

The SERVANT

June 2022



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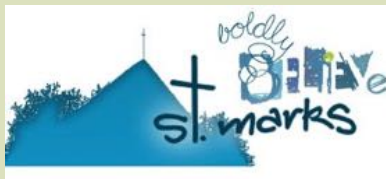
Worship

Saturday
5:00 p.m.

Sunday
10:00 a.m.

**Masks are recommended
but not required**

**Pastor
Lori L. Hope**



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Sunday School "wraps up" for the year



St. Mark's Sunday School students wrapped up their activities for the year by celebrating an outreach project. Over the past several weeks, they had created quilt squares. With the help of the Youth Group and St. Mark's quilters, the squares became lap quilts to be gifted to individuals.

Quilters, led by Donna Hirsch, stitched the squares, borders, and accents together. Youth Group students tied the quilts as the final step.

Blessing of the Quilts took place at the 10:45 service on May 22.

Recipients can enjoy wrapping up in these colorful and original creations with "warm wishes" from St. Mark's.



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Pastor's Letter

Everyone is greedy for unjust gain...they heal lightly saying, "Peace, peace," when there is no peace. They did not know how to blush. -Jeremiah 6:13-15

I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. -Isaiah 43:1

Dear family of God,

Spring is so beautiful and hopeful! The colors, textures, smells, and temperature remind us of so much that is good and right on the earth. There are graduations, weddings, confirmations and new births that give us reason to celebrate.

In the midst of the beauty and celebration we are fully aware that after three months the war in Ukraine continues. We know people are still suffering in our community from the derecho storm that caused so much damage and loss of life. We are overwhelmed by gunmen that open fire in supermarkets, places of worship and elementary schools taking so many innocent lives and changing the lives of thousands of survivors and grievors forever.

Our lives are filled with lament and praise; despair and hope; fear and trust. The Old Testament prophets remind us of this rhythm. They give us the permission to lament, scream and rage. And somehow, sometimes we trust even despite the circumstances.

"We Wait for You To Ache"
Prayer by Walter Brueggemann

*With the energy we have,
we begin the day,
waiting and watching and hoping.
We wait,
not clear about our waiting.
But filled with a restlessness,
daring to imagine
that you are not finished yet – so we wait,
patiently, impatiently, restlessly, confidently, quaking and fearful,
boldly and daring.
Your sovereign decree stands clear
and we do not doubt.
We wait for you to dissolve in tender tears. Your impervious rule takes no prisoners,
we wait for you to ache and hurt and care over us and with us
and beyond us.
Cry with us the brutality
grieve with us the misery
tremble with us the poverty and hurt.
Attend to us – by attending in power and in mercy,
remake this alien world into our proper home.
We pray in the name of the utterly homeless one,
even Jesus.
Amen*

Peace,
Pastor Lori

Vicar's Notes

Dealing with profound grief

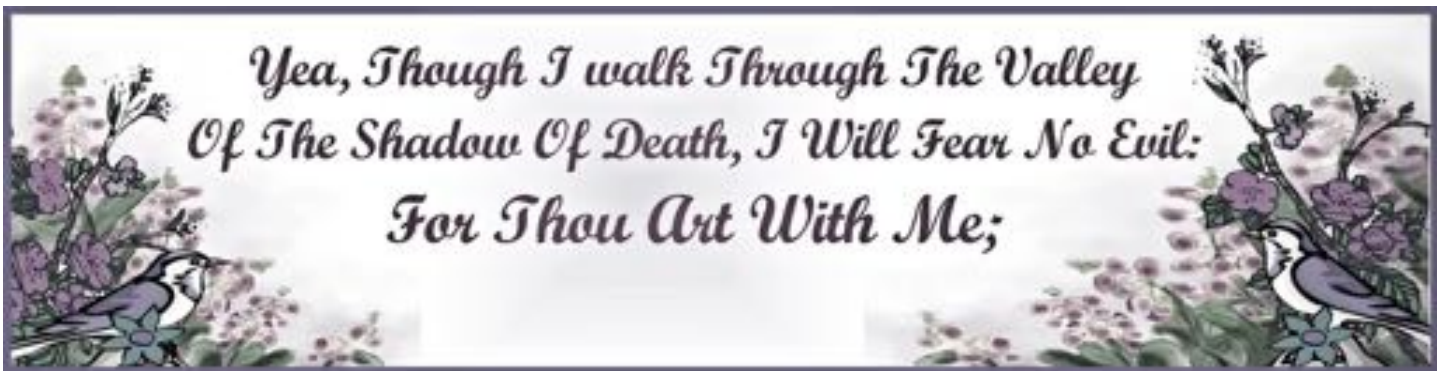
How do we deal with profound grief? With the gun violence in our country and the horrific storm that blew through South Dakota, it's hard to understand where God is in our world. Psalm 23 describes someone processing their suffering: *"Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff—they comfort me."* (Psalm 23:4).

