

SAINT MARK'S EPISTLE

St. Mark's Evangelical Lutheran Church

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September 2024



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Pastor's Ponderings

Brothers and Sisters, fellow disciples in Christ,

I hear the children on the playground right across the street, a sure sign that summer is waning and a new season will be here before I know it. I am not complaining, I see families returning to the sanctuary after what seems like a long summer break, and I am grateful to see generations of members gathering for worship.

Of course, along with fuller churches comes fuller schedules, more expectation on our time - plans for special services and dinners, Sunday School and regular school, practices and games and, and, and..

We all have some version of this momentum shift and preparation for the change of seasons, but we still need to take time for some balance in our lives. Ecclesiastes reminds us of the ebb and flow of peaceful times and stressful ones. Laugh when you can, weep when you need to. Ask when you need help and offer help when you are able. Above all be thankful. God is there with us through it all. Where there is God's will, God will help us find a way.

For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven:

a time to be born, and a time to die;
a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted;
a time to kill, and a time to heal;
a time to break down, and a time to build up;
a time to weep, and a time to laugh;
a time to mourn, and a time to dance;
a time to throw away stones, and a time to gather stones together;
a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing;
a time to seek, and a time to lose;
a time to keep, and a time to throw away;
a time to tear, and a time to sew;
a time to keep silence, and a time to speak;
a time to love, and a time to hate;
a time for war, and a time for peace.

Your sister in Christ, *Pr. Karen*

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We welcomed Bohdi Edward Hays through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism on August 18, 2024. His parents are Stephanie and Joshua Hays.

God's Blessing to Bohdi and his family.

The funeral service for Mervin Hamm was held August 20th. Our sympathies to his family and friends.



WORDS OF THANKS AND OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS



St. Mark's made a \$500 donation to the local Fellowship of Christian Athletes chapter, and received the following thank you:

"Thank you for your generous donation to the Pender FCA Huddle! Your kindness helped us send four student athletes to Leadership Camp where they were strengthened in their relationship with our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, and learned about overflowing with confident hope through the power of the Holy Spirit as they "Do Sports God's Way."

Romans 15: 14

**Thank you!
Pender FCA Huddle**

Nebraska Lutheran Outdoor Ministries

There are opportunities for our youth to attend camps this fall & winter. Following is a list of retreats to be held at Camp Carol Joy Holling in Ashland, NE:

Sept. 20—22 -	Family Campout	Oct 5 -	Explore Day Retreat
Nov. 2-3	Father Son Retreat	Nov 8-10-	Middle School Retreat
Nov. 16-17	Mother Daughter Retreat		

If you are interested, there are brochures at the entrance to church or you can contact

Laura Stalder at LStalder@NLOM.org or call 402-944-2544

Treasurer's Report for the Month of July 2024
GENERAL FUND

Balance on hand 6/30/24	\$	318,351.03
Income	\$	5,914.69
Expenses	\$	(12,523.30)
Balance on hand 07/31/2024	\$	311,742.42

Confirmation will meet immediately after school, beginning Wednesday, September 4th. Students from St. Peter's and St. Mark's entering 6th grade will join the 7th graders for the new year. The program is for two years, but students are confirmed in their academic year. The second year is to learn about being the church and is intended to help young people to put their faith into action. Students whose academic year is their first are asked to promise to attend the second. The students will be confirmed on Reformation Sunday, 2025.

Choir News



Choir will be singing for the services on September 8th and September 22. We would love to have some new voices join us.

If you are interested, contact Jane Tonjes @ 402-922-3946

Sunday School classes will begin September 8th with our rally day and the students will be playing bells for the service that day.

Going forward— All Sunday School classes will be held at St. Mark's from 9:00 am—9:45 am on Sunday mornings. Dismissal will be in time to get to the service at St. Peter's on the last Sunday of each month.

September 15th— Third graders will be presented with their bibles during the service at St. Mark's.

CHURCH REDEDICATION / RALLY SUNDAY

Mark your calendars for September 8th, when we will have a Rededication Service to celebrate the completion of the fire damage restoration project. The last rededication service was held in 1999 to commemorate 50 years since the construction of the church. This fall will celebrate the 75th anniversary of the construction of our church.

We are so thankful to the fire department volunteers for saving our church , to our church council for their leadership in dealing with the insurance and construction, to Pastor for her guidance and adapting to the service changes, to our sister congregation for supporting us and giving us a place to worship until we could return to our sanctuary and to the many hands that have helped throughout the project. We will enjoy worshipping together in our beautiful church and education unit for many years to come..

Sunday School Rally Day will also be held on the 8th. Sunday School will be at 9:00 A.M. that morning with the service following at 10:00 A.M. The Sunday School bell choir and the St. Mark's choir will participate in this special service.

A meal will be served following the church service.

All are welcome to join in our celebration!

Message on the outside sign of Faith Temple Church, Sioux Falls, SD:



We welcome all denominations

\$1, \$5, \$10, \$20, \$50, \$100

— via Rev. Jeff Hayes

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SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Sept 1 ~ Georgia Munderloh
Matthew Gatzemeyer
Skylar Buderus

Sept 3 ~ Kaci Baier

Sept 6 ~ Janice Smith

Sept 7 ~ Blake Hansen

Matt & Shelly Buchholz

Sept 8 ~ Karen Dahlman

Sept 9 ~ Corriッサ Jewel

Sept 10 ~ William Krusemark

Harrison Rutar

Sept 12 ~ Brittni Beckman

Sept 13 ~ Cade Ballard

Kayla Powley

Lisa Reppert

Matt Torczon

Sept 15 ~ Rhonda Buchholz

Sept 16 ~ Dawn Fillipi

Dennis & Nancy Zvacek

Sept 17 ~ Sharlene Krusemark

Ellen Lander

Sept 18 ~ Adam Christiansen

Sept 19 ~ **Tim & Lanette Von-
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Sept 20 ~ **Curtis & Pam Buchholz**

Sept 21 ~ Krista Heineman

Todd Kubik

Doug Nilges

Andrew Prusa

Kolby Smith

Kayla Hart

Katie Brehmer

Sept 22 ~ Olyvia Nelson

Sept 24 ~ Sandra Ostrand

Sept 25 ~ Larry Wingett

Rod & Rhonda Heise

Sept 26 ~ Jane Thomsen

Sept 27 ~ Jaxon Sunderman

Sept 29 ~ Mark Dunn

Jared Johnson

Sara Sorensen

Butch Suhr

Sept 30—Monroe Johnson

