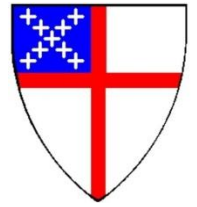




Saint Mark's Messenger

Beaver Dam, Wisconsin Joann Ellis, Editor February 2017



Walking Together Yes to God



I was ordained priest on October 21st 2012. During the liturgy for ordination, the bishop asks the person who is being ordained the following question: Will you do your best to pattern your life in accordance with the teachings of Christ, so that you may be a wholesome example to your people? In a similar way, when you and I are baptized we are asked by the priest: Will you persevere in resisting evil? Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ? Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself? Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being? At the moment that we say yes to any of these questions, we are committing ourselves to a life that is focused on God's love and forgiveness. Answering the question is the easy part, committing ourselves to a life that reflect the answers to those questions, is the difficult part. For the past couple of months I have been struggling with how to live out the answers to those questions. As many of you have experienced through the news and social media, our country has been divided and people from different political views has set us up for hatred, division and violence. It does not matter where we look, news, radio talks and social media, we live in a time in which it is difficult to live lives focused on love and forgiveness. On January 20th Donald Trump was installed as the 45th president of the U.S. and regardless of who you voted for, regardless of your political affiliation, you and I as Christians are called to live lives that are focused on God, God's love and God's forgiveness. We are called to care for the poor, to reject racism, to fight for the powerless, to embrace diversity, to love and protect the earth that was given to us and to love God by loving each other. Even though we struggle sometimes to ignore the hatred, the violence and the negativity that exists in our country, you and I have a call. You and I have a purpose and a common goal. Perhaps the journey ahead of us is difficult, but as long as we have each other and we have our minds focus on our goal, to love and forgive, we will be able to work together for a better world, for a more tolerant planet and a more just humanity. I would like to invite you to pray with me for all members of our nation, for a time of peace, a time of forgiveness and mutual love. Remember that you said yes to God, yes to love, yes to forgiveness.

May God challenge us with discomfort, easy answers, half-truths, and superficial relationships so that we may live from deep within our hearts. Amen.

Yours in Christ,

The Rev. Oscar A. Rozo



Treasurer’s Update ~ Fred Ellis ~ December 31, 2016:

Year-to-date income:	\$ 90,291.62
Year-to-date expenses:	<u>\$ 83,449.40</u>
Balance	<u>\$ 6,842.22</u>



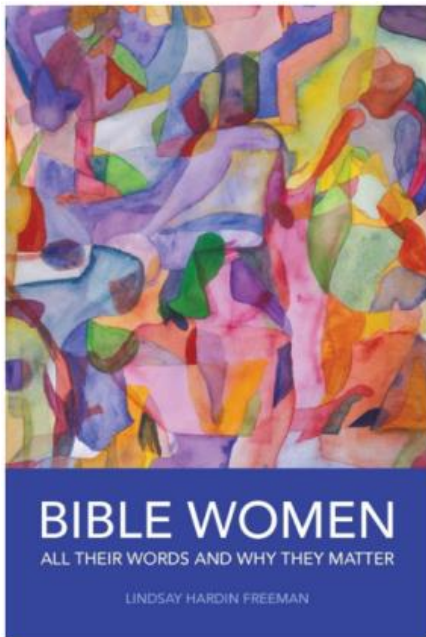
**Profit for the Month of
December 2016 is: \$162.52**



**EXPERIENCE THE TAIZE WORSHIP
AND EUCHARIST SERVICE**

On Wednesdays Rev. Oscar Rozo leads a Taize Eucharist Service at 8:30 a.m. Come join us for this unique opportunity to worship together.

**Epiphany Book Study ~ Tuesdays Evenings, January 31 –February 21
from 5:30 – 8:00 pm or Wednesdays in**



Epiphany, February 1-February 22 (just four weeks left) On Tuesday Evenings We will eat at 5:30 pm and discuss the book from 6:00 to 7:00 and transition into yoga from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m.

We will have the opportunity to have A Taize Service with Fr. Oscar at 8:30 am. We will be looking at “*Bible Women All Their Words and Why They Matter*”. After our discussion we will hold an easy 45 minute chair yoga session and finish with a simple soup lunch. Thanks to the generosity of the ECW book lending library we were able to loan out five copies of this book. If you would like to purchase your own book go to Amazon.com the Kindle version is \$9.99 paperback \$22.00 ~ Joann Ellis 920-319-6694



The Farm Fresh Egg supply is temporarily unavailable.

Maybe the chickens have gone on STRIKE!! ~ Libbie Kacuba



Markie, tell me about _____.

