



ReMARKS, *October 2022*

It's always God's Work, Our Hands

In many ELCA congregations, this time of year brings a big push for a “God’s Work, Our Hands” day. The idea is that all ELCA congregations would intentionally and visibly look to engage with an act of service in their community. If you’ve seen volunteers around our building wearing the yellow shirts that say “God’s Work, Our Hands,” this is where they come from. The ELCA makes a fairly big deal out of this, encouraging congregations to plan for a shared date or to adjust the date for their context. I believe St. Mark’s has participated in the “official” day on occasion in the past. But at least for the last several years, we haven’t pushed to make God’s Work, Our Hands its own event. Why? Well, because led by the Christian Action Team, St. Mark’s is about this work all year long, of course!

Recently St. Mark’s hosted a great turnout for the Crop Walk (pictured below) and ran a large yard sale to support Living Waters mission congregation in Cherokee. But big event or not, as the church we are always the body of Christ in the world. That means you are always called to use your hands to work for the Kingdom of God in the world!



So find ways, year round, to use your hands to work for God’s justice, healing, and peace. If you need somewhere to get started, St. Mark’s is collecting baby care kits for Lutheran World Relief through the end of October (details on the bulletin board at the bottom of the stairs). If you have transportation, there’s a signup sheet for picking up food at Manna and delivering it to local schools for students in need once a week. And we could always use a few more sandwich makers to help us feed hungry people at ABCCM. But whatever your availability, whatever your capability, you are part of the body of Christ. That means it’s always God’s work, your hands!

- Pastor Matt



“God’s work, Our Hands”

shirt modeled, terrifyingly, by our facility manager, Steve Henry

St. Mark's Faith Formation and Fellowship

For Questions regarding Faith Formation or Discipleship, Contact Deacon Katie



LandMARKS

October 2nd from 9:30am-10:15am

New to St. Mark's? Want to get to know the people here? Interested in getting involved with what God is doing in this place? LandMARKS is a monthly meeting with Pastor Matt and/or Deacon Katie that helps visitors and new members learn about the ministries of St. Mark's, get to know the staff and members, and ask questions about our community.

Meet us at the bottom of the main staircase at 9:30am to join!



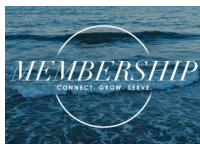
Blessing of the Animals

Saturday, October 9th from 2-3:30pm

St. Mark's Lutheran Church Parking Lot

Bring your pet or a picture of your pet to receive a blessing, pet portraits, and treat bags! This annual event is a wonderful time of fellowship with other animal lovers as we thank God for all creatures, big and small!

****Remember to bring donations of cat or dog food for our collection to give to Brother Wolf Animal Rescue!****



New Member Sunday

Sunday, October 16th

Join us as we welcome new members on Sunday, October 16th! Reach out to Deacon Katie if you have any questions about New Member Sunday or if you are interested in joining St. Mark's.

Trunk or Treat

Sunday, October 30th from 4-5:30pm

St. Mark's Lutheran Church Parking Lot



COME JOIN THE FUN!

We need your help with this fun event for children in our congregation and community! **Questions? Contact Deacon Katie.**

Ways to help:

1. Sign up to decorate your trunk and hand out treats at the event. We hope to have at least 15 trunks!
2. Donate candy - last year we had over 300 in attendance and ran out of candy to give away! Candy donations can be put in the box outside of Deacon Katie's office.
3. Put up a flyer and put it up in your community or place of work. Flyers are available on Sign up Central Bulletin Board.

New Small Groups Starting in November!

November 6th-December 18th



Last Lent I asked you all to try something new as a congregation.

"What would it look like if we all participated in Small Groups together? What if we tried this for a season?"

Well, 80 people said yes to being part of a small group during those 40 days of Lent. It truly was a season of learning, growing in faith, and forming stronger relationships with our church family. We received so much positive feedback from our Lenten Small Groups, that we have decided to do them again!

