

SAINT MARK'S EPISTLE

St. Mark's Evangelical Lutheran Church

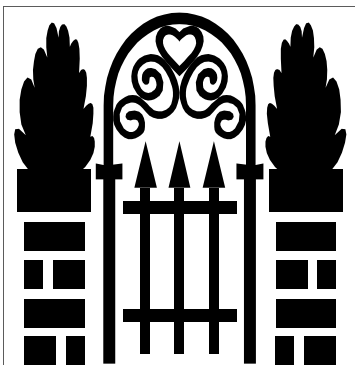
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June & July 2026



Pastor's Ponderings

Psalm 121:8 — "The Lord will watch over your coming and going..."

Summer has a way of messing with our schedules. Many of us will be traveling, resting, or simply stepping out of our usual rhythms. At the same time, our own congregation will be navigating road repairs and parking challenges that may make Sunday mornings feel a bit more complicated than usual. We'll share updates as we know more, and we ask for patience and grace as we adjust together.

But even in a season of scattered routines, the church is never "on break." Whether we gather in our sanctuary, worship temporarily at St. Peter's, or pray from a cabin, a campsite, or a quiet morning at home, we remain the Body of Christ. The Spirit does not wait for perfect conditions. God meets us wherever we are—on the road, on vacation, or in a parking lot that's harder to reach than usual.

So as summer unfolds, I invite you to stay connected: to worship when you can, to pray for one another, to reach out to someone you haven't seen in a while, and to remember that being the church is something we carry with us, not something we enter only when the doors are easy to reach.

I will be taking my annual vacation home from June 15th through July 10th. The final week will be at a continuing education conference in Indianapolis. Note that the service on June 21st, Father's Day, will be at St. Peter's instead of St. Mark's. June 28th will be at the Community Center when the Heavenly Hens will be leading a worshipful morning, and July 5th will be at St. Mark's.

May this season bring rest, renewal, and a deeper awareness of God's presence in every place your summer takes you. Blessings, *Pr. Karen*

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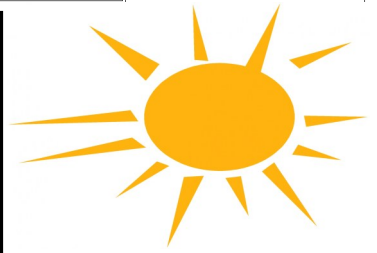
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JUNE SERVICE CHANGES

June 21st—The service will be at St. Peter's.

June 29th - The community worship service to be held at the Community Center as part of the Alumni Weekend Festivities.



Pastor Karen will be on vacation from June 15—through July 6th. From July 7—10 she will be attending a continuing education conference in Indianapolis. If you need Pastoral assistance during this time, please contact Jane Tonjes 402-922-3946 or any church council member.

March 2026– corrected

GENERAL FUND

Balance on hand 3/1	\$ 97,614.75
Income	\$ 10,741.69
Expenses	\$ 13,449.87
Balance on hand 3/31/16	\$ 94,906.57

April 2026

GENERAL FUND

Balance on hand 4/1	\$ 94,906.57
Income	\$ 16,400.38
Expenses	\$ 17,617.39
Balance on hand 04/30/2026	\$ 93,689.56

Thank you to the volunteers who keep our cemetery mowed and looking nice.

REMINDER— any decorations that are in the path of mowing or weeding, need to be removed by June 8th.

Congratulations Graduates!

We were delighted to celebrate the graduation of these graduates with coffee and rolls before the service on Sunday, May 3rd:

Carter Hansen

Reece Heineman

Addilynn Johnson

Farris Swinton

Hadley Walsh

Thank you to all the who helped with the preparation for this special day.



May God's blessings go with you!

The quilters are in need of cotton sheets for the backing for our quilting projects. If you are spring cleaning your linen closets and have some to share, please bring them to church or contact Connie Schnier (712-253-9331) or Nancy Suhr (402-922-0592). All sized are needed, fitted and flat sheets. We greatly appreciate our church members for supporting this project.

Best Regards—
St. Marks and St. Peter's Quilters



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!! Please consider serving on St. Mark's altar committee. Duties include setting up for communion, changing banners and filling the oil candles. Minimal time is required for 3—4 Sundays a month. You would always be working with another volunteer or myself and we are very flexible. I would try to accommodate any month that would work best for you. Please contact me if you would be willing to help out or if you have any questions .

Nancy Suhr, Altar Committee Chairperson

402-922-0592

NEW MEMBERS

We joyfully welcome Morgyn Christiansen and Connor Fillipi as new members of St. Mark's. We are blessed to have them as part of our congregation!

ATTENTION ALL MUSICIANS AND VOCALISTS

If you would like to provide special music for a summer service, please contact Jane Tonjes or Nancy Beckman.



•Parking Update

- Whitney Street parking will be closed beginning June 1st.
- Please continue using parking by the parsonage and Norris Avenue.
- If you need to park closer to the building, feel free to use the circular drive — just leave your keys in the car. Council will turn your car around during the service.

JUNE BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES



June 1 **Matt and Connie Felber**

June 2: Andy Duffy

Scott Smith

Scott and Carol Evans

Andy and Candice Welsh

June 4: Verdel Habrock

Mark Lander

June 6: Tianna Hansen

Blake and Carissa Hansen

June 7: Melissa Hansen

Roger and Deb Leonard

June 9: Isabelle Felber

June 10:

Kylie Knutsen

Zoey Lehmkuhl

June 11: Charlene Dunn

June 14: Steve Hansen

Chris Lander

June 15: Laurel Felber

June 17: Bob Beckman

Kobe Frey

June 18: Weston Wallin

June 19: Mike Beutler

Courtney Frey

June 20: Jamie Johnson

Deklan Fillipi

Kirk and Peggy Nelson

June 21 **Adam and Brandy Rutar**

June 22:

Harlan Gathje

Grayson Rutar

June 23: Bonnie Prokop

June 24: Jill Smith

June 25: Madalyn Meyer

June 26: Leighton, Loudyn,
and Brody Case

June 27: Jeff Meyer

Corbin Lamplot

June 28: Tom Ballard

Cindy Wills

June 29: Mike Hallstrom

Brent Leonard

June 30: Scott Evans

JULY BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

July 1 Tatum Hegge
July 3 Lydia Felber
Cory Meyer
Connor Fillipi
July 4 Donna Smith
Devaney Hansen
July 8 Jill Anderson
Christine Dregalla

Larry and Janice Smith

July 9
Scott and Tara Pfeiffer

July 10
Eric Beckman
Sydney Heineman
Dyllon Lamprecht

Greg and Robin Christiansen

Bruce and Kay Meierdierks

Phil and Sara Sorensen

July 11 Matt Bruns
Verdel and Aggie Habrock
July 12 Brook Schmeckpeper
Todd & Joanne VonSeggern
July 13 Claire Felber
July 15 Dawn Kubik
July 17 Michael Lander
July 18 Kamryn Anderson
Riley Prokop
July 19 Joslyn Elrod
July 2 Eleanor Webster
July 2 Tinsley Sorensen
July 24 Matt Heineman

Larry and Barb Wingett

July 26 Melissa Roeber
Larry Smith
July 27 Gayle Dahlman
July 28 Michelle Evans
Grant Geisert
Connor Heise
Mike Tyrrell
Doug and Terri Johnson
July 30 Kolin Schrunk
Scott and Jaime Ostrand
July 31 Colin Zvacek
David and Nancy Johnson

