

### The Lutheran Church of St. Mark

in joy we share Christ's truth

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# The Messenger February & March 2025



**Pastor Hoffman's Farewell Message** 

At January's council meeting, Pastor Hoffman wrote this final report to the council that summarizes her time with us. I received her permission to share this with you. Feel free to be proud.

Ray

Over the past 7 ½ years

Together we have fed people near and far. Through Glastonbury Links Together, MACC, World Hunger, Good Gifts, gift cards, donations to food pantries, delivery of food to the sick or recovering, the backpack program, Naubuc's food program, the covid food and fund drives, the garden. It is amazing how much has gone into Saint Mark's ministry of feeding others. Well done good and faithful servants.

We have become a leader in the community and in the ecumenical and inter-faith circles. Again, through GLT and also the Thanksgiving service, the joint fall worship service, participation in prayer vigils (Ukraine, transgender, Holocaust remembrance). We are more visible in the community. Thanks in large part to Anne and her work with the Citizen and Dottie and the clever signage, people in Glastonbury know what we are doing. And we have people in our building every day of the week. AA groups, ESL, VRABE, other congregations, concerts, prayer retreats, community events. Saint Mark is more than just the people who come to worship on a Sunday morning.

Our faith is more grounded and deeper – as a congregation and for many individuals. This is the one thing that was admittedly lacking when I interviewed with the call committee. Though the website said the council made decisions through spiritual practices, they could not mention a single one – except prayer before the meeting started. It is not possible to make anyone's faith grow, but we have created the space and opportunity for this to happen – especially through seasonal studies, prayer offices, bible study, the commitment to praying for each other,

Our stewardship – time, talent and financial has increased. Everyone of the core members of Saint Mark who is able to, can and does contribute to the ministry of the congregation. Some people are on a mowing team or a fellowship team or come out to weed or

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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.

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### Farewell Message — Continued

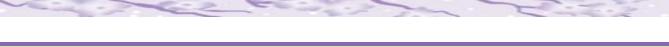
contribute to the food ministries and that may be all they do – but they do something. And if they can't "do" anything they give and if they don't have the means to give, they pray and those prayers have made a difference as much as have the doing and the giving. There are few congregations who can say that their stewardship has grown as ours has over the past four years.

And we have done it all despite COVID. COVID changed us and changed the world, but we did not allow it to define us. We used it as an opportunity to try new things. We learned a lot – about what mattered, about thinking outside of the box, about how to use the box, about how to stay connected, about the importance of relationships and community. It was a stiff learning curve and not everyone liked the choices I or we made, but overall, we came through COVID better than most and with some experiences we wouldn't have had otherwise – the services with Power-Points that shared our different nativity sets and our pictures of Easter. Our Lenten and Advent studies of art and animals.

The Spirit has moved among us and grown both of us – being a part of Glastonbury Links Together, trusting the Spirit and going off script for sermons, having responsibility for staff, growing in confidence in my gifts and leadership.

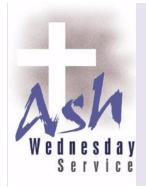
I am the pastor that I am now, going forward into a new call because we have spent the last  $7 \frac{1}{2}$  years doing ministry together, worshiping together, praying together, eating together, playing together, struggling together. This cannot be undone. You are part of who I am and I am honored and thankful to have lived and served among you.

Pastor Hoffman



If you can't be here in person,
please join us for worship via Zoom:
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# Ash Wednesday Service March 5 7:00pm

### Worship & Music Committee — Dottie Marschhausen, Chair

The season of Epiphany continues for the month of February. Epiphany may include as many as nine Sundays, depending on the date of Easter. We began Epiphany on January 6 with the celebration of the Magi. Epiphany will end on March 2 with *The Feast of the Transfiguration*. This festival commemorates the moment on the Mount of Transfiguration when three of Jesus' disciples saw their Lord in divine splendor, seeing Him as the center of the Law (Moses) and the Prophets (Elijah). Jesus proclaimed to His disciples, then and now, that he is the long-awaited one who has come to die for the sins of the world and be raised again in glory.