For 6 Sundays, November 6 through December 18, small groups will meet, either at church on Sunday during the Faith Formation hour, or on Zoom throughout the week. For about 45 minutes to an hour these Small Groups will read scripture, discuss a weekly topic, get to know one another better through conversation, and pray with one another. It is our hope that those who join a small group would commit to attending each of the 6 weeks.

Unsure if you want to be part of a Small Group? Check out a few of the responses from the survey we did after our Lenten Small Groups!

What did you like about Small Groups?

- . "Getting to know new people and learning new ways of looking at things."
- . "There was great sharing about our experiences of God's love in our lives."
- . "Short term commitment. Opportunity to meet folks you otherwise might not."

Would you encourage someone to join a small group in the future?

- . "Absolutely. It made me excited to get to church. I felt like I was developing friendships with likeminded peers."
- . "Absolutely! It can strengthen one's faith as well as finding/deepening rewarding friendships."
- . "Definitely. It was a great way to study God's word, meet new people, and spend time with others I've known for a while."



Don't Forget to Sign Up!

Scan the QR Code to complete the sign up form or be on the lookout for the linked form in the weekly MiniMARKS to join a small group starting in November! **Interested in leading a small group? Be sure to fill out the form and mark that you would be willing to lead a group!**

Questions? Contact Deacon Katie

Council Corner



Greetings from the St. Mark's Congregation Council!

Here are some highlights from our September 2022 in-person/ Zoom meeting:

- The Council again reviewed the current situation with COVID infections in our community. Because trends are improving, we agreed to change to a “masks encouraged but optional” policy for worship. Windows will remain open during worship services. Those attending worship are encouraged to keep up-to-date with vaccinations, as possible.
- The Special Appeal for the 100th Anniversary Celebration has reached its goal of \$100,000!
- Several motions for modifications to the Personnel Handbook were approved:
- The section on Maternal, Paternal, or Adoption Leave (for full-time employees) will be renamed Parental Leave (for full-time employees).
- Following the birth or adoption of a child, the amount of leave available to the parent primarily responsible for child care will be increased from four to eight weeks. For a parent secondarily responsible, the amount of leave will be increased from two to four weeks.
- For fostering a new child, the amount of leave available to the parent primarily responsible for child care will be increased from four to eight weeks per year. For a parent secondarily responsible, the amount of leave will be increased from two to four weeks per year.

- Linda Kinsinger, Council President

Remembering our Friends and Family



All Saints Sunday

November 6

COMMEMORATION
of the

**FAITHFUL
DEPARTED**

During worship on All Saints Sunday we will read the names of congregation members and friends who have died since last November. Please submit names to the church office by November 2 for inclusion during the service. You are also invited to bring pictures of your loved ones to be displayed in the chancel during worship.

Please bring pictures to the church in the first week of November.

100K for our 100th Anniversary

Pledged

as of September 30, 2022

Total:\$101,300

Goal:\$100,000

A circular progress indicator showing 100% completion. The circle is a solid green color, and the text "100%" is centered inside it in a large, black, serif font.

Continued Generosity

Our effort to raise \$100,000 above normal giving in celebration of St. Mark's 100th anniversary is off to a great start!

Thank you so much for meeting the \$100,000 pledged goal!

We are well on the way to receiving these pledged funds in order to guarantee that we can fully sponsor a Habitat for Humanity house build and cover the cost of the exterior work on our stained glass windows.

Donated

as of September 30, 2022

Total:\$31,231

Goal:\$100,000

A circular progress indicator showing 31% completion. The circle is mostly grey, with a green segment representing 31% of the total. The text "31%" is centered inside the circle in a large, black, serif font.

If you haven't had a chance to provide your intent, contribute, or see what all is planned for our 100th celebration check out the links by following the QR Codes!

Worried about missing the intent deadline? There is still time! In fact, gifts and pledges can be received anytime until July of 2023.



