



A Message from the Council President

I just wrote a Messenger article last month. I thought what could I write about now? And then it hit me how well we came together to have a great outside ecumenical worship. The kitchen crew organized a wonderful lunch enjoyed by all. I saw them on Saturday working in the kitchen. Lunch included entrées from the Korean church and desserts from St. James. The folk group provided the music, and again, we have to thank Lee for the sound system set up. Others made sure the worship elements were present and set up. The needed tables and comfortable chairs were transported to/from St. Mark and set up. Hosts were at the welcoming desk. The tables were decorated. We had different readers and 3 languages. Our members came, and pitched in. This event shows what a community working together can do.

Please read the rest of this Messenger and note the many upcoming events and opportunities to get involved (We still need a Worship & Music committee chair). Another outstanding Stewardship program is being planned. The garden is winding down. If you see a new face at worship, please be bold and welcome them. I look forward to seeing you at worship.

Ray



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

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Meeting ID: 830 1244 7324 Passcode: 15172023

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.

Worship & Music Committee

September 2025

A letter from Dottie:

Dear Friends,

It has been an honor and privilege to serve as chair of the Worship and Music Committee these past years. There are so many people to thank, folks who worked hard to help make worship at St. Mark run smoothly. Thank you to all the lectors and prayer leaders and communion assistants. Thank you to the altar guild. Elaine Auger, Ellen Zerillo, Ginny Rutz and Wendy Krystopa accepted the responsibility for maintaining the altar each week.

Covid was a significant factor in some of our worship practices and changes. As we begin a new chapter in the life of our congregation it's the perfect time to have fresh eyes take charge of this significant committee. Also, we are in the Sundays of the church year known as the "ordinary" time, the "green" time. There are no major festivals scheduled allowing time to think and plan for the fall.

Again, many thanks for all the help and support.

Sincerely,

Dottie Marschhausen



Please join us via Zoom for Weekday Prayer Offices

**Matins — Tuesdays at 9:00am
Vespers — Wednesdays at 7:00pm**

**Bulletins & Zoom link can be found on our website.
www.SaintMarkGlastonbury.org**



October & November Worship Assistants

DATE	LECTOR	PRAYER LEADER	COMMUNION ASSISTANT	SET-UP
October 12	Jan F.	Ron K.	Mike D.	Ginny R.
October 19	Leslie O.	Dave T.	Ellen Z.	Ellen Z.
October 26	Valerie T.	Carol W.	Bernie C.	Wendy K.
November 2	Dave T.	Linda O.	Leslie O.	Dottie M.
November 9	Andrea C.	Bernie C.	Betsy C.	Ginny R.
November 16	Mike D.	Anne D.	Mike D.	Ellen Z.
November 23	Valerie T.	Dave T.	Mark C.	Wendy K.
November 30	Linda O.	Deb G.	Dave T.	Dottie M.



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



October & November AV/Tech Volunteers



Date	Video	Audio
10/12	Dave R.	Dave T.
10/19	Mike D.	Lee H.
10/26	Ronald K.	Lee H.
11/2	Mike D.	Ray F.
11/9	Lee H.	Linda H.
11/16	Dave T.	Dave R.
11/23	Mike D.	Ronald K.
11/30	Lee H.	Ray F.



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

Join us at St. Mark for
REFORMATION SUNDAY
OCTOBER 26
 Don't forget to wear **RED!**



Service of Word and Sacrament at 9:00am followed by Coffee Hour



We will celebrate the Saints on
November 2nd

The book of Saints will be on the usher stand beginning Sunday, October 12. Please clearly print the names of any person(s) you would like to have remembered.

INTERFAITH COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING POTLUCK SUPPER & SERVICE

at First Church of Christ, Congregational, UCC
2183 Main Street, Glastonbury

Sunday, November 23

Multicultural Potluck Dinner at 5:00pm

(participants may share dishes from their cultural backgrounds)

Sign up on the bulletin board on the narthex or at:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4CAA72CABFBC25-58545960-copy#/>

Interfaith Thanksgiving Service at 7:00pm

No need to rsvp if you plan to only attend to the service.



We need your help!

