



A Message from Pastor Hoffman



MOVING FORWARD WITH NEW WAYS TO SHARE GOD'S GRACE AND BLESSINGS.

Usually, the summer is a time of rest and relaxation, but not this year. This year our council has been working hard throughout the summer assessing our resources, our ministries, our potential, our hurdles, our limits, and our needs. These men and women have taken their vows to be leaders of this congregation seriously. If you haven't thanked a council member recently, please do. If you don't know who the council members are and what positions they hold, please find out.

In the letter sent out with your last fiscal statement the council shared what it had accomplished through its June retreat sessions. They continued their work in July and August. – No time off for good behavior this year. – Now they are working to pull together goals to **MOVE US FORWARD** post pandemic.

As we work on these goals there are a couple of absolutes that are understood: St. Mark is a **CHURCH**, a **LUTHERAN CHURCH**, and its ministry base is 75 GRISWOLD ST., GLASTONBURY, CT. We have also come to accept that we aren't going to change the current attitudes of society regarding religion or church. It is sad, but true, fewer people believe that belonging to or being active in a church is necessary for a good or complete life. And finally, we all agree that doing the same old things, the same old way **WILL NOT** move us forward!

With this in mind, here are some of the findings, categories and ideas that grew out of our discussions. As was mentioned in the letter, we will only succeed if you join us in continued prayer and the work that needs to be done to accomplish our goals. So, read what follows carefully, then seek out a council member and enter into a discussion about what you read, share your ideas, look for ways you can help, and offer your support.

Our most essential assets as identified by the council are our: facility, worship & music, staff, core group of people who do what needs to be done, ideas, sanctuary, money, a full-time pastor.

To move forward the following categories were identified as focus points: Attitude, People, Programs, Worship & Music, Place (Facility).

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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.

Pastor's Message — Continued

I'm not going to list everything under every category, but just a few samples under each that were highlighted frequently. From these the congregation will identify its goals for the coming year(s).

Attitude: The need, ability, and willingness to talk about faith and share our faith story; A willingness to try something new; Accepting people who are different from us.

People: Finding ways to be more supportive of, and attentive to each other; Growing our relationships with other believers; Offer more active support to the groups that meet in our facility regularly (AA, ESL, etc)

Programs: Consider new ways, days, times for education programs; Look into activities/partnerships with the various facilities like the Hearth, Naubuc Green, etc.; Get a better understanding of community's needs

Worship & Music: Complete organ repair; take our music outside of St. Mark; Highlight memorial garden as place of prayer/reflection; Specialty worship services (healing service) and/or services "to go" (beyond ashes)

Place: Improve handicap accessibility; Utilization of downstairs space; Air conditioning; Increase visibility.

As you can see, the council is very ambitious in its ideas. And remember, these are only partial lists. How will we ever get it all done?! It will get done like everything else in life – one goal, one step at a time. But it will take all of us moving forward, praying and chipping-in together.

Thus says the Lord, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters. I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert, declares the Lord in Isaiah. Let us rally around the work that the Spirit has done through the council and let our excitement grow as God shows us the NEW WAYS we might SHARE GOD'S GRACE AND BLESSINGS MOVING FORWARD.

Pastor Hoffman



**SAVE THE DATE:
Special Congregation Meeting
Sunday, October 1
following Worship**



Council President — Ray Frick



Back Lot Development Update

At April's congregational meeting, I mentioned that we were in discussion with a developer who is intent on developing the land behind St. Mark. I'd like to update our members on the situation.

Back in the late 80's, St. Mark sold its unused land beyond the parking lot to Sakon Development. Mr. Sakon owned the rest of the land and was proposing a development. St. Mark was paid \$75,000 and was required not to actively oppose Sakon's development plans. Due to access constraints from Main Street, too grandiose plans, and a faltering economy, the development obviously did not occur. Even though Mr. Sakon has delayed the inevitable for over a decade, due to financial difficulty it appears as if another developer will finally acquire the land.

This developer has solved the Main Street access problem by acquiring adjoining properties. He has a plan for the property and will develop it pending town approval. However, if he could acquire the back portion of our parking lot, his development could be much improved. He has approached us in this regard.

A special committee chaired by Ronald Kraatz has reviewed the developer's proposal. The developer provided a draft contract, which has been reviewed by the committee and then our attorney. The developer has agreed to all of our proposed changes. As the proposal is not a public document, it would not be proper to disclose the details now. I'd like to thank the committee for its good work.

