

ST. MARK'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
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*St. Mark's Lutheran Church exists to **gather** the people of God, to **equip** them in faith, and to **send** them into the world to make a difference in Christ's name.*

WEEKLY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, September 5

8:00 a.m. Pray for Pastors - Room 103
8:30 a.m. Worship Service - Worship Center
9:45-10:45 a.m. The Winner's Manual - Multipurpose Room
9:45-10:45 a.m. Adult Bible Study - Library
9:45-10:45 a.m. Hope in the Midst of Depression - Room 208C
9:45-10:45 a.m. Love and Respect - Room 104
10:00-10:45 a.m. Children's Sunday School - SCS Wing
11:00-12:00 p.m. Praise Service - Family Life Center
11:00-12:00 p.m. Worship Service - Worship Center

Monday, September 6—CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

10:00 p.m.—12:00 H2O Basketball—Family Life Center

Tuesday, September 7

8:00 a.m.-8:00p.m. Lutheran Social Services - Room 100/101
9:00-12:00 noon Bright Beginnings Preschool - Lower SCS Wing
2:00-4:00 p.m. Staff Meeting - Multipurpose Room
6:30-9:00 p.m. Scouts - Family Life Center
7:00-8:30 p.m. Youth & Family Ministry Team - Library

Wednesday, September 8

8:00a.m.-6:00p.m. Lutheran Social Services - Room 100 / 101
9:00-12:00 noon Bright Beginnings Preschool - Lower SCS Wing
5:00-7:00 p.m. Puppets - Room 208
6:00 p.m. Wednesday Night Live - Family Life Center
7:00 -8:30 p.m. Bell Choir Rehearsal - Youth Choir Room

Thursday, September 9

8:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m. Lutheran Social Services - Room 100 / 101
9:00-12:00 noon Bright Beginnings Preschool - Lower SCS Wing
11:00 a.m. Beth Casey Memorial Service - Worship Center
12:00-2:00 p.m. Memorial Service Reception - Family Life Center
Multipurpose Room
3:00-4:00 p.m. Prayer Meeting - Multipurpose Room
6:00-8:30 p.m. Girl Scout Leader Meeting - Library
6:30-10:00 p.m. Eastside Neighborhood Group - Multipurpose Room
6:30-7:00 p.m. Chamber Choir Rehearsal - Senior Choir Room
Worship Center
7:00-8:30 p.m. Senior Choir Rehearsal - Senior Choir Room
7:00 p.m. Scout Recruitment - Family Life Center

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| | Friday, September 10 |
| 9:00-12:00 noon | Bright Beginnings Preschool - Lower SCS Wing |
| 9:00-5:00 p.m. | Lutheran Social Services - Room 100 / 101 |
| 4:00-9:00 p.m. | Health Fair Set-Up - Family Life Center/Multipurpose Room/Choir Room |
| | Saturday, September 11 |
| 9:00 -1:00 p.m. | Health & Wellness Fair—FLC/MPR/Choir Rooms Worship Center |
| 5:00-6:00 p.m. | Saturday Worship Service - Worship Center |
| | Sunday, September 12 |
| 8:00 a.m. | Pray for Pastors - Room 103 |
| 8:30 a.m. | Worship Service - Worship Center |
| 9:45-10:45 a.m. | New Member Class—Multipurpose Room |
| 9:45-10:45 a.m. | The Winner's Manual - Room 210 |
| 9:45-10:45 a.m. | Adult Bible Study - Library |
| 9:45-10:45 a.m. | Hope in the Midst of Depression - Room 208C |
| 9:45-10:45 a.m. | Love and Respect - Room 104 |
| 10:00-10:45 a.m. | Children's Sunday School - SCS Wing |
| 11:00-12:00 p.m. | Praise Service - Family Life Center |
| 11:00-12:00 p.m. | Worship Service - Worship Center |
| 6:00-9:00 p.m. | BYKOTA - Multipurpose Room |

PLEASE PRAY FOR all those serving in the military and remember in prayer our family and friends in the military:

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| Bradley Anderson | Tyler Layman |
| Michael Barnett | Eric Matthews |
| Erik Bruns | Mike Mazzeo |
| Randy Carey | Bruce Neighbor |
| Rodney Conrad | Trevor Newby |
| Luke Custar | Roy Oberhaus |
| Brandon Davis | Kyle Osborne |
| Thomas Davis | Mark Piper |
| John Elling | Joshua Russell |
| Tim Emmerich | Christopher Singh |
| Tom Gerken | Stony Smith |
| Wes Gerwin | Sarah Stoots |
| Nathan Instone | Shea Stoots |
| Sam Jennings | John Turkal |
| Nathan Krassow | Chris Turnow |
| Aaron Kriekel | Daniel Weber |
| Lindsey Kriekel | Geoffrey Wyatt |

Please contact the church office at 419-353-9305 ext. 111 or stmarkbg@dacor.net with updates to this list.