Intent Form

Return your intent card or fill out the web form by scanning this QR code to join in the celebration!



Direct Donation

Scan this QR Code to contribute online directly to the 100K for the 100th appeal!



Centennial Information

Follow this QR code to find more information about all of the events that will be happening during our centennial celebration!

Fall Book Study: They Are Us



Synod-wide Book Study

October 20th - November 17th

Join the NC Synod Immigration & Refugee Ministry Team for a synodwide book study of *They Are Us* by Stephen Bouman and Ralston Deffenbaugh. *They Are Us* offers "a thoughtful and timely look at the Christian calling to welcome the stranger" which will compliment the work of congregations engaging in the Bishop's Challenge!

Order *They Are Us* from Fortress Press or other sellers. The book study will meet **Thursday evenings** from 7:00-8:15 p.m. beginning **October 20** through November 17. Author Stephen Bouman will kick-off the study on October 20 and will close it out on November 17.

Cindy Lauster is leading the discussion on the second week of the study, October 27th.

Scan this QR Code to register



A Look at Human Trafficking Presentation @ St. Eugene Parish

Special Presentation

*Sunday, October 23rd, 2-3pm
@ St. Eugene Parish*

Additional Details:

- R.S.V.P. by Oct. 17 to scaeducation@ccdoc.org
- Email questions to suenbern@yahoo.com
- Find a bio for Sr. Angela Reed and more information at www.ccdoc.org/education

*Not recommended for children under 12,
Parental discretion advised.*

Within & Beyond Borders A Look at Human Trafficking Across the Globe



Featuring United Nations Representative
for Mercy International Association
Sr. Angela Reed RSM

Head of Mercy Global Action
Presenting on
Sunday, October 23
at
St. Eugene Parish

Sunday, October 23rd 2:00 to 3:00 pm at St. Eugene Parish
72 Culvern Street, Asheville, NC

Presentation will be offered in English with Spanish translation

R.S.V.P. by Oct. 17 to scaeducation@ccdoc.org Questions to suenbern@yahoo.com
Find a bio for Sr. Angela Reed and flier at www.ccdoc.org/education

Sponsored by
Catholic Charities Diocese of Charlotte &
Sisters of Mercy in partnership with St. Eugene Parish



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2023 Stewardship Campaign

You should receive a pledge card in the mail during the first week of October. We encourage you to pray about your 2023 pledge, discuss it with your family, and then return your pledge card to the church office in the pre-stamped envelope you will also receive. If you prefer to pledge electronically, a 2023 Pledge Google form will be linked in each MiniMARKS during the month of October.

Our goal is to have all pledges returned by October 31st.

Ministry News

2023 Ministry Allocations

Submitted by October 31st

As we move towards creating the 2023 budget we will be reviewing each line item within the 2022 Operating Fund. There are a variety of ministries that receive a yearly allocation of funds to support their work. If your ministry is included within the budget, please take the time to review your expenses from 2022. If you need to make adjustments to your allocated funds for the 2023 Operating Fund, please reach out to Danielle by October 31st to let her know of any requested changes. If you need more information about your ministry's financial history, Danielle can provide this for you.

Christian Action Team (CAT)

Noisy Bucket

Mark your calendar now to bring in your noisy bucket contribution on October 30th. Stay tuned for more information about which organization will receive this collection.

Crop Walk = Success

Thank you for the over 40 walkers that participated in this year's Crop Walk. We are still collecting the donations and will provide a total just as soon as one is available.

Yard Sale Update

There was over 2,000 raised at this year's Yard Sale! Living Waters will be so grateful for this extra contribution. Thank you for all that donated, helped price items, and worked the yard sale for/with us!

Quilters

Fabric Needed

Have any old sheets or fabric that can be donated? The quilters desperately need more fabric to continue their ministry. Drop donations off in the church office.