Psalms are poems. These poems were chanted as pilgrims marched in the Temple and they were sung during Temple services. The basic structure of lament Psalms is: outcry, deliverance, and praise. The writer names the suffering; the writer identifies where God is in the suffering; and the writer praises God—a God who listens to the grieving. When Psalms are chanted, they become a container of our grief. We're able to enter into the Psalm with our emotional pain and then listen for God's response.

One way to deal with profound grief is to share it communally. On May 26, the South Dakota Synod held a "Service of Lament" in Sioux Falls after the school shooting in Texas. One of the Psalms that was read was Psalm 26. Reading it together, sharing it together, directing our pain to God together, doesn't take the suffering away, but it gets companioned in a way that is safe and healthy. Naming the suffering, expressing the emotions, and trusting that God is listening is how Jews and Christians have grieved for thousands of years.

Someone described grief to me this way, "It's not a seven step process like we've been told, it's like pulling on the end of a skein of yarn." There is no formal process for grief. Each person goes through it in their own way. Communal grieving, though, is very, very comforting. When the time is right, a person who is grieving might be able to stop pulling at the end of a skein of yarn.

Vicar Leif



*Yea, Though I walk Through The Valley
Of The Shadow Of Death, I Will Fear No Evil:
For Thou Art With Me;*

Welcome to Our New Members

Brianna Copley and David Golemboski

We and our daughters Ruth and Emily Copley-Golemboski are excited to join the St. Mark's community. Brianna is an administrator at the Axtell Park building in the Sioux Falls School District and has over a decade of experience as a Special Education teacher. She grew up in Syracuse, Nebraska. David is from Louisville, Kentucky, and teaches in the Government department at Augustana University. David and Brianna met while pursuing graduate studies in religion and lived in Boston, Washington, D.C., and Columbia, Missouri, before coming to Sioux Falls. Ruth and Emily are four years old and attend preschool at the Campus Learning Center at Augustana.

Cole Hager

Hello! My name is Cole Hager. I'm originally from Aberdeen and moved to Sioux Falls after graduating from the University of South Dakota. I work for Sanford Health in their accounts payable department as a team lead.

Kari Sansgaard

I am privileged to join the St. Mark's community where the love and hope of Christ is both visible and visceral in the ministries within the congregation and throughout the state, nation, and world.