What does Episcopal mean? Why do we celebrate Eucharist? What is the importance of the liturgy in the Episcopal Church? Do we believe in transubstantiation or consubstantiation in our church? These are some of the questions that sometimes people asked their priest. Markie was inspired by Siri, Alexa and Cortana; computer programs that works as intelligent personal assistant and knowledge navigator, we at St. Marks have decided to recreate such personal assistant and church knowledge navigator by creating a space in our newsletter for church culture, history and liturgical discussion. How does it work?

1. You have a question about church, church history, liturgics, homiletics, systematic theology, philosophy, church things in general.
2. Write down such question(s) and send it to us via email or mail. Our email is rector@stmark-beaverdam.org and mail address is P.O. Box 126 Beaver Dam, WI 53916.
3. We will ask Markie to answer your question on the next newsletter. Markie is made out of members of the parish, clergy in town and the diocese.
4. Come up with more questions for Markie and send them to us.

We hope you use Markie to know more about our church, our tradition, our faith and church knowledge in general. Are you ready to know more? Send us your questions!



Directory UP DATES

There have been many updates to our Member Directory since it was last printed. Please check the copy on the Narthex Table to see if your data is correct. A new directory will be printed in January.

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Shrove (Tuesday) Sunday Pancake Breakfast

February 26, 2017 Right after Holy Eucharist



It's that time of the year. The word "Shrove" is derived from an archaic English word meaning "to confess one's sins". It is the day immediately before Ash Wednesday, named for the acts of penitence and priestly absolution that are traditionally performed on that day. Many parishes today also mark Shrove Tuesday with a special event or potluck supper.

The above definition was taken from "A Dictionary for Episcopalians" by John N. Wall

Here at St. Mark's we take the Sunday before Ash Wednesday to observe Shrove Tuesday and celebrate with a Pancake Breakfast after our 9:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Service. This is a parish wide event with folks offering to purchase or make a cash donation for items such as butter, syrup, milk, eggs, sausages, pancake batter. Purchase a scrip card from Recheck's or Piggly Wiggly to be used for supplies for our Shrove Pancake Breakfast. (Support your church and your local business!)

Also needed are people willing to do the work of set-up; make batter, flip pancakes; serve pancakes and clean-up. In the past we have also had Meredith's Hearty Pancakes and we have had waffles. If you are interested in helping with this parish wide event, please sign up on the sheet in the Narthex



Ash Wednesday Services

March 5, 2017 at 7:00 .m.

*Day of atonement, fasting, and penitence
that marks the beginning of Lent*



The name Ash Wednesday derives from the traditional rite in which the celebrant makes the sign of the cross in ashes on the foreheads of worshipers; the practice has its roots in the Hebrew Bible, where sackcloth and ashes are a sign of mourning and repentance. In the early church public sinners who had been excommunicated from the church began a forty-day period of penitential discipline on this day so that they could be readmitted to communion on Easter Day; this custom is at the root of congregational Lenten observance today. The ashes themselves often come from the burning of the palms from the previous Palm Sunday.

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Imposition of Ashes

After the blessing of the ashes in the Ash Wednesday service, the people proceed to the front of the altar. The celebrant imposes ashes by dipping the right thumb in the ashes and marking a small cross on the forehead of each person while saying, “Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return.” Psalm 51:1-18 may be chanted or sung during the imposition of ashes (BCP 265-267.)

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HANDY REFERENCE CHART

<u>YOU SAY</u>	<u>GODS SAYS</u>	<u>BIBLE VERSES</u>
You Say: ‘It’s impossible	<i>God says: All things are possible</i>	Luke 18:27
You Say: ‘I’m too tired’	<i>God says: I will give you rest</i>	Matthew 11:28-30
You Say: ‘Nobody really loves me’	<i>God says: I love you</i>	John 3:16 & John 3:34
You Say: ‘I can’t go on’	<i>God says: My grace is sufficient</i>	I Corinthians 12:9 & Psalm 91:15
You Say: ‘I can’t figure things out’	<i>God says: I will direct your steps</i>	Proverbs 3:5-6
You Say: ‘I can’t do it’	<i>God says: You can do all things</i>	Philippians 4:13
You Say: ‘I’m not able’	<i>God says: I am able</i>	II Corinthians 9:8
You Say: ‘It’s not worth it’	<i>God says: It will be worth it</i>	Romans 8:28
You Say: ‘I can’t forgive myself’	<i>God says: I Forgive you</i>	I John 1:9 & Romans 8:1
You Say: ‘I can’t manage’	<i>God says: I will supply all your needs</i>	Philippians 4:19
You Say: ‘I’m afraid’	<i>God says: I have not given you a spirit of fear</i>	II Timothy 1:7
You Say: ‘I’m always worried and frustrated’	<i>God says: Cast all your cares on ME</i>	I Peter 5:7
You Say: ‘I’m not smart enough’	<i>God says: I give you wisdom</i>	I Corinthians 1:30
You Say: ‘I feel all alone’	<i>God says: I will never leave you or forsake you</i>	Hebrews 13:5

Join us on Sunday!

