

The SERVANT

August 2023



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Worship

Saturday, 5:00 p.m.
Sunday, 10:00 a.m.

Pastor
Lori L. Hope



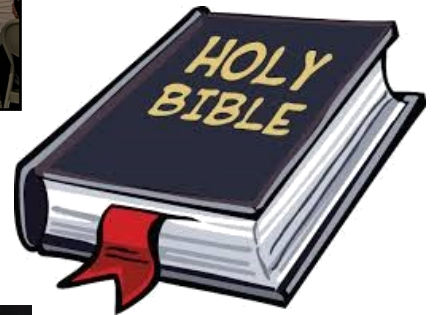
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Thank you, Vicar Sawyer



Thank you for being a part of our St. Mark's family during the past year.

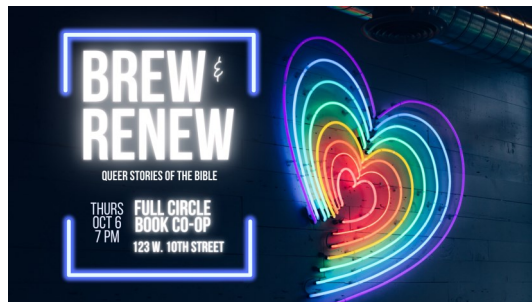
Thank you for leading worship services and Bible studies.



Thank you for coordinating the ACS Festival of Song.



Vicar Sawyer,
Thank you for sharing your wisdom, creativity, and joy. You have added so much to our church community.



Thank you for initiating Brew and Renew.

Your Friends
at St. Mark's

Vicar's Notes

The story is not over

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name. — John 20:30-31 (emphasis added)

The story is over.

But it's not over.

After these things Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing. They said to him "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing. — John 21:1-3

Just when we thought the story of Jesus in the Gospel of John was finished, the story continues. It's like when you watch a movie and get to the credits and think that there's nothing more to see, but then another clip is added to the movie.

It's over, but it's not over.

I once heard the Rev. Dr. Barbara Lundblad preach on these two endings in the Gospel of John and I remember after she read the ending of chapter 20, she loudly closed the Bible on the pulpit and walked away. There was silence and confusion among the assembly. But then, we sang an "Alleluia" and welcomed in the next portion of the Gospel. Just when we thought it was over, it really wasn't.

This is where I sit today as I write to you my last "Vicar's Notes" for this year. My internship is over, but my ministry as a pastor is just beginning. I wonder if this is how the disciples felt after Jesus (whom they thought was dead) appeared the last time to Thomas and the Twelve to now appearing once again when they all went fishing. What they thought was over with Jesus, was now just beginning. It was now the responsibility of the disciples to tend to and feed the sheep.

I want to thank you all for this past year of learning, listening, and leading. When I first stepped into St. Mark's, I had no idea what the future would entail and where God would be leading me to follow. I still don't know exactly what will happen after August 15th, but thanks to you all, I feel confident that I can step into whatever is next, even if what's on the other side is not clear.

May God continue to bless and guide you in the ministry that is happening here at St. Mark's and may the light you have continue to shine in a weary world.

Peace be with you,
Vicar Sawyer

Thank you 多謝 from Pastor Lori

In the Cantonese language there are two main words for thank you.

唔該 (*m goi*) which means thank you very much and used for services rendered. We would say this form of thank you to someone pouring us tea, opening a door, ringing up our purchases, etc.

多謝 (*do je*) is spoken to express thanks for a gift, quality time, etc.

I would like to shout 多謝 (*do je*) from the rooftops! This five week sabbatical has been such a blessing in my life. We have been through a lot in the past five years and I didn't know how much I needed to rest and grieve the losses until I stopped moving. Anne Lamott wrote, "When you rest, you catch your breath and it holds you up, like water wings." These weeks have allowed me to catch my breath, celebrate all the relationships in my life and trust that we are all in this together!

So, 多謝 (*do je*) from the bottom of heart! I look forward to being with you in worship, service and celebrations!