DEBT QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

I'm worried about my own debt reduction! Why are we doing this now?

These economic times are unprecedented for most of us. But our congregation has always met our financial challenges head on. We have used them as a way to trust God and to express our faith in His plan for us, as a church and as individuals. Our members have shown before that we are people who make sacrifices when sacrifices are called for.

DAILY PRAYER FOCUS for the week. There is immense power in prayer, especially when many voices are lifted to God with the same message. During your prayer time this week you are encouraged to join other members of St. Mark's in adding the common prayer focus listed each day of the week. Please lift your prayer to God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit in your own unique and personal way.
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Monday – Encourage each one of us Lord to be the salt of the earth for Your Kingdom!!

Tuesday – May we walk in the Way of the Lord and keep His commands and love the Lord our God and receive His blessings. Amen!!

Wednesday - Let us love the Lord our God and have life and listen to the Lord's voice for He is our life!

Thursday – Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord Jesus Christ. May the United States be a nation, who trusts in our God and Father. Amen.

Friday – May our Lord Jesus Christ be exalted in all nations of the world.

Saturday – Dear Heavenly Father may Your guardian angels be with every man and woman in the service of our country, every second of the day. Amen!

Sunday – Dear Heavenly Father impart Your divine wisdom to President Obama, Vice President Biden, each state senator and representative and governors that they may lead this country righteously. Amen!

NEXT SUNDAY'S SCRIPTURE: Exodus 32: 7-14; Psalm 51: 1-10; 1 Timothy 1: 12-17; Luke 15: 1-10.

Golf Outing Huge Success!

Thank you to all who participated in the first annual St. Mark's Golf Outing.

The fun and fellowship didn't happen without a great deal of effort. Thanks to Mike and Amy Schroeder, Rob & Betsy Johnson, Doug & Sandy Kerr, Derek Diller, Scott Weiss, and Tom Baer. You made the day fun and you raised \$5,735.00 after expenses to go toward our Debt Reduction Campaign. It was perfectly planned right down to the weather. We shouldn't forget our cooks Craig Traver, Bob Hansen and their boss Ed Bresler. **Food was great! Thanks everyone!**

THANK YOU TO OUR WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE VOLUNTEERS September 8, 2010

Set up: **Joyce Chambers, Peggy Blechschmidt**

Main Dish Preparation: **Sue Rock**

Bakery Pickup: **Bob Hansen**

Salad Pickup and Preparation: **Jane Koerner**

Preparation and Serving: **Donna Dill, Edie Johnson, Nancy Kern, JoAnn Miller, Annette Reazin, Cheryl Sokoll**

Cleanup:
Orrin Zirbel, Bill Rock, and BGSU Students

HOUSEHOLD ITEMS NEEDED

Julia Weaks, a member of St. Mark's, has moved into her own apartment at Charing Cross #69. Her phone number is 419-419-8623 and she invites you to stop by and see her new place. (Thanks to St. Mark's furniture pantry for the nice furniture!)

There are a few things Julia still needs; if you have an extra item she would appreciate your sharing. There is a box in the office marked **Julia** with the following list. Please check off the item on the list or let the church office know which item you've gifted. Thank you!

Vacuum sweeper
Pots and pans
Stove-top frying pans
Bedding (single)
Hand-held mixer
Electric can opener
Kitchen accessories (yellow)
Bathroom (pink and green)
Microwavable dishes
Flatware
Broom, dustpan and mops
Mixing bowls
Measuring cups
Baking pans
Address book
Thank you cards

CHARITABLE GIVING: HOW TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE BY GIVING BACK

How can you use your time, talents and treasures to make a profound impact on the organizations you care about most? Find out how to live out your values today and into the future by attending a seminar on "Charitable Giving: How to Make a Difference by Giving Back." This seminar, which is sponsored by Thrivent Financial for Lutherans, will provide you with information on:

Charitable-giving financial tools that may decrease your taxes and/or supplement your retirement income

Options for leaving a lasting charitable legacy

Different ways to "give back," including volunteering

Date: Saturday, September 18, 2010
Time: 9:00 a.m. until about 10:00 a.m., depending on the number and type of questions asked.
Place: St. Mark's

Please call 419-354-3597 to register.

BREAKFAST WILL BE SERVED!



FALL INTO GOOD HEALTH

Join us Saturday, September 11, 2010

9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Family Life Center, Youth Choir Room, Multipurpose Room

Speakers – Displays – Activities for all ages!

Fitness Challenges for kids + Over 20 Booths!

Door Prizes will be given throughout the fair.