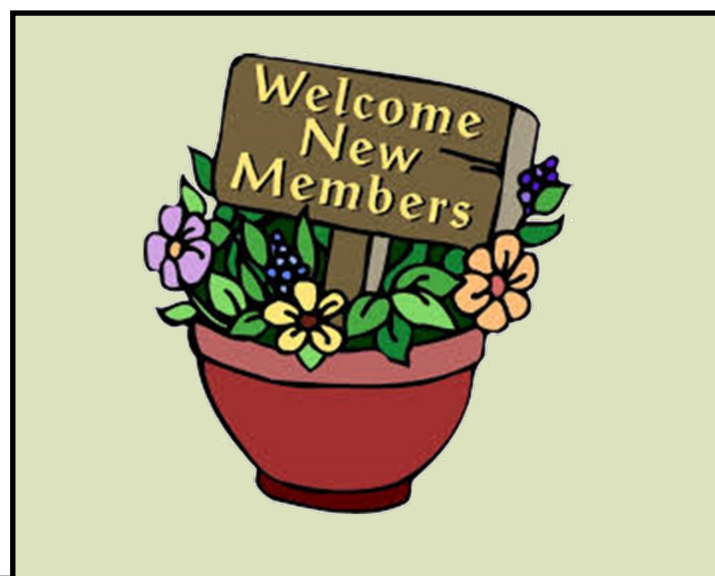
I spent most of my childhood and youth in rural Decorah, Iowa, where I was involved in 4-H, cross country, theater, and music (both vocal and percussion). After living in the West/Pacific Northwest for much of my adult life, I am pleased to call Sioux Falls home. I am mother to two daughters—Maren, 25, and Rachel, 21. Maren resides in Bise, Idaho, and Rachel is completing her nursing degree at Augustana University. I enjoy jogging, reading, listening to podcasts, spending time with family, and moderate consumption of both dark chocolate and blended red wine. I serve as chaplain at Dougherty Hospice House and am privileged to call Ann and Dick Sansgaard "Mom" and "Dad." If you know them, no doubt you understand why I followed them here. They are fantastic parents and people.

Jaret, Emily, Jana, and Lia Sievers

We are excited to be making St. Mark's our family's home church. Jaret, an SDSU alumnus and Iowa native, works in Sioux Falls as a real estate appraiser for Farm Credit Services of America. Emily, an Augie alumna and Minnesota native, works remotely as a project manager for LGHTR—Experience Design in Minneapolis. We have been married over 10 years and are the proud parents of Jana, 8, and Lia, 5. As a family, we love to cook, read, do projects, and spend time at the lake together.

Ruth Young

I grew up in Washington state. I moved to Sioux Falls to go to Augie and haven't left. I work at Sanford in the HR department and I staff for a handful of Good Samaritan Society locations in north central Minnesota. I am engaged to Caleb and we are planning our wedding for May, 2023. When we are not wedding planning and working, we enjoy traveling, seeing family, and taking care of our 2-year-old Corgi/Golden Retriever mix, Stanley and a Red-Footed tortoise, Titian.



"I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

Thank you, St. Mark's

The Sunday School students and teachers want to send a big **THANK YOU** to everyone who has donated to and/or helped support our program throughout the year. Sunday School has been a joyous, enriching, and engaging experience because of the generosity of our congregation — we are so very blessed! **THANK YOU** for sharing your time, gifts, and love with our amazing children!



Youth Group and Sunday School students were present for the Blessing of the Quilts on May 22. Lap quilts will be gifted to individuals.



Cora Hokanson and Johanna Neiderhiser, members of St. Mark's Youth Group tie quilts made from squares created by Sunday School students.

Helping the Glory House

The Glory House, a residential and out patient clinic for people who struggle with addiction and mental health issues, has need for the following:

General

- Bicycles & Bike Locks
- Winter Coats (sizes XL-XXXXL)
- Gloves & Hats
- Socks, Underwear & Bras
- Non-Slip Black Shoes
- Any Large Size Clothing (1X-4X)
- Hygiene Products (shampoo, soap, women's hygiene products)
- Makeup
- Work Boots
- Steel-Toed Boots
- Carpentry Tools
- Backpacks

Rewards Closet

- Candy
- Pop
- Notebooks
- Movie Tickets
- Plastic Hangers
- \$5 & \$10 Gift Cards
- Wallets (men's & women's)
- Calendar Planners
- Art Supplies

Glory House Apartments

- Brooms & Dustpans
- Floor Mops
- Towels
- Toilet Bowl Brushes & Plungers
- Small Trash Containers



Updates and Announcements

St. Mark's Graduates

Rachael Fanciullo

Rachael, the daughter of Davina and Joe Fanciullo, is graduating from Gustavus Adolphus College with a degree in Biology. She hopes to attend medical school in 2023.

