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# **Upcoming Events**

Wed., Apr. 10<sup>th</sup> – 5:00 p.m. – NET Dinner at OLV Catholic Church

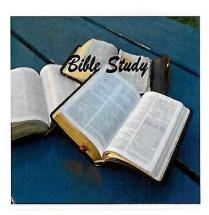
Sat., Apr.  $13^{th} - 9:00$  a.m. – Men's Breakfast

Wed., Apr. 17<sup>th</sup> – 5:00 p.m. – NET Dinner at the Reformed Church

Sat., Apr. 20<sup>th</sup> - 5:00 p.m. - Movie Night

Sun., Apr. 21<sup>st</sup> – 12:00 p.m. – Church Council Meeting

Wed., Apr. 24<sup>th</sup> – 5:00 p.m. – NET Dinner at St. Mark's Church



Pastor Dave is offering a 7-week Bible study based on the book of Acts and would like to schedule the class at a date and time that is convenient for everyone to attend. If you are interested in participating, please let him know as soon as possible what works for you. The cost of the study book is \$11 each and classes will be held in St. Mark's fellowship hall.

#### **Prayers and Concerns for March**

**Family of Vincent Damiano** 

Laura Clark
Vernon Gordon
Linda Zaqzouq
Carla
Brandon Murphy
Heidi Carl Seebode
Melissa and Greg Mickel
Nanette Amendola
Bill Ansel-McCabe

# Bible Verse for April:

Depend on the Lord; trust him and He will take care of you.

Psalm 37:5 (NIV)

### Thought for the Day:

Learn to be OK with not being invited, included or considered. Sometimes it's God's way of protection.



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### Servers for April

### Apr. 7th:

Reader - Sharon

Prayer - Ron

Ushers - Dennis / Diane

Counter - Diane

#### Apr. 14th:

Reader - Ginny

Prayer – Carolyn

Ushers – Ron / Denise

Counter - Carrie

#### Apr. 21st:

Reader - Dennis F.

Prayer - Cheryl

Ushers - Bob / Peggi

Counter - Deb P.

### Apr. 28th:

Reader - Nannette

Prayer - Ron

Ushers - Deb R. / Marie

Counter - Sharon





Thank you to all who so generously made donations toward the purchase of the Easter lilies that adorned our altar and to our Altar Guild. The altar is beautiful!!!

## **April Birthdays:**

Pat Becker Apr. 3
Diane France Apr. 20
Sandy Johnson Apr. 23
Maurice VanDyke Apr. 24
Amanda Howland Apr. 28

# **April Anniversaries:**

Helen Ruland / Jim Nattrass Apr. 5

#### St. Mark's Income vs Expenses

Here is the summary of income and expenses for February 2024:

Income \$6686.00 Expenses 4865.45 Balance \$1820.55

#### **Humorous Church Announcements**

The sermon this morning: 'Jesus Walks on the Water.' The sermon tonight: 'Searching for Jesus'.

For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs.

### **Movie Night**

# FLYWHEEL

For those who attended movie night on March 16<sup>th</sup>, they witnessed the changes God can make inside a person when they give their life to Him.

"When you let the Lord lead your life, things get a whole lot better." These words were spoken by an unethical used car salesman after he sought and found Jesus during a time in his life when his world was falling apart. He discovered that when God is in control he had "peaceful anxiety" and "serene chaos".

For those who have a close relationship with God, we understand what he meant. When we submit and allow God to take control, He brings order and peace to those moments in our lives when we are facing life's challenges and trials.





Our movie feature in the month of April is "Grace Card".



Grace Card is the story of two police officers... one who is suffering the pain of losing a child in an accident, the other unsure of God's calling in his life. One dealing with his situation through anger at everyone, including God. The other searching for God's plan. By partnering them together, God teaches them the power of forgiveness as they work past their differences.

Movie Night: Saturday, April 20th

Time: 5:00 p.m. Place: St. Mark's

Fellowship Hall

Looking forward to seeing you there!

#### **NET Dinner**

On March 27<sup>th</sup>, St. Mark's hosted their monthly NET dinner. We had an Easter theme which was displayed by our table decorations that included jelly beans and a special dessert.