Save the Date

We need your help on November 9th to prepare the quilts to ship to Lutheran World Relief this year. Stay tuned for more information.

Questions - Contact Eileen Cram.

Lutheran Men in Mission

Saturday October 8th @ 11:30am

The LMM group has resumed monthly meetings! Join the men's fellowship group the 2nd Saturday of each month at French Fryz on Hendersonville Rd beginning at 11:30am!

Lutheran World Relief Baby Care Kits

We Need Your Help!

The time is getting short to complete baby care kits for Lutheran World Relief. Your donations must be brought to church by Oct. 30, since we must assemble and pack the kits to deliver to Grace Lutheran in Hendersonville between Nov. 7-10.

The kits are designed to provide mothers coping with poverty, disaster, and conflict with the most basic necessities for their infants. There is a box under the bulletin board at the bottom of the stairs for your donations, which will be assembled into kits with the required items.

The specifics for each item are provided and may range from sizes 6 to 24 months. Please take a list from the envelope on the Sign-Up Central Bulletin Board to help with your shopping.

We Need:



- knit or crochet baby blankets, sweaters, and caps.
 - hand made diapers or blankets from all-cotton flannel.
 - hand towels and the diapers (must be new)
 - All other items may be gently used, in excellent condition, clean, and have no stains or tears.
 - We need someone with a serger to finish the edges of onesies that have been cut to make a shirt and also some flannel blankets.
 - We need baby caps and can provide funds for the yarn.
- Cash donations are welcome, to help purchase items to complete kits.



IMPORTANT:
Kits MUST be the exact items requested by LWR and nothing else.

LWR Baby Care kits provide dignity and hope in the most dire situations, and express love to our neighbors in need.

Contact Donna Turnbaugh if you have questions.

828-645-2486 or thetbaughs@gmail.com

ABCCM Volunteer Opportunities

Volunteers reflect the heart of God!
You can also be a reflection
in three easy steps.

Step 1. Listen

Where is God calling you to serve?

Step 2. Contact

Reach out to the Volunteer Coordinator listed in the ministry of
your choice. No experience needed; training will be provided.

For questions email Caleb Bradshaw: volunteer@abccm.org

Step 3. Serve

As followers/disciples of Christ, you will be putting your faith into action!

Can you smile?

Then you're qualified to be a receptionist.

Are you compassionate?

Then you're qualified to be a counselor.

Do you like to teach?

Then you'd be a great Bible study leader, life skills class, tutor or teacher of a curriculum-based course.

Can you cook?

Then you'd be perfect on a cook team or serving in our food pantry.



ABCCM Volunteer Opportunities

Crisis Ministry

Crisis Ministry has four locations, serving individuals and families with emergency assistance such as food, clothing, furniture and financial assistance for heat, utilities and rent/mortgage.

Crisis Ministry

volunteer shifts:

M - F 8:30 - 12:30

M - F 12:30 - 4:30

ALL CRISIS MINISTRIES NEED:

Receptionists Data entry

Counselors

Food pantry

Clothing Room

Prepare and serve lunch at Sunrise

Donation Warehouse need:

Receptionist/Greeters & sorters

Main Crisis Ministry

Mary Messarra

828-259-5300

mary.messarra@abccm.org

ABCCM Hominy Valley

Christy Shortridge

828-259-5301

christy.shortridge@abccm.org



Contact

ABCCM North Samaritan

Sheryl Olsen

828-259-5303

sheryl.olsen@abccm.org

ABCCM South Crisis

Bryan Prather

828-259-5302

bryan.prather@abccm.org

Donations Warehouse

Reggie Glenn

828-259-5322

reggie.glenn@abccm.org

Medical Ministry



The Medical Ministry provides essential healthcare services including telehealth and pharmacy services.

