



The Parishioner

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From the Pastor's Desk:

Brothers and Sisters, grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

As I begin this article, let me express my sincerest thanks to the members of this congregation. Over the past few months, we have been blessed with several visitors at worship, particularly on Sunday morning, but some on Saturday evening. In my conversations with these visitors, every one of them has told me not only how much they appreciated our services, but also how friendly the people of St. Mark's are. In the (now) three years that Jessie and I have been here, I have constantly appealed to you to make an effort to welcome visitors, to welcome one another! If you are sitting in the congregation and see someone you don't know, please make time to introduce yourself and let that person know you are glad he or she is here. Share the peace of Christ with someone other than the person sitting next to you. Look at it this way: how would you feel if you were visiting another church, and no one spoke with you or welcomed you? What message would that send? It would say to you, "We don't really care that you're here." And, as I wrote in the September newsletter, please make an effort throughout the rest of the year to invite others to St. Mark's.

There are a number of "special" observances in November: on the 4th and 5th we will celebrate the Feast of All Saints, where we will remember our brothers and sisters who have passed away since the last All Saints service by speaking their names and ringing the bell. On Wednesday, 22 November, we will gather for Thanksgiving Eve worship at 7:00 p.m. Finally, the 25th and 26th services mark the end of the Christian Year with the observance of "Christ the King/the Reign of Christ." (3 December in the First Sunday of Advent!)

In addition, our Annual Congregational Meeting will take place after worship on Sunday, 12 November. There will be no Saturday evening service on the 11th. And, just to be cover "all the bases," remember to set your clocks **back one hour** before you go to bed on Saturday, 4 November.

We have just celebrated the third anniversary of our ministry together at St. Mark's. It's hard for me to believe we have been here that long. But, in other ways, it seems longer than that. We have so many opportunities for worship, fellowship, and service. I pray that God will continue to lead us and bless us, that by the power of his Holy Spirit, he will increase in us faith, hope, and love, as well as the many gifts he has given to us to worship and serve him.

Blessings,
Pastor Phillips



3T-Wednesday, November 1 @ 9:00 am

Time of talk, task & tea
lite lunch @ 11:30am, bring a dish to share *please join us*

Our plastic collection for recycling and making mats has really been busy and we can use more hands to help prepare the bags for mat making and weigh the plastic for bench collections.

*Our collection bins are located at the bottom of the steps coming in from the parking lot.

*Find the list of acceptable plastic items that qualify on the table near the elevator and start recycling today!

Congregational Council

>Next meeting<

Tuesday, November 14, @ 6:00

Please have your reports into the office by Thursday, Nov. 9. Envelopes will be available for pick-up in your mailboxes, Saturday, Nov. 11.

Please keep our Church Council in your prayers as they make decisions for our church family.

Celebration of the Feast of All Saints Sunday

Sat. 11/4 & Sun. 11/5

Worship with us as we honor our members and friends that have gone to be with the Lord this year.

Prayer Shawl Group ♥

meets Wednesday, November 8 @ 1:00 pm.

If you are unable to join the group at the church, but would still like to add your talents, please reach out to Elaine Walker.

St. Mark's Financial Overview
September

Receipts \$ 11,870.62

Expenses \$ 25,424.85

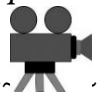
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Afternoon @ the Movies

Thursday, 11/2 @ 1:30

The Power of Forgiveness

To forgive someone can be simple. But this simple act can have powerful consequences – and may lead to a personal and spiritual transformation.



Thursday, 11/16 @ 1:30

The Nativity Story

In a story of profound faith revered by much of humanity, one young woman struggles with the destiny for which she is chosen--to give birth to the Son of God and to become the object of salvation for billions of souls--a deeply moving journey told in A Nativity Story.



Sunday

November 12

The meeting will take place immediately following the Sunday morning 9:00 am. Worship service. Please help us meet our quorum and bring along the annual meeting information included in this newsletter. Full budget information will be available at the meeting.

"Voting members are confirmed members who have communed and made a contribution of record during the current or preceding calendar year. Members of this congregation who have satisfied these basic standards shall have the privilege of voice and vote at every regular and special meeting of the congregation."