The council will review the proposed agreement. Then, whether the council recommends acceptance or not, the congregation will make the final decision. The current plan is to have the developer present his proposal on September 10th following the service. A special congregational meeting will then be held on October 1st to vote on the proposal. This will give us 3 weeks to discuss, ask further questions, and to thoughtfully consider the proposal before a decision is made.

Change, whether good or bad, happens. The major outtake from the council retreat is that St. Mark has to embrace new ideas (i.e. change) in our mission of worship, study, and service. The congregation has aged. The building and property have aged with us. The building is being used differently, but now almost every day. The proposal on balance may allow us to improve our mission here in Glastonbury and environs and it needs to be seriously considered.



Worship & Music Committee – Dottie Marschhausen, Chair



It's hard to believe that September is upon us. It's been a lovely summer. The St. Mark Garden is flourishing thanks to the care of Jan, Ray and their team of gardeners. Linda Hilliard provided lovely music for our worship services in Martin's absence. Our Zoom services continue to provide worship opportunities to friends near and far, thanks to Lee and his team of techies. Thank you to all the lectors and prayer leaders and communion assistants. Your efforts always enhance our worship.

Now it's time to look ahead to autumn and yes, the holidays. If you have ideas or suggestions for Advent and or the Christmas Season please share them with Pastor Hoffman sooner rather than later. The planning has begun!

We will continue to print everything needed for worship in our weekly bulletin. Please remember that this option requires more paper and toner. Donations of paper and cash are gladly accepted. There are envelopes at the usher's table in the narthex for monetary contributions. If you wish to contribute paper, please give Ellen a call (860-633-1188) for specifics.

THE FLOWER BOX in Wethersfield continues to supply the bouquets for our Sunday worship. Please check the flower chart and consider signing up to sponser flowers for a week. November is in need of donors. Please consider using **THE FLOWER BOX** for any floral needs. They have been extremely kind and helpful to us. The bouquets are lovely, full and colorful! Ask for Kathy and mention St. Mark if you do patronize their business.

Our prayer offices ran through the summer months and will continue as we move forward. Please give these short (15–20 minutes) devotional opportunities a chance. Matins (Morning Prayer) Tuesdays at 9:00 am. Wednesday evenings at 7:00pm we share Vespers (Evening Prayer). It's a wonderful opportunity to begin and or end your day with prayer. Both devotional services are led by Pastor Hoffman on Zoom.

Lastly, we will host a joint communion service and luncheon for our brothers and sisters from St. James and St. Luke's on October 8 at JB Williams Park. Inspirational worship will be led by Pastor Hoffman. St. Mark's own "terrific trio" (Anne, Elaine and Carol) will create a delicious meal. Linda Hilliard and the folk group will provide music for the event. Keep your eyes open for more details.

Please join us!!!



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

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Christian Education — Jan Frick, Chair

Sunday Evening Bible Study starts September 17th at 6:00pm

Fall days will be coming soon, and they herald another season of God's abundance and blessings. One of God's many blessings at St. Mark has been the Sunday Evening Bible Study which has explored scripture and writings to help us mature in our faith. Starting on Sunday, September 17th, the group will continue reading and discussing the book, "Everyday Spirituality - Discover a Life of Hope, Peace and Meaning" by Bishop James Hazelwood. This is a very approachable and even practical book on spirituality. It's an easy read, and one that doesn't require attending every session in order to receive insight and discover new ways to think about and live out one's spirituality. Bible study will meet at 6pm in the church lounge. If you would like a copy of the book or have any questions about the study, then please speak with Jan Frick.



Outreach Committee—Anne Davis, Chair

What's more exciting than Sunday Worship at 75 Griswold St with your St. Mark Family?

Worshipping alongside our Glastonbury neighbors, St. James' and St. Luke's Episcopal congregations in the park!

Come, smell the wood fire, listen to the music of the folk group, and participate in the celebration of the Word and Sacrament led by Pastor Hoffman and Father Handi.

The committee is hard at work planning the **Joint Outdoor Worship & Luncheon at JB Williams Park. Mark your calendars for Sunday, October 8th at 11:00am!!**

Note the new time, Coffee at 10:30am, Worship begins at 11:00am, Build-a-grinder luncheon will start at 12:00pm. A member of the Glastonbury Police Dept. will be joining the luncheon. Please use the sign-up sheet posted on the bulletin board, so we will know how many from St. Mark will be attending.