Thank you to our volunteers who have stepped up to do the following:

Mike Davis: Worship Assignments, Prayers
Ellen Zerillo: Lunch Bunch, Prayer Chain



We still need volunteers for the following:

- Altar Team Leader
- Organizing & Ordering Altar Flowers
- Ordering Worship Supplies
- Lights & Candles
- Worship & Music Committee Chair
- Sign Outside Church

Please contact the Church Office to let us know what you can do!



Bible Study
Sundays at 6:00pm
in the church lounge



We are watching and discussing Season 2 of The Chosen. While having watched Season 1 is helpful, it is not necessary in order to follow the episodes in Season 2. There is a companion study book. Please contact Jan Frick if you would like a copy. Please note that there will be no bible study on 10/12, 10/26, 11/16 or 11/23.



Stewardship — Ronald Kraatz, Chair

STEWARDSHIP 2025
“Two Coins and the Spirit of Giving”



Breakfast Church – October 19 Commitment Sunday – November 9

Please join together for breakfast and worship in the fellowship hall Sunday, October 9, at 9:00am. There will be a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board. Please indicate who & how many will attend and what you can contribute to the breakfast. Thank you.



Missions Committee — Jan Frick



Feed Northeast



It's October and Thrivent is once again running the Feed Northeast campaign to stock up food pantry supplies. Over the past few years, St. Mark has held a food collection drive at Stop & Shop. We need some volunteers to help from 9-noon on Saturday, October 25th with the food collection. Each year, we've set a higher goal of number of items and are hoping this year to exceed 1,000, if possible. All the food will be donated to the Manchester Area Conference of Churches (MACC) food pantry. For more information, please contact Jan Frick.

Seafarer's International "Christmas At Sea"

During November, St. Mark is again invited to donate towards 'Christmas At Sea' for ship crews who work through the holiday season and are unable to spend time with their family and friends. There will be tags having various dollar amounts that can be contributed towards purchasing satchels that are filled with personal supplies and clothing for the ship crews. You can also contribute the full amount of \$40 to fill a satchel for one crew member. All of our contributions will be matched 1:1 by the Jeanine Heller Foundation up to a total of \$25,000.



Global Refuge Holiday Greetings for Refugees



Global Refuge

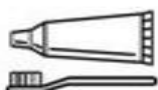
Welcoming Newcomers Since 1939

While not trying to rush the Christmas season, sometimes preparation needs to be completed well in advance so that others might know of Christ's love for them during the holidays. We

will once again be writing Christmas cards that Global Refuge distributes to displaced individuals and families in refugee camps. Plenty of cards have already been donated, so please plan to take a few minutes during fellowship on Sunday, October 26th and also Sunday, November 2nd to write a few cards. It's a small but very meaningful way to let someone know that they're not forgotten and that Jesus loves them.

Quilt & Gift Sale and Tea at St. James

We at St. Mark have a long-standing relationship with our brothers and sisters in Christ at St. James. We've supported their Carol's Closet Paper Pantry ministry and worshipped with them at their Jazz service and just recently they attended St. Mark's outdoor worship service. Carol's Closet helps our Glastonbury neighbors in need by providing items that are not covered by SNAP benefits, including toilet paper, paper towels, tissue, toothpaste, toothbrushes, soap and pet food.



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Missions Committee — Continued

On November 1st from 1-4pm, St. James will be holding a Quilt & Gift Sale and afternoon Tea to raise funds for Carol's Closet. If you might be willing to help set up for the event or help with the clean up, then please speak with Jan Frick. Also if you have good condition quilts that you might like to donate for the sale, then let Jan know. Not only will there be quilts and a wide variety of gifts and great fellowship during the tea, but also there will be music and a special guest presentation.



Community Child Guidance Clinic (CCGC) in Manchester



Over the past several years, we at St. Mark have funded the purchase of Christmas gifts for the students at CCGC. Eleanor Tunney has collaborated with the staff at CCGC to identify what types of gifts would be most appreciated by the students. The students have really enjoyed past gifts, such as STEAM kits and art kits. Please help with the funding for this year's gifts by taking a hand-made Peace crane and donating an amount towards the purchase of the gifts. For more information, please contact Eleanor Tunney.