As we continue our 140-year journey as the physical presence of Christ in Glastonbury we will have the opportunity to work with our new Synod leadership. We've met and had conversations with Pastor Mark Lingle, our synod liaison. Starting with worship on February 9 we will meet and worship with Pastor James Krauser. Pastor Krauser will be with us for the month of February. Please take the time to read Pastor Krauser's brief bio at the end of this article.

Prayer offices will continue with Tuesday morning Matins and Wednesday evening Vespers. Matins at 9:00am via Zoom. Vespers is 7:00pm also via Zoom. Moving forward we plan to keep our prayer offices going. Please consider joining us as we pray together.

Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on March 5. Our plans for Lent will be completed when our vacancy clergy is identified by Pastor Lingle. Please know we are planning for our usual Wednesday evening soup and bread suppers. Dust off those soup recipes! We also anticipate our usual Lenten services and traditions.

Please join and support us as we move forward. We are in good hands!

### Please welcome Rev. James G. Krauser for the month of February

Pr. James Krauser who grew up in Kingston, NY is 64 years old, and was ordained on June 15, 1986. He received his B.A. (English Literature) from Concordia College in Bronxville, NY and his M. Div. from the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago. His internship year was spent in the New England Synod (LCA) in Auburn, MA. He now lives in Bristol, CT and looks forward to continued opportunities for ministry.

As a pastor he served as an associate pastor in Easton, PA (NE Pennsylvania Synod) and then as pastor in three congregations in the Metropolitan New York Synod—St. Paul's, Richmond Hill (Queens); St. Paul's, Port Jefferson Station; and most recently Grace, N. Bellmore, all on Long Island. He was active in synodical work, serving on various committees and as Secretary of the Metropolitan New York Synod for three terms (12 years). He also served as a voting member of the Churchwide Assembly on two occasions, and as a staff member of the Churchwide Assembly 6 times in the role of a minute taker. He officially retired in June of 2024.

In addition to his regular pastoral duties, he directed the choir in his first three congregations having studied voice and organ in his high school and college years. He has a working knowledge of German. He enjoys cooking and baking, attending concerts (esp. organ), theater and travel.

## **February & March Worship Assistants**

| DATE                       | LECTOR     | PRAYER<br>LEADER | COMMUNION<br>ASSISTANT | SET-UP    |
|----------------------------|------------|------------------|------------------------|-----------|
| February 9                 | Dave T.    | Jan F.           | Leslie O.              | Elaine A. |
| February 16                | Linda O.   | Carol W.         | Bernie C.              | Ginny R.  |
| February 23                | Andrea C.  | Bernie C.        | Bernie C.              | Wendy K.  |
| March 2                    | Valerie T. | Betsy C.         | Mike D.                | Dottie M. |
| March 5<br>(Ash Wednesday) | Dave R.    | Carol W.         | Elaine A.              | Elaine A. |
| March 9                    | Mark G     | Ron K.           | Leslie O.              | Ginny R.  |
| March 16                   | Andrea C.  | Bernie C.        | Bernie C.              | Wendy K.  |
| March 23                   | Linda O.   | Dave T.          | Elaine A.              | Dottie M. |
| March 30                   | Anne D.    | Mike D.          | Mike D.                | Dottie M. |

### February & March AV/Tech Volunteers

| Date                              | Video     | Audio     | Zoom           |  |  |  |  |
|-----------------------------------|-----------|-----------|----------------|--|--|--|--|
| February 9                        | Dave R.   | Jake A.   | Dave R./Jake   |  |  |  |  |
| February 16                       | Mike D.   | Ray F.    | Mike/Ray       |  |  |  |  |
| February 23                       |           | Lee H.    |                |  |  |  |  |
| March 2                           | Ronald K. | Dave T.   | Ronald/Dave T. |  |  |  |  |
| Wednesday March 5 (Ash Wednesday) | John M.   |           |                |  |  |  |  |
| March 9                           | Ray F.    | Mike D.   | Ray/Mike       |  |  |  |  |
| March 16                          | Jake A.   | Dave R.   | Jake/Dave R.   |  |  |  |  |
| March 23                          | Lee H.    | Linda H.  | Lee/Linda      |  |  |  |  |
| March 30                          | Dave T.   | Ronald K. | Dave T./Ronald |  |  |  |  |





