



A MESSAGE FROM THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT

At a recent combined meeting of our two teams working on our future state, the synod guest trained in transition asked “What is St. Mark’s identity?” An awkward silence was the response. Afterwards, Jan wrote the following. With minor edits, I’d like to share it with you.

We may not have a clear vision but we do know the makeup and identity of the St. Mark community. We are children of God and while we are each flawed and a sinner, we’ve been redeemed by the blood of Jesus. How else could we be so supportive, caring, generous, kind, etc., not only with each other but also with those who walk through our doors. For instance, and there are many, we will be celebrating the 10th anniversary of Jacob’s Well in partnership with the White Rabbit Theater. This annual evening of incredible singing and lots of fun has raised close to \$15,000 for ELCA Good Gifts, especially for clean water sources in some of the driest and polluted places around the world. Recently, St. Mark also celebrated 10 years of hosting Cuatro Puntos and supporting their mission to give oppressed musicians a means to play their music. People stay around for long after the concert to speak with the musicians and to share their passions with others. We also do the backpack program that helps food insecure school age children have nourishment over the weekend. We grow fresh food for MACC and have flourishing pollinator gardens, all of which goes to caring for God’s wonderful creation. Under Pastor Hoffman’s leadership, St. Mark became a founding member of Glastonbury Links Together to address the wider issue of food insecurity in this community. We assemble health kits and tote bags for those in need. We open our facility to VRABE, AA, the Potter’s church, the Korean church, the former Baptist congregation, and others. St. Mark supports not only local efforts, but also regional with sending funds to The Village for Families and Children, Calumet, etc. Our vision is not an inward one, as the St. Mark’s Endowment Fund allows us to support ELCA World Hunger, Global Refuge, Lutheran World Relief, etc. Our members rally around efforts to meet the needs of strangers through the Seafarers Ministry and the Community Child Guidance Clinic. St. Mark embraces the extended community of believers through our zoom services and our God POD connections. The worship in the J.B. Williams Park with combined congregations from St. Mark, St. James, and St. Luke has flourished over the years and opened opportunities to collaborate to-

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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.

Message — Continued

gether to do God's work with those congregations. Members of St. Mark even travel considerable distances for celebrations and farewells, in that this is such a caring group of believers. St. Mark welcomes visitors and while some may not return, those who come receive kindness and fellowship. While the presence of youth has been lacking up until recently, St. Mark enthusiastically helped provide the opportunity for young people to attend Calumet. Their experience was profound and gave them a wonderful setting in which to grow their faith.

We at St. Mark are facing a serious choice as to our future. We have a strong Rock upon which our faith is built and that Rock has promised to go with us. Legacy money will not fill the huge gap of love that flows from St. Mark. Jesus said to love our neighbors, not leave them money. Love means relationships and everyone at St. Mark is part of that. Our attendance numbers are down, yes, but that's the case with most churches. Numbers are not the standard to which we should measure St. Mark and the vital impact it has within this community and beyond. Is there more that we could do? Yes, and we'll discern that through prayer and continuing to gather for worship. St. Mark is defined by the faithful and faith-filled work that we lovingly do to God's glory and praise. That's our identity.

Please join us for all of our holy week services, the Easter breakfast, and maybe, invite a friend. Don't forget to bring your bells for Easter morning to rejoice in the singing of that 'banned' word in Lent. Those hot-water shower singers among us can join with the choir in singing the "Hallelujah Chorus."

Transition Update

We are delighted that worship coverage up through Pentecost will continue to be provided by Pastor Krauser. We are also now working with John Prosen, a rostered lay minister trained to work with congregations in transition, to lead worship, and work with our teams (Longhaulers & Alternatives) and council for the remainder of this year. As this newsletter goes to press, we are beginning to implement the **Congregational Assessment Tool (CAT)**. After the vast majority of our members complete filling out their responses in the CAT, Holy Cow, the company that created it, assembles and summarizes our results. Our synod support staffer, the Rev. Mark Lingle will help us interpret them. This should be completed by end of May.