Hey, if you know someone who hasn't attended a Worship Service for some time, **go CrAzY!! Invite them to join us!!** The best way to combat isolation is to JOIN IN!! This outside, casual setting is the perfect place to reconnect with our Heavenly Father and your brothers and sisters in Christ.



2022 Joint Outdoor Worship



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Fellowship — Linda Hilliard, Chair

Hello from the fellowship committee!

Many thanks to all who made our first Artist's Tea such a smashing success on Sunday, August 13th. First of all, a big shout-out to our special speakers, Stephanie Taff and Elisa Schroth. We will be organizing a fellowship event December 2nd or 3rd, to attend Ekklesia Contemporary Ballet's performance of Ahava, The Story of Christmas so mark your calendars for this event!!



Thank you to all who loaned us teapots, and joined my committee to provide the food — thanks for the parfaits constructed by Jan Frick and Andrea, scones, sandwiches, breads and muffins from Valerie, Jan, Linda O, and Pastor, which were prepared, and for the fruit that was brought, and the teabags of many varieties. Thank you, Lee, for projecting the slides and videos as only you can. And, thank you Pastor, Dottie and Andrea who stayed until the bitter end, cleaning up and loading the dishwasher!! Much appreciated.

Conveniently, there remained a large collection of teabags leftover, which I have in a bag, ready for the NEXT tea. Yes, that's right. We are cooking up a couple of other ideas for this fall into winter, to again feature a speaker, and serve tea. This time, there will be microphone up there, as it was surprisingly hard to hear with the clatter of tea mugs, I guess!

We are all looking forward to being at J.B. Williams Park on Sunday, October 8th for worship, along with St. James and St. Luke. This year, we'll start with coffee and then the service will begin at 11:00, followed by luncheon. It's always fun to worship in the cool, crisp fall air. Hope to see you there! There will be no service at St. Mark on that day.

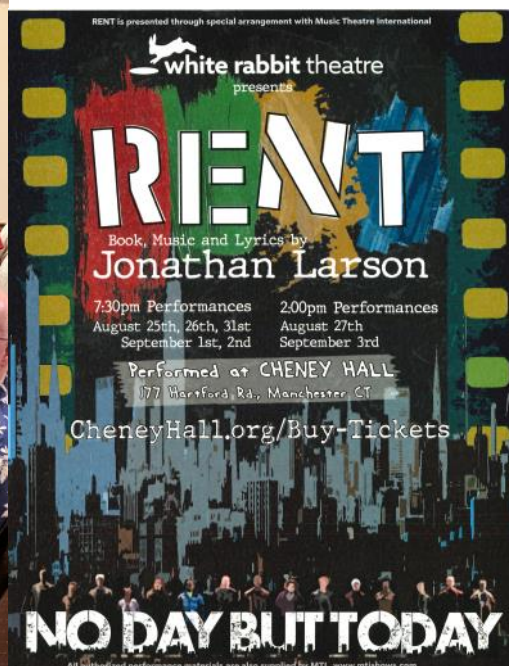
Coming events yet to be planned will be a progressive dinner and who knows? Join the fellowship committee because there is work to be done! See Linda H if you are interested. Enjoy the rest of the summer, as it flies away like a yellow leaf in the sun, blowing by a school bus bringing those scrubbed children back to class.



Summer Hike



*A fun time was had by all at
White Rabbit
Theatre's production of
RENT on August 25, 2023*



Scrip — Linda Obedzinski

**“Shop with Scrip” program rebranded as
“RaiseRight: The right way to fundraise.”**



With this new name, the website for ordering gift cards is www.raiseright.com. For your convenience, there's a RaiseRight app for placing orders and managing your electronic gift cards in a virtual wallet. The app is available from the Google Play store and the Apple App Store.

How does the program work?

Raise funds for St. Mark Missions work by buying gift cards from RaiseRight to pay for your everyday shopping and spending year-round. Groceries, dining out, home improvement, and everything in between. It's the easiest way to fundraise because earning becomes part of your everyday life. No extra money spent. No extra time wasted.

- Buy gift cards at full value from 750+ brands. Choose from eGift cards and physical gift cards.
- St. Mark earns up to 20% on every gift card you buy.
- Use gift cards at full value for your everyday purchases or give them as gifts.

How can I join the program?

Get started today! Create a free fundraising account on the RaiseRight mobile app or at RaiseRight.com.

Have questions or need our organization's enrollment code? Contact Linda Obedzinski.