**Thank you,
Pastor Lori**

Thank you, Bishop



Thank you, Bishop Constanze Hagmaier, for being with us on July 22 and 23 in worship and for bringing the Word to us! We are grateful for the ministry we share in the larger church through the South Dakota Synod, ELCA!

Members of Call Committee for Associate Pastor named

In accordance with the resolution that the congregation passed at a special meeting on June 24-25, a Call Committee has been formed and approved by St. Mark's Council. Members are: Dawn Hartigan, Jenny Bangsund, Judd Alberty, Dan Luke, and Hans Harmakaputra.

All members of the congregation were invited to complete a Vitality Survey. Results went directly to the Synod. The Vitality Survey will help to create a Ministry Site Profile (MSP).

On Wednesday, September 6, at 6:30 p.m. St. Mark's is scheduled for a Ministry Site Study. All members of the congregation are invited and encouraged to attend. At the Ministry Site Study, Synod Staff will explain the call process, answer questions, and review the MSP with the congregation.

Home furnishings for Vicar Melinda

Melinda Moran will be coming to St. Mark's as an intern this month. We are collecting items to help furnish her temporary home. The list is available on [SignUpGenius](#) and on a sign up sheet in the narthex. Please bring donations to the church no later than August 9.



Sunday School Registration and Rally Sunday

We encourage families of preschool (age three and potty trained) through middle school students to register their child(ren) for Sunday School. Register using the QR code provided. Paper copies are available in the office.

Join us for Rally Sunday (first day of Sunday School)
on Sunday, September 10, at 9:30 a.m.

Choir rehearsals begin September 6

Good news!

Our St. Mark's choir season begins Wednesday, September 6, in the "choir loft." We rehearse for one hour, 7:00 to 8:00 p.m.

So many opportunities to sing God's praises:

- ◆ Reformation
- ◆ Advent
- ◆ Christmas Eve
- ◆ Lent
- ◆ Easter
- ◆ *etc., etc., etc.*

Come be a part of our St. Mark's choir family. Had a bad, too busy day? Come and sing and leave rehearsal feeling refreshed and energized. Singing is definitely good for the soul!

Hope to see (and hear) you on September 6.

Love always,

Shari Smith
605-332-3129



I will sing to the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praise to my God while I have being.

Psalm 104:33

History Highlights

St. Mark's will observe its 70th anniversary in 2024. As we prepare for the anniversary, we are sharing some of the church's history highlights along with notes on what was happening nationally and around the world.

In 1967:

- **Lorraine Hanson and Pat Sundheim were the first women elected to St. Mark's Council.**
- Dr. Christiaan Barnard of South Africa performed the first human heart transplant.
- Thurgood Marshall became the first black justice on the Supreme Court.
- McDonald's introduced the Big Mac.

Robb Roling honored with naming of federal building, bridge

The United States post office on 2nd Avenue in Sioux Falls is being named in honor of Staff Sgt. Robb Roling. Robb, the son of Rex and Margie Roling, died 16 years ago during military action in Baghdad. A naming ceremony for the post office will be held once Congress has passed a resolution to rename the building.

On the Fourth of July the South Dakota Department of Veterans Affairs hosted a State Bridge Dedication Ceremony in Sioux Falls. The northbound Interstate 229 bridge over Minnesota Avenue has been named in honor of Robb. South Dakota's Lt. Governor spoke about the bridge program; Rex and Margie shared thoughts about Robb. Two members of the Green Beret team that was with Robb in Iraq attended the ceremony along with Rolings' family members including relatives from Virginia, Miami, Arizona, California, and North Carolina.

Robb was confirmed at St. Mark's in 1993.

To read more about these honors, visit [The Dakota Scout](#).

Quilts for good causes

Do you know of people or organizations that need a quilt or quilts? St. Mark's quilters invite you to request a quilt donation. Please call the office or contact a member of the quilting group.



Hy Vee and Fareway gift cards are available for purchase in the office. We have \$100, \$50, and \$25 cards. A portion of your purchase supports St. Mark's youth group.



