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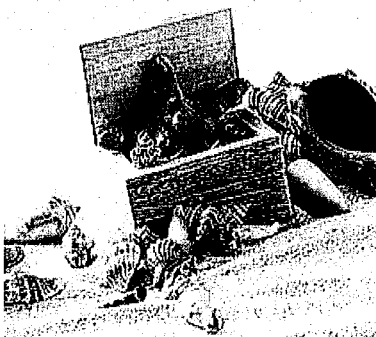
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Heavenly Father,

As we begin this new month,
I pray that you bring me peace and joy
with everything going on in my life.
I oftentimes find myself worrying and feeling
sad, so I pray that you, Oh Lord, fill my days
with joy and happiness.
When I begin to worry, please remind me that,
you, my God, are bigger than my problems.
Breathe your joy into my life and give me
peace.
I pray that this new month will bring to me
good news and happiness.
Let me hear Your voice, follow Your will, and
may all I do bring glory to You.
Let your will be done in my life in Jesus mighty
name,

Amen



**Sometimes, you just have to let things go.
Breathe, relax and trust God.
Worrying won't fix anything, but trusting God will.**



*Let go of your problems
and let God handle them.
Let go of your hurt
and let God restore you.
Let go of your fear
and let God sustain you.
Let go of your worries
and let God bless you.
Amen*

Scriptures for July

"Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!" Psalm 133:1

"Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need." Hebrews 4:16

"And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you." Ephesians 4:32

"For the Lord God is a sun and shield; the Lord gives grace and glory: no good thing does He withhold from those who walk uprightly." Psalm 84:11

"In his hand is the life of every living thing and the breath of all mankind" Job 12:10

The Starfish Story

One day a man was walking along the beach, when he noticed a boy hurriedly picking up and gently throwing things into the ocean.

Approaching the boy, he asked, "Young man, what are you doing?"

The boy replied, "Throwing starfish back into the ocean. The surf is up and the tide is going out. If I don't throw them back, they'll die."

The man laughed to himself and said, "Don't you realize there are miles and miles of beach and hundreds of starfish? You can't make any difference!"

After listening politely, the boy bent down, picked up another starfish, and threw it into the surf. Then, smiling at the man, he said,

"I made a difference to that one."



Fill your jar with

*Love
Faith*

Trust

Peace

Forgiveness



*Positivity
Family*

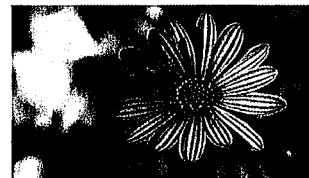
Hope

Gratitude

Kindness

Just BREATHE.

**Have FAITH and HOPE,
And know everything is going to be fine,
because GOD is in control.**



The Journey Continues...

Over this past month, I've been experiencing a refreshed perspective on the depth of God's love when our second grandson, Ezra, was born June 9th. All of our grandchildren – grandson Maverick, along with granddaughters Alyson and Aubrey (who live in Nashville) – bring us a lot of joy as we get to see the hope of life through the curiosities of children who are 3, 6, and 8 years old. All three grandchildren bring silliness, laughter, and innocence, along with lots and lots of energy...and we wouldn't want it any other way.

Our granddaughters Alyson (who is 8) and Aubrey (who is 6) have adjusted to their roles as older and younger sisters. While their personalities are different, both girls like similar things and they participate in similar activities, so there is a natural competitive rivalry between the two of them. It has been interesting (and fun) to watch them grow into their roles and personalities over the years.

As we got closer to the day Ezra was born, we were wondering how Maverick was going to adapt to his new role as a big brother. Becoming a big brother (or a big sister) can be a tough adjustment because everything the child has known in their lifetimes gets turned upside down. We are cautiously optimistic because so far, Maverick is embracing his role as big brother. But even if Maverick starts resenting his little brother, that won't change how we feel about either of the two boys. We love them both and we want them to continue growing up happy and healthy.

When I got the phone call on June 9th letting me know that Ezra was born, I was reminded of something I had forgotten about: love doesn't divide when it's shared. My love for Maverick didn't change or lessen when his little brother was born. Truth is, my love for Maverick deepened because love always multiplies and stretches and grows. Love makes room without taking away from what is already there...just the way God intended it to be.

I can't imagine anything that would cause us to stop loving our grandchildren. It just seems impossible. What has become humbling for me over the past few weeks, is knowing how much our grandchildren are loved, then realizing the love we give them is only a fraction of the love God shares in our lives. After all, God is the author of love, and the depth of God's love is far more than we can comprehend.