Source: St. Mark's Evangelical Lutheran Church Constitution

**NO Saturday Worship
November 11**

Old Testament Bible Study

Thursdays @ 6:00 pm. in Fellowship Hall with Pastor Phillips.

NO study 11/23



Eve Bible Study

Tuesday, November 28 @ 3:00
in the Conference Room.

The study that day is "By Grace Through Faith" from the study book, "By the Will of God".



Will be received Saturday, 11/18 & Sunday, 11/19

You have the opportunity to help The Women of St. Mark's in their work to help those less fortunate in our community and around the world with this special offering collected on this weekend.

Thanksgiving Eve Worship

Join us in giving thanks!

Wednesday Evening

November 22 at 7:00 pm

"Give thanks to the Lord because he is good, because his faithful love lasts forever!" ~Psalm 107:1





NORTH AMERICAN
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CHURCH

Dear Pastors, Congregations, Partners in Ministry, Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

In the wake of the ongoing conflict between Israel and Hamas, which is also emerging in other parts of the region, our hearts are heavy with sorrow and concern for the people and the nations involved. An abrupt offensive led by Hamas, has resulted in an escalation of violence that has caused abhorrent suffering for countless individuals, families, and communities.

The North American Lutheran Church (NALC) unequivocally condemns the violent actions of any terrorist group, as well as all forms of antisemitism found throughout the world. In contrast, we advocate for peace, justice, and the sanctity of all human life. We believe in the power of prayer and the potential of human hearts to move towards reconciliation and peace under the divine guidance of our Lord Jesus Christ.

We stand with all those in the region who yearn for peace. We pray for the safety and wellbeing of all its inhabitants, remembering that we have brothers and sisters in Christ living in Israel, as well as in other Arab nations including Palestine, who find themselves in dire circumstances amidst the turmoil.

We are mindful of the complex history and deep-rooted tensions that permeate the region. Yet, we ardently pray for an end to the hostilities and for a sustainable resolution that honors the dignity, security, and rights of all individuals. We call upon the leaders involved to act with wisdom, compassion, and a genuine desire for lasting peace.

We invite our pastors, congregations, and partners in ministry to unite in fervent prayer for peace in Israel, Gaza, and the surrounding region, for the illumination and guidance of the leaders involved, and for humanitarian aid to reach those in desperate need. Let us all be praying for a future where enmity is replaced with understanding, oppression with justice, and despair with hope, under the sovereign grace of our loving and Triune God.

I encourage our congregations to be places where our doors are open for comfort and prayer for all of God’s people, and where the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, revealed to us in His life, death, and resurrection from the dead for our sin are abundantly present and found. The following prayer is offered for your use, individually, as families, and in your congregations:

Gracious God, in a world overshadowed by sin and strife, we come before You with heavy hearts, seeking Your divine mercy and peace for the people living in Israel, the Gaza Strip, and the surrounding regions. We pray for the leaders of the nations, that their hearts may be stirred towards justice, reconciliation, and the well-being of all people. We pray for those whose lives have been lost, for those torn from their homes and families, as well as for those who are being held hostage in this brutal conflict. We pray for comfort, protection, and healing for wounded spirits and bodies, knowing that all true healing is found in You alone. Lord, may Your boundless love lead us through these dark times towards a horizon of hope, understanding, and enduring peace. Help us to never lose sight of the promises we have in Jesus and to never lose hope in the One who, through His cross and resurrection from the dead, has secured our lives eternally. In the holy and precious name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

“I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.” – John 16:33 NIV

In Christ’s service, The Rev. Dr. Daniel W. Selbo Bishop, North American Lutheran Church

Registration for the 2024 Continental Youth Gathering is Now Open!

Join us for an exhilarating journey of faith and fellowship at the inaugural North American Lutheran Church’s Continental Youth Gathering (CYG) from July 1–4, 2024, taking place in the heart of Texas at St. John Lutheran Church, Boerne.

NALC youth will rally around the powerful theme “We Belong: ‘I Know My Own and My Own Know Me,’” a testament to the profound connection we share in Christ. The mission of the CYG is to provide opportunities for Lutheran youth to not only grow in their faith, but to be encouraged by connecting with other believers throughout North America. Throughout the week, youth, leaders, and volunteers will join in corporate worship, study God’s Word, engage in large and small group sessions, reach out to the community through mission events, and engage in fellowship and fun! More information @ <https://cyg.thenalc.org/> Deadline for registration, April 15, 2023

Katie's Kitchen Newsletter for November 2023.....

Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." **Philippians 4:6-7**

As I sit & write this newsletter for the month of November, I am still trying to comprehend the events of the last week- both personally & the events on the national & world stage. So much of the news here & around the world is cause for concern. So much indecision, so much war & suffering. I have started to avoid the news (except for the weather) because it is just too painful to listen to all of the shootings, disagreements, & wars that are causing so much pain & suffering for so many here & around the world. I am reminded by this passage that we need not be anxious or worried about anything.

In this month when we stop to count our blessings, we need to remember that we are so incredibly blessed in this country despite those who are trying to divide us, and that we must pray- pray hard – for all of those who are in harm's way here & throughout the world. Christ will give us His peace, if we only ask. *Jesus, I trust in You.*

Notes from the Kitchen:

- Thank you to several who have stepped up to help pack meals. With the number of meals we are serving, it can be a daunting task! From the end of July to the end of September this year, the AVERAGE number of meals we served each week was **253**. That average is over 100 more than we served last year during those same months.
- Many thanks to the GFWC Junior Club of Butler who collected food items during the Fall Festival in September. We were blessed with a generous amount of shelf-stable food to use if we have to quickly make up extra meals! We are BLESSED! Thanks to the Butler community for their donations.
- The harvest season is almost over. We have been blessed with produce from Benckles Ambrose Farms, Community Partnerships, Metricks, Janet & Barry Flecken, Cindy Schmidt, as well as a number of others who have shared their extra bounty! May our gracious God shower many blessings on them for their generosity!
- Continued prayers for several of KK volunteers who are not well. May Christ heal them & bring them His peace.

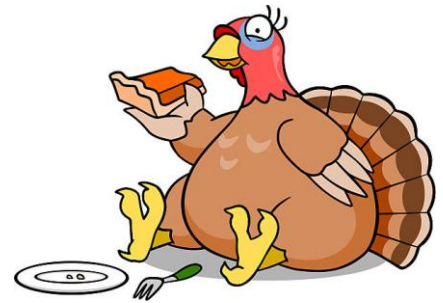
At Katie's Kitchen we continue to experience God's grace in so many countless ways, and I sincerely believe that is because we are doing His work. Even though our numbers have increased greatly, so have our blessings. Raylene J. always reminds me: "God provides". As we are counting our blessings this Thanksgiving, we count YOU and all of those who support us as blessings. God is showering His grace on all of us. Make sure to take time to thank Him!

Wishing you a Blessed, Peace-filled Thanksgiving
- Justine



Stuffing Balls - This is a great side dish that can be made ahead to serve with turkey.

- 1 ½ c. Butter or margarine
- 1 medium onion, diced
- 2 c celery, chopped
- 2 eggs, beaten
- 2 cans of cream of chicken soup- divided
- 1 can of water- divided
- Seasoning to taste- garlic salt, poultry seasoning, parsley, pepper
- 8-10 c of bread, cubed



Directions: In a saucepan, sauté the onions & celery til tender. Remove from heat & add eggs, 1 can of cream of chicken soup & 1 c of water. In a separate bowl, toss the seasonings with the bread. Pour the onion, celery & soup mixture over the bread. Form balls & place in a greased 9x13" pan. Before putting it in the oven, mix the last can of soup with water & pour over the stuffing balls. Cover & baked for 35-40 minutes at 350 degrees. If you like a crusty stuffing, bake it, uncovered.

Reservations
 due by
Tuesday
November 28

4F Braised Steak Dinner

(Food, Fun, Family, Friends)



Saturday, December 2, 4:00-5:30 pm

Serving in Fellowship Hall or Take Outs Available

**\$12 - Adult Dinner \$3 - Child's Steak Dinner,
 Child's Peanut Butter & Jelly or Hot Dog**

All proceeds go to St. Mark's General Fund, for the Good of the Church

Call the church Office (724) 287-6741 or place the dinner reservation slip in the Offering Plate.
 Payment accepted with your reservation or at the door.

Come...bring your friends and family!!

