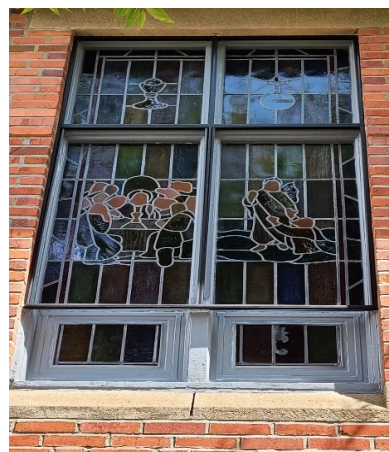




# ReMARKS, *May 2023*

## 100K for St. Mark's 100<sup>th</sup> Appeal

Our effort to raise \$100,000 to celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of St. Mark's has been a tremendous success so far, and we have already received over \$90,000! With two months left, we are right on track to make it to our \$100,000 goal by our 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary on July 15<sup>th</sup>. Because of your generosity we have *already* been able fund a full house build through Asheville Area Habitat for Humanity (\$55,000) *and already* replaced the stained glass window coverings on the exterior of the sanctuary. Now, because of the generosity of those who have already given and the fact that our windows did need the contingency funds we budgeted, we have an opportunity to make this campaign do *even more*.





Our sanctuary floors have effectively allowed us to (literally) stand in worship and praise for decades, and our pews have supported us as we have heard the word of God proclaimed for generations. But the floors and the pews are showing the wear of the countless feet and decades of use (you try having people sit and stand on you for 30 or 40 years and see how you're holding up). With this appeal we have an excellent opportunity to breath some life back into the pews and floors with new foam and fabric on the pews and a refinishing of the sanctuary floors.



So if you haven't yet, please consider a gift to the St. Mark's 100<sup>th</sup> appeal so that we can ensure that our sanctuary will continue to be a beautiful, comfortable place of worship for the decades to come. Remember, we hope to have all gifts received by July 15<sup>th</sup>! Thank you for your generosity that is allowing this work and a full house Habitat build to happen.

-Pastor Matt

## Council Corner

Greetings from your Congregational Council. In this year of our congregation's 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary the Council has discussed and approved several motions that have been presented.

- In March, the Council approved a resolution proposed by Pastor Matt proposing a change to the NC Synod constitution to make Deacons eligible to serve as conference deans.
- In April, the Council approved Sharon Herrmann, Dan Dudde and Tom Stewart to serve on the Audit Team which now will be known as the Financial Review Team. A big thank you to all three who have offered their time and talents to this endeavor. Also in April, the Council approved a motion to replace trees that were damaging our parking lot with trees with root systems that would cause less damage to the pavement and curbing system. The Council appreciates the input from members of the Property Team and Steve Henry who did research about the various types of trees that would be less damaging to our parking lot.
- Also in the coming weeks, Steve will facilitate the refinishing of our Sanctuary floors.

The Congregational Council appreciates your prayers as we continue to serve as your represent your interest.

## Botanical Resurrection

*"Early on, I think even before he and Betty Sue joined the congregation, Mark walked into my office and told me he wanted to do a piece of art for St. Mark's 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary. I had no idea what to expect, but of course I said yes. Having now seen his beautiful work, I'm so glad I did. In addition to the outstanding craftsmanship, Mark always wanted this piece to point to the hope of the resurrection. I give thanks to God for gifts shared and for Christ's resurrection that brings life out of death!"-Pastor Matt*



*Botanical Resurrection II  
Mark Crossley, 2023*

*In honor of St. Mark's 100 years of gospel ministry*

This piece was inspired by the first signs of new life and growth that happen after a forest fire. What beauty and hope we encounter in that new life where before only scars and death were visible! We are reminded that this is how God works. God enters into places like the cross- that we thought could only lead to death and decay- and brings new life. Thanks be to God for our new life in Christ through the power of the resurrection!