So this month I am thankful. I am thankful for Alyson, Aubrey, Maverick, and Ezra and the hope and joy of watching them grow and change and learn new things. But mostly, I am thankful for our God who is always surprising us, and whose love always has room for one more.

The Journey Continues...

Pastor Dave

Consistory has been actively working on finding groups who may want to rent space that we are currently not using at St. Marks. This will allow us to share our building with others who are doing things for the betterment of our community and will allow us to generate additional income to help maintain the church. We are pleased to announce that we had 4 different groups approach us about renting space in the church.

Consistory has approved 3 of those groups to rent space at St. Marks. These rentals will generate over \$1,000 in monthly rental income which can be used to help maintain the building.

The first group is Gisell Gonzalez Family Childcare. They will be renting the community rooms in the lowest level of the church. Their lease agreement is from June 1 to August 31 but there is a very good chance that they will want to extend their lease through the end of 2025.

The second group is WB Music Therapy. They are a group of 5 trained and licensed music therapists that provide therapy for people of all ages who are dealing with things like Autism, Post Traumatic Stress, and physical disabilities such as Parkinson's disease. They have been renting from Salem Lutheran for a number of years but have outgrown the space that Salem has available for them. They will be using the parlor/library and pre-school Sunday school rooms. We will be clearing out the parlor/library and will be moving those things to the primary Sunday school room. This lease will be for a full 12 months beginning September 1.

The 3rd group is a Spanish Church called Redil De Santidad y Amor under the leadership of Pastor Will Castor. They are currently a group of 25-30 Christians that would like to use our sanctuary on Friday nights for youth Christian education and on Sunday's from 12:00 noon to 2:00pm for their worship service. We are still finalizing the details of this lease but it looks very promising and will likely begin in July.

Respectfully,

Todd Ryland

Report of Consistory - June 2025

Cynthia Johnson resigned from Consistory. Her resignation was accepted with both regret and understanding. John Hoffman was appointed to fill her term and was installed at the meeting. Two rental opportunities were discussed, considered and approved. The first was a request from WB Music Therapy to use the parlor and the preschool room for music therapy clients. Their lease will begin September 1, 2025, and will remain in place for one year. They need to use the rooms approximately 17-20 hours per week including some evening hours. Twice a year they will use Fellowship Hall for special events. They will be charged \$500 a month for the rental fee. The second group is a Spanish church that is in the early part of development. They currently meet in the pastor's home and have outgrown that space since they usually have 20 to 25 people in attendance. They requested to use the Sanctuary on Friday evenings from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm and Sunday afternoons from 12:00 noon to 2:00 pm. They will not need use of the piano or organ. They primarily use a keyboard and a drum set for their music needs. The lease will exclude use of the sound system. Their rental fee is \$250 per month. They should be able to start using the facility the first or second Sunday in July. Both leases will include a 60-day notice clause to break the lease before the end of the one-year term. This will apply to both the church and the groups. They will be advised of all evening services so that there are no scheduled activities the evenings the church needs the sanctuary or any of the rooms. In addition, a bridge committee will be formed between the churches - three from each church.

Mission Corner

WARM Mission Trip News

We will be going back to Wilmington NC to assist WARM and stay at Matthew House. The week of the mission trip to support WARM is August 2nd – August 9th 2025. We have 10 people travelling on this trip to help those impacted by the storms of 2018. There will be opportunities for the congregation to help by purchasing non-perishable items. Look for the slips in the narthex in July.

Non-Mission Trip Mission News

The Community dinners

July 26th – community picnic in the church parking lot – As this meal is out in the parking lot adjacent to the church (weather permitting), we need your help for setup/serving/cleaning tables and tear down. Also, look for the list of items that we are asking for donations from the congregation in the Narthex during the month of July.

Dinner at the Rescue Mission

December 14th – Our next Sunday evening meal at the Lebanon Rescue Mission

Kid's Team/Youth/Young Adults Corner

Kid's Team

Let's go back in time to the Kool and the Gang's song from 1980 (played every night in our dorm hall)

"Celebration" The lyrics go like this:

Celebrate good times, Come on

Celebrate good times, Come on

There's a party goin' on right here

A celebration to last throughout the years

So bring your good times and your laughter too

We gonna celebrate your party with you

After 35 years of Kid's Kamp, we will be celebrating those good times on Sunday July 13th at Pine Acres (weather permitting). After morning service, look to travel back in time with 35 yrs of pictures (don't worry, only 6 per year), celebratory cake and a traditional Kid's Kamp picnic lunch.

We are inviting ALL people who have ever been part of Kid's Kamp. That would be anyone that was back with us on starting day in 1991 through our current times. Do you know how many people that is? A LOT.