October is



During October, we will be celebrating those in our community who are Thrivers and Survivors of Breast Cancer. We'll also be remembering those who sadly succumbed to this disease. Please feel free to write the name(s) of anyone whom we should celebrate or remember on one of the pink hearts on the Narthex window wall. You can also show your support by wearing pink for worship during the Sundays in October.



Fellowship Teams



GF & Friends

Jan
Anne
Linda O.



Deb's Team

Deb
Leslie
Betsy



Folk Group Friends

Linda H.
Lee
Valerie
Dave T

Godfellas

Mark G.
Ronald
Mike
Bernie



Dottie's Team

Dottie
Ginny
Lila
Caryl D.



Amigos & Amigas

Andrea
Carol W.
Ellen Z.
Al

October & November Coffee Hour Schedule

10/5 GF & Friends
10/12 Godfellas
10/19 BREAKFAST CHURCH
10/26 Deb's Team



11/2 Amigos & Amigas
11/9 Dottie's Team
11/16 Folk Group Friends
11/23 Godfellas
11/30 GF & Friends



LUNCH BUNCH

Thursday, October 16
12:30pm

Thai House
875 Main Street
South Glastonbury, CT



Please contact Ellen Z. by October 13 if you plan to attend:
All women of St. Mark are welcome!

Organ Concert *within* Evening Prayer

Reformation Sunday - October 26th - 4:00 P.M.

Please arrive by 3:50 for the introduction to the music and liturgy

Concordia Lutheran Church

40 Pitkin Street, Manchester, CT

Reformation-themed music by Bach, Messiaen, Bender, and Manz, plus musical surprises from recent years!

John Anderson, *Organist*

The Concordia Choir — Linda Hilliard, *Director*

Reception Following in Kaiser Hall



Come see Linda H.
direct the Concordia Choir!



Come see Adam Tortorello
and friends!



**THE COMPLETE WORKS
OF WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE**
(abridged)
(revised)
(again)

By: Adam Long, Daniel Singer,
and Jess Winfield

October 24 & 25 at 7:00pm
October 25 & 26 at 2:00pm

Presented at The Bushnell
(Astorino Great Hall)
166 Capitol Ave
Hartford, CT 06106

Tickets:
<https://bushnell.org/shows-concerts/The-Complete-Works-of-William-Shakespeare-abridged>

Tick tock!

We have to do ALL of Shakespeare's plays?!

Yeah, but it's a COMEDY!

What about the tragedies?

They're in there too!

How the #1& are we supposed to do them all in under 2 hours?!

With flare!

Please join our friends at St. James'



Sunday, November 16
7:00pm

St. James' Episcopal Church
2584 Main Street
Glastonbury, CT

Candlelight Service

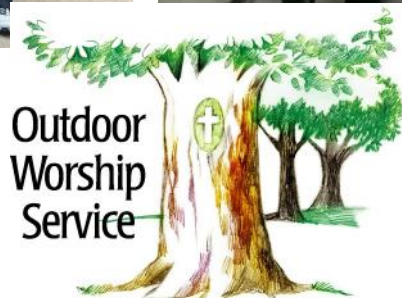
Wild Notes instrumentalists

Women's Choir



**Come help out at the
St. Mark Fall Clean-Up
Saturday, October 25
9:30am-12:30pm
(raindate November 1)**







CALUMET

www.calumet.org



Camp Calumet Lutheran
1090 Ossipee Lake Rd

Pumpkin Fest

October 11th at Calumet
Local Community Event
Open to All, Free of Charge

1:30 Pumpkin Carving
5:30 Dinner at the Conference Center
7:00 Rachel Kurtz Concert sponsored by Thrivent

Come be part of the fun!
Email Alice@calumet.org
To register and get more info

Please bring a non-perishable food item to support Freedom Food Pantry!