So what can you do to help? 1) Complete the CAT. 2) Help St. Mark continue its important community work (garden season is approaching). 3) Remain active in our church community and make sure any visitor is warmly welcomed. 4) Invite a friend to worship.

Ray



If you can't be here in person,
please join us for worship
via Zoom:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83012447324>
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ID: 830 1244 7324 Passcode: 1517 2023

Worship & Music Committee – Dottie Marschhausen, Chair



Our schedule for Holy Week and Easter Sunday is complete. Please join us for the following services:



Palm Sunday – 9:00am in the sanctuary
 Maundy Thursday – 7:00pm in the sanctuary
 Good Friday - 7:00pm in the sanctuary
 Easter Sunday – 9:00am in the sanctuary

Easter flowers may be ordered by using the order form found in the weekly bulletin or the newsletter. You may also call the office with your order.

We've had a very positive response to the "prayer wall" in our narthex. The bricks are currently filled. After the Holy Thursday service we will burn the existing prayers in the backyard of the parsonage. We will provide more paper and the prayer wall may continue for our congregation and our many friends and visitors. Please join us on Thursday evening.



"Let our prayers rise before you as incense, the lifting up of our hands as the evening sacrifice".

Easter and the Easter Season actually begins with evening prayer on Holy Saturday and ends with midday prayer on Pentecost. Easter is not merely one day, it is a whole season that also includes the celebration of Jesus' ascension. The fifty days between Easter and Pentecost are known as the Great Fifty Days. Forty days after Easter the church celebrates the Ascension of Our Lord. The final Sunday of the Easter Season is celebrated on Pentecost, June 8 this year.

St. Mark Members:

Please join us for a
CAT Café Brunch
Sunday, April 6
following Worship
&

Please join us for our
Annual Congregation Meeting
Sunday, April 27
following Worship



Easter Flower Order Form



If you wish to order an Easter plant for this year's Easter Altar, please complete the form below and place your form(s), with your money (checks made payable to the *Lutheran Church of St. Mark*) in the offering plate or mail it to the church office. The last day to order plants is Sunday, April 6. The plant options and costs are listed below. Please check off your choice. Thank you.

- Lily, 6" \$20.00
- Tulip, 6" \$15.00
- Hyacinth, 6" \$15.00
- Daffodil, 6" \$15.00
- Azalea, 6" \$20.00

Name: _____

Please order for me an Easter plant given in the following intention:

In Loving Memory of: _____

Or

In Celebration of: _____

Or

In Honor of: _____

Please complete a separate order form for each plant you wish to order so we're able to assure each plant is properly listed.

The plants may be taken home to enjoy any time after our Easter Sunday Worship on April 20. Again, Thank you!

April & May AV/Tech Volunteers

Date	Video	Audio
Sunday, April 6	Mike D.	Dave T.
Wednesday, April 9	Ronald K.	
Palm/Passion Sunday, April 13	Lee H.	Linda H.
Maundy Thursday, April 17	Dave T.	
Good Friday, April 18	Lee H.	Linda H.
Easter Sunday, April 20	Lee H.	
Sunday, April 27	John M.	Dave R.
Sunday, May 4	Ray F.	Lee H.
Sunday, May 11	Lee H.	Linda H.
Sunday, May 18	Mike D.	John M.
Sunday, May 25	Dave R.	Lee H.



April & May Worship Assistants

DATE	LECTOR	PRAYER LEADER	COMMUNION ASSISTANT	SET-UP
April 6	Anne D.	Carol W.	Ellen Z.	Elaine A.
April 13 (Passion/Palm Sunday)	Mark C.	Betsy C.	Mark C.	Ellen Z.
April 17	Valerie T.	Carol W.	Elaine A.	Ginny R.
April 18	Ron K.	Dave T.	n/a	n/a
April 20 (Easter)	Mark G.	Deb G.	Deb G.	Dottie M.
April 27	Elaine A.	Leslie O.	Mark C.	Elaine A.
May 4	Dave R.	Jan F.	Leslie O.	Wendy K.
May 11	Mike D.	Anne D.	Bernie C.	Ginny R.
May 18	Valerie T.	Linda O.	Ellen Z.	Ellen Z.
May 25	Ron K.	Deb G.	Mike D.	Dottie M.