Clinic volunteer shifts:

M, T, W 9 - 12

CLINIC NEEDS:

Receptionists

Clerical / Data entry

Intake

Providers (MDs, DOs, NPs, PAs)

Nurses (RNs, LPNs, CNAs, EMTs)

Pharmacists

Pharmacy technicians & support

Outdoor work teams

Medical equipment/supplies

*For Pharmacy shifts or other volunteer opportunities during covid, please inquire with Volunteer Coordinator.

Contact

Medical Clinic

Beth Reeves, FNP

828-259-5339

Kevin Ray

kevin.ray@abccm.org

828-398-6690

Contact

Vanessa James, Chaplain

vanessa.james@buncombecounty.org

Don Johnson

don.johnson@abccm.org

Jail Ministry

Jail Ministry is a program of compassion through Bible studies & library services.

JAIL NEEDS:

Bible study leaders

Library assistants

Homeless Ministry

The Veterans Restoration Quarters has 250 beds for men. Transformation Village offers 100 beds for homeless women, veterans and moms with kids. We provide stabilization, life skills education, and employment training which leads to career level jobs and permanent homes.

VRQ volunteer shift times:

M - F 9 - 12

M - F 1 - 5

M - F 7 - 9

VRQ NEEDS:

Receptionists

Barbers

Chaplains

Cook teams

Outdoor work teams

Teachers/study leaders

Transformation Village

volunteer shift times:

M - F 9 - 12

M - F 1 - 5

M - F 7 - 9

Needs:

Receptionists Beauticians

Chaplains Cook teams

Outdoor work teams

Teachers/Tutors

Structured play /child enrichment

Contact

VRQ Volunteer Coordinator

Michelle Laws 828-398-6614

michelle.laws@abccm.org



Transformation Village

Volunteer Coordinator

Shannon Paris 828-398-6985

shannon.paris@abccm.org

Stewardship

Financial Report

Below you will find August's financial report for both the Operating Fund and the Building Fund. Thank you for your continued contributions.

Financial Report Operating Fund

subject to change from treasurer's report

Income budgeted

August	YTD
\$42,581	\$340,648

Gifts received

August	YTD
\$28,303	\$362,002

Expenditures

August	YTD
\$38,672	\$320,265

Surplus/(Deficit)