CAMP CALUMET LUTHERAN
October 10-13, 2025

Harvest

WEEKEND

FREE LIVE MUSIC SATURDAY NIGHT / PUMPKIN
FEST SATURDAY AFTERNOON / FOOD DRIVE /
FESTIVITIES

MID OCTOBER

www.calumet.org for more info

QUEERLY BELOVED



WITH OUR CHAPLAIN, LLM JEANETTE HARRIS AND
FACILITATORS PR NIKI HARVELL AND PR JESSICA
GOODRICH

SCAN HERE FOR
MORE INFO



It is intended for all who seek:
Fellowship
Community
Advocacy
for and in the LGBTQIA+ community.

Reach out to Alice@calumet.org to sign up or if you have any questions

FALL QUILT RETREATS

OCTOBER 27-30, 2025

NOVEMBER 2-5, 2025

NOVEMBER 5-7, 2025

Our ever-popular Quilting Retreats offer the perfect opportunity to get away and focus 100% on this artistic hobby that is fun for all levels and ages.

Instructor Connie Wisneski will guide you through a multi-day work-shop centered around beginning a new pattern. She'll make sure you know exactly what's what. Before you come to camp, Connie provides all the participants with the picture of the quilt, the particular supplies you'll need, and ways for you to ask any questions you have.

Or, if you prefer, you can come with a quilt that you're already working on – come for the fellowship! Here at Calumet, we have no rules other than "have fun and enjoy yourself!"

In addition to quilting, there will be trips to local shops such as Mardens, as well as morning and evening devotional times to round out the day. These retreats are definitely some of our most popular, so come on your own, bring a few friends, or organize a congregational group...but no matter what, be prepared to enjoy yourself!



WOMEN'S WEEKENDS

NOVEMBER 7-9, 14-16 & 21-23, 2025

Women's Weekends at Calumet are among the most popular programs we have here at Calumet. They provide an important opportunity for women to get away for fellowship, relaxation, faith sharing, (maybe some early Christmas shopping, too!) and fun. Come enjoy breakfast buffets, yummy lunches and a special Saturday evening candlelight dinner, followed by evening entertainment.

Each weekend has a different flavor even though all weekends have the same theme. Why? There is a different chaplain, different entertainment, a different community of women! But all of them are special and so loved by all who come and enjoy the time away.

This year we are going to be led in music by Stephanie Johnson. She is a former camper, women's weekend participant and a talented musician!

Check out our chaplains and entertainment for each weekend below.

Week 1

Chaplain:

Licensed Lay Minister,
Rafaela Radcke-
Amador

Entertainment:

North River Music

Week 2

Chaplain:

Pastor Wendy
Anderson

Entertainment:

North River Music

Week 3

Chaplain:

Pastor Steph Smith

Entertainment:

North River Music



If you missed the Installation of Bishop Curry, you can watch the video at this link:

<https://www.elca.org/about/churchwide/office-of-the-presiding-bishop/presiding-bishop-installation>



October Birthdays

10/1 Matthew Putre	10/24 Steve Christensen
10/3 Bill Wamester	10/24 Charles Gamer
10/4 Kate Obedzinski	10/27 Dottie Marschhausen
10/18 Fran Kreigenhofer	10/28 Eleanor Tunney
10/21 Dave Taylor	10/30 Marianne Greissle

October Anniversaries

10/8 Leslie & Shaun O'Rourke



November Birthdays

11/5 Dave Rutz
 11/6 Jacob Christensen
 11/7 Elaine Zimmermann
 11/9 Aaron Fernandez Castro
 11/17 Santiago Fernandez Decker
 11/29 Thomas Kyrstopa, Jr.

November Anniversaries

11/1 Eleanor & Frederick Jacobs, Jr.
 11/4 Charles & Betty Ann Gamer
 11/30 Richard & Susan Taff

