Walking Together

On November 28th many of us will gather with friends and family to celebrate Thanksgiving Day. During this day we celebrate the harvest and the blessings of the past year. Even though this is a national holiday that takes place once a year, we gather at church every Sunday for a similar meal, the Great Thanksgiving also known as the Eucharist. During this meal we give thanks to God for creating us and giving us life. We give thanks for Jesus, God’s love that took the form of a human and came to the world to teach us how to walk near God.

We give thanks for all our blessings. In preparation for the Great Thanksgiving Meal - The Eucharist, every Sunday we take a time to ask God’s forgiveness and request God the strength and the courage to forgive and love others. These two go hand in hand.

In order to celebrate all our blessings and celebrate God’s love, we must practice that love and seek forgiveness and reconciliation from each other. How would this practice of seeking reconciliation prior celebrating our blessings look like for us during the holiday of Thanksgiving? How would it look like for us to take a moment prior our gathering with family and friends to ask forgiveness from those we have hurt and seek reconciliation?

In the book *Walk in Love, Episcopal Believes and Practices*, we are given a tool called the five-finger rule for forgiveness. This tool provides us a guideline that helps us to sincerely ask forgiveness of others and seek reconciliation.

As we approach those who we have hurt, we look into their eyes and state:

- Please forgive me because …
- I was wrong when I …
- Next time I will…
- What can I do to amend this situation?
- Would you please forgive me?

The last words that God’s living love - Jesus - shared with us were: “Love One Another.” Prior to celebrating our blessings and prior to being thankful for all that we have, we must forgive others in order to see a blessing in the other. Will you join me this Thanksgiving and seek reconciliation with your brother and sister? Will you join me in this journey of faith and embrace others with love, forgiveness and reconciliation?


Yours in Christ,
Oscar+
This article was run in an earlier newsletter

Dear St. Mark’s youth and families - We need your help! Rumor has it that the Holy Family is missing, but Rev. Oscar and I don’t think that’s true. We need your help finding them as we head into Advent. Our goal is to prove, beyond a shadow of a doubt, that the story is real and Christ is here among us. Seriously, right here in Dodge County! Don’t believe it’s true? Then all the more reason you need to join me at Sunday School.

If all goes well, and I suspect that it will, we’re going to prove to the whole congregation on December 22nd that the Holy Family is alive and well. Intrigued? Good. Hope to see you all there on December 22nd!

Peace,
Meredith Harmon

An Advent Invite

Advent is right around the corner and to mark the season Lindsey Cleary and Meredith Harmon would like to invite you to join them for an Advent study of “Living Well Through Advent: Practicing Peace with All Your Heart, Soul, Strength, and Mind”. Books have already been ordered and are available.

We will meet on Fridays, December 6, 13, and 20 at 5:30 pm for discussion. We will enjoy conversation about the readings over a soup supper. If you have questions please ask Lindsey or Meredith.

(On a side note, Friday December 6th there will be a performance of Holiday Music by the youth choir One Voice at the BDACT which will begin at 7pm. The Harmon faction will scoot out and head over to BDACT and we’d love if you join us (tickets are $8.00 children under 18 are free)
ST. MARK’S ANNUAL COOKIE WALK - Voted by customers as the best walk in town! Best selection! By far the best decorated! and Best looking on their platters! St. Mark’s Annual Cookie Walk is Saturday, December 14th.

What kind sells best? Colorful! Do you have a family favorite that people look for each holiday? An ethnic cookie that only gets made once a year? A recipe that is such a pain to make that it only happens for a very special occasion?

Cookies so flavorful that you can't make them fast enough to put into containers before being eaten off the cookie sheets? **That's what we're looking for.**

If you have seen the pictures of the tables before the sale you will see what we mean-**AMAZING**! Can we improve? We can try.

Remember that our motto has been, "the more we bake, the more we make". This is our biggest fund raiser of the year after the brat stands and rummage sale. The fundraising committee pledges $3,500 each year to help cover the budget deficit but I'm guessing the treasurer wouldn't mind if we exceeded that amount.

Remember that we also donate 10% of our fundraising profits to a local charity. This year, the Vestry has designated that 10% of the Cookie Sales Money will be given to the **Dodge County Food Pantry**.

Don't forget Guys, that cookies taste the same as when women bake them, so shake out your aprons and choose your favorites too!

The church will be open on Friday, December 13th to drop cookies off and to help set up.

Any questions or concerns can be directed to Lindsey Cleary and