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NAME _____

PHONE # _____

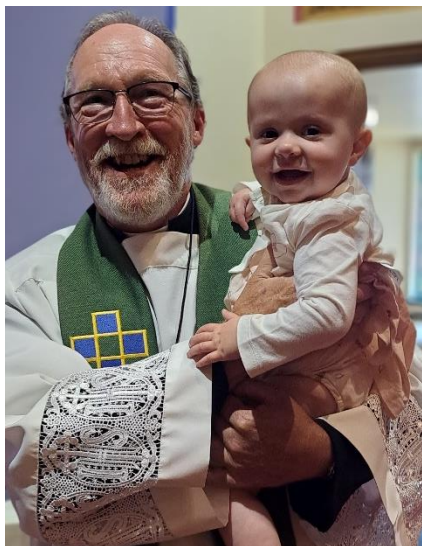
#Adult Dinners _____ (x \$12) #Child Dinners _____ (x \$3)

#Child PB&J _____ (x \$3) #Child Hot Dog _____ (x \$3)

OF DINNERS: EAT IN _____

OF DINNERS: TAKE OUT _____

Total \$ due _____



thank you

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 During a time like this we realize how much our friends and relatives really mean to us...Your expression of sympathy will always be remembered, the rose bowl was lovely and much appreciated.

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 Thank you for all of your kind words, cards, and prayers during the loss of our father. Also, a big thank you to the Pastor for a beautiful service and many words of comfort and support during this difficult time. Lastly, thank you to the Helping Hands team for the wonderful luncheon after the service.

The family of
 John Twerdok



"Gratitude can transform common days into thanksgivings, turn routine jobs into joy, and change ordinary opportunities into blessings."

~ William Arthur Ward

Congratulations to newly baptized **Finley Joseph Matthews and **Adalyn Leslie Matthews****

Son & Daughter of Peter & Amanda (Henricks) Matthews

Grandparents – Patricia & David Gallagher, and Sue Hertzog

Great-grandparent – John Twerdok

Welcome to the Christian family.

Please continue to lift up in prayer, Finley & Adalyn along with their family.



Let us rejoice with the families of our First Communion students!

- ✠ Nora Elizabeth Hoehn, daughter of Ryan & Sarah Hoehn
- ✠ Brody Michael Rivers, son of Kimberly Rivers & John Rivers
- ✠ Michael Daniel Masciarelli, son of James & Leanna Masciarelli
- ✠ Harlie Marie Quinn, daughter of Jeremy & April Quinn
- ✠ Noah Morton, son of Ryan & Cindy Morton
- ✠ Caleb Fennell, son of Christopher & Megan Fennell
- ✠ Olivia Lee Black, daughter of Joshua & Rebecca Black
- ✠ Elise Rodgers, daughter of David & Stacy Rodgers

Holy Communion is the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ given in the Bread and Wine, instituted by Christ himself for us to eat and drink.

Confirmation Classes are underway!

Please continue to keep our 5 students, and Pastor, in your prayers. Encourage them during this 2-year journey through Confirmation studies.

- » Gianna Bilowich
- » Sidney Elliot
- » Vance Elliot
- » C. J. Quinn
- » Evan Rogers



Christmas Floral Memorials

**ORDERS DUE
Thursday, November 30**

Poinsettias - Cost \$17.00

Each poinsettias arrangement is three plants, in an 8" foiled pot. Plants are "grade A" nursery quality; we will receive assorted colors.



CyclamenNew this year** Cost \$9.00**

Each Cyclamen comes in a 6.5" foiled pot. They will be assorted colors.



Outdoor Wreaths - Cost \$24.00 (22" Fraser Fir)

Members are invited to donate a Christmas Wreath. They will be hung outdoors to adorn the Church for the community to share in the love of God's Son. (18 wreaths cover all our exterior doors)

Use the order form below to place your order. Additional forms can be found on the table by the elevator.

- * Thank you for helping to make the sanctuary festive and beautiful for the Christmas season, and for sharing your floral dedications with your St. Mark's church family.
- Potted plants can be picked up any time after Christmas Day.