## Faith Formation Information

### Adult Faith Formation

*April 30th @ 9:45am - Sermon on the Mount w/ Ken Lane*



Starting this Sunday during Ken Lane is teaching a course on Jesus' Sermon on the Mount. "In this inaugural sermon," remarks Ken Lane, the leader of the class, "Jesus presents a revolutionary understanding of God's all-inclusive love, a gift we often lose sight of in our world of meritocracy." The class meets in the Library at 9:45 AM.

### Landmarks

*May 7th from 9:45am-10:45am*

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 9:45am to join!*

### Faith and Fellowship

*Monday Mornings beginning at 10am*

Pastor Matt's Monday morning Faith and Fellowship class will resume on May 1st via Zoom. If you need more information on how to join, please let Danielle know and she will send you directions on how to join.

### Coffee Hour is coming back!



Before the pandemic, St. Mark's had the wonderful tradition of enjoying a short time of fellowship and caffeine before Faith Formation each Sunday. For a few years, we set down our mugs in order to protect our neighbors, and stopped having Coffee Hour each Sunday. We would love to start up this practice again, but need people to help support this ministry of hospitality so that the burden does not fall on a small group of people.

If you would like to help with Coffee Hour, please sign up on Sign Up Central Bulletin Board at the Bottom of the stairs. You can sign up once, monthly, or quarterly. Consider signing up with a friend to share the responsibility! Moving forward, if no one signs up for any given Sunday, we will not have Coffee Hour that week.

#### What being a coffee hour host entails:

- Make a coffee (regular and decaf) and put in airpots
- Heat water for tea and put in airpot
- Set out mugs, cream and sugar, and airpots in Welcome Center no later than 9:30am
- Optional: Provide and set out a snack or two to share
- Clean up

**If you haven't helped with Coffee Hour before, or would like a refresher, please contact Deacon Katie.**

## Leaving a Legacy

Check out these St. Mark's members from the Spring LWR Special Reports publication. Way to go James and Margaret! If you are interested in how you can leave a legacy gift to sustain St. Mark's or another mission, contact the church office.

James Aydelotte was a Presbyterian minister and his wife, Margaret, was raised in the Church of England. Yet, they found a shared church home in a Lutheran congregation where James realized he “really liked Lutherans.”

### Donor Spotlight

#### Sharing a Legacy of Love and Generosity



*Margaret Aydelotte left a generous gift as a Partner in Lasting Promise. Her husband, James, carries on their legacy of giving.*

They also discovered Lutheran World Relief and became supporters. “I think their work around the world, particularly in developing countries, drew me in,” James said.

Throughout their 50-year marriage, the couple shared a love of teaching and introducing students to different cultures. Margaret passed away six years ago, leaving a generous gift to LWR from her retirement contributions. The couple also included Lutheran World Relief in their will.

“Our children are doing well, so we wanted to make sure our assets would be helpful to others,” James said.

James remarried, and he and his wife, Susan, remain dedicated to alleviating suffering around the world. They take comfort in knowing they can support neighbors in need long-term through a generous estate gift.

“Suffering anywhere is going to affect everyone everywhere,” James said. “We just need to share more of what we have with people in need.”

*- Article published in Lutheran World Relief: Special Reports, Spring 2023*

# Centennial Celebration Announcements

## May

6 - Habitat Work Day  
20 - Dance Through the Decades

## June

30 - Tourists Baseball Game

## July

15 - Celebration and Banquet  
16 - Anniversary Worship

## 2nd Quarter Newsletter



## Dance Through the Decades

*May 20th @ 5pm in the Fellowship Hall*



Put on your dancing shoes and join your St. Mark's family for a night of fun as we dance our way through the past 100 years! You'll have the opportunity to learn dances that were popular in years gone by, enjoy some delicious appetizers, and watch some special guests sing, dance, and entertain! No matter your ability, you'll be sure to have a blast as we twist, shout, shimmy, and shake our way into the next 100 years of life together at St. Mark's.

*Be sure to sign up on Sign-up Central Bulletin Board!*

*Admission to the event: One non-perishable food item for ABCCM's Food Pantry.*

## Asheville Tourists Baseball Game

*June 30th @ 6:30pm*



Come root for the home team at McCormick field as the Tourists battle the Greenville Drive on Friday, June 30th. The night features both Dollar Hot Dog and Fireworks Night, so mark your calendar now so you're sure to be there!