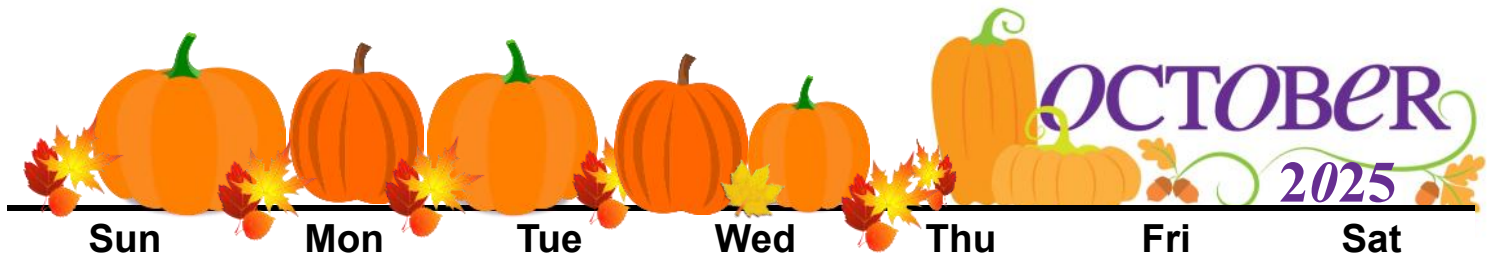


Making Your Offering Electronically by Venmo

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
			1 VRABE 9:00am Vespers 7:00pm	2 VRABE 10:45am 5:30pm SA Meeting 6:45pm Choir 7:00pm	3 AA Central Valley 7:30pm	4 AA Meeting 8:00am
5 Worship 9:00am followed by Coffee Hour Potter's Church 11:00am Korean Church 1:00pm Rose Society 1:00pm Bible Study 6:00pm	6 VRABE 9:00am AA Freedom 6:30pm S Anon Nutmeg 7:00pm	7 Matins 9:00am Property Meeting 4:00pm VRABE 10:45am 5:30pm	8 VRABE 9:00am Vespers 7:00pm	9 VRABE 10:45am 5:30pm SA Meeting 6:45pm Choir 7:00pm	10 AA Central Valley 7:30pm	11 AA Meeting 8:00am
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19 Breakfast Church 9:00am Potter's Church 11:00am Korean Church 1:00pm Bible Study 6:00pm	20 AA Freedom 6:30pm S Anon Nutmeg 7:00pm	21 Matins 9:00am VRABE 10:45am 5:30pm Ellen Out	22 VRABE 9:00am Vespers 7:00pm	23 VRABE 10:45am 5:30pm SA Meeting 6:45pm Choir 7:00pm	24 AA Central Valley 7:30pm	25 AA Meeting 8:00am NE Food Collection 9:00am Fall Clean-up 9:30am
26 <i>Reformation Day</i> Worship 9:00am followed by Coffee Hour Potter's Church 11:00am Korean Church 1:00pm	27 VRABE 9:00am AA Freedom 6:30pm S Anon Nutmeg 7:00pm	28 Matins 9:00am VRABE 10:45am 5:30pm	29 VRABE 9:00am Vespers 7:00pm	30 VRABE 10:45am 5:30pm SA Meeting 6:45pm Choir 7:00pm	31 AA Central Valley 7:30pm	



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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Saint Mark Congregation Council and Lay Leadership

Officers

President	Ray Frick
Vice President	Mike Davis
Secretary	Carol Weber
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Financial Secretary	David Taylor

Ministry Committee Chairs

Education	Jan Frick
Fellowship	Linda Hilliard
Missions	Open
Outreach	Open
Property	Deb Gresens
Stewardship	Ronald Kraatz
Member-at-large	Betsey Crayton
Worship	Open

Mutual Ministry Committee

David Obedzinski
Anne Davis
Bernie Clark

Staff Support Committee

Andrea Clark
Mark Crayton
Mark Gresens (Chair)



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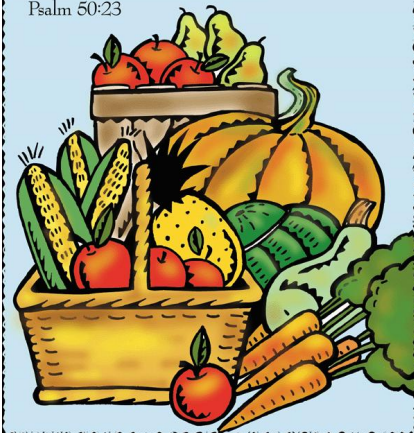
The Lutheran Church of Saint Mark

in joy we share Christ's truth

75 Griswold Street, Glastonbury, CT 06033

Those who bring
thanksgiving as their
sacrifice honor me.

Psalm 50:23



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