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Please indicate whom you wish to remember or honor with your gift:

Given in Memory of _____

Given by: _____

Given in Honor of _____

Given by _____

Use the back of this form to record additional dedications or information.

of Poinsettias _____ (x \$17) Cost _____ # of Cyclamen _____ (x \$9) Cost _____

of Wreaths _____ (x \$20) Cost _____

Total Cost _____

Please make check payable to St. Mark's Lutheran Church with "Floral Gift" in the memo. Order forms and checks/cash may be placed in the Offering Plate or given to the Church Office
by Thursday, November 30

Office use: CASH _____ CHECK # _____ RECEIPT # _____ DATE _____

3T would like to thank all those who have supported this mission during this past year, office staff, custodians, donations of fabric and sheets, plastic bags and those who work at home on their projects and bring them in to share with others.

This year we have distributed 18 quilts, 57 throws and 210 lap robes to the NALC Disaster Response. In August we were able to support Glad Run with several well-packed boxes of school supplies that the entire congregation purchased and donated!!! We also gave them quilts, throws and lap robes. These projects are all made possible by each of you and all the support you give.....Many, Many thanks!

We invite anyone who would like to share in this ministry to meet with us the 1st Wednesday of each month. We meet in the Fellowship Hall at 9 am. At 11:30 we join for a lite lunch with the group that works with the plastic collection making mats and weighing plastic for bench collections. Bring a dish to share and enjoy time with your Christian Family.

All are welcome to join with us for work and fellowship.



Children's Hour Fun in October



Firetruck Day & Jennings Environmental Education Center Presentation



"The mind is not a vessel to be filled, but a fire to be kindled." ~Plutarch

Bringing Back Memories of Days Gone By... Fall 2023 - 80+ Luncheon



80's Club



65 of our members & guests of 80 years and over enjoyed an afternoon together with communion, lunch, and jogging their memories with a fun game naming the many Butler businesses of by-gone days.

Many thanks to Raylene Jindra & all the help with lunch. A BIG thanks to Mary Ellen & Newt Tack for the hours of preparation; most of all, thank you to our 80 and over crowd for your wonderful participation. Mark your calendar, May 22, 2024, for the Spring 80+ luncheon. Planning is already underway.



90's Club



"Put your hands against the wall!"
Kids will be kids, no matter their age!



The cooking crew!



Church Picnic Fun!
Worship, Good Food &
GREAT Fellowship!



HAPPY Thanksgiving Secret Message

DIRECTIONS: Here is a quote about Thanksgiving. Each distinct letter in the original phrase has been substituted with another letter from the alphabet. We've given you one of the letters to help get you started.

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- Langston Hughes

Answer on the insert page

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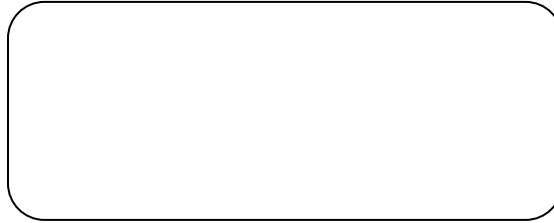
Parish Office Hours:
9:00 AM -- 1:00 PM
Tuesday – Friday
WORSHIP SERVICES

Saturday: 5:00 PM

Sunday: 9:00 AM

Sunday School: 10:15 AM

CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED



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Mission Driven

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St. Mark's Staff

Rev. David Phillips, Senior Pastor
Wendy Holt, Parish Administrator
John Lingenfelter, Custodian
Larry Rettig, Custodian
Rebecca Veith, Director of Music
Sherry Young, Treasurer
Toni Tassej, Financial Secretary

ST MARKS EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH 2024 BUDGET

SUMMARY

| | 2023 | 2024 |
|----------------|---------------|---------------|
| TOTAL INCOME | \$361,445.00 | \$387,480.00 |
| TOTAL EXPENSES | \$506,895.00 | \$492,824.00 |
| DIFFERENCE | -\$145,450.00 | -\$105,344.00 |