*Suggested Donation for tickets: \$10  
(Tickets will be available mid-May.)*

## Anniversary Celebration Banquet & Worship Service

*Banquet July 15th @ 5pm*



We are happy to announce that we have found a wonderful venue for our 100th Anniversary Banquet! Be sure to join us on Saturday, July 15 at 5pm in the Centennial Room at Pack's Tavern! Dinner, dessert, guest speakers, and special presentations will fill this "roaring 20s" themed event with joy and celebration!

*More information to come. Tickets will be available mid-May*

*Worship Service - July 16th @ 10am*

Mark your calendars now! So that we are able to all worship together, we will have one worship service on July 16 at 10am. The service will include a brass quintet, choir, and guest preacher as we praise and give thanks to God for 100 years of ministry in Asheville.



## Fresh Change Backpacks

### Fresh Change Success

Thank you to everyone who helped to make “Fresh Change” a success. Thank you to those who purchased clothes and backpacks, and those who donated money to purchase clothes, and those who gave to Noisy Bucket. Your generosity filled 50 backpacks with clothing for immigrants coming out of detention centers. Our backpacks went to Border Servant Corps in Las Cruces, New Mexico. None of this would have happened without all of those on Sunday, April 16, who put the 50 backpacks together and boxed them. Many wonderful hands made easy work.



## CROP Walk



An Initiative of Church World Service • [crophungerwalk.org](http://crophungerwalk.org)

**Church World Service**  
*Certificate of Appreciation*  
to the

**Asheville/Buncombe CROP Hunger Walk**

A national 2022 Cream of the CROP top event  
to end hunger and poverty around the world.

Presented by

*Jeffrey...*  
National Community Engagement Manager  
March 31, 2023

Congratulations to the Christian Action Team, Dan Dudde, and all those that make the CROP Hunger Walk a huge success each year! In 2022, St. Mark's was recognized as a national cream of the CROP team and ranked 92nd in the country!



## Stewardship

### Financial Report

Below you will find March'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

<u>March</u>	<u>YTD</u>
\$41,530	\$124,590

#### Gifts received

<u>March</u>	<u>YTD</u>
\$28,554	\$164,056

#### Expenditures

<u>March</u>	<u>YTD</u>
\$47,147	\$127,942

#### Surplus/(Deficit)

<u>March</u>	<u>YTD</u>
\$-18,592	\$36,114

#### Financial Report

##### Building Fund

*\*subject to change from treasurer's report\**

#### Income budgeted

<u>March</u>	<u>YTD</u>
\$4,207	\$12,621

#### Gifts received against Pledges

<u>March</u>	<u>YTD</u>
\$2,245	\$11,159

#### Loan Payments

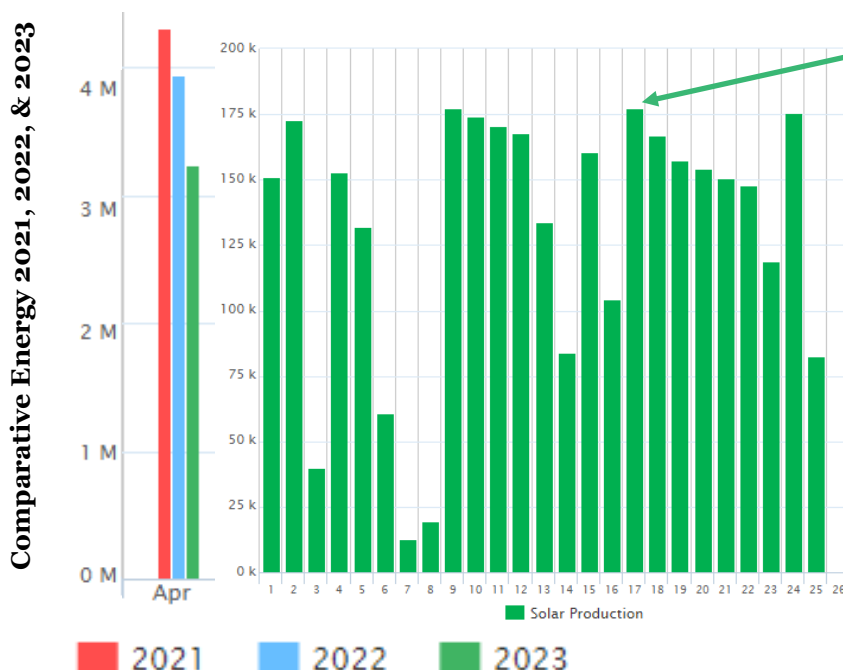
<u>March</u>	<u>YTD</u>
\$5,351	\$16,053