Sutton Johnson

Sutton, the grandson of Barb and Tim Johnson, is graduating from O'Gorman High School and will attend Augustana University.

Isaac Schweitzer

Isaac, the son of Christy and Dave Schweitzer and grandson of Dorothy Varns, is graduating from USD with a major in Graphic Art.

Sioux Falls Arts Council provides funding for watercolor class

Ann McGovern has received a \$500 grant from the Sioux Falls Arts Council to help fund the watercolor classes offered at St. Mark's. The grant allows for the purchase of materials as well as funding efforts to increase outreach and participation in the classes.

The Arts Council received 145 applications and approved 17.

More than 30 people participated in the six-week sessions offered during Lent. Due to continued interest, sessions were offered again starting in May. Members of St. Mark's, guests, and women from the Sioux Falls Naomi Project meet in the fellowship hall on Wednesday afternoon or Saturday morning to learn about watercolor and multi media techniques.



Thank you

I want to thank everyone for the kind words and prayers during my two surgeries and my recovery.

With a grateful heart,
Evan Kruse

June Baptism Anniversaries

Addison Baus

Marsha Block

Darwin Blume

Erika Douglas

David Golemboski

Simon Hope

Lisa Johnson

Marcia Johnson

Ronald Johnson

Richard Kemmis

Brenda Lawrence

Elizabeth Luke

Penny Olson

Terry Phillips

Sara Roberts

Rex Rolfing

Aiden Smith

Alanna Smith

Natalie Sorenson

Jackson Turner-

Kostrzewa



THANK YOU

to those who are sponsoring Soliette, our missionary in Nicaragua, and our Transportation Ministry sponsors for the month of June

Transportation Ministry Sponsor

Dan and Katie Harms are our June sponsors.

Mission Ministry Sponsors

June 5: Dale and Dianne Schnabel
in memory of Judy Moreland

June 12 : Rich Lauer
in memory of Shirley Lauer

June 19: Dale and Dianne Schnabel
in memory of Ruben Schnabel

June 26: Marlon Mollett

Mark Your Calendars



Saturday and Sunday, June 4 and 5 Tin Roof Sundaes

Enjoy Tin Roof sundaes after services

Free will offering.

Proceeds will help to build a new roof
on a church in Cameroon



Sunday, June 12 11:00 a.m. Trinity Sunday

Join us for an any age celebration
as we celebrate our baptisms
and the gift of community.

We will gather after church for games and a noon meal.



Tuesday, August 2 Old Fashioned Pie and Ice Cream Social

*We will host a neighborhood pie
and ice cream social
with live music and games.*

Watch the announcements and newsletter for more details.

Council Minutes

St. Mark's Lutheran Church Council May 17, 2022

Present: Kent Alberty, Luanne Alberty, Deb Carrier, Katie Harms, Pastor Lori Hope, Sandy Jerstad, Vicar Leif Johnson, Karin Lindell, Dianne Schnabel, Barb Stanley, Dana Yost

Devotions: Dianne Schnabel provided opening devotions.

In light of the upcoming tennis camp, the need has become clear for a St. Mark's policy for the prevention of child and youth abuse. Josh Zellmer joined the meeting by phone to offer an introduction to sample templates of volunteer application forms and an official St. Mark's volunteer policy. Following discussion, MSC that for purposes of the tennis camp we adopt the presented volunteer applications for person over 18 years of age and ask Josh to adapt a similar, revised application for volunteers under 18. Further discussion on an overall policy will take place at the June Council meeting.

Minutes: MSC to approve the April Council minutes.

Old Business:

Positive feedback was received regarding the new one-column format of the emailed Sunday bulletin for easier device access.

Responses to continuation of the internship program have been positive.

Treasurer's Report: MSC to approve the Treasurer's Report.

Pastor's Report:

The Endowment signature card needs updating. To consolidate congregational account locations it also seems prudent to transfer the Endowment account to First National Bank. MSC to move the Endowment account from Plains Commerce Bank to First National Bank. MSC to place the names of Leslie Cunningham, Liz Navratil, and Pastor Lori on the authorized signature card.