Property Committee—Deb Gresens, Chair

I am continuing to stick with a song theme for my Messenger article. The following lyrics popped into my head as I sat on the Family Camp Beach at Calumet:

*Sunshine on my shoulders makes me happy
Sunshine in my eyes can make me cry
Sunshine on the water looks so lovely... John Denver*



The sunlight we enjoy each day and the amount of outdoor work we can get done each day is quickly becoming less and less. This is just a minor inconvenience as the Property Committee continues to oversee projects, big and small that will maintain not only the Church and the property but also what is within the walls of the church:

- Appropriate landscaping plants/trees for the Parsonage and the former church building will be selected. The tentative plan is to plant when the weather is cooler and less stressful to new plantings.
- The Property Committee will need volunteers and lots of them.
- A fall work day will be set at the next Property Committee meeting.

Other happenings:

- Mowing teams have continued to maintain the lawns...when the weather permitted and/or the grass actually grew.
- The rain barrel that has been installed at the Parsonage has helped to maintain the annuals/perennials in the flowerbeds and the large urns.
- Jule Beer has been working to solve the water problem in the upstairs refrigerator.
- Dan Dickau, our church Sexton is very busy cleaning the classrooms in preparation for the VRABE classes to resume.
- Property continues to review inquiries by groups that are interested in using our facility.

Opportunities to volunteer:

- Water and weed flower beds
- Assist with the Community Garden
- Fall work day-**God's Work, Our Hands**



LUNCH BUNCH
Thursday, September 21
12:30pm

Cotton Hollow Kitchen
840 Main Street
South Glastonbury, CT

Please contact Elaine by September 15 if you plan to attend:
860-432-4488 or eauger0311@gmail.com.

All women of St. Mark are welcome!

Tech/AV Schedule

Thank you to all of our volunteers! If you would like to volunteer or have any questions, please contact Lee Hilliard.



DATE	VIDEO	AUDIO	ZOOM
9/3/23	Lee H.	Linda H.	Lee/Linda
9/10/23	Mike D.	Dave T.	Mike D./Dave T.
9/17/23	Mike D.	Ray F.	Mike D./Ray F.
9/24/23 (folk group)	Dave R.	John M.	Dave R./John M.

Please donate to
the Glastonbury Food Pantry!



Feed My Sheep

SHOPPING LIST

- ★Cereal
- Rice
- ★Pasta Sauce
- Jelly
- Canned Meat
- Baked Beans
- ★Coffee/Tea
- Snacks (granola bars/crackers)
- ★★Detergent
- ★★Dish Soap

★Highly desired
★★ Highly desired and NOT covered by SNAP

The kids are
BACK TO SCHOOL!

We are collecting items for the Naubuc Backpack Program:

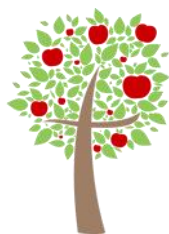
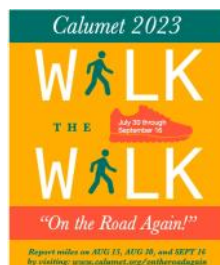
- * Individual Microwavable Mac & Cheese Cups
- * Individual Fruit Cups
- * Individual Boxes of Cereal
- * Granola Bars
- * Oatmeal
- * Pouches of Tuna
- * Crackers (small packs)



Please, no cans. It makes the backpacks too heavy for the children. Many thanks for your help and generosity!



**KEEP LOGGING THOSE MILES
WALK THE WALK
ENDS SEPTEMBER 16th!**



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August 23, 2023

The Lutheran Church of St. Mark
75 Griswold Street
Glastonbury, CT 06033-1005

Dear Members of The Lutheran Church of St. Mark,

This letter acknowledges your generous gift of \$3,865.00* which we have gratefully received in 2023, at the Office of the Bishop in the New England Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. As you have designated, your gift will support the World Hunger Challenge.

It is a joy for me to thank our partners in this gospel ministry that we share. We are especially grateful for your gift during the **Big Hunger Challenges, Bold Generous Response** matching campaign. Your gift is being matched dollar-for-dollar by a generous donor. Together we are supporting hungry communities around the world! Because of your generosity and that of other members of the New England Synod, \$234,854 has gone to ELCA World Hunger as part of this challenge.

When you reach out in giving beyond your own community, you are a witness to the spirit of Jesus Christ who calls us to care for one another and stretch towards ever-widening circles of love.