#### Surplus/(Deficit)

<u>March</u>	<u>YTD</u>
(\$3,106)	(\$4,894)

## Caring for God's Creation

### April Solar Report (as of 4.25.23)



April 17th was the top producing day this month @177.479kWh

#### Environmental Benefits From Install date of 7/2020

##### Environmental Benefits



CO2 Emission Saved  
**172,457.34 lb**



Equivalent Trees Planted  
**1,303.07**



## Sunday Calendar

### May 7 - Fifth Sunday of Easter

*Scripture Readings:*

Acts 7:55-60; Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16

1 Peter 2:2-10; John 14:1-14

8:30am.....Worship

9:45am.....Faith Formation

9:45am.....LandMARKS

11:00am.....Worship

### May 14 - Sixth Sunday of Easter

*Scripture Readings:*

Acts 17:22-31; Psalm 66:8-20

1 Peter 3:13-22; John 14:15-21

8:30am.....Worship

9:45am.....Faith Formation

11:00am.....Worship

### May 21 - Seventh Sunday of Easter

*Scripture Readings:*

Acts 1:6-14; Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35

1 Peter 4:12-14, 5:6-11; John 17:1-11

8:30am.....Worship

9:45am.....Faith Formation

11:00am.....Worship

### May 28 - Pentecost Sunday

*Scripture Readings:*

Acts 2:1-21; Psalm 104:24-34, 35b

1 Corinthians 12:3b-13; John 20:19-23

8:30am.....Worship

9:45am.....Faith Formation

11:00am.....Worship

## Additional Important Dates

May 6th.....Habitat Work Day

May 13th.....Lutheran Men in Mission

May 20th.....Dance Through the Decades

June 30th.....Asheville Tourist Game

July 15th.....Anniversary Banquet

July 16th.....10AM Anniversary Worship

## Birthdays

May 2 Ann Marie Miller

May 3 Mary Wilkins

May 4 Augustus Mott

May 6 Harmony Fox

Jo Hammer-Clairey

May 7 Lucy Kopp

May 8 Lisa Apelian

May 9 Jamie Rhodes

May 12 Randy Warren

Mitch Williams

May 14 Sherrie Hygon

May 15 Hannah Smith

May 16 Carol Sturm

May 17 Lucinda Morin

Donna Turnbaugh

May 19 Kip Otterness

Katie Rivers

May 21 Stan Webb

May 23 Al Tenty

May 24 Lila Niedenthal

May 25 Paisley Miller

May 27 Betty Thompson

May 28 Mark Fritch

Sharon Godfrey

May 30 Christopher Lindsay

May 31 Linda McHenry

Rob Miller

## Anniversaries

May 4 Bill & Sherrie Hygon

May 6 George and Rachel Hahn

May 7 Philip & Naomi Otterness

May 19 David & Adrienne Neighbors

May 27 Matt & Sarah Volk

May 28 Carl & Mary Schreck

May 29 Bob & Becky Sachsenmaier

# St. Mark's Lutheran Church

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## *Staff*

### ***Pastor:***

Reverend Matthew Smith

### ***Director of Discipleship & Faith Formation:***

Deacon Katie Rivers

### ***Cantor:***

David Anderson

### ***Parish Administrator:***

Danielle Barker

### ***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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*Friday 8:30am-12:30pm*