The question of resuming our annual July neighborhood Corn Feed was discussed. It was decided that we are not quite ready for the full event this year. MSC to hold an old-fashioned neighborhood pie and ice-cream social this summer on National Night Out on August 2. Funds for a bouncy house and other needs will be taken from the Corn Feed line.

A Bunn coffeemaker is being donated to the kitchen.

New members were received last weekend with more joining this weekend. Future prospects are also on the horizon.

Vicar's Report: Vicar Leif is looking forward to the tennis camp. Details are progressing, with fifteen participants signed up.

New Business: The question for committee discussion this coming month is "Are there any community needs that St. Mark's should consider helping with where we are not currently involved?"

Committees:

Mission: The committee is looking for ice-cream sources for the Pentecost tin-roof sundaes. The harvest table is being set up (for rhubarb at this point).

Christian Education: This weekend will be the blessing of the lap quilts that the Sunday School children helped with. There are 30 quilts!

Worship & Music: The committee will bring a recommendation on purchasing the new hymnal supplement, *All Creation Sings*.

Property: A new indoor cleaning person has been hired from the Naomi Project and is doing excellent work. Our lawn service company is addressing the weed killer misapplication resulting in the sections of dead grass. It will take six to eight weeks before anything can be replanted and they will take care of everything. We are one of around 300 properties affected.

Congregational Wellbeing: They are working on two possible projects: an opportunity for family photos on special occasions and an online "Swap Shop" for buying and selling items and services.

Finance: Looking at St. Mark's insurance policy.


Prayer Concerns:

Arnie Hinseth fell and cracked his pelvic bone. He will be receiving rehab at Tieszen Memorial Home in Marion, SD. Lyla Hillstrom (Natalie Sorenson's mother) has moved into hospice care.

The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer and was adjourned.

Minutes submitted by Karin Lindell, acting secretary.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Watercolor, 1:00 p.m.	2 Book Study, 10:00 a.m.	3 Vicar's Sabbath	4 Watercolor, 10:00 a.m. Worship, 5:00 p.m. Pentecost
Remember to wear RED for Pentecost						
5 Worship, 10:00 a.m. Pentecost 	6 Pastor's Sabbath	7 Polling Place— Primary Election Tennis Camp, 9:00 a.m. to noon Office Staff, 9:30 a.m.	8 Tennis Camp, 9:00 a.m. to noon Watercolor, 1:00 p.m.	9 Tennis Camp, 9:00 a.m. to noon Book Study, 10:00 a.m.	10 Vicar's Sabbath	11 Watercolor, 10:00 a.m. Worship, 5:00 p.m.
12 Worship, 10:00 a.m. Trinity Sunday Any Age Celebration	13 Pastor's Sabbath	14 Office Staff, 9:30 a.m. Worship & Music, 10:30 a.m. Mission Comm., 4:00 p.m. Finance Comm., 5:00 p.m. Miriam Circle, 7:00 p.m. at the home of Barb Stanley	15	16 Book Study, 10:00 a.m. Pastor Out of Office	17 Vicar's Sabbath Pastor Out of Office	18 Worship, 5:00 p.m.
19 Worship, 10:00 a.m.	20 Pastor's Sabbath	21 Office Staff, 9:30 a.m. Exec Committee, 6:30 p.m. Council, 7:00 p.m.	22	23 Book Study, 10:00 a.m.	24 Vicar's Sabbath	25 Worship, 5:00 p.m.
26 Worship, 10:00 a.m.	27 Pastor's Sabbath	28 Office Staff, 9:30 a.m. Pastor Out of Office	29 Pastor Out of Office	30 Book Study, 10:00 a.m.		

Harvest Table

Our summer harvest sharing has begun. People may have rhubarb, asparagus, herbs, extra seeds or starter plants to share. Bring your extra, and take what you can use. Don't be shy.



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