April & May Counting Teams

April 6	Dave O., Bernie, Leslie
April 13	Dave T., Lee
April 20	Dave T., Ron
April 27	Andrea, Betsy, Ellen Z., Valerie
May 4	Mike, Mark G., Mark C.
May 11	Ray, Jule
May 18	Dave O., Bernie, Leslie
May 25	Dave T., Lee



Music Minister— Martin Smith

“Sing and make melody to the Lord with your heart...” Ephesians 5:19

As I bid farewell to winter (gladly), I find a lovely welcome from spring in buds and grasses and in the music of Lent. Yes, Lent, because there are many beautiful tunes and texts that call us to renewal and remembrance. I hope you will join me and the choir in our Holy Week music selections, our guest musicians, and our Folk Group later this month, in raising your voices and hearts in song. “The one who sings prays twice.” (Saint Augustine)

**ST. MARK HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE**

Sunday, April 13	9:00am	Passion/Palm Sunday Service of Word and Sacrament
Thursday, April 17	7:00pm	Maundy Thursday Service
Friday, April 18	7:00pm	Good Friday Service
Saturday, April 19	1:30pm	Easter Caroling



Please join us

Easter Sunday
April 20th

8:00am Breakfast
9:00am Resurrection of Our Lord
Service of Word and Sacrament



Fellowship Committee — Linda Hilliard, Chair



Hello from all things fellowship!

I have 4 things to talk about in this issue.

CALUMET REVISITED



Something you might not know: I started going to Camp Calumet Lutheran when I was 4 years old, with my parents, Rev. and Mrs. Winton Hoog and my sister Terry. My father had been part of the group of individuals who decided to purchase the property for said camp. The photo shows our family in 1960 on the beach. I was a camper for many years, and Rachel and Christa were, too; especially loving music camp, and the fantastic concert on the last night.

Here are some pictures of various times at Calumet, at the women's retreats:



This year, Calumet is offering midweek retreats, called Fruits and Roots, based on the Gifts of the Spirit, and April 22nd through 25th is on the fruit of Goodness. I wanted to go to Calumet for this retreat, especially since Lee was anxious to get back up there—usually in the past I would go to the women's retreats in November. If you would like to visit Calumet again, or for the first time, see if this time would work with your schedule, and sign up, and we could have a St. Mark contingent. The website has a description of the programming and staff they will be featuring.

TENTH ANNIVERSARY, JACOB'S WELL CABARET, with WHITE RABBIT
Mark your calendars for Saturday, June 7th at 6:30. (Rain date, Sunday June 8th, same time, same station.) Adam Tortorello decided to plan the event out of doors, on the back lawn, hoping to provide more room, and a festive atmosphere for the anniversary. The theme is all things Disney. I am forming a committee, and if you'd like to help plan, put together, set up, take down, shop, bake, attend, please let me know. We are meeting at church, Saturday May 3rd. Reach out, and I'll sign you up! See the picture of the Cabaret outside in 2021.



Fellowship Committee — continued

COMING SOON: SACRED SPACE MUSICAL POTLUCK
Sponsored by the Folk Group, and other music lovers, and lovers of potlucks. Starting in September on the 28th, hopefully, to be held from 6-8pm on the LAST SUNDAY of EACH MONTH. Bring something for the table, and there will be a live microphone. Bring your mandolin!



We'll break out contemporary songs that the folk group has been leading, get the words up on a TV and sing some. Also, people may bring a song to share, or a story of blessings, or maybe a reading. Sound interesting? Join the committee to support this new event.

EXCITING NEWS



Have you heard about GatherConnecticut, the new group for people in their 20's and 30's, sponsored by ELCA nationally, but here in CT by Pastors Ryan Heckman, Joanna Hertzog-Betkoski, and Kurt Saenger-Heyl? See our email updates and the Synod information in this newsletter for more about this new ministry.