We were blessed to share our meal with almost 100 people as we served pulled pork on a bun, baked beans, coleslaw, potato chips and a variety of desserts.

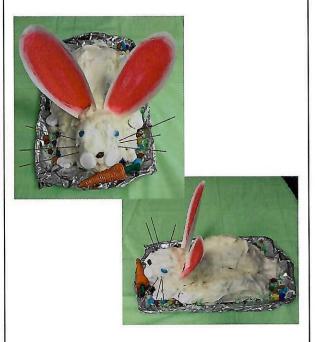


Our Chefs



**Table Centerpiece** 

Karen VanDyke's Easter Carrot Cake



Our next NET dinner will be held on Wednesday, **April 24**<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m. We will be serving tuna noodle casserole and, of course, we will have potato chips for our favorite chip person  $\mathfrak{S}$ .

Can hardly wait to see what Karen's next dessert creation will be!



Beautiful reminder to us of the message in John 3:16

#### **New Member**



On Sunday, March 17<sup>th</sup>, Jules Fernandez became a member of St. Mark's Church. Welcome, our brother in Christ! May God richly bless you.

#### Solo Debut

We were blessed to hear Bill Pierce make his solo debut on Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, with St. Mark's choir serving as his backup singers. His song selection of "Blest Are They" is a beautiful rendition about the Beatitudes. We look forward to more solos, Bill!





Please pray for our military, our country, our leaders and peace.







# 2024 Holy Week





Palm Sunday
Remembering the triumphant entry of Jesus
into Jerusalem

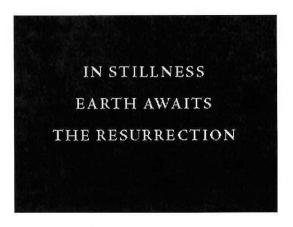


Seder Meal Celebrating Passover like Jesus did with His disciples



### Stations of the Cross

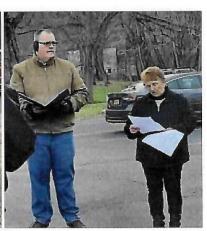
Praying for our community, our school, our government, our military, our world while carrying the cross of Jesus as we walked through the village



Saturday Vigil







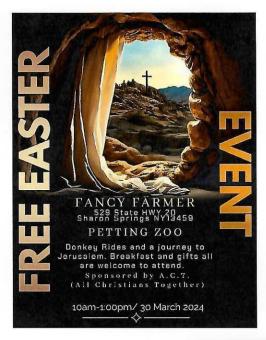




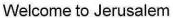




# A Live Re-enactment of Jesus' Resurrection









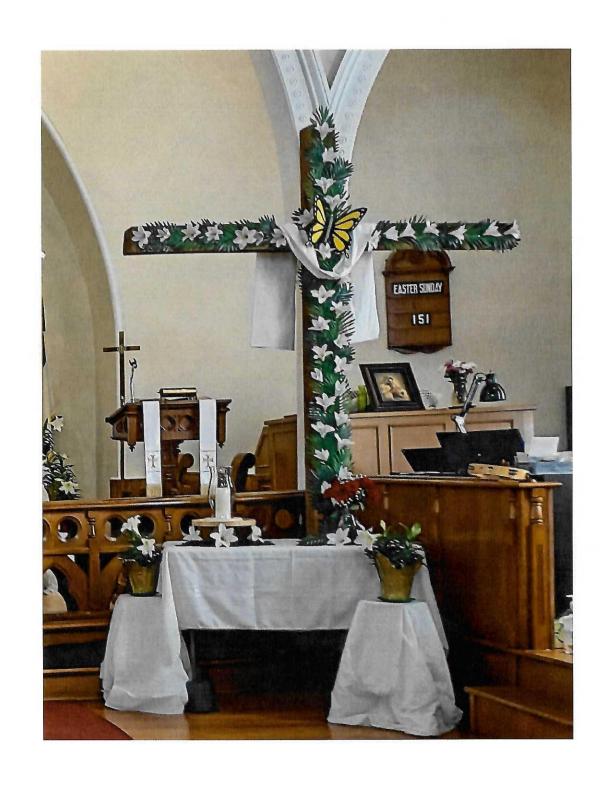












Christ is Risen!!!