Scheduled Events:

- 9:30 a.m. **Puppets** ~ Multipurpose Room
- 9:45 a.m. **Snacks for seniors, Angie Bradford** ~ Youth Choir Room
- 10:00 a.m. **Healthy Snacks for Children, Jane Graffin** ~ Multipurpose Room
- 11:00 a.m. **Puppets** ~ Multipurpose Room
- 11:00 a.m. **Cardiologist, Dr. Ameer Kabour** ~ Youth Choir Room

2010 DISCIPLE MEMBER CLASS

If you are new (*or not-so-new*) to St. Mark's, we invite you to join us for our annual series of classes created especially for YOU!

Beginning Sunday, September 12

All sessions in the Multipurpose Room
9:45-10:45 a.m.

In a very casual and relaxing environment, you will hear both pastors and many St. Mark's members and staff tell about our beliefs and practices, as well as countless opportunities for sharing *your* special gifts and talents. And *your* questions are always encouraged and welcomed!

SIGN-UP SHEET AT THE WELCOME CENTER!

Otis & Lois Sonnenberg, Facilitators

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WHAT ABOUT NEXT YEAR? THAT IS THE BYKOTA "QUESTION OF THE DAY"

BYKOTA (Be Ye Kind One to Another) consists of adult members of St. Mark's Lutheran Church and their guests. There is no formal membership and all are invited to participate in BYKOTA functions. The group enjoys a wide variety of social and service activities.

There is a list of yearly activities on the BKOTA bulletin board across from the welcome center. But, the list of activities are all past, except for the planning session for next year.

Therefore, BYKOTA will meet in the Multiple Purpose Room on **Sunday, September 12th at 6:30 PM** for the *purpose* of planning next year's activities. All are welcome and urged to attend. To continue an ongoing theme of BYKOTA activities, FOOD will be available. Coffee and other beverages, and light snacks will be served.

Marie and Wayne Johnson will be in charge of this meeting. If you have any questions feel free to call at 419.352.4462.

MARY-MARTHA CIRCLE will meet on Tuesday, September 14 at 1:30 p.m. in the Multipurpose Room. We invite all women of the congregation to attend. Our organization is a women's group gathering to study God's Word, care and support each other and for Christian fellowship. We pray you can join us.

ASK, THANK, TELL

This is an opportunity to see an excellent primer on Congregational Stewardship Ministry, Pastor Chick Lane, Stewardship Key Leader. Two identical workshops will be held on:

Saturday, September 11, 9 a.m.-noon:
First Lutheran, Findlay, OH

Sunday, September 12, 2-5:00 p.m.
Zion Waterville

Pastor Chick Lane, author of the prominent stewardship book, Ask, Thank, Tell, and Director of the ELCA's Stewardship Key Leader ministry is coming to NW Ohio to share his insights on growing in giving in Christ, and to help congregations learn how to realize their potential for generosity.

In each workshop, Pastor Lane will lead participants in two sessions. The first session will focus on the place of healthy financial stewardship at the heart of a disciple's relationship with Jesus. The second session will be based on using three verbs—ask, thank, tell, as a way of aligning congregational stewardship ministry with biblical stewardship.

Fliers with more details and registration information are on the entrance tables.



- Sunday, Sept. 12 **3rd & 4th Graders Swim Party**
2:00 – 4:00 PM @ the Johnson's
(watch for more details)
- Saturday, Sept. 18 **St. Mark's @ the Doyt,**
BGSU Football game
7:00 PM
- Sunday, Oct. 24 **Corn Maze**, all youth and families
2:00 – 5:00 PM
- Friday, Nov. 5 **Family Movie Night @ the Church**
7:00 PM
- December **Christmas Caroling**, all youth and families

**HELP BRIGHT BEGINNINGS PRESCHOOL
HELP ST. MARK'S**

Bright Beginnings is selling Little Caesars Pizza kits, cookies and pies. Prices range from \$13.50—19.00, with \$5 from each kit going directly to St. Mark's Debt Reduction! Place your order on Sunday September 12th or 19th after the early service and again after the late service. Payments must be made at the time your order is placed. Make checks payable to Bright Beginnings. Pick up your order in the Family Life Center Tuesday, October 5, before 12:00 noon. Any questions can be directed to Terri Bateson at 419-494-2116. Thank you!

HANDBELL CHOIR REHEARSAL BEGINS

WEDNESDAY, SEPT 8th., 7:00-8:30 p.m.
Youth Choir Room

**SYNODICALLY AUTHORIZED TEXT MINISTRY
BEGINS AGAIN SEPTEMBER 13
5:00-6:00 p.m. ~ Room102**

ACOLYTE TRAINING: Sunday school students in grades 5-8 are automatically scheduled to serve as acolytes. Involving these students in the worship service is meant to be an enriching and rewarding experience. Acolyte training for those children entering 5th grade or for anyone who would like to be trained, will be held on Sunday, September 26th, at 10:00 a.m., in the sanctuary. There is no need for pre-registration; just come to the sanctuary that morning.