April & May Schedule

4/6 CAT CAFÉ BRUNCH
4/13 Godfellas
4/20 EASTER BREAKFAST
4/27 Folk Group Friends



5/4 Amigos & Amigas
5/11 Dottie's Team
5/18 Folk Group Friends
5/25 Godfellas

LUNCH BUNCH
Thursday, April 24
12:30pm

Fenton River Grill
135A Storrs Road
Mansfield, CT



Please contact Elaine by April 18 if you plan to attend:
860-432-4488 or eauger0311@gmail.com.

Christian Education Committee – Jan Frick, Chair

There are two wonderful upcoming events on May 4th and June 1st as part of the speaker series at St. Mark. You'll want to put both on your calendar, as these will be incredible opportunities to learn about caring for our planet and our fellow creatures.



St. Mark First Sunday Speaker Series



Sunday, May 4th at 4pm at St. Mark ***Earth Care: On Hold or Moving Forward?***

The Reverend Darrell Urban and his wife, Nancy, will lead us in an interactive session on EARTH CARE: ON HOLD OR MOVING FORWARD?

Its spring! The earth is waking up to new life! Time to dig in and do some earth care! As we celebrate the return of spring, we are also aware that our care for the whole earth has not been going very well. Floods, raging rivers, huge winter storms, heat waves, devastating fires, lower water tables, ocean dead zones, animal extinction—and the list goes on and on. It can be easy to feel helpless or even hopeless against such powerful forces. We know that many positive changes to care for the earth have already been made, so are we on hold or can we keep moving forward? During the video and group interactive session, we'll explore together:

- What is our present situation?
- Positive, hopeful actions that are taking place.
- How can each of us take action to move forward—To Bloom Where We Are Planted!

A lite reception will follow afterwards and there will be plenty of time to ask questions and look at 'Earth Care' resources. Please sign up in the narthex. For more information, contact Jan Frick.

Sunday, June 1st at 4pm at St. Mark ***Common & Endangered Birds***

Glen and Bonnie Simperts will show amazing photos of both common and endangered birds from their many travels to places around the world. Not only will they talk about each of the birds and their habitats, but also provide some insights as to conservation efforts to protect bird populations. Their incredible pictures will have you awestruck at the spectacular beauty of so many birds. A lite reception will follow afterwards and a chance to look at more photos. Please sign up in the narthex. For more information, contact Jan Frick.



Missions Committee – Jan Frick

Spring is such an exciting time for St. Mark and for doing God's work with each other and on behalf of our community partnerships. Each year, the Missions Endowment Fund Committee makes a determination if any funds can be distributed. For 2025, the amount is \$2,700 and will be distributed as follows, as recommended by this Committee and approved by the Finance Committee and the church Council:



Local – Manchester Area Conference of Churches (\$500),
Community Child Guidance Clinic (\$250)
ELCA – World Hunger (\$450), Global Refuge (\$500), Lutheran World Relief (\$1,000)

There will be an **Easter Egg Hunt at St. Mark on Thursday, April 10th at 1:30pm.** It will be held outdoors, weather permitting. This is open to children in elementary school or younger. We're looking for volunteers to help stuff eggs and help at the hunt. Please sign up in the Narthex, if you can help out.

On **Saturday, April 19th at 1:30pm**, there will be Easter caroling to bring the joy of the Resurrection to our elder members. Hopefully, we'll be able to visit some, if not all of them. We are also looking into putting a link on the St. Mark website that will contain a video of Folk Group and Choir members singing a joyous Easter song. If you'd like to join in on the Easter caroling and/or the video, then please sign up in the Narthex.

While Spring is finally here, our gardening activities in the church garden will get underway most likely in May when the weather warms up a bit more, and we can start planting with minimal threat of late season frosts. Make sure to support the **Mother's Day Plant Sale** which will be held on Sunday, May 11th. Funds from the sale go to offset garden expenses.