So come out to Pine Acres and help us kick off our 35th year of Kid's Kamp with a CELEBRATION.

Kid's Kamp 2025 –Kid's Kamp will be held July 14-17.

If you aren't sure the age for Kid's Team and have a child or grandchild that might be looking to join, most Kid's Team activities are planned for ages K-4 through 6th grade. If you aren't already receiving Kid's Team announcements, please check in with Kathy Follett or Meredith Myers.

Youth/Young Adults

Here are the upcoming activities for the Youth/Young Adults for the next few months of 2025:

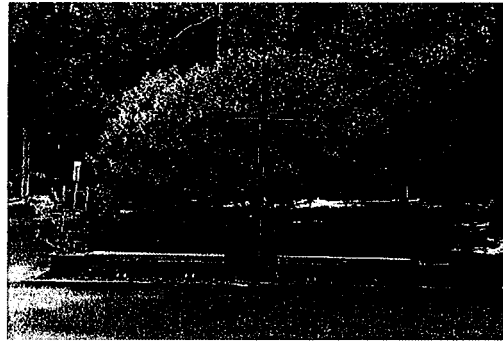
Fall Retreat – Date TBD

Christmas Cookie Baking

Game Night – Date TBD

If you hear of a good Christian movie being released in 2025, let Kathy know so we can throw that into the mix.

If you know of someone between 7th grade and 30 that is currently not receiving the Youth/Young Adults information, please contact Kathy Follett.



Back in 1958, the Senior Married Couples Class had a vision. They were looking for property to have summer activities and events at. In the early 1960s, the first day camp was held and as a result of that day camp, this year we are celebrating our 35th anniversary of Kid's Kamp.

Pine Acres has endured some challenging years. Between nature taking its toll through tropical storms, feet of snow falling and a time the congregation questioned should Pine Acres stay with St Mark's, the vision back in 1958 was evaluated.

This year is no different as we are enduring a time of low labor to continue maintenance. Now don't get me wrong when I say those that have faithfully been helping on Thursdays have kicked some proverbial butt. We have replaced the bridge over the ravine, we have replaced all the lights under the pavilion and we have continued to do weekly maintenance as is needed.

However, the saying "more hands make the light work" is really true. Over the last year, the Pine Acres crew has been reduced by 5 due to numerous reasons. Therefore, we really could use some additional help over the summer, primarily mowing grass using our fleet of riding mowers.

We meet between 7-8 AM on Thursday morning for coffee, snacks and fellowship. Then between 8-10 AM we hit the ground running for whatever is on the morning's agenda. Depending upon number of people, most mowing is completed by morning break at 10 AM. This doesn't need to be an every week commitment. If interested, please chat with Kathy Follett.

Sunday School Attendance

Sunday School was held at 1:30 P.M. Sundays until May 1893 with church services at 10:15 A.M. and 7:00 P.M. Services were altered between English and German. In 1893 the Sunday School was moved to 8:45 A.M. The following article then appeared in ***St. Mark's Observer***:

"In May the Sunday School changes its meetings from the afternoon to the morning. Teachers, officers, and scholars will please make a special effort to cut short their Sunday morning 'nap' on the SUNDAY MORNING SIDE so as to be on hand bright and early. We wish to say, however, that in all cases where said 'nap' cannot safely allow of any cutting short, that no objection whatever will be raised if the same is extended on the SATURDAY EVENING SIDE. See how nicely it can be arranged!"

Not everyone must have applied this wisdom to their lives for the August 1893 ***Observer*** carried this article:

"A Chronic Malady

Our old infirmity is again upon us. The disease referred to bears some analogy to leprosy. It is spotted.

It first appears in one spot and then in another and by and by in many. The disease seems to be chronic but it is always more aggravated during the summer months than when the weather is cold. It generally reaches its climax in July and August and seems to be convalescing from September to May but hardly ever are we free from its effects. Unlike the other diseases it afflicts by absence instead of presence. It affects teachers, scholars and even at times the officers. Of late it seems to be more violent in its symptoms than expected and we can not foretell the results. Our hope and prayer is that it may have reached its worst stages and that we may speedily see favorable symptoms. Thus far no adequate remedy has been found. It is true that there is an old book and its rules of health seem unpopular, and hence are not applied.

We firmly believe, however, if the prescriptions given there, were carefully observed, the disease could be overcome, and we would be afflicted by it no more.

We learn that this disease is widespread and that other places are also affected by its ravages and that it has caused many headache and has done much injury in other towns and cities throughout the land.