Please accept my thanks for your gift, and a prayer that God bless you in all that you do.

Sincerely in Christ,

Bishop James E. Hazelwood
New England Synod, ELCA

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*No goods or services were given in exchange for your contribution.

A Reconciling in Christ Synod

Dear St. Mark's parishioners,
Thank you for all of the
cards that you sent to my dad.
He is not yet ready to be among
people, but appreciates them very
much. Sincerely,
Janet Wamster Bass

NORMA
SCHILKE WAMESTER



Just as I Am, Obituary:
Without One Plea <http://bit.ly/45Qgt1t>
November 20, 1946 -
June 10, 2023



MEN'S GOLF WEEKEND

September 8-10

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. Meals are prepared by Calumet's acclaimed food service team. Lodging is provided in Calumet's comfortable Conference Center, the Village Cabins, or in the campground for those who want to bring their own RV or tent. 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. Some guys come just for one night. Some come for two. And most come for all three days. The Calumet staff is ready to make it work for each person.

ADULT FALL HIKE

September 29-October 1

Fall is arguably the most spectacular time of the year to hike in the White Mountains, filled with vibrant autumn colors and crisp clean air. The Fall Hikers enjoy a real mountaintop experience together at the top of one of New Hampshire's high peaks.

Our experienced wilderness trip leader will guide the crew throughout the weekend. Overnight accommodations are at Calumet on both Friday and Saturday nights. After a hearty breakfast on Saturday morning, the group will set out on an all day hike and return to a well earned dinner at the end of the day. A second shorter morning hike on Sunday rounds out the weekend. Join us for an experience that will be a highlight of your fall! Space is limited for this event.

AUTUMN LUTHERHOSTEL

October 2-5



Chaplain & Musician: Deacon Judy Smith
Guest Presenters: Will Broussard, Bird Enthusiast and
Kim Varney Chandler, author of Covered Bridges of New Hampshire.

Visit Calumet in the beautiful autumn season and enjoy the flavors of fall. Activities include conversations on Merton's later writings on creation, devotions, hymn singing, bird watching walks, bird migration evening program, contemplative nature walk, covered bridge evening program, pontoon boat rides on Ossipee Lake, apple cider making, and visits to apple orchards and covered bridges.

Tuesday Evening Humanities to Go Program at 6:30pm:
"Covered Bridges of New Hampshire – Past and Present" with Kim Varney Chandler. All are welcome. Local community is warmly invited.

Lutherhostels provide opportunities for adults to have fun and enjoy the beauty of the area while learning more about the Church, environment, society, and the world around us. Included in the fee are lodging, meals, presentations, field trips, and lots of fun.

HARVEST WEEKEND

October 6-9

Fall is arguably the best season to be at Calumet and our guests for the big weekend would heartily agree. The leaves are exploding in a variety of brilliant colors, the air is crisp and clear, and the pleasant smell of wood fires wafts through the air. What a great time to get away with the family!

Bring your pumpkins for carving, or use one from our supply (one per family available) for our annual jack-o'-lantern display. Bring a scarecrow from home or gather materials to make one during your stay at camp to display on Calumet's Scarecrow Row. We look forward to seeing your creations!

Please contact alice@calumet.org for more information.

These are just some of the things happening at Camp Calumet this Fall!

Check out the website, www.calumet.org, for all the activities!

All activities are subject to change, based on current Coronavirus Guidelines.

Office Notes —Ellen Topel Dougherty



The stillness of summer now gives way to the hustle and bustle of fall. This morning, as I write this, my son got on the bus for the first day of 8th grade. I am excited. With the return of the school year comes a different kind of energy: Members stopping by the church on their way to/from work at nearby schools, the buzz of the VRABE students eager to learn, the return of pre-covid community groups to our space, the promise of new Cuatro Puntos concerts. Ever the constant, if not often awkward, extrovert, this increase in activity energizes me. So, please stop into the office and say hello.

I am also looking forward to some personal activities this fall. I will take a few days off at the end of next week to spend time with my cousin who is visiting from Canada. Then, I am off for the first week in October—my mother will be visiting from Colorado and we are planning a road trip to New Hampshire. As of right now, my schedule for September is:

Tuesday, September 5	9:00am-5:00pm	Monday, September 18	9:00am-4:00pm
Wednesday, September 6	9:00am-12:00pm	Tuesday, September 19	9:00am-4:00pm
Friday, September 8	PM TBD	Thursday, September 20	9:00am-4:00pm
Monday, September 11	9:00am-4:00pm	Tuesday, September 26	9:00am-4:00pm
Tuesday, September 12	9:00am-4:00pm	Wednesday, September 27	9:00am-12:00pm
Thursday, September 14	9:00am-3:00pm	Thursday, September 28	9:00am-4:00pm
		Friday, September 29	9:00am-3:00pm

On vacation October 2—October 6

Please note that this schedule is subject to change. Additional hours may be worked from home.