**Purchase a
Bloomin' 4 Good
bouquet at**



215 Glastonbury Blvd.
Glastonbury, CT

during the month of **MAY**
and **\$1** will go to the
**St. Mark
Backpack Program**









**Mother's
Day**



**Plant
Sale**
Sunday, May 11th
before & after Worship

Season 1

 Season 1 Episode 1: I Have Called You By Name about 1 year ago	 Season 1 Episode 2: Shabbat about 1 year ago	 Season 1 Episode 3: Jesus Loves The Little Children about 1 year ago	 Season 1 Episode 4: The Flock On Which It is Built about 1 year ago	 Season 1 Episode 5: The Wedding Gift about 1 year ago
 Season 1 Episode 6: Indescribable Compassion about 1 year ago	<p>BIBLE STUDY Sundays at 6:00pm St. Mark Lounge</p>			



Thank You – Linda Obedzinski

Snowflake campaign raises \$935 toward \$8,000 plowing costs



Thank you to everyone who contributed to the 2025 snowflake campaign! With so many days of sleet, snow, and ice this winter, the church's plowing costs have reached \$8,000 to date. The additional \$935 will certainly help with the congregation's budget.

We appreciate the professionalism of our current plowing vendor, Dundon Lawn Services, which makes sure to pre-treat sidewalks and the parking lot each time snow is predicted, but that level of service comes at a cost. With so many community groups using our facility throughout the week, it's important to prevent slips and falls by carefully maintaining all parking areas and walkways. Your contribution helps us to do that.

While the snowflakes have been removed from the window, if you still wish to donate please write "snowflakes" on a line of your contribution envelope.



Property Committee—Deb Gresens, Chair

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

*I wandered lonely as a cloud
That floats on high o'er vales and hills,
When all at once I saw a crowd,
A host, of golden daffodils;
Beside the lake, beneath the trees,
Fluttering and dancing in the breeze.*

~William Wordsworth, 1807

According to the calendar, we experienced the VERNAL EQUINOX, better known as the first day of spring, on Thursday, March 20th. I thought this was debatable until I saw the daffodils blooming or about to bloom in St. Mark's flower beds. I can see clearly now...it's here!

Happenings at St. Mark...

The Potter's Workshop and The Korean Church continue to enjoy the use of the Sanctuary each Sunday. The parishioners have been invited to join us for our Lenten Services.

The Heart Collective Worship, under the direction of Ayesha Jackson, held a worship service in the Fellowship Hall on Saturday, March 22. Approximately fifty (50) people participated.

Concerts on the Calendar-The Sanctuary will be filled with music this spring. ECLECTICA, Cuatro Puntos and The Cabaret will be returning. Check the mailchimp and The Messenger for dates and times

Upcoming...

God's Work, Our Hands!! Spring Clean-up will happen April 26 from 9:00 to 12:00, rain or shine! Bring your rakes, diggers, gloves, expertise on washing windows and polishing pews and show off your skills at playing pick-up sticks. Be ready to make our property shine inside and out.



SPRING CLEAN-UP
Saturday, April 26
9:00am—12:00pm



Care for Creation Team—Eleanor Tunney, Chair

Watershed Testing

A few years ago we began watershed testing of streams and brooks near our homes. One problem area persists: Wildcat Brook and Candlelight Drive in Glastonbury. Bernie and Andrea Clark have continued the testing. This year they tested at the inception of Spring to see if levels were lower before most lawns were fertilized. Results demonstrate that and over the years phosphate levels have increased from 10 ppm to 25 ppm.

Phosphorous can be caused naturally by:

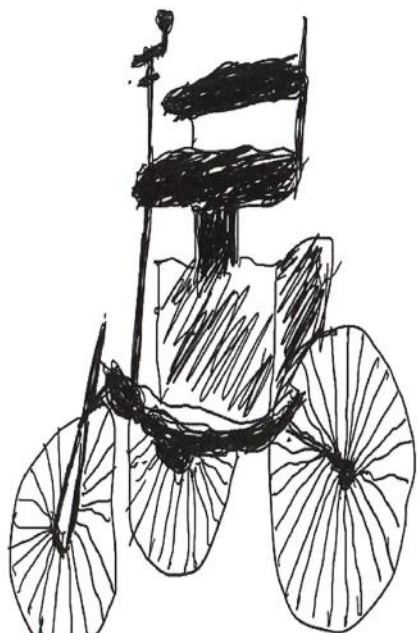
- Birds such as ducks and swans
- Atmospheric particles and gases from rain or dust
- Erosion
- Compost