Come in to **Texas Roadhouse in Madison** every Sunday with your church or organizations bulletin and we will donate 10% of your food purchases back to that organization each month! We want to welcome you and the rest of your congregation or organization to enjoy a legendary meal with us!



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February 2017

BIRTHDAYS

1-June Harmon
 2-Peter Panzer
 8-Jena Clark
 9-Millie Garside
 14-Mary Mail
 14-Cori Drexler
 14-Dan Rhode
 17-Sue Hilbert
 17-Timothy Onsrud
 24-Dan Hilbert
 25-Meredith Harmon



BAPTISMAL ANNIVERSARIES

17-Tom Guptill
 20-Judy Tischer

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

None

If your Birthday, Baptismal Anniversary or Wedding Anniversary is not listed, please fill out a update form and turn into the office. The form is located on the Narthex Table.

FEBRUARY 2017 LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE YEAR A

***Remember it is your responsibility to find a sub for your date if you are unable to serve the day you are assigned and to notify Administrative Assistant at office@stmark-beaverdam.org or JoyceDezarn@gmail.com**

Date/ Ministry	FEB 5, 2017 5 TH Sunday after Epiphany	FEB 12, 2017 6 TH Sunday after Epiphany	FEB 19, 2017 7 TH Sunday after Epiphany	FEB 26, 2017 Last Sunday After the Epiphany
Acolyte	Fred Ellis	Joann Ellis	James Cleary	Deb Jenson
Altar Guild	Linda Zamzow	Libbie Kacuba Deb Jensen	Sue Hilbert Joyce DeZarn	Gayle Elbert Betsy Lampert
Chalice Bearer	Joann Ellis	Deb Jenson	Fred Ellis	Jim Merrill
Christian Formation	Linda Zamzow	Linda Zamzow	Linda Zamzow	Linda Zamzow
Intercessor	Bob Zamzow	Fred Ellis	Joann Ellis	James Cleary
Reader	Deb Jenson Isaiah 58:1-9a, [9b-12] Psalm 112:1-9, (10) 1 Corinthians 2:1-12, [13-16] Matthew 5:13-20	Lindsey Cleary Deuteronomy 30:15-20 Psalm 119:1-8 1 Corinthians 3:1-9 Matthew 5:21-37	Cathy Carlson Leviticus 19:1-2,9-18 Psalm 119:33-40 1 Corinthians 3:10-11,16-23 Matthew 5:38-48	Mary Ann Kenitz Exodus 24:12-18 Psalm 2 <i>or</i> Psalm 99 2 Peter 1:16-21 Matthew 17:1-9
Ushers	Bob & Marsha Horne	Bob & Linda Zamzow	Dan & Sue Hilbert	Dave & Cori Drexler
Counters	Maryann Kenitz & Joann Ellis	Maryann Kenitz & Jim Merrill	Maryann Kenitz & Andy Harmon	Maryann Kenitz & Vanda Wiegert

**MARCH 2017
LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE
YEAR A**

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Date/ Ministry	Mar 1, 2017 Ash Wednesday 7:00 pm	Mar 5, 2017 1 st Sunday of Lent	Mar 12, 2017 2 nd Sunday of Lent	Mar 19, 2017 3 rd Sunday of Lent	Mar 26, 2017 4 th Sunday of Lent
Acolyte	Deb Jenson	Leah Helmer	James Cleary	Jasmine Moore	Joann Ellis
Altar Guild	Gayle Elbert	Linda Zamzow	Libbie Kacuba Deb Jensen	Sue Hilbert Joyce DeZarn	Gayle Elbert Betsy Lampert
Chalice Bearer	Jim Merrill	James Cleary	Joann Ellis	Deb Jenson	Fred Ellis
Christian Formation	No Church School	Linda Zamzow	Linda Zamzow	Linda Zamzow	Linda Zamzow
Intercessor	James Cleary	Maryann Kenitz	Ken Peters	Bob Zamzow	James Cleary
Reader	Maryann Kenitz Joel 2:1- 2,12-17; or Isaiah 58:1- 12 2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10 Matthew 6:1-6,16-21 Psalm 103 or 103:8-14	Steph Moore Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7 Romans 5:12-19 Matthew 4:1-11 Psalm 32	Libbie Kacuba Genesis 12:1-4a Romans 4:1-5, 13-17 John 3:1-17 Psalm 121	Deb Kuenzi Exodus 17:1-7 Romans 5:1-11 John 4:5-42 Psalm 95	Maryann Kenitz 1 Samuel 16:1-13 Ephesians 5:8-14 John 9:1-41 Psalm 23
Usher	Dave & Cori Drexler	Marsha & Bob Horne	Bob & Linda Zamzow	Dave & Cori Drexler	Marsha & Bob Horne
Counters	Will be counted on Sunday 3/5	Maryann Kenitz & Jim Merrill	Maryann Kenitz & Andy Harmon	Maryann Kenitz & Vanda Wiegert	Maryann Kenitz & Joann Ellis