August Baptism Anniversaries

Brody Baus	Dave Hokanson
Cathy Brechtelsbauer	Colleen Lathrop
Dave Brechtelsbauer	Liz Navratil
Wayne Cunningham	Johanna Neiderhiser
Dennis Dumdei	Joyce Parry
Kerry Ford	Jana Sievers
Todd Goldammer	Renee Splichal Larson
JJ Hartigan	Cathy Wencil
Marlene Hartzell	Beth Wienhold
Arnold Hinseth	Ellie Wienhold

THANK YOU

to those who are sponsoring our missionary in Nicaragua and our Transportation Ministry for the month of August.

Transportation Ministry Sponsor
Marlon Mollet is the August sponsor.

Mission Ministry Sponsors
August 6: Dar and Margaret Blume
August 13: Lorie Laurila
In memory of Doris Hoberg
August 20: Ann and Dick Sansgaard
August 27: Lisa and Ron Johnson
In memory of Ray Bockelman

Our green thumb crew



St. Mark's Sunday School students filled planters with seedlings on May 7. Evidently, St. Mark's youngsters have green thumbs because the planters lining the entrance to St. Mark's are in full, beautiful bloom now.

Choosing Plan B



St. Mark's Youth Group was scheduled for a trip to Wild Water West, but rainy weather prompted a switch to Plan B, an indoor activity. Johanna Neiderhiser, Clara Walz, Cora Hokanson, and Vicar Sawyer opted for a movie: *Elemental*.

St. Mark's members worship with St. Dysmas congregation

Members of St. Mark's worshipped with the men of the St. Dysmas congregation on July 20.

St. Dysmas is an ELCA congregation located behind the walls of the South Dakota State Penitentiary (SDSP) in Sioux Falls and Mike Durfee State Prison in Springfield.

(For a history of the St. Dysmas congregation and more information about the program visit their [website](#).)



Members of St. Mark's Lutheran, Brandon Lutheran, and Split Rock Lutheran gathered to worship with the members of the St. Dysmas congregation.

St. Mark's Mission Statement

to nurture faith and life for loving service in Christ's name.

August 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <p>National Night Out, August 1</p>		<p>1</p> <p>Office Staff, 9:30 a.m.</p> <p>Pie and Ice Cream Social, 5:30-7:30 p.m.</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Lectionary Discussion, 11:00 a.m.</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Book Study, 10:00 a.m.</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Worship, 5:00 p.m.</p>
<p>6</p> <p>Worship, 10:00 a.m.</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Pastor's/Vicar's Sabbath</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Quilters, 9:00 a.m.</p> <p>Office Staff, 9:30 a.m.</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Lectionary Discussion, 11:00 a.m.</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Book Study, 10:00 a.m.</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Worship, 5:00 p.m.</p> <p>Vicar Sawyer Thank You Gathering</p>
<p>13</p> <p>Worship, 10:00 a.m.</p> <p>Vicar Sawyer Thank You Gathering</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Pastor's Sabbath</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Quilters, 9:00 a.m.</p> <p>Office Staff, 9:30 a.m.</p> <p>Council, 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Lectionary Discussion, 11:00 a.m.</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Book Study, 10:00 a.m.</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Worship, 5:00 p.m.</p>
<p>20</p> <p>Worship, 10:00 a.m.</p> <p>Blessing of the Backpacks</p> 	<p>21</p> <p>Pastor's Sabbath</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Quilters, 9:00 a.m.</p> <p>Office Staff, 9:30 a.m.</p> <p>Vicar Melinda begins internship</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Lectionary Discussion, 11:00 a.m.</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Book Study, 10:00 a.m.</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Worship, 5:00 p.m.</p>
<p>27</p> <p>Worship 10:00 a.m.</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Pastor's Sabbath</p>	<p>29</p> <p>Quilters, 9:00 a.m.</p> <p>Office Staff, 9:30 a.m.</p>	<p>30</p> <p>Lectionary Discussion, 11:00 a.m.</p>	<p>31</p> <p>Book Study, 10:00 a.m.</p>		

Faith is a living, daring
confidence in God's grace,
so sure and certain that a
man could stake his life on
it a thousand times.

Martin Luther

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