## **February & March Counting Teams**

| February 9  | Mike, Mark G., Mark C.         |
|-------------|--------------------------------|
| February 16 | Ray, Jule                      |
| February 23 | Jake, Dave O.                  |
| March 2     | Dave T., Lee                   |
| March 9     | Dave T., Ron                   |
| March 16    | Elaine Andrea, Betsy, Ellen Z. |
| March 23    | Mike, Mark G., Mark C.         |
| March 30    | Ray, Jule                      |









Wednesdays during Lent: March 12, March 19, March 26, April 2, April 9

5:45pm Soup Supper

6:30pm Vespers In-Person & via Zoom

### Fellowship Committee — Linda Hilliard, Chair

Hello from Fellowship!

Well, the fall hike of Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup> is behind us, followed closely by the Advent services, Christmas Parties, decorating, caroling, and welcoming Baby 2025 to the world. The fellowship teams have been fantastic in stimulating conversation and friendship after worship each Sunday—thank you to everyone who brought a piece of fruit, a cookie, or a pint of half and half. Together, we provide space, time, and goodies.

Pastor Hoffman's 25<sup>th</sup> ordination anniversary brought quite the buzz, and the Bishop, to St. Mark for a celebration. Our worship service on the 19<sup>th</sup> of January bid farewell to Pastor Hoffman with love, prayers, appreciation and best wishes.

I am currently involved in one of two new committees—Longhaulers. We are dreaming and praying about the days to come. I will just say that I foresee a different approach to activities going forward. Something like this: All the "longhaulers", or people with boots on the ground here at St. Mark—imagine activities that you would like to see happening, and send them to me at <a href="lbh2892@gmail.com">lbh2892@gmail.com</a> anytime, and I will add them to my brainstorming file of activities, fellowship-wise. Longhaulers' discussions, as well as the other committee, are engaged in discussions about all aspects of St. Mark's ministry now, and in the future.

We are scheduled firmly, with Adam Tortorello and White Rabbit, for Jacob's Well Cabaret, 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary edition, for SATURDAY, JUNE 7<sup>th</sup> ON THE LAWN beginning at 6:30. The rain date is Sunday, June 8<sup>th</sup>. I suppose we are already thinking about this event for World Hunger projects, and we are always looking for people to build baskets for the auction, donate items of any kind, framed photos, old treasures, craft items, baked items, white elephant items, for the auctions, and also refreshments during the performances. We are also looking for people to come to the microphone and sing or recite! And not least of all, to attend, bring friends, enjoy, and applaud. Please mark your calendar, and try to be in town for this event if possible.

On April 20<sup>th</sup>, EASTER SUNDAY, we will be holding an EASTER BREAKFAST. If someone would like to help with this event by signing up to attend and bring something for the table, and by talking it up, that would be great. The breakfast will start at 8:00 in the Fellowship Hall.

I would like to imagine a progressive dinner this spring—in March, April or May. We were planning one for January, but once again, it turned out to be the wrong time. So, I am looking for a chair person or chair committee for this event who might be excited about it. We could work together on choosing a date, and go from there. Please email me at the above address to get started.

LUNCH BUNCH Thursday, February 20 12:30pm Cotton Hollow Kitchen 840 Main Street South Glastonbury, CT





# Fellowship Teams

### GF & Friends

Jan Anne Linda O.



### Deb's Team

Deb Leslie Elaine Betsy



### Folk Group Friends

Linda H. Lee Valerie Dave T.

### Godfellas

Jake Mark G. Ronald Lee Mike Bernie



### Dottie's Team

Dottie Ginny Lila Caryl D.