Phosphorous can be created by humans through:

- Fertilizer
- Pet waste
- Soil runoff
- Sewage systems
- Overflow from septic systems

Increases in phosphorous can cause increases in algae and bacteria and a reduction in oxygen in the water, resulting in a reduction in fish and native vegetation. High rates of bacteria can be harmful to humans. Discussions of the source of the increase will be explored over the next couple of months.

Electric Cars Versus Gas Cars



That horseless carriage will never take the place of a REAL carriage!



Care for Creation Team — continued

Following is an operational cost comparison of electric v. fossil fuel cars.

	Electric	Gas
<i>Average Annual Maintenance Cost</i>	\$950	\$1,279
<i>Average Annual Fuel/Electricity Cost</i>	\$485	\$1,117
<i>Average Cost/200,000 Miles</i>	\$12,000	\$20,000
<i>Tax Credits (Expire in 2032)</i>	\$7500 for purchase of new car \$4000 for purchase of used car \$1000 for purchase and installation of home charging station	\$0

Blessed be God who is our bread; may all the world be clothed and fed.

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

April Birthdays

4/10 Brigette Cote
4/13 Betty Ann Gamer
4/14 Eleanor Jacobs
4/15 Robyn Ongley
4/19 Denise Stenger
4/24 Dan Dickau
4/27 Alexander Jacobs

May Birthdays

5/1 Anne Davis
5/1 Caryl DeLuca
5/14 Jeffrey Ongley
5/21 Doris Andreoli
5/23 Lila Shilosky
5/25 Cathy Moshier
5/29 Lisa Hancock
5/31 David Obedzinski

April & May Anniversaries

4/7 Jeffrey & Robyn Ongley
5/6 Jule & Patti Beer
5/26 Craig & Victoria Hackbarth
5/21 Holly & Jake Jacobs

Spring
into
Music
at St. Mark

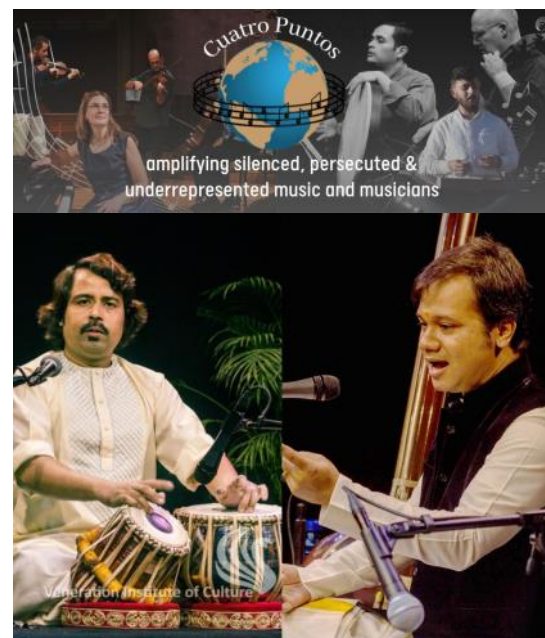


Eclectica CT
Sunday, May 18
4:00pm

Cuatro Puntos
Sounds of Color: Blending
Indian and Arab Classical Music
Thursday, May 22
6:00pm

Cuatro Puntos welcomes raga duo Subhasish Bhawal (Hindustani vocals) and Madhurjya Barthakur (tabla) to the US for the first time. Together with string musicians of Cuatro Puntos Ensemble, they will present an evening of music rooted in the North Indian Classical style with influences from the Middle East.

