



A Message from Pastor Hoffman



In just another week the church will be buzzing again – inside as well as outside. (For the outside buzzing news, look for articles on our gardens, which have been buzzing all summer long! I know, because one is outside my office window, and it has been a distraction with all its bees and butterflies and birds.)

As for the inside buzzing, with the startup of this year's ESL, GED and Family Learning (VRABE) classes, people will be using the building every day, morning and night, except for Friday mornings and Saturday evenings. We also welcome two congregations – Glastonbury Baptist and The Potter's Workshop – who use space in the building for their own worship services and Bible study on Sundays and some Wednesdays too.

All this buzzing makes me think of the song from *Jesus Christ Superstar*, "What's the buzz, tell me what's a-happening. What's the buzz, tell me what's a-happening." Well, there is a lot happening in September at Saint Mark. There is important information to be shared by the council (September 8), a celebration of all who make our ministries happen (September 15), Worship in the Park (September 22), the restart of Bible Study (September 29) – and that is just Sundays. Don't forget choir, lunch bunch, Cuatro Puntos, council, matins and evening prayer.

As you read through the rest of the newsletter, be sure that you have your calendar close by because there's a lot a-happening. Buzzzzzzzz

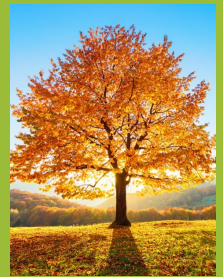
Blessings,

Pastor Hoffman



Our Mission:
In joy,
we share
Christ's truth.

Sunday Worship



9:00am

Our Guiding Principles

1. We trust in God's promises.
2. We base our actions on Christ's love and teachings.
3. We practice spiritual disciplines.
4. We welcome, nurture, and respect each other.
5. We serve our local community, and the world.

Council President — Ray Frick**Spectacular September Super Sundays**

Some of you might remember how at the start of September we would have a “Rally Day.” Since COVID, our last few Septembers have been less exciting. Well, not this year! We have planned 3 straight Sundays of excitement. *You just have to come.*

On September 8th, there will be a meeting of the congregation (not an official congregational meeting) following the service in which the council will present the results of its summer retreat. By now, you have received the invitation via snail mail. The council has spent 4 sessions (about 16 hours) examining the future of our ministry. Your attendance, feedback, and input (via a pulse survey) are IMPORTANT. PLEASE make every effort to attend.

The next week, on the 15th, is Appreciation Sunday. We will give thanks to God and to those in the congregation who have so faithfully shared their many gifts through the programs, ministries and committees. Here’s your chance to thank all the many people required to carry out our ministry. It will be a fun and uplifting event for all. DON’T miss this special day to celebrate, so PLEASE come.

Finally, after a year, on the 22nd is the outdoor worship at J. B. Williams Park with our Episcopal friends. Note that we moved it up a month hoping for warmer weather! This is a fun, joyful service that moves us outside into God’s good creation (though there may be a few bad bugs). Recently, Jan and I worshipped at Camp Calumet at their outdoor service. It was refreshing to sing and worship in a different space and a recognizable Lutheran service modified for camp. Having a service with trees and sky as the sanctuary was uplifting. If you experienced other worship experiences this summer that were meaningful, then please let Pastor, Dottie Marschhausen, or myself know. We don’t have a monopoly on good ideas. COME and be part of a wonderful outdoor worship service, great fellowship, and delicious food.

So, here’s your opportunity to join your church community in the exciting start to this program year.

See you in September.

Ray Frick
Council President



**If you can’t be here in person,
please join us for worship via Zoom:
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ID: 830 1244 7324 Passcode: 1517 2023**



Please join members from St. Mark and St. James' & St. Luke's Episcopal Churches for
WORSHIP & FELLOWSHIP
IN JB WILLIAMS PARK
705 Neipsic Road, Glastonbury

Sunday, September 22

11:00am Worship

12:00pm Build-a-Grinder Luncheon

Please sign up on the bulletin board in the narthex and plan to bring a non-perishable food item for the Glastonbury Food Pantry.

September AV/Tech Volunteers

Date	Video	Audio	Zoom
September 1	Lee H.	Lee H.	Lee H.
September 8	Ronald K.	Jake A.	Ronald/Jake
September 15	Mike D.	Lee H.	Mike/Lee
September 22 (Outdoor Worship at JB Williams Park)	Lee H.	Linda H.	No Live Zoom
September 29	Dave T.	Dave R.	Dave T./Dave R.



If you are interested in helping out or if there are any questions, please contact Lee Hilliard.

September Worship Assistants

Date	Lector	Prayer Leader	Communion Assistant	Set-Up
September 1	Linda O.	Dave T.	Leslie O.	Ginny R.
September 8	Jake A.	Mark C.	Bernie C.	Elaine A.
September 15	Andrea C.	Bernie C.	Dave R.	Dottie M.
September 22	Outdoor Worship in JB Williams Park			
September 29	Mark C.	Betsy C.	Leslie O	Ginny R.



If you are interested in helping out or if there are any questions, please contact Dottie Marschhausen.

SCHOOL WEEKEND FOOD BAGS

Glastonbury Links Together has committed to providing weekend sacks for children in elementary schools again this year. At the end of last year, we were asked if we would consider also providing bags for Eastbury and Naubuc schools for the 24/25 school year. (Previously Naubuc ran their own program under a grant with extra contributions from St. Mark.)

We agreed to do this. This will, however, double the number of bags that need to be prepared each week (from 30 to 60+). Each bag contains 2 single serve breakfasts, fruit, snacks and meals. Each week a member of Glastonbury Links Together is responsible for providing the food, packing and delivering the bags. There is a box in the Narthex for donations. If you need ideas, see Pastor Hoffman.



FEED THE HUNGRY



Worship & Music Committee — Dottie Marschhausen, Chair

*"Summer's lease hath all too short a date."
(Shakespeare)*



It's almost here! We can't avoid it or change it. Our glorious summer is coming to an end. Now it's all about pens, pencils, crayons and notebooks. For those of us who are not returning to school it simply means schedules are cranking back to life and lots of activities will be available for us at St. Mark.

SEPTEMBER 8, following our morning worship, we will have an opportunity to discuss the future of St. Mark. We hope you will make every effort to join us. We need to hear from you!

SEPTEMBER 15 is **APPRECIATION SUNDAY**. It will be a wonderful opportunity to thank our many friends and members who graciously share their gifts and work so tirelessly for St. Mark. Again, please join us.

SEPTEMBER 22 you are once again invited to joint fellowship at JB Williams Park. Worship, led by Pastor Hoffman, is at 11:00am. A special "Build a Grinder Luncheon" begins at noon. All welcome!

SEE YOU IN SEPTEMBER !!!

Missions Committee — Jan Frick

The St. Mark Endowment Committee informed the Missions Committee that this year's disbursement from the Endowment Fund would be \$2,500. Pursuant to the guidelines for designating groups/beneficiaries of this amount, the Missions Committee has recommended the following which will be presented to the church Council at its August 28th meeting.

Local community organizations:

\$500 to Manchester Area Conference of Churches (MACC)

\$250 to Carol's Closet at St. James Episcopal Church in Glastonbury

\$150 to The Cornerstone Food Pantry in Vernon

Regional/New England Synod Ministries:

\$500 to Lutheran World Relief

\$200 to Calumet Lutheran Ministries

Global/ELCA Ministries:

\$700 to ELCA's 150th Anniversary for World Hunger

\$200 to Global Refuge (previously known as Lutheran Immigration Refugee Services)



Separate from the Endowment Fund disbursement, the Missions Committee will also be making a \$150 contribution to the Glastonbury FISH organization. This contribution will be made from Scrip Card proceeds. Do make yourself a note to order Scrip cards early for the upcoming holidays. You can also talk with Leslie O'Rourke about ordering and even purchasing available Scrip cards that she has. All Scrip card purchases help to generate funds that can be used for Missions activities.



For this Fall and Advent, the Missions Committee will be looking to the congregation for their support of three projects that have become vital outreach efforts on behalf of our community and beyond.

- October: We will again partner with Thrivent in collecting non-perishable food items for "Feed Northeast". Last year, St. Mark's collected over 600 items which were donated to Manchester Area Conference of Churches (MACC). We're hoping to top that amount this year.

- November: We will again partner with Seafarers Ministry to provide personal items for ship crews for Christmas. Last year, we raised funds that provided 16 satchels to ship crew members that would be away from their families over the holidays.

- December: We will again partner with Community Child Guidance Clinic (CCGC) in Manchester to provide students with age appropriate and skills compatible activity kits for Christmas. Last year, we raised funds that were used to purchase art themed kits for the students, and they really loved them.



Reach out to those in need

Fellowship Committee — Linda Hilliard, Chair



Greetings from the fellowship committee, where our mission is “not neglecting to meet together” and share the spirit of our community here at St. Mark. If we have good fellowship, others will want to come along. Tomorrow, we pack the car and head for the beach. But my mind is on the fall as I write this article, entitled: **Traditions and New Ideas**.

Deb, Betsy and I met to begin thinking about the coming year. Here are a few ideas we have working right now, Starting with Spring, 2025 and going backward:

Traditions

JACOB’S WELL CABARET will be celebrating the 10th year of partnering with White Rabbit Theater. Adam Tortorello has expressed the desire to have the event in May, when it is warm, and set up on the back lawn, hoping to draw 150 people for this special event. The proceeds will go to ELCA World Hunger Projects, and maybe other projects more local as well. A date and rain date in May or June coming soon.

CALUMET OPPORTUNITIES, CALUMET SUNDAY: We discussed the possibility of getting more people up to Calumet in the Spring, maybe for a congregational retreat. Details to follow. Meanwhile, we will celebrate Calumet with a special Sunday in April, and please see Deb or me if you would like to do Calumet in new ways.

TEA after worship: We have had 2 teas so far, to celebrate special people and ministries. We would like to have repeats of teas, maybe with gardens updates, maybe a visit from Elisa Schroth and Ekklesia Ballet to hear about their offering for the year, maybe to hear from Kevin Bishop or someone from Cuatro Puntos to hear an update? Please see me if you have an idea of something to celebrate over tea.



WOMEN’S BREAKFAST served by the men (when?)

MEN’S BREAKFAST served by the women (when?)

POTLUCK SUPPERS: A repeat of the Chili cook-off with a different theme, maybe meatball cook-off, or international potluck, or Advent/Christmas potluck, or make your own pizzas—bring a crust, add ingredients you pick fresh from the pizza garden. Other ideas? It is an opportunity to make health kits at these potlucks.

CHRISTMAS PARTY-Early December, Women’s at O’Rourke’s. New host for Men’s Revels needed.

New Ideas

FALL HIKE around the Porter Street Reservoir, in Manchester. Then, an “Octoberfest” at our home, with brats and brews, and cider.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20th-- Stay after church for a potluck breakfast, where Pastor will present her experience in Turkey, “In the Footsteps of Paul”. Her pictures will be projected on the screen in the fellowship hall.

Fellowship Committee — Continued

SEPTEMBER 22nd, Sunday, at JB William's Park: Combined worship and meal in the park, with St. James and St. Luke's.

SEPTEMBER 15th: Appreciation Sunday. This will be a celebration of all the many ways members share their gifts and interests during the year at St. Mark.

That is what you call a brainstorm! Contact me at lbh2892@gmail.com with other ideas or questions.



Fellowship Teams

GF & Friends

Jan
Anne
Linda O.



Deb's Team

Deb
Leslie
Elaine
Betsy



Folk Group Friends

Linda H.
Lee
Valerie
Dave T
Karen D.

Godfellas

Jake
Mark G.
Ronald
Lee
Mike
Bernie



Dottie's Team

Dottie
Ginny
Lila
Caryl D.



Amigos & Amigas

Andrea
Carol W.
Ellen Z.
Al



September 2024 Coffee Hour Schedule

9/1 Deb's Team

9/8 Dottie's Team

9/15 Godfellas

9/22—OUTDOOR WORSHIP IN JB WILLIAMS PARK

9/22 Amigos & Amigas



Property Committee—Deb Gresens, Chair

Members: Dave Rutz, Leslie O'Rourke, Jule Beer, Andrea Clark, Deb Gresens

Oh, it's a long, long while

From May to December but the days grow short

When you reach September...

Willie Nelson "September Song" 1978

September...how can that be? It's a good month...cooler temperatures, emerging fall colors, pumpkins and pumpkin spice everything, apples and apple cider, plus a crispness and smell in the air that makes most of us smile.

Church Council, committees and numerous teams have worked throughout the summer to keep our "ship" in good order. Projects big and small have been completed, even when the heat and humidity was unbearable.

Happenings...



Morning Harvest

* Mowing teams maintained the lawns of the Church and Parsonage.

* Eleanor Tunney worked diligently to develop the pollinator garden.

* The community garden is providing an over abundance of vegetables to MACC.

* Rainbow Painting replaced damaged siding by the very high "skylight" windows.

* The Potter's Workshop started services in the Sanctuary on August 4th at 11:00 a.m. Please welcome Ramona and her members. Services will be in Spanish!

* Pastor Shane and the members of the Baptist Church are very thankful for a worship and Bible study space and the welcome they have felt at St. Mark's.

* VRABE will welcome students on September 9th.

* Cuatro Puntos has two concerts scheduled for fall. Thursday, September 19th and Saturday, October 26th.

Please continue to volunteer...

* Water and weed-flower pots and flower beds

* Plant a CT native perennial

* Rent a carpet cleaner

AND...REMEMBER to save the fall clean-up date **Saturday, October 26** (9:30-12) (raindate Saturday, November 2)



siding replacement



Office Notes –Ellen Topel Dougherty, Office Manager

Summer has flown by and we're gearing up for Autumn. It's a busy time. As you've read, or will read, throughout this newsletter, many exciting things are happening!



Speaking of exciting, the new school year has already started for me. I'm going to have to retitle my autobiography "*Help! I'm a Football Mom! As Told by a Former Band/Theater Geek.*" It will be a lesson in time management for my family as we try to navigate freshman year of high school and the demands of the JV football team (Go RHAM Raptors)!

Thank you, as always, to Pastor Hoffman and the members of St. Mark for allowing me the flexibility to work my office schedule around doctor's appointments, physical therapy and my chauffeuring of smelly teens:

Ellen's In-Office Hours (subject to change)

Tuesday, September 3 8:15am – 12:15am
Thursday, September 5 9:30am – 3:30pm
Friday, September 6 9:00am – 12:30pm

Monday, September 9 10:00am – 4:00pm
Tuesday, September 10 9:00am – 4:00pm
Thursday, September 12 10:30am – 4:00pm
Friday, September 13 9:00am – 4:00pm

Monday, September 16 10:00am – 2:00pm
Tuesday, September 17 9:00am – 3:00pm
Thursday, September 19 9:30am – 3:00pm

Monday, September 23 10:00am – 2:00pm
Tuesday, September 24 9:00am – 3:00pm
Thursday, September 26 9:00am – 3:00pm
Friday, September 27 9:00am – 12:30pm



Office Notes continues on 15.



September Mowing Teams

WEEK OF:	TEAM
September 1	Ron K. / Al M.
September 8	Deb G. / Mark G.
September 15	Ray F. / Mike D.
September 22	Lee H. / Bernie C.
September 22	Dave R. / Russ B.



If you are interested in helping out or if there are any questions, please contact Dave Rutz.

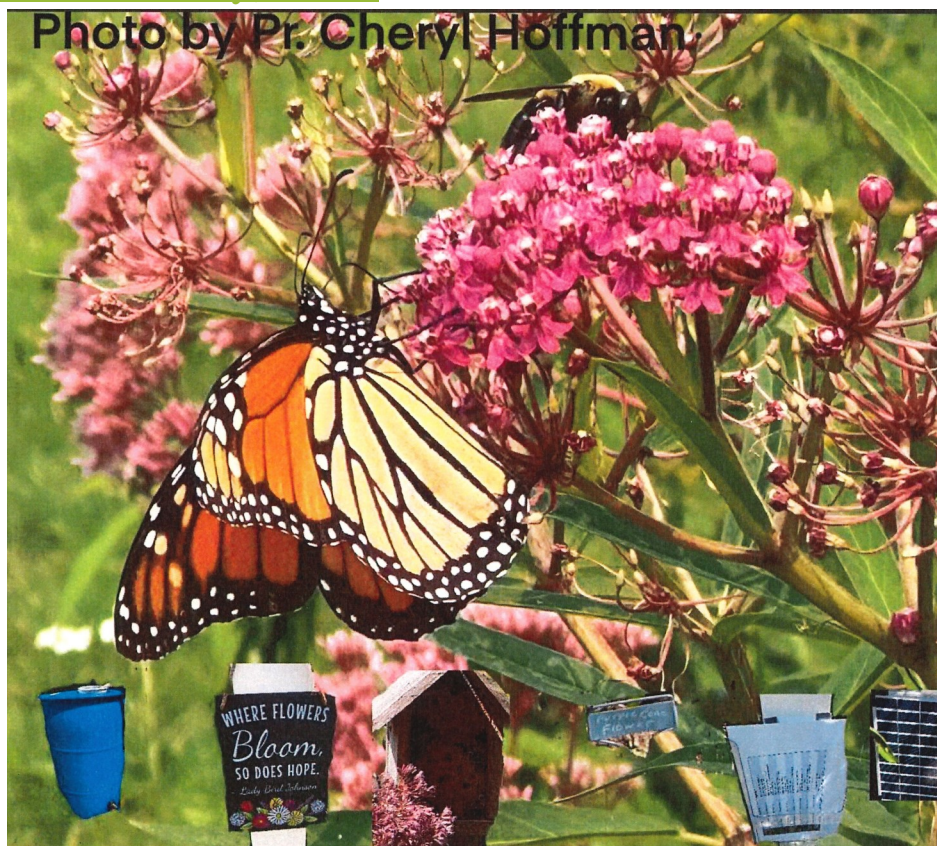


Care for Creation — Eleanor Tunney, Chair

The Pollinator Garden

This photo was taken by Pr. Hoffman and used on the cover of the August 25 Bulletin. It displays the primary uses for swamp milkweed. The garden has some interesting features:

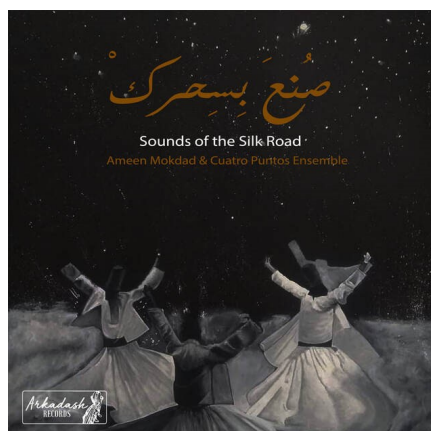
- The garden is designed to be enjoyed from the inside windows in the Pastor's study and in the Office Manager's office. Feel free to take a walk around the west wing and get the full effect too.
- A rain barrel has been installed to both fill the fountain basin and water the plants. This means that no Town of Glastonbury water has been used to maintain the garden. Thanks again to Jule Beers.
- A plaque from the Lady Bird Johnson wildflower farm and museum in Austin, Texas has been donated by Deb Gresens. It emphasizes the need for pollinators in a beautiful way.
- The bee motel is ready for occupancy.
- Plant tabs have been added to identify the 19 species we have growing.
- A plant list including the common name, Latin name, and plant description is available for your edification.
- The fountain uses solar power, eliminating the need for electricity. The fountain has a steady trickle of water instead of a spray to enable bees and butterflies to drink easily.
- The top layer of mulch is arborists mulch which contains no dyes or other treatments. It is very effective at blocking weeds, and also has an under-layer of shredded recycling, which helps to keep maintenance to a minimum.
- No herbicides, pesticides, or fertilizers have been used to maintain this garden, making it totally organic.



Thank you so much to everyone who helped put this together, beginning with this committee and the Missions committee, who helped with approval of the initial garden plan and securing Thrivent grants. Thank you to Church Council for their input and guidance. Thank you to the Property guys for their enlightening advice. Thank you to Ronald Kraatz for help with digging and leveling the fountain and mounting the decorative items. Thank you to Pr. Hoffman and Ellen Topel Dougherty, especially for the bottles of cold water, recycled paper, and good advice. It takes a village. Blessed be God who is our bread; may all the world be clothed and fed.

The Care for Creation Committee: Bernie Clark, Deb Gresens, Eleanor Tunney, Chair

St. Mark Artists-in-Residence



Sounds of the Silk Road **Ameen Mokdad & Cuatro Puntos Ensemble**

at St. Mark

Thursday, September 19

7:00pm

Ticket link: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/981646269417?aff=oddtcreator>

Be a part of improvisations that take you to on a journey... to a warm summer's night, drinking tea atop an ancient sandstone building, while local musicians get lost in a unique world of their very own. Iraqi violinist Ameen Mokdad will be joined by musicians of Cuatro Puntos Ensemble as they improvise on various modes of the maqam system, a system of scales used for centuries in areas of Arab and Persian influence. You may listen here to a live album recorded during a previous performance of this program, which has been met with critical acclaim all around the world.



Demonstration of Afghan Instruments **an informal performance by 8 musicians from Afghanistan**

at St. Mark Saturday, October 26, 6:00pm

Ticket link: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/demonstration-of-afghan-instruments-tickets-981652518107?aff=oddtcreator>

8 musicians from Afghanistan will demonstrate various traditional Afghan instruments: rabab, tabla, sitar, harmonium, and others. They will give an informal performance and answer questions. This is in prelude to their performance the next day of *Symphony of Resilience: the Afghan orchestra unsilenced* at the Bushnell Center for the Performing Arts in Hartford. This demonstration concert is free of charge. Please sign up so we know you are coming. Please also consider getting tickets for *Symphony of Resilience* on Sunday, October 27.



New England Synod News



Installation of Bishop Nathan Pipho

The Rev. Nathan D. Pipho will be installed as the fourth bishop of the New England Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) at a **Festive Holy Eucharist on Saturday, September 7, 2024 at 1:00 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church, 73 Lancaster Street, Worcester, MA.** The Rev. Elizabeth Eaton, Presiding Bishop of the ELCA, will preside and a reception in Trinity's Jeppson Hall will follow. The public is invited to attend. The liturgy will also be livestreamed at www.vimeo.com/trinityworchester. *If anyone from St. Mark is interested in attending in person, please contact Pastor Hoffman.*

Bishop Pipho was elected to a six-year term on June 7 by the New England Synod Assembly meeting at the DCU Center in Worcester. At the time of his election, he had been serving as the pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church, Worcester, Massachusetts. He began ministry at Trinity on All Saints Day in 2016. In addition to all aspects of parish ministry, he served as Secretary of the Board of Worcester Interfaith and as Protestant Chaplain at Worcester Polytechnic Institute (WPI).

Prior to his ministry in Worcester, he served as pastor of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in North Quincy, Massachusetts from 2002 to 2015. He helped establish a Chinese outreach ministry under the direction of the Rev. Ryan Lun, served as internship supervisor for the Rev. Tiffany Chaney and was a founding member and first President of Quincycles Bicycle advocacy group. He also served as President of the Interchurch Council of Wollaston and North Quincy.

He has been active in the life New England Synod by serving as a member of the Antiracism Advisory Board, the New England Synod Candidacy Committee, Chair of the Synod Team for Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgender Inclusion, and Dean of the Boston Metro Conference. He was a voting member of the 2009 ELCA Churchwide Assembly and was elected at the 2019 ELCA Churchwide Assembly to serve a six-year term on the ELCA Committee on Discipline.

He was ordained on St. Michael & All Angels Day in 2002 at St. John Lutheran Church, Sudbury, Massachusetts by the Rev. Margaret Payne, 2nd Bishop of the New England Synod. He completed his internship at the Lutheran Church of the Redeemer, Woburn, Massachusetts. He earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from Wartburg College, Waverly, Iowa in 1998 and a Master of Divinity degree from the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia (now United Lutheran Seminary) in 2002. He earned a Master in Public Administration degree from the Harvard Kennedy School in Cambridge, Massachusetts in 2016.



NE Synod AntiRacism Board Prayer Meeting Monday, September 2 & Thursday, September 19

Join the antiracism prayer meeting hosted on Zoom on the 1st Monday and 3rd Thursday of the month at 7:15 pm.

This prayer meeting is a drop in gathering of people from around the New England Synod who believe in the power of prayer and community to break down the barriers of racism in the church. We join together to pray - individually out loud or collectively in silence - with the hope of calling upon the Holy Spirit to form us into God's beloved community.

You can add your name to the distribution list for this prayer meeting by sending an email to mwhyte@nesynod.org. You will receive an email with the Zoom link a day or two before each prayer meeting. Join us when you can.



CALUMET LUTHERAN MINISTRIES

FRUITS & ROOTS

A MIDWEEK RETREAT FOR ADULTS

OCT 7-10, 2024

Monday afternoon - Thursday lunch

**WHAT IS "FRUITS AND ROOTS"?**

Beginning in the Spring of 2024, Calumet embarked on a journey of exploration with people of any age who can make time to get to Calumet during the mid-week. Fruits & Roots is a learning experience – an opportunity to grow, engage, and be renewed. At each Fruits & Roots retreat, participants will dig into one of the nine fruits of the Spirit during a multi-day visit to Calumet. Calumet's programs – especially this one – are deeply rooted in Christ. What does that mean?

Calumet endeavors to be a place of welcome, hospitality, safety, compassion, and goodness. The meals that are served are beautifully presented, absolutely delicious, and – well – let's just say "plentiful" is a good descriptive word. Our accommodations are comfortable. Guests staying in the Conference Center and the Village Cabins will enjoy private bathrooms. Those who choose the Retreat Lodge or the Staff House by the Lake will make use of common bathrooms. And there is the option to re-visit the old classic camp days by opting for a modest cabin that is positioned near to one of our clean, well maintained bathroom facilities. Our programs are planned and implemented in such a way that guests quickly get to know each other and naturally begin to develop friendships.

The FRUITS we're talking about can be found in Paul's Letter to the Galatians. Let's have a look and get ROOTED in this program's thematic offering – Galatians 5: 22-23 says:

"...the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control."

Come, explore the fruits of the Spirit as we root ourselves in and with God's Creation!

www.calumet.org/fruitsandrootsfall



Scan for More Info!

MEN'S GOLF WEEKEND

SEPTEMBER 6-8, 2024



The Men's Golf Weekend is a fabulous fall tradition at Calumet stretching over more than 25 years. Typically, the guys enjoy three days of golf at three of the most popular golf courses in the Lakes Region and White Mountains of New Hampshire.

There's lots of sharing during the weekend and plenty of laughing. At the end of each day, some time is carved out for some inspirational devotions.

There are a variety of packages that are available depending on lodging needs and the number of days you'd like to golf.



www.calumet.org/mensgolfweekend

Scan for More Information



The Synod's AntiRacism Advisory Board, in partnership with Calumet, invites you to save the date for our next book discussion

Jim Wallis, well respected theologian, teacher and author of a dozen books, has recently released *The False White Gospel: Rejecting Christian Nationalism, Reclaiming True Faith, and Refounding Democracy*. The New York Times bestselling author and director of the Center for Faith and Justice at Georgetown University, addresses the dangers of White Christian Nationalism and issues a call to action for Christians to reclaim the gospel of Jesus. The Antiracism Advisory Board's education team has chosen this text for our next discussion.

We will be discussing this book on the evening of Monday, October 28 and the morning of Tuesday, October 29. The book is widely available through commercial retailers. A generous donor has provided funds to purchase 100 copies of the book. This initiative is funded in part by a I Have a Dream grant from the New England Synod.

Further details about obtaining the book will be forthcoming soon.



9/1 Pastor Cheryl Hoffman
 9/4 Christian Im
 9/6 Julia Im
 9/6 Carol Weber
 9/7 Linda Hilliard
 9/7 Wendy Krystopa
 9/8 Linda Obedzinski
 9/12 Jan Frick
 9/18 Christina Machnich
 9/20 RoseMarie Strine
 9/24 Valerie Taff
 9/26 Elizabeth Crayton
 9/30 Evie Christensen



9/2 Greg & Liz Gregonis
 9/16 Jake & Elaine Auger



**Come support our friends
at White Rabbit Theatre!!**



Making Your Offering Electronically by Venmo

Your Church Offerings can be sent directly via the App or Application
Venmo@stmark-Glastonbury.

For questions on how to use Venmo, contact Dave Taylor at 860-796-1678.

**Thank you for keeping your offerings current so that our church can operate
effectively for our congregation.**

Treasurer — Linda Obedzinski

Church Financial Assets as of 6/30/24

As promised, below is the statement of church finances as of the end of the second quarter. If you have any questions, please reach out to the treasurer, Linda Obedzinski.

Lutheran Church of Saint Mark

Total Asset Balance Sheet

	3/31/2024	6/30/2024	Change from prior quarter	Notes
ASSETS				
---Cash and Bank Accounts				
St Mark Checking Account (082)	\$ 42,383	26,871	\$ 15,512	
St Mark Savings	\$ 47,294	68,453	\$ (21,159)	Funds from matured CD added here
CD at TD Bank	\$ 20,707	-	\$ 20,707	Funds moved into high-yield savings
ELCA Mission Endowment Fund	\$ 67,332	\$ 67,315	\$ 17	
TOTAL Cash and Bank Accounts	\$ 177,716	\$ 162,639	\$ 15,077	
LIABILITIES				
Key Deposit	\$ 1,166	1,166	\$ -	
Memorial Fd Liability	\$ 6,441	6,166	\$ 275	
Memorial Fund Rindi Taylor	\$ 1,586	1,586	\$ -	
Memorial Fund Wes Clark	\$ 4,551	2,351	\$ 2,200	Calumet camperships paid
Mission Endowment Fund	\$ 67,332	67,315	\$ 17	
Organ fund Liability	\$ -	-	\$ -	
Restricted - Capital Campaign	\$ 19,431	17,810	\$ 1,621	Payments made for exterior painting
Restricted - Mission	\$ 6,604	7,239	\$ (635)	
Restricted gifts World Hunger	\$ -	-	\$ -	
Restricted-Next Year Pledges	\$ -	-	\$ -	
Restricted-Youth Group	\$ 8,162	8,162	\$ -	
Special Funds Held	\$ 2,150	2,007	\$ 143	
Pastor's CE - accrual of unused funds	\$ -	-	\$ -	
Sabbatical Funds - Pastor plus church	\$ 558	558	\$ -	
Glastonbury Links Together	\$ -	1,660	\$ (1,660)	
Pastor's Discretionary fund	\$ 1,800	1,900	\$ (100)	For hardship assistance
			\$ -	
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$ 119,781	\$ 117,920	\$ 1,861	
Equity (assets less liabilities)	\$ 57,935	\$ 44,719	\$ 13,216	

Office Notes —Continued

I keep an updated version of my schedule on the office door.

In other news, I am continuing to work on updating the St. Mark Directory. If you have any updates to your information, please email it to me at churchoffice@saintmarkglastonbury.org.

There is so much I'm grateful for at St. Mark! Thank you all for the flexibility, company, compassion and kindness!

Ellen

view of the pollinator garden
from the office window





Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Worship 9:00am followed by Coffee Hour Baptist Church 10:00am 6:00pm Potter's Church 11:00am	2 Labor Day AA Freedom 6:30pm S Anon Nutmeg 7:00pm Office Closed	3 Matins 9:00am Pericope & GH Pastor's Conference 11:00am	4 VRABE 9:00am Vespers 7:00pm Baptist Church 7:00pm	5	6 AA Central Valley 7:30pm	7 AA Meeting 8:00am Installation of Bishop Piphoo 1:00pm
8 Worship 9:00am followed by Congregation Gathering Baptist Church 10:00am 6:00pm Potter's Church 11:00am	9 VRABE 9:00am Property Committee Mtg. 4:00pm AA Freedom 6:30pm S Anon Nutmeg 7:00pm	10 Matins 9:00am VRABE 10:45am 5:30pm	11 VRABE 9:00am Vespers 7:00pm Baptist Church 7:00pm	12 VRABE 10:45am 5:30pm Executive Committee	13 AA Central Valley 7:30pm	14 AA Meeting 8:00am
15 Appreciation Day & Worship 9:00am followed by Coffee Hour Baptist Church 10:00am 6:00pm Potter's Church 11:00am	16 VRABE 9:00am AA Freedom 6:30pm S Anon Nutmeg 7:00pm	17 Matins 9:00am VRABE 10:45am 5:30pm	18 VRABE 9:00am Vespers 7:00pm followed by Church Council Baptist Church 7:00pm	19 VRABE 10:45am 5:30pm Lunch Bunch 12:30pm Cuatro Puntos 7:00pm	20 AA Central Valley 7:30pm	21 AA Meeting 8:00am
22 Outdoor Worship At JB Williams Park 11:00am Baptist Church 10:00am 6:00pm Potter's Church 11:00am	23 Messenger deadline VRABE 9:00am Diabetes Grp. 6:00pm AA Freedom 6:30pm S Anon Nutmeg 7:00pm	24 Matins 9:00am VRABE 10:45am 5:30pm	25 VRABE 9:00am Vespers 7:00pm Baptist Church 7:00pm	26 VRABE 10:45am 5:30pm	27 AA Central Valley 7:30pm	28 AA Meeting 8:00am
29 Worship 9:00am followed by Coffee Hour Baptist Church 10:00am 6:00pm Potter's Church 11:00am Bible Study 6:00pm	30 VRABE 9:00am AA Freedom 6:30pm S Anon Nutmeg 7:00pm	1 Matins 9:00am VRABE 10:45am 5:30pm	2 VRABE 9:00am Vespers 7:00pm Baptist Church 7:00pm	3 VRABE 10:45am 5:30pm	4 AA Central Valley 7:30pm	5 AA Meeting 8:00am



LUNCH BUNCH

Thursday, September 19

12:30pm



Cotton Hollow Kitchen
840 Main Street
South Glastonbury, CT

Please contact Elaine by September 13 if you plan to attend:
 860-432-4488 or eauger0311@gmail.com.

All women of St. Mark are welcome!



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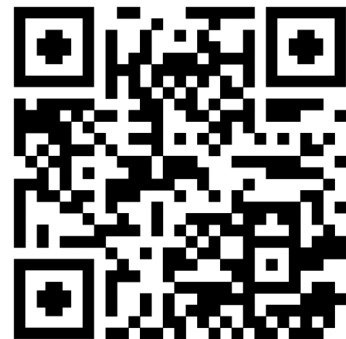
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