### Amigos & Amigas

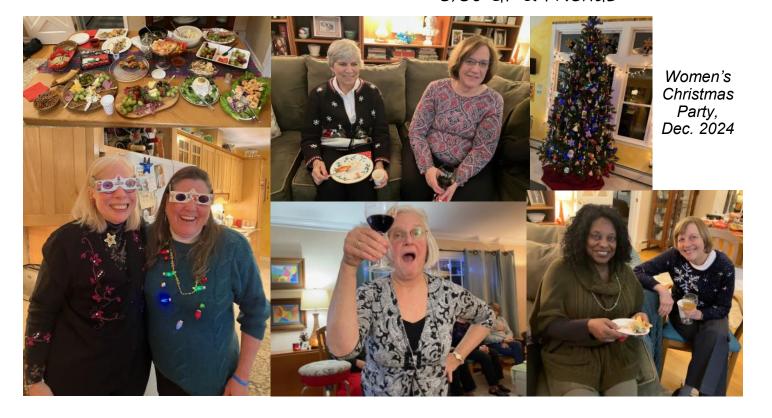
Andrea Carol W. Ellen Z. Al

# February & March Coffee Hour Schedule

2/2 Godfellas 2/9 Amigos & Amigas 2/16 GF & Friends 2/23 Deb's Team



3/2 Dottie's Team 3/9 Godfellas 3/16 Folk Group Friends 3/23 Amigos & Amigas 3/30 GF & Friends



### **Christian Education Committee** — Jan Frick, Chair

**Education is Blooming!** 

Even though there's a few more weeks of winter, Spring is around the corner and so are some wonderful Education opportunities. I



know how each year those first blooms of crocus or snow drops give me such encouragement. Well, I hope that you'll be encouraged to attend and participate in some of our Education activities.



There's the ongoing Sunday evening bible study which is watching episodes from Season 1 of 'The Chosen'. It's an incredible and immersive way to appreciate the times and conditions of Jesus's day. Feel free to join in person at 6pm in the church lounge or you can join via zoom.

Besides Sunday evening bible study, be sure to hold the date for the next 'First Sunday of the Month' series which will be on Sunday, March 2nd at 4pm. Just in case you haven't heard about this series, in January, Pastor Hoffman 'took' us on an amazing pictorial journey 'In the Footsteps of Paul'. And were are truly excited by the Benefit Concert by Andante Strings quartet on Sunday, February 2nd in support of Manchester Area Conference of Churches (MACC) and Interval House of Hartford.

And not only those Education opportunities, but also we're overjoyed and thrilled to be looking at scheduling a confirmation class for young people in grades 5th and up. So, things are really blooming here at St. Mark, and Education along with Worship and Music will be preparing for our Lenten journey together which begins on Ash Wednesday, March 5th. For more information about Education at St. Mark, please contact Jan Frick.







### Property Committee—Deb Gresens, Chair

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

### February's Brief Song

February flirts on quiet wings, Short and sweet, the frost it brings. Days of gray, and brisk night falls, Nature's whisper, springtime calls.

Bare trees stand, in silent wait, For the sun's warmth to open fate. February's song, a fleeting tune, Underneath the brightening moon. - Emily Verse

Winter weather has given us a run for our money...snow removal, boiler repair, community groups using space heaters, a cancelled service, relocating a concert, postponing a care kit project and many more that I have most likely missed.

Thanks to Jule Beer for his expertise, Ellen's willingness to take on extra tasks, and the patience of many, it looks like St. Mark has done a remarkable job at recovering from unforeseen events.

Happenings at St. Mark...

**The Potter's Workshop-**Ramona and her parishoners have donated cases of masks to St. Mark. The masks are temporarily being stored in the Fellowship Hall. The Property Committee would appreciate suggestions on how we can share this large amount of masks.

**The Korean Church-**Please welcome back Pastor Park and his parishoners to St. Mark. They will be using the Sanctuary each Sunday at 1:00 p.m.