August	YTD
\$(10,369)	\$41,737

Financial Report Building Fund

subject to change from treasurer's report

Income budgeted

August	YTD
\$4,207	\$33,656

Gifts received against Pledges

August	YTD
\$2,353	\$36,252

Loan Payments

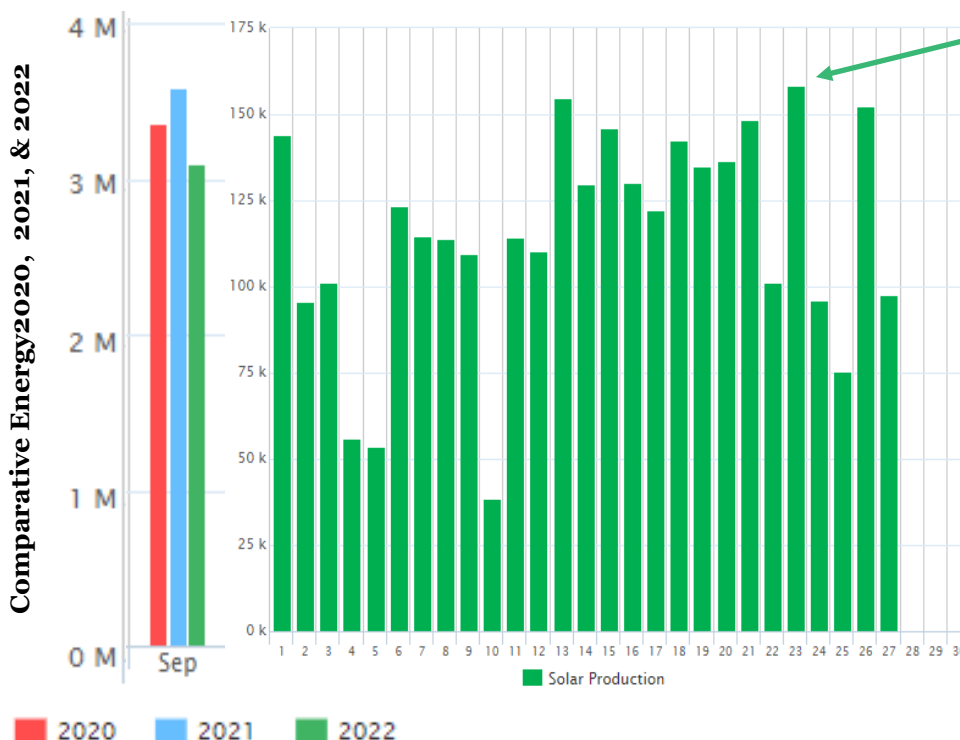
August	YTD
\$5,351	\$42,808

Surplus/(Deficit)

August	YTD
(\$2,998)	(\$6,556)

Caring for God's Creation

September Solar Report (Reported on 9/27/22)



September 23 was the top producing day this month @158.506 kWh

Environmental Benefits
From Install date of July

Environmental Benefits

CO2 Emission Saved
142,185 lb

Equivalent Trees Planted
1,074.34

Sunday Calendar

October 2nd - 17th Sunday after Pentecost

World Communion Day

Scripture Readings:

Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4; Psalm 37:1-9

2 Timothy 1:1-14; Luke 17:5-10

8:30am.....Worship

9:30am.....Faith Formation

9:30am.....LandMARKS

11:00am.....Worship @ St. Mary's Episcopal

October 9th - 18th Sunday after Pentecost

Blessing of the Animals

Scripture Readings:

2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c; Psalm 111

2 Timothy 2:8-15; Luke 17:11-19

8:30am.....Worship

9:45am.....Faith Formation

11:00am.....Worship

1:00pm.....Youth Group

2:00pm.....Blessing of the Animals

October 16th - 19th Sunday after Pentecost

New Member Sunday

Scripture Readings:

Genesis 32:22-31; Psalm 121

2 Timothy 3:14--4:5; Luke 18:1-8

8:30am.....Worship

9:45am.....Faith Formation

11:00am.....Worship

October 23rd - 20th Sunday after Pentecost

Scripture Readings:

Jeremiah 14:7-10, 19-22; Psalm 84:1-7

2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18; Luke 18:9-14

8:30am.....Worship

9:45am.....Faith Formation

11:00am.....Worship

12:30pm.....Youth Group

October 30th - Reformation Sunday

Trunk or Treat Event

Scripture Readings:

Isaiah 1:10-18; Psalm 32:1-7

2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12; Luke 19:1-10

8:30am.....Worship

9:45am.....Faith Formation

11:00am.....Worship

4:00pm.....Trunk or Treat

Birthdays

October 1	Phil Burnett Nicholas Davis
October 3	James Swaringen
October 4	Forrest Lamm Blake Crownover Carolyn Hitch
October 5	Eileen Cram Evelyn Reinhold
October 6	Bonnie Wheeler
October 8	George Stein
October 10	Ken Clark Mike Dawson
October 11	Zachary Hutson Alicia Lein Tee Conroy
October 12	Paula Bradt Beverly Orr Luna Lovejoy
October 13	Katherine Webb
October 16	Kathy Eison Roy Turnbaugh
October 17	Keri Smith Keenan Fox
October 18	Warren Wheeler
October 19	Julia Johnson
October 21	Jay Queen
October 23	John Cartwright
October 24	Beverly Rauschenberger
October 26	Susan Badger Jeremy Frisella Paula Lindsay Linnea Linton
October 29	Linda Kinsinger Jason Jones
October 30	Jasmine Chandler

Anniversaries

October 1	Pat Patton & Susan Reiser
October 4	Christopher & Christine Mott
October 7	Steve & Linnea Linton
October 8	Ken & Carol Carlson
October 11	Karin and Burton Doss
October 12	Matt & Erin Roe
October 13	Brant & Sara Niedenthal

Worship Assistant Schedule

The Worship Assistant Schedule for October has been published. If you have a conflict, please first try to find your own replacement and then communicate this change with the church office. This way we will be prepared for worship on Sunday mornings. If you are unable to find a substitute, please contact Danielle and she will be happy to help you!