TOTAL INCOME

| ACCOUNT NUMBER | ACCOUNT NAME | 2023 | 2024 |
|----------------|-------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| 4.10.1XX | INCOME | \$312,100.00 | \$311,650.00 |
| 4.10.200 | RENTAL INCOME | \$3,800.00 | \$4,100.00 |
| 4.10.300 | INVESTMENT INCOME | \$26,095.00 | \$42,430.00 |
| 4.10.6XX | ESTATES/REFUNDS &
REIMBURSEMENTS | \$2,500.00 | \$2,500.00 |
| 4.40.1XX | CONTRIBUTIONS | \$700.00 | \$1,000.00 |
| 4.40.200 | KATIE'S KITCHEN | \$14,050.00 | \$24,100.00 |
| 4.50.100 | MEMORIAL GIFTS | \$1,000.00 | \$1,000.00 |
| 4.70.XXX | LYO INCOME | \$1,200.00 | \$700.00 |
| 4.80.1XX | ORGAN INCOME | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |

TOTAL EXPENSES

| ACCOUNT NUMBER | ACCOUNT NAME | 2023 | 2024 |
|----------------|------------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| 5.10.100 | PASTOR EXPENSES | \$86,482.00 | \$87,077.00 |
| 5.10.150 | OFFICE STAFF EXPENSES | \$24,106.00 | \$24,748.00 |
| 5.10.160 | CUSTODIAL STAFF EXPENSES | \$56,649.00 | \$57,403.00 |
| 5.10.170 | MUSIC STAFF SALARY | \$29,521.00 | \$30,179.00 |
| 5.10.200 | PROPERTY MANAGEMENT | \$165,019.00 | \$168,700.00 |
| 5.10.300 | ADMINISTRATION | \$29,019.00 | \$29,688.00 |
| 5.10.350 | BENEVOLENCE | \$17,500.00 | \$17,500.00 |
| 5.10.400 | STEWARDSHIP | \$1,200.00 | \$1,200.00 |
| 5.10.450 | EVANGELISM | \$850.00 | \$850.00 |
| 5.10.500 | CHRISTIAN EDUCATION | \$10,550.00 | \$5,900.00 |
| 5.10.550 | COMMUNICATION | \$450.00 | \$450.00 |
| 5.10.600 | WORSHIP AND MUSIC | \$11,070.00 | \$11,070.00 |
| 5.10.700 | FELLOWSHIP | \$2,500.00 | \$2,500.00 |
| 5.10.710 | YOUTH LEADER | \$32,230.00 | \$17,439.00 |
| 5.10.710 | YOUTH | \$6,056.00 | \$3,500.00 |
| 5.XX.XXX | MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES | \$10,875.00 | \$9,800.00 |
| 5.40.100 | KK MANAGER EXPENSES | \$11,218.00 | \$11,220.00 |
| 5.40.XXX | KK MISCELLANEOUS
EXPENSES | \$11,600.00 | \$13,600.00 |

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**ST. MARK'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
2024 ANNUAL BUDGET REQUEST**

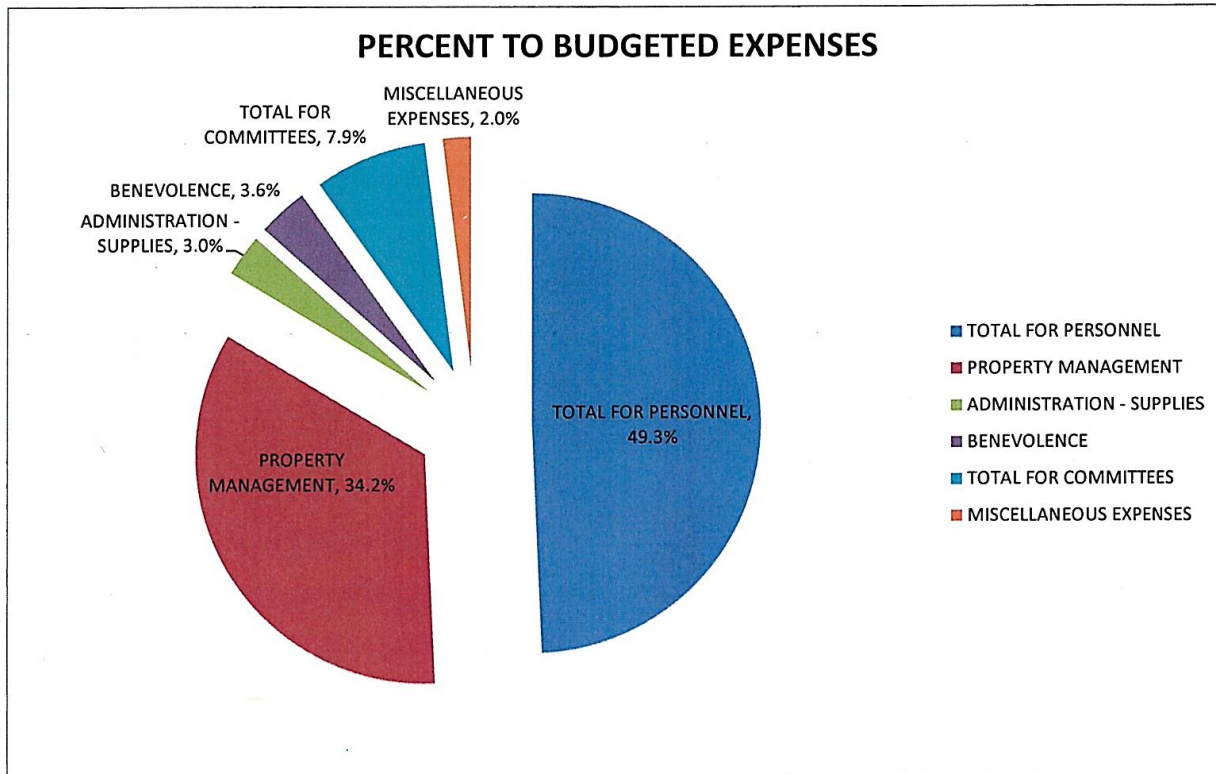
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|-------------------------------|---------------------|
| 2024 BUDGETED INCOME | \$387,480.00 |
| 2024 BUDGETED EXPENSES | \$492,824.00 |