**Diabetes Support Group-**Diabetes Support group will return to St. Mark on Monday evenings in February and May.

**Remember-**Snowflakes are still availabe on the window in the lounge area. Please support this project to help offset the cost of snow removal.

# 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.

### **Treasurer** — Linda Obedzinski

#### 2024 Fund Balances

Despite anticipating a significant budget deficit in 2024, we had fewer expenses and more donations than expected. This helped our financial position.

The assets on hand at year-end are up by \$26,358 -- principally due to two factors:

- \$27,000 more in prepaid pledges for 2025 than for 2024
- \$11,000 gift from Glastonbury Baptist Church as they close their ministry

Our equity (the value of assets less all the restricted funds like Capital Campaign Fund and Mission Fund) has risen from \$14,614 to \$25,835. This is good news, giving us more of a financial cushion for unexpected expenses such as boiler breakdowns.

Thank you all for your generous contributions to St. Mark! And thank you to staff, leaders and committee chairs for managing church spending.

If you have any questions, please speak to Linda Obedzinski, treasurer.

#### Lutheran Church of Saint Mark

Revised 1/20/25

| Total Asset Balance Sheet             |            |           |            | _    |             |   |  |
|---------------------------------------|------------|-----------|------------|------|-------------|---|--|
|                                       | 12/31/2024 |           | 12/31/2023 |      | Change from |   |  |
|                                       |            | 2/31/2024 | 12/31/2023 |      | prior year  | Notes   |  |
| ASSETS                                |            |           |            |      |             |   |  |
| Cash and Bank Accounts                |            |           |            |      |             |   |  |
| St Mark Checking Account (082)        | \$         | 67,812    | 22,491     | \$   | 45,321      | \$27K more prepaid gifts received than prior year |  |
| St Mark Savings                       | \$         | 57,648    | 59,288     | \$   | (1,640)     |   |  |
| CD at TD Bank                         | \$         | -         | 20,513     | 1000 | (20,513)    | Funds moved into high-yield savings               |  |
| ELCA Mission Endowment Fund           | \$         | 67,917    | 64,727     | \$   | 3,190       | Great year for investments                        |  |
| TOTAL Cash and Bank Accounts          | \$         | 193,377   | 167,019    | \$   |             | (Again, impact of \$27K more prepaid gifts)       |  |
| LIABILITIES                           |            |           |            |      |             |   |  |
| Key Deposit                           | \$         | 1,216     | 1,166      | \$   | 50          |   |  |
| Memorial Fd Liability                 | \$         | 6,251     | 6,441      | \$   | (190)       |   |  |
| Memorial Fund Rindi Taylor            | \$         | 1,586     | 1,586      | \$   | -           |   |  |
| Memorial Fund Wes Clark               | \$         | 2,351     | 4,551      | \$   | (2,200)     | Calumet camperships paid                          |  |
| Mission Endowment Fund                | \$         | 67,917    | 64,727     | \$   |             | Market value rose significantly                   |  |
| Organ fund Liability                  | \$         | -         | (2)        | \$   |             | D2  |  |
| Restricted - Capital Campaign         | \$         | 18,371    | 27,975     | \$   | (9,604)     | Stained glass and boiler repairs, painting done   |  |
| Restricted - Mission                  | \$         | 2,164     | 6,554      | \$   | (4,390)     | Q3 & Q4 synod benevolence paid from here          |  |
| Restricted gifts World Hunger         | \$         | -         | 501        | \$   | (501)       | All funds paid to World Hunger                    |  |
| Restricted-Next Year Pledges          | \$         | 51,479    | 24,545     | \$   | 26,934      | More people prepaying pledges                     |  |
| Restricted-Youth Group                | \$         | 8,162     | 8,162      | \$   | 60 SH       |   |  |
| Special Funds Held                    | \$         | 4,347     | 2,639      | \$   | 1,708       | Includes \$1,065 gift funds for Pr. Hoffman       |  |
| Pastor's CE - accrual of unused funds | \$         | -         | 3,000      | \$   | (3,000)     | Used for educational travel                       |  |
| Sabbatical Funds - Pastor plus church | \$         | 558       | 558        | \$   |             |   |  |
| Glastonbury Links Together            | \$         | 1,140     |            | \$   | 1,140       |   |  |
| Pastor's Discretionary fund           | \$         | 2,000     |            | \$   |             | For hardship assistance                           |  |
| TOTAL LIABILITIES                     | \$         | 167,543   | 152,405    | \$   |             | -   |  |
|                                       |            |           |            | \$   |             |   |  |
| Equity (assets less liabilities)      | \$         | 25,834    | \$ 14,614  | \$   | 11,220      |   |  |