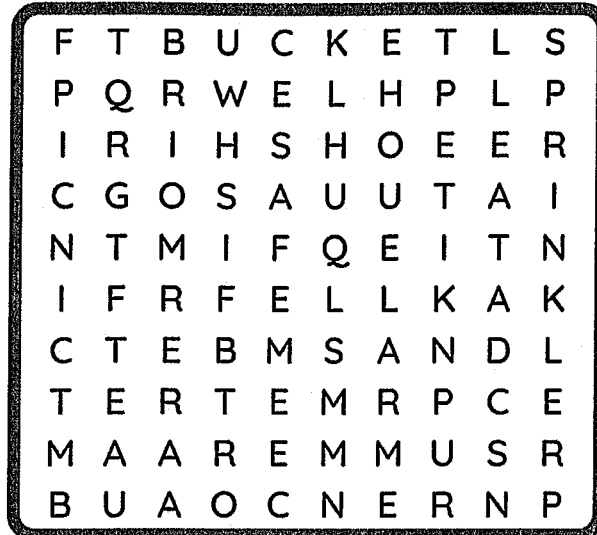
The malady we refer to is absence from (Sunday) School. Kindly dear teacher permit us to ask you to consider this matter and do what you can to be regularly at your post and then you will be justified in asking the members of your class to follow your example. Then our work can go on unhindered and the cause of the Master will prosper and we will all be able to rejoice and be glad."

Jim Schucker

KID'S KORNER



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Summer	Hot	Picnic
Bucket	Fish	Barbeque
Sand	Kite	Sprinkler

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LINGUINE SALAD

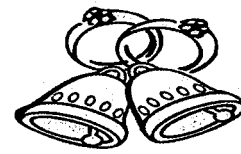
Ingredients:

1 lb. linguine, broken in half, cooked
rinsed, drained and cooled
1 medium cucumber, sliced thin
2 medium tomatoes, chopped

1 small onion, chopped
8 oz. Italian dressing
½ bottle Salad Supreme

Toss thoroughly. Let stand for 4 hours before serving.

This recipe is in the St. Mark's U.C.C. Mothers Class Recipe Cookbook and is from Faye Fox.



JULY BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

	Birthday		Anniversary
July 2	Nancy Basselgia Barry Bossler Gary Lehman	July 22	Alicia & Chad Thomas
July 3	Gladys Gettle Kay Peiffer Jay Reynolds		
July 4	Jay Eisenhauer		
July 7	Mary Brandt		
July 12	Kim Shearer		
July 13	Diane Vogel		
July 14	Nathaniel Bell Jay Fisher Carole Hoffman Pamela Manbeck		
July 15	Roman Blauch		
July 17	Parker Sidella		
July 18	Virginia Gruber		
July 19	Carol Weise		
July 20	Cathy Bossler Stephanie Wise		
July 22	Deborah Follett		
July 24	Jill Wenrich		
July 29	W. James Schucker		

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Please send notes, cards or give them a phone call. Let Janet and Eva know that St. Mark's has not forgotten about them. Thank you.

JULY

PRAYER AND EVENTS CALENDAR

2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Betty Bartal	2 Keith Bartal Bible Study - 10 AM	3 Nancy Basselgia	4 Bob & Kelly Bell Independence Day	5 Nathaniel Bell
6 Zachary Bell Worship - 10 AM	7 Karen Bennett	8 Linda & John Bering	9 Sarah, Dylan, & Roman Blauch Bible Study - 10 AM	10 Judy Blouch Spiritual Council - 6:30 PM Consistory Mtg. 7:00 PM	11 Barry & Cathy Bossler	12 Casey Bossler
13 Ruth Boyer Worship - 10 AM @ Pine Acres Lunch - 35 yrs. Celebration for Kid's Kamp	14 Kenneth Brandt Kids Kamp	15 Mary Brandt Kids Kamp	16 Samuel & Holly Brandt Kids Kamp	17 Jake Brewer Kids Kamp	18 Fred Brown	19 Timothy Brown
20 Kathy Burke Worship - 10 AM Christian Ed Mtg. - 11:15 AM	21 Roxanne Carpenter Evan. & Mission Mtg. - 6:30 PM	22 Kathryn Ceresini	23 Destiny Chernich Bible Study - 10 AM	24 Matthew Chernich	25 Ruth Clark	26 Rebecca Colban Community Picnic
27 Gerald Collins Worship - 10 AM Commissioning for Mission Trip Warm Mission Mtg. - 11:15 AM	28 Colin Daub	29 Michael & Heather Daub	30 Ryan Daub Bible Study - 10 AM	31 Kathryn Dissinger		