| CATEGORY | | DOLLAR AMOUNT | PERCENT OF BUDGETED EXPENSES | PERCENT OF BUDGETED INCOME |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------|
| PERSONNEL | PASTOR EXPENSES | \$87,077.00 | | |
| | OFFICE STAFF EXPENSES | \$24,748.00 | | |
| | CUSTODIAL STAFF EXPENSES | \$57,403.00 | | |
| | MUSIC STAFF SALARY | \$30,179.00 | | |
| | ADMINISTRATION - STAFF | \$15,088.00 | | |
| | YOUTH LEADER | \$17,439.00 | | |
| | KK MANAGER EXPENSES | \$11,220.00 | | |
| | TOTAL FOR PERSONNEL | \$243,154.00 | 49.3% | 62.8% |
| PROPERTY MANAGEMENT | | \$168,700.00 | 34.2% | 43.5% |
| ADMINISTRATION - SUPPLIES | | \$14,600.00 | 3.0% | 3.8% |
| BENEVOLENCE | | \$17,500.00 | 3.6% | 4.5% |
| COMMITTEES | STEWARDSHIP | \$1,200.00 | | |
| | EVANGELISM | \$850.00 | | |
| | CHRISTIAN EDUCATION | \$5,900.00 | | |
| | COMMUNICATION | \$450.00 | | |
| | WORSHIP AND MUSIC | \$11,070.00 | | |
| | FELLOWSHIP | \$2,500.00 | | |
| | YOUTH | \$3,500.00 | | |
| | KK MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES | \$13,600.00 | | |
| | TOTAL FOR COMMITTEES | \$39,070.00 | 7.9% | 10.1% |
| MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES | | \$9,800.00 | 2.0% | 2.5% |
| TOTAL PERCENTAGE | | | 100.0% | 127.2% |

Please bring this page along and join us at the Annual Meeting, November 12 following the 9:00 am worship.

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Full budget reports are available upon request



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November Scriptures and Prayers

November 5, 2023 – Revelation 7:2-17, Psalm 149, 1 John 3:1-3, Matthew 5:1-12

** Almighty God, whose people are knit together in one holy Church, the body of Christ our Lord; Grant us grace to follow Your blessed saints in lives of faith an commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys You have prepared for those who love You; through Your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns, with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.*

November 12, 2023 – Amos 5:18-24, Psalm 70, 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18, Matthew 25:1-13

** Lord, when the day of wrath comes we have no hope except in Your grace. Make us so to watch for the last days that the consummation of our hope may be the joy of the marriage feast of your son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

November 19, 2023 – Zephaniah 1:7-16, Psalm 90:1-12, 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11, Matthew 25:14-30