### www.calumet.org



Please join us for a weekend centered around Fun, Family, and LEGOS!

Saturday will be filled with LEGO building, friendly competitions, yummy Calumet food, trivia fun, and maybe some snow tubing!

LEGO Master Builder Dan Stieninger returns to lead us in fun activities and impart some of his LEGO KNOWLEDGE!

Pastor Dick Burgess will be returning as chaplain. He sure does enjoy anything to do with LEGO building too!





Join some of the leadership staff of the summer of 2024 to learn the power of play and its important role in connection and joy.

Play Specialist, Howard Moody, author of The Heart of Play Games Manual will be our guest presenter. Working with Calumet staff member Karin Olson, the weekend will be full of learning opportunities, games, hands on activities, singing, creating, storytelling and playing. It promises to be lots of fun!

This retreat is appropriate for camp leaders, youth leaders, teachers and anyone who is interested in learning more about the power of play Please reach out to karin@calumet.org with any questions. You can register for the event by emailing julie@calumet.org







# Calumets

# WINTER QUILTING RETREATS



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 workshop 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.



SCAN FOR MORE INFO!!!!

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!

# Calumet's SCRAPBOOKERS' RETREAT JANUARY 10-12, 2025; MARCH 21-23, 2025



Although scrapbooking has been around for ages, its popularity has skyrocketed over the past few years. Parties, specialty shops with entire aisles dedicated to this addictive hobby can be found everywhere. Scrapbooking remains so popular because everybody has memories that they want to treasure.

So if you like scrapbooking, the warm Christian fellowship that can be found at Calumet, good food and comfortable accommodations.

Calumet, good food and comfortable accommodations, and a weekend away with other scrappers, we have The Scrapbooking Weekend to offer you. Our Scrapbooking Coordinator is Julia Pearson from Christ Lutheran Church in Natick, an experienced and enthusiastic scrapbooker who will be your host for the weekend. Grab your pictures, grab your memories, and grab your supplies and let's have some fun!





Join the next 'Read & Zoom' - The Sum of Us by Heather McGhee

During January and February [and as a way of noting that February is Black History Month] people are invited to read the book, \*The Sum of Us\* by Heather McGhee and then join together for a Zoom experience during which we can think, learn, and share. To register and receive your copy of the book, please click here.

To learn more about the efforts of the AntiRacism Collaborative Board of the New England Synod, visit: www.nelutherans.org/faithinaction/antiracismcollaborativeboard.

To see the book offerings from the past, visit: <a href="https://www.calumet.org/calumetbookclub">www.calumet.org/calumetbookclub</a>.



### NE Synod AntiRacism Board Prayer Meeting Monday, February 3 & Thursday, February 20 Monday, March 3 & Thursday, March 20

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 <a href="mailto:mwhyte@nesynod.org">mwhyte@nesynod.org</a>. You will receive an email with the Zoom link a day or two before each prayer meeting. Join us when you can.