Date	Oct. 2nd	Oct. 9th	Oct. 16th	Oct. 23rd	Oct. 30th
Worship Assistant Schedule	8:30am (1)Dan Dudde (2) Mary Dudde 11am World Communion Day	8:30am (1)Cat Slater (2)J.D Slater 11am (1)Cindy Lauster (2)Bob Mihara	8:30am (1)Henry Ulrichs (2)Barbara Ulrichs 11am (1)Cindy Lauster (2)Bob Mihara	8:30am (1)Vic Allwein (2)Mary Anne Allwein 11am (1)Eric Van Tassel (2)Susan Van Tassel	8:30am (1)Tom Stewart (2)Brenda Stewart 11am (1)Tom Biltz (2)Beth Biltz
	8:30am (1)Mike Bradley (2)Carolyn Bradley 11am World Communion Day	8:30am (1)Ken Lane (2)Deborah Lane 11am (1) Deanna Jordan (2) Anne Blackwell	8:30am (1)Sharon Herrmann (2)John Herrmann 11am (1) Jason Jones (2) Josh Kersey	8:30am (1)Becky Sachenmaier (2)George Hahn 11am (1)Dave Schuetze (2)Ali Schuetze	8:30am (1)Walter Hitch (2)Ken Clark 11am (1)Scott Baumann (2)Anne Blackwell
	8:30am Ken Clark 11am World Communion Day	8:30am Sharon Herrmann 11am Bonnie Morris	8:30am Debbie Layne 11am Donna Turnbaugh	8:30am Amy Zellers 11am Bonnie Morris	8:30am Amy Zellers 11am TBD
	8:30am Lila Niedenthal 11am World Communion Day	8:30am Claire Niedenthal 11am Katie Rivers	8:30am Amy Zellers 11am Eileen Cram	8:30am Eleonor Schreck 11am Anne Blackwell	8:30am George Hahn 11am Eileen Cram & Erick Smith
	8:30am Mary Brady 11am World Communion Day	8:30am Carolyn Bradley 11am Randy Warren	8:30am Mary Brady 11am Dave Epley	8:30am Amy Zellers 11am TBD	8:30am Katie Rivers 11am Randy Warren
	8:30am Dan Dudde 11am World Communion Day	8:30am Bonnie Wheeler 11am James Aydelotte	8:30am Barbara Ulrichs 11am TBD	8:30am Anne Sites 11am Susan Denne	8:30am Carl Schreck 11am Ann Johnson
	8:30am Debbie Layne 11am World Communion Day	8:30am Isa Slater & Amy Zellers 11am Vickie Hauser	8:30am Diane Hughes 11am Donna Turnbaugh	8:30am Isa Slater 11am Bonnie Morris	8:30am Nancy Dodenhoff 11am Eileen Cram
	11am World Communion Day	11am Trey Doss	11am Gloria Sainio	11am Bob Mihara	11am Natalie Haynes

St. Mark's Lutheran Church

*10 N. Liberty Street
Asheville, NC 28801*



Staff

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Deacon Katie Rivers

Cantor:

David Anderson

Parish Administrator:

Danielle James

Pastor of Caring Ministries:

Reverend Linda McHenry

Facilities Manager:

Steve Henry

Our Vision:

Making disciples by loving Christ, growing in faith, serving all people

Our Mission:

Transforming lives through God's grace as an inclusive, intergenerational congregation through Worship, Outreach, Learning and Fellowship

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