** Stir up, O Lord, the wills of Your faithful people to seek more eagerly the help You offer, that, at the last, they may enjoy the fruit of salvation; through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.*

November 22, 2023 – Deuteronomy 8:1-10, Psalm 67, Philippians 4:6-20, Luke 17:11-19

Thanksgiving Eve

** Almighty God, our Father, Your generous goodness comes to us new every day. By the work of Your Spirit lead us to acknowledge Your goodness, give thanks for Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.*

*November 26, 2023 – Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24, Psalm 95:1-7a, 1 Corinthians 15:20-28, Matthew 25:31-46

** Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things to Your beloved Son, whom You anointed priest forever and King of all creation; Grant that all the people of the earth, now divided by the power of sin, may be united under the glorious and gentle rule of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who loves and reigns with you an the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.*

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All Saint’s Weekend, November 4 & 5




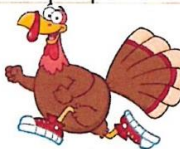
The Festival of All Saints’ celebrates the mystery of God’s presence and the power of God’s Grace in ordinary people. In the waters of baptism, we enter into the Communion of Saints. In the bread and wine of Holy Communion, we are nourished by Christ and united with all the Saints.

On All Saints’ Day, we especially give thanks for loved ones who are part of the Great Cloud of Witnesses with God in Heaven. On this weekend, we remember in prayer those from St. Marks’ Church family & friends who have entered the Church Triumphant this past year. All Saint’s Day reminds us that there comes a time for each of us to give our loved ones back to God. Just as He first gave them to us and did not lose them in the giving, so we have not lost them in returning them to Him ~ for life is eternal, love is immortal, and death, the entrance to the Joy of Heaven for those who have faith in Jesus Christ.



This year, we remember, with thanksgiving and gratitude to Jesus Christ Our Savior:

- +Rev. Ralph Storm, +Nathan N. Saul, +Carol Mowery, +Paul Holt, +Larry Parisi, +Madaline Golec,
- +Thomas Oesterling, +Ruth Hildebrand, +Joel R. MacKay, +Robert Russell Carbon, +Donald Scott,
- +Rev. Lawrence R. Camberg, +Clark Gordon, +Ronald Snyder, +Donald C. Kameron, +Eugene Christy Jr.,
- +Kris Kriess, +Katherine Rapp, +Linda Yount, +John Twerdok, +Frederic Bell, +Joyce Ann Cole, +Judy Sarvey

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November 5 | | | 9:00 3T
9:30 Children's Hour | 1:30 Afternoon @ the Movies
5:00 Katie's Kitchen
6:00 Bible Study | | 5:00 Worship |
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9:00 Worship
10:15 S.S. | | 5:00 Bell Choir
6:00 Choir | 9:30 Children's Hour
1:00 Prayer Shawl | 5:00 Katie's Kitchen
6:00 Bible Study | | NO Worship |
| Congregational Meeting
9:00 Worship
10:15 ANNUAL Meeting | | 5:00 Bell Choir
6:00 Choir
6:00 Council Meeting | 9:30 Children's Hour | 1:30 Afternoon @ the Movies
5:00 Katie's Kitchen
6:00 Bible Study | | 5:00 Worship |
| 9:00 Worship
10:15 S.S. | | 5:00 Bell Choir
6:00 Choir | 9:30 Children's Hour
7:00 Worship | 
No Katie's Kitchen | OFFICE CLOSED | 5:00 Worship |
| 9:00 Worship
10:15 S.S. | | 3:00 Eve Bible Study
5:00 Bell Choir
6:00 Choir | 9:30 Children's Hour | 5:00 Katie's Kitchen
6:00 Bible Study | | |
|  <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"> Fun dates to celebrate: 11/2 – Men make dinner day; 11/8 – Tongue Twister day; 11/15 – Clean out your refrigerator day; 11/23 – Fibonacci day </div> | | | | | | |

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SCRIPTURE:

"Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth." ~Psalm 46:10

Answer to word puzzle from page 11: When the night winds whistle through the trees and blow the crisp brown leaves a-crackling down, when the autumn moon is big and yellow-orange and round, when old jack frost is sparkling on the ground, it's thanksgiving time!