY, GET WELL, BIRTHDAY, and THINKING OF YOU cards for \$5.00 per box. Make checks out to "St. Mark's Lutheran Church". If there are any questions, contact Janice Smith at (402) 385-2361.



There are several pews available if anyone is interested, Contact Haley Haymart for more information.

Roof Tiles

If you would like to help offset the difference between the quoted roof and the roof tiles we chose, we are raising funds by sponsoring roof tiles.

1 or 2 for \$ 50 each

3 for \$100

Call the office if you would like to help.

Thank you,

Max and the rest of council who have been wrangling the builders and roofers to get the roof repaired and covered to prevent additional damage to the building by the rain and snow.

Thank you also to the crews who have been working day and night and weekends in frigid weather to get it finished. I have had someone from the community say they were praying for them and so were we.

YOU MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Since I arrived at St. Mark's, a donation has been made each year to Marion Medical Mission. For about \$500, MMM trains and works alongside locals and also provides material for shallow water wells.

In October, our latest contribution built a well in Winome, Tanzania, bringing fresh water to the village of 65 people. "Sub-Saharan Africa has the highest under 5 mortality rate in the world" (MMM), due in large part to waterborne diseases. While it may seem like a small contribution, a well saves lives. Thank you and God bless you.

Pastor Karen

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To this believer in God's love:



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Feb 1: Jill Lander
Feb 3: Kellie Fillipi

Callie Rink

Feb 4: Alex Doht

Feb 5: Diann Ballard

Paul & Teresa Powley

Feb 6: Avery Hanly

Callie Janke

Feb 9: Karen Tietz

Feb 10: Jeanne Hansen

Feb 11: Cindy Janke

David Lueders

Paula Nelson

Jeff Mathis

Bennett Lamplot

Feb 12: Amy Leonard

Josh Hansen

Steve & Jill Smith

Feb 14: Mark Dolezal Jr.

Larry Ballinger Jr.

Feb 15: Bev Novak

William & Sharlene Krusemark

Feb 16: Chris Buchholz

Rich Suhr

Feb 17: Taylor Buchholz

Jase Johnson

Richard & Donna Smith

Feb 20: Charles Reppert

Marcus Dregalla

Marvin & Marilyn Kubik

Feb 21: Vicky Case

Feb 22: Marika VonSeggern

Feb 23: Paige Ballinger

Matt Buchholz

Cory Heise

LaVonne Nilges

Evan Schrieber

Feb 24: Jonathan Darling

Jennifer Hammond

Rod L'Heureux

Feb 25: Jeff Kai

Feb 26: Lonnie Ford

Feb 27: Courtney Montgomery

Melanie Leonard

Eric & Dana Beckman

Feb 28: Colby Dregalla

Johnny Urbanec