Thrivent Member Network North East

Thrivent Member Network events are open and complimentary to everyone, including non-clients.

Danny Gokey Virtual Concert & Interview In honor of Life Insurance Awareness Month September 1—September 10

Online/On Demand Event

Join Thrivent for a special virtual concert with Grammy nominated singer-songwriter, Danny Gokey. With a journey that began on Season Eight of American Idol, Danny Gokey has won the hearts of millions of fans worldwide. In honor of Life Insurance Awareness Month, Danny will share his powerful testimony during an exclusive interview followed by an awe-inspiring session of worship and praise. Let Danny Gokey's soul-stirring music and powerful message touch your heart and ignite your spirit. Don't miss this free special event full of encouragement and hope available for 10 days only. *No products will be sold. For more information visit [Thrivent.com/social](https://thrivent.com/social). [Register here](#)*

The Laws of Communication: Make the Most of Your Message September 11—September 17

Online/On Demand Event

Do you want to become a better communicator? Join us for a special free event with John C. Maxwell where he will share two of the laws from his brand-new book about communication. Whether you want to inspire employees, speak at PTA meetings, report to a board of directors, or deliver a sermon, you have an important message to share. *No products will be sold at this event. For additional disclosures, see [Thrivent.com/social](https://thrivent.com/social).*

[Register here](#)



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

9/16 Jake & Elaine Auger



JOINT WORSHIP & FELLOWSHIP AT JB WILLIAMS PARK

You are invited to join
 Members of The Lutheran Church of Saint
 Mark, St. James' & St. Luke's
 Episcopal Churches

At 11:00 am

On Sunday, October 8th

At 705 Neipsic Road

SAVE THE DATE!

Sunday, October 8

10:30am Coffee

11:00am Worship Service led by
 Pastor Cheryl Hoffman and Rev. Matt Handi

12:00pm Build-a-Grinder Luncheon


Our special guest will be a member of the
 Glastonbury Police Department.

Please bring a non-perishable food item to donate to the Glastonbury Food Bank.

St. Mark
Events
Calendar



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
27 Worship 9:00am	28 AA Freedom 6:30pm AA Nutmeg 7:00pm AA Step 7:30pm	29 Matins 9:00am	30 Vespers 7:00pm	31	1 AA Central Valley 7:30pm	2 AA Meeting 8:00am
3 Worship 9:00am	4 <i>Labor Day</i> AA Freedom 6:30pm AA Nutmeg 7:00pm AA Step 7:30pm	5 Matins 9:00am GH Pastors' Pericope & Conference 11:00pm Property Mtg. 3:30pm	6 Vespers 7:00pm	7	8 AA Central Valley 7:30pm	9 AA Meeting 8:00am
10 Worship 9:00am Followed by Developer's Presentation	11 VRABE 9:15am AA Freedom 6:30pm AA Nutmeg 7:00pm AA Step 7:30pm	12 Matins 9:00am VRABE 11:00am GLT 3:00pm VRABE 5:00pm	13 VRABE 9:15am Vespers 7:00pm	14 VRABE 11:00am VRABE 5:00pm Executive Committee 6:30pm	15 Picnic Mtg. 10:00am AA Central Valley 7:30pm	16 AA Meeting 8:00am
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To the joke master or mistress at the church:
 you make my day every time I drive
 by your note board out on the front lawn
 with your funny sayings. A gas station
 on the main part of Monson, MA does
 the same thing and I always end up
 sharing the message with my friends.
 Thanks for brightening my day and for
 making me laugh!  Christine



**NEED A LIFEGUARD?
 OURS WALKS ON WATER.**

**FORGIVE
 YOUR ENEMIES.
 IT MESSES
 WITH THEIR HEADS.**

**JUST LOVE EVERYONE.
 I'LL SORT THEM OUT LATER.
 GOD**

Saint Mark Congregation Council and Lay Leadership

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Treasurer	Linda Obedzinski
Financial Secretary	David Taylor

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Andrea Clark
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Ministry Committee Chairs

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