**PLEASE NOTE: ASH WEDNESDAY LITURGICAL SERVERS ARE CONTINUING FROM THE WEEK BEFORE; (i.e IF YOU WERE SERVING ON THE LAST SUNDAY OF FEBRUARY, YOU ALSO SERVE ON ASH WEDNESDAY.)
If unable to serve please find your own substitute. Thank you.**



PRAY FOR OUR MEN AND WOMEN IN THE SERVICE.

Dennis Adams, Joshua B., James Brink, Jimmy Brink, Sam Budde, Barry Hilbert, Joshua Kent (is being deployed), Karl Krueger, Brian Lampert, Stephen Strube.

**Lord, keep our servicemen and women safe, whether they serve at home or overseas. Hold them in your loving hands and protect them as they protect us.
Amen**

St. Mark's Episcopal Church
Vestry Meeting Minutes
December 11, 2016

Vestry Members Present: Lindsey Cleary; Joann Ellis, Clerk; Jim Merrill; and Linda Zamzow

Also Present: Rev. Oscar Rozo; Daniel Hilbert, Sr. Warden; Ken Peters, Jr. Warden; Fred Ellis, Treasurer

Vestry Members Absent: Meredith Harmon; Sue Kuhn; Jody Langfeldt; Stephanie Moore; and Bambi Tischer

1. Opening Devotion

The regular monthly Vestry Meeting was called to order at 10:25 a.m., Linda Zamzow read an Advent Prayer for the devotion.

2. Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Linda Zamzow and second by Lindsey Cleary to approve the Vestry Meeting Minutes of November 20, 2016 as submitted. **Motion Carried**

3. Treasurer's Report

a. The Treasurer gave a report for the month of November. The Profit and Loss sheet for the months of January through November was reviewed. There was a question regarding acct no. 450-Scrip as to why there was a -\$275.00 under Budget. Treasurer Fred Ellis will check into this. It appears due to the warm weather this fall and only having a priest for six months we will have a budget carry over which will help with next year's deficit budget. A motion was made by Lindsey Cleary and 2nd by Ken Peters to approve the November Treasurer's reports. **Motion Carried**

b. Rev. Oscar Rozo was excused from the meeting for the discussion on the 2017 Compensation Packages for the Priest in Charge, our two Administrative Assistants and our Organist. The results of the compensation packages were to give Rev. Oscar Rozo the minimum amount of increase as determined by the Diocese. For the year of 2017, his compensation amount will be \$34,386.00. In addition, St. Mark's will pay \$865.00 per month to St. Paul's, Watertown to cover health insurance for Rev. Oscar Rozo. Both Administrative Assistants were given a \$0.25 per hour raise, so their 2017 hourly rate is \$8.25 per hour. They also receive mileage reimbursement at the current IRS established rate. Our organist was given a \$5.00 per service raise to bring her per service rate to \$90.00, with extra compensation given for special events and the mileage reimbursement at the current IRS established rate. Motions to accept the new 2017 Compensation Rate Amounts were made and seconded for the following positions by the following people. Rector's Compensation plan – Motion by Lindsey Cleary, 2nd by Ken Peters; Administrative Assistant - Joyce - Motion by Linda Zamzow, 2nd by Lindsey Cleary; Administrative Assistant – Sue - Motion by Lindsey Cleary, 2nd by Ken Peters; Organist Motion by Jim Merrill 2nd by Lindsey Cleary. **All Motions Carried**

c. **The Treasurer also reminded Rev. Oscar Rozo** of the need for him to turn in his mileage for the past six months.

4. Old Business

a. **St. Mark's as a place of Sanctuary?** Rev. Oscar has checked with other churches in the Diocese as to the requirements. There is a lot of extra prep work (i.e. we would need extra insurance, showers and family support, to mention a few). This item was tabled with the note to bring it up at the Annual Meeting.

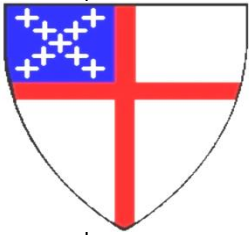
b. **Christmas Parade Saturday, December 3,** this went well. Kit did some videotaping and heard several comments in the crowd like: when the St. Mark's float was coming, what does St. Mark's do for the Haiti Project, etc. The group has some additional ideas for next year.

c. **Sunday School Play, "The Quiltmaker", on Sunday, December 4th** - was wonderful, it was suggested they do other plays

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December 11, 2016
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- d. **The Concert by Jacob Voight and Friends, on Sunday, December 4th** – was attended by 21 persons, not bad for a snowy day. The freewill offering was ~ approximately \$125.00. Motion made by Joann and seconded by Jim Merrill to put the freewill offering money into Rev. Oscar's Discretionary Fund, which goes towards helping the local needy. **Motion Carried**
 - e. **Cookie Walk, Saturday, December 10**, sales from Saturday morning were around \$1,850 and with additional sales on Sunday morning sales were over \$2,000. Well done folks! The Sunday School children sang Christmas carols and other songs for those who were waiting for the start of the sale. Great job Steph Moore, Meredith Harmon and Children! Trays of cookies were taken to both the Police and Fire Departments.
 - f. **The Christmas Present Wrapping event, Saturday, December 10th from 6 to 8:00 pm.** Was cancelled due to bad weather.
5. **New Business**
- a. **Rector's Report**
 - i. Rev. Oscar Rozo and Senior Warden, Dan Hilbert will be working on the parochial report.
 - ii. Rev. Oscar Rozo, who is working part-time with the Evangelical Lutheran / Episcopal Churches, will be gone for a conference 1/21-26/2017. It was decided we will hold Morning Prayer on Sunday, January 22, 2017. Linda Zamzow will coordinate.
 - b. **No Senior Warden's Report by Dan Hilbert**
 - c. **Junior Warden's Report by Ken Peters**
 - i. Received a letter from Alliant Energy regarding a problem with a pipe in the back. Ken and Dave will fix.
 - ii. Our "NO OVERNIGHT" Parking signs are being redone by Ken. To purchases new ones was a ridiculously high cost.
 - iii. Ken will have knee surgery on Feb 6th. Dave Drexler will step in as on call Junior Warden.
 - iv. The walk behind lawn mower was donated by Dave Drexler. Dan Hilbert has sent an acknowledgement letter.
 - d. **Other Committee Reports**
 - i. Gayle Elbert has donated a camera and equipment; Dan Hilbert will get a letter of acknowledgement out to her.
 - ii. **Evangelism** – new person "Chris" has been in church the las two Sundays - will someone please get her to sign our guest book and ask for her physical address, e-mail and phone number
 - iii. **Seminary Support** – Motion made by Ken Peters, 2nd by Jim Merrill to send \$500 to Nashota House and \$500 to Virginia Theological Seminary. **Motion Carried**
 - iv. **Out Reach** – Motion by Jim Merrill, 2nd by Linda Zamzow to give \$250 to Stone Soup, Madison; \$250 to the Dodge County Food Pantry and the remainder will go to a newly created St. Mark's Community Ministry. **Motion Carried**
 - v. **Fundraising – Scrip November Profit was \$299.60.**
- 6. **Dan Hilbert volunteered for the next meeting's devotional, to be held January 15, 2017.**
 - 7. **Annual Meeting to be held January 29, 2017, please get your reports in now.**
 - 8. **Closing Prayer by Rev. Oscar.**
 - 9. **Meeting adjourned at 11:24 a.m.**

Respectfully submitted,
Joann Ellis, Recording Secretary
St. Mark's Episcopal Church



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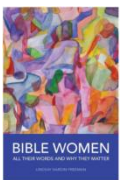
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FEBRUARY 2017 ~ UPCOMING EVENTS ~ SAVE THE DATES
MARK YOUR CALENDARS!



Wednesdays
Taize/Eucharist Service
8:30 am



Book Study/Soup/Yoga
Continuing Jan 31 thru Feb 22
Tuesdays, 5:30 pm
Soup; Book Study; Yoga
Wednesdays, 9:00 am
Book Study; Yoga and Lunch



Sunday, Feb 5th
Choir Rehearsal
Looking at Easter Selections
After 9 am Eucharist



Sunday, Feb 19th
Vestry Meeting
With new Vestry Members
10:45 a.m.



Sunday February 26, 2017
Shrove (Tuesday) Sunday
Pancake Breakfast
Right after Holy Eucharist



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7:00 p.m.