# St. Mark Event Calendar



2025

| Sun  | Mon   | Tue  | Wed  | Thu  | Fri                                  | Sat                          |
|--|---|--|--|--|--------------------------------------|------------------------------|
|  |   |  |  |  | 7<br>AA Central<br>Valley<br>7:30pm  | 8<br>AA<br>Meeting<br>8:00am |
| 9 Worship 9:00am followed by Coffee Hour Potter's Church 11:00am Korean Church 1:00pm                  | 10 VRABE 9:00am AA Freedom 6:30pm S Anon Nutmeg 7:00pm                                      | Matins<br>9:00am<br>VRABE<br>10:45am<br>5:30pm             | VRABE<br>9:00am<br>Vespers<br>7:00pm<br>Baptist<br>Church<br>7:00pm          | VRABE<br>10:45am<br>5:30pm<br>Executive<br>Committee<br>6:00pm                 | 14<br>AA Central<br>Valley<br>7:30pm | AA<br>Meeting<br>8:00am      |
| Worship 9:00am followed by Coffee Hour Potter's Church 11:00am Korean Church 1:00pm Bible Study 6:00pm | 17 Presidents Day  AA Freedom 6:30pm S Anon Nutmeg 7:00pm                                   | 18 Matins 9:00am   | VRABE 9:00am Vespers 7:00pm followed by Church Council Baptist Church 7:00pm | 20<br>VRABE<br>10:45am<br>5:30pm<br>Lunch<br>Bunch<br>12:30<br>Choir<br>7:00pm | 21<br>AA Central<br>Valley<br>7:30pm | AA Meeting 8:00am            |
| Worship 9:00am followed by Coffee Hour Potter's Church 11:00am Korean Church 1:00pm Bible Study 6:00pm | 24 VRABE 9:00am Diabetes Type 1 Support Group 6:00pm AA Freedom 6:30pm S Anon Nutmeg 7:00pm | 25 Matins 9:00am VRABE 10:45am 5:30pm Property Mtg. 4:00pm | 26<br>VRABE<br>9:00am<br>Vespers<br>7:00pm<br>Baptist<br>Church<br>7:00pm    | 27<br>VRABE<br>10:45am<br>5:30pm<br>Choir<br>7:00pm                            | 28<br>AA Central<br>Valley<br>7:30pm |                              |

# Saint Mark



2025 Event Calendar

| Sun   | Mon   | Tue  | Wed   | Thu  | Fri                         | Sat                           |
|---|---|--|---|--|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|
|   |   |  |   |  |                             | I<br>AA Mtg.<br>8:00am        |
| Worship 9:00am followed by Coffee Hour Potter's Church 11:00am Korean Church 1:00pm Bible Study 6:00pm                    | 3<br>VRABE<br>9:00am<br>AA Freedom<br>6:30pm<br>S Anon<br>Nutmeg<br>7:00pm  | 4<br>Matins<br>9:00am<br>VRABE<br>10:45am<br>5:30pm  | 5 Ash<br>Wednesday<br>VRABE<br>9:00am<br>Ash Wednesday<br>Service<br>7:00pm | 6<br>VRABE<br>10:45am<br>5:30pm  | 7 AA Central Valley 7:30pm  | 8<br>AA<br>Meeting<br>8:00am  |
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### Office Notes — Ellen Topel Dougherty, Office Manager

My new office hours are Monday - Friday, 9:00am - 3:00pm, with the following exceptions:

Monday, February 10: Working until 2:45pm Wednesday, February 12: Will be coming in at 10:00am Monday, February 17: Presidents' Day—*Office Closed* Wednesday, March 19: Will be coming in at 10:30am

I may also work from home on snow days



### **DEADLINES**

If you would like something included in the Sunday bulletin announcements, please send me the information by the end of the day on Wednesdays.

If you would like something included in the **Friday MailChimp/Email Blasts**, please send me the information by **noon on Thursdays**. Please note that on the Friday the Messenger is sent out, the MailChimp is truncated, as most of the information can be found in the newsletter.

Thank you!

# Saint Mark Congregation Council and Lay Leadership

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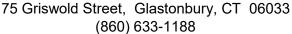
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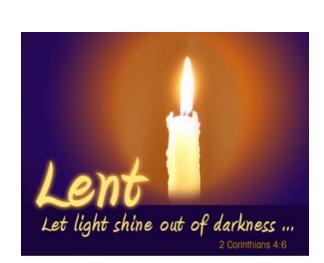
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