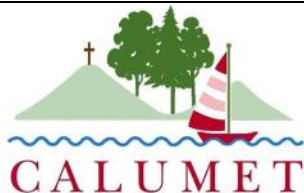
www.cuatropuntos.org



Jacob's Well
CABARET

Saturday, June 7
6:30 pm
(Rain date: June 8)

Celebrating 10 Years!




www.calumet.org

CALUMET LUTHERAN MINISTRIES

FRUITS & ROOTS

A MIDWEEK RETREAT FOR ADULTS
April 22-25, 2025
Tuesday afternoon - Friday lunch

Musician: Gary Benevides
Coordinator: Deacon Judy Smith
Guest Presenters: Dr. John Harris, adjunct faculty at Franklin Pierce University;
Stephen Collins, Shakespearean trained actor



Theme: Kindness & Goodness in Our World

Join us as we look at these fruits of the Spirit and discover how they interact with our environment, ourselves, our communities and the world.

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?

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!



Scan for More Info!

Come join Lee & Linda Hilliard for this wonderful program! Book your stay and then sign up on the bulletin board in the Narthex. Let's a get a great group together!



More Spring programs at Calumet:

Knitters' Weekend
April 25-27, 2025

Memorial Day Weekend
May 23-26, 2025

And, check out the Calumet bulletin board at St. Mark for information about Summer Camp!



New England Synod



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.





New England Synod — continued

Did you know that a new Young Adult Ministry is taking a foothold in the synod, with two new chapters starting in Massachusetts and Connecticut?

The Gather Network is a ministry of ELCA Young Adults that connects young adults in cities or regions throughout the ELCA. These ministries create space for young adults to join in fellowship, worship, community and discussion. Gather invites the group to ask challenging questions of ourselves, our faith and our world. We hope to create these communities for young adults across race, disability, faith background, gender, sexuality and perspective to feel welcome to meet, to be, to gather.

New ministries are starting in Connecticut, with a chapter being organized by Prs. Ryan Heckman, Joanna Hertzog-Betkoski, and Kurt Saenger-Heyl. Their first event is coming up later this month, with details shared below. GATHER Connecticut can be reached at gatherconnecticut@gmail.com.

The Central & Western Mass chapter held their first event in January. Pastor Cassie Hartnett, serving Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Westborough, Mass is leading the charge on organizing that group. She may be reached at pastorcassie@goodshepherdcares.org.

Young adults in their 20s and 30s are encouraged to check out the new chapters. The ministries have a new landing spot on the synod website [here](#).



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.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<p><i>1</i> Matins 9:00am</p> <p>VRABE 10:45am 5:30pm</p> <p>Property Mtg. 4:00pm</p>	<p><i>2</i> VRABE 9:00am</p> <p>Soup Supper 5:45pm</p> <p>Evening Prayer 6:30pm</p> <p>Choir 7:00pm</p>	<p><i>3</i> VRABE 10:45am 5:30pm</p> <p>Choir 7:00pm</p>	<p><i>4</i> AA Central Valley 7:30pm</p>	<p><i>5</i> AA Meeting 8:00am</p>
<p><i>6</i> Worship 9:00am followed by CAT Café Potter's Church 11:00am Korean Church 1:00pm Bible Study 6:00pm</p>	<p><i>7</i> VRABE 9:00am</p> <p>AA Freedom 6:30pm</p> <p>S Anon Nutmeg 7:00pm</p>	<p><i>8</i> Matins 9:00am</p> <p>VRABE 10:45am 5:30pm</p> <p>Long Haulers 7:00pm</p>	<p><i>9</i> VRABE 9:00am</p> <p>Soup Supper 5:45pm</p> <p>Evening Prayer 6:30pm</p>	<p><i>10</i> VRABE 10:45am 5:30pm</p> <p>Easter Egg Hunt 1:30pm</p> <p>Choir 7:00pm</p>	<p><i>11</i> AA Central Valley 7:30pm</p>	<p><i>12</i> AA Meeting 8:00am</p>
<p><i>13 Palm Sunday</i> Worship 9:00am followed by Coffee Hour Potter's Church 11:00am Korean Church 1:00pm Bible Study 6:00pm</p>	<p><i>14 Holy Week</i> AA Freedom 6:30pm</p> <p>S Anon Nutmeg 7:00pm</p>	<p><i>15 Holy Week</i></p>	<p><i>16 Holy Week</i></p>	<p><i>17 Maundy Thursday</i> Worship 7:00pm</p>	<p><i>18 Good Friday</i> Worship 7:00pm</p> <p>AA Central Valley 7:30pm</p>	<p><i>19 Holy Saturday</i> AA Meeting 8:00am</p> <p>Easter Caroling 1:30pm</p>
<p><i>20 Easter Sunday</i> Breakfast 8:00am Worship 9:00am Potter's Church 11:00am Korean Church 1:00pm</p>	<p><i>21</i> VRABE 9:00am</p> <p>AA Freedom 6:30pm</p> <p>S Anon Nutmeg 7:00pm</p>	<p><i>22</i> VRABE 10:45am 5:30pm</p>	<p><i>23</i> VRABE 9:00am</p> <p>Church Council 7:00pm</p>	<p><i>24</i> VRABE 10:45am 5:30pm</p> <p>Lunch Bunch 12:30pm</p> <p>Choir 7:00pm</p>	<p><i>25</i> AA Central Valley 7:30pm</p>	<p><i>26</i> AA Meeting 8:00am</p> <p>Spring Clean-Up 9:00am</p>
<p><i>27</i> Worship 9:00am followed by Coffee Hour & Annual Meeting Potter's Church 11:00am Korean Church 1:00pm Bible Study 6:00pm</p>	<p><i>28</i> VRABE 9:00am</p> <p>AA Freedom 6:30pm</p> <p>S Anon Nutmeg 7:00pm</p>	<p><i>29</i> Matins 9:00am</p> <p>VRABE 10:45am 5:30pm</p>	<p><i>30</i> VRABE 9:00am</p> <p>Vespers 7:00pm</p>			



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 VRABE 10:45am 5:30pm Choir 7:00pm	2 AA Central Valley 7:30pm	3 AA Meeting 8:00am
4 Worship 9:00am followed by Coffee Hour Potter's Church 11:00am Korean Church 1:00pm Earth Care Speaker Program 4:00pm	5 VRABE 9:00am AA Freedom 6:30pm S Anon Nutmeg 7:00pm	6 Matins 9:00am VRABE 10:45am 5:30pm Property Committee Meeting 4:00pm	7 VRABE 9:00am Vespers 7:00pm	8 VRABE 10:45am 5:30pm Choir 7:00pm	9 AA Central Valley 7:30pm	10 AA Meeting 8:00am
11 <i>Mother's Day</i> Worship 9:00am followed by Coffee Hour & Mother's Day Plant Sale Potter's Church 11:00am Korean Church 1:00pm Bible Study 6:00pm	12 VRABE 9:00am AA Freedom 6:30pm S Anon Nutmeg 7:00pm	13 Matins 9:00am VRABE 10:45am 5:30pm	14 VRABE 9:00am Vespers 7:00pm	15 VRABE 10:45am 5:30pm Choir 7:00pm	16 AA Central Valley 7:30pm	17 AA Meeting 8:00am
18 Worship 9:00am followed by Coffee Hour Potter's Church 11:00am Korean Church 1:00pm Eclectica Concert 4:00pm Bible Study 6:00pm	19 VRABE 9:00am AA Freedom 6:30pm S Anon Nutmeg 7:00pm	20 Matins 9:00am VRABE 10:45am 5:30pm	21 VRABE 9:00am Vespers 7:00pm Followed by Church Council	22 VRABE 10:45am 5:30pm Cuatro Puntos Concert 6:00pm	23 AA Central Valley 7:30pm	24 AA Meeting 8:00am
25 Worship 9:00am followed by Coffee Hour Potter's Church 11:00am Korean Church 1:00pm Bible Study 6:00pm	26 <i>Memorial Day</i> AA Freedom 6:30pm S Anon Nutmeg 7:00pm	27 Matins 9:00am	28 Vespers 7:00pm	29 Choir 7:00pm	30 AA Central Valley 7:30pm	31 AA Meeting 8:00am



On the morning of Friday, March 28, we painted rocks to help inspire and bring joy. Some were added to the Easter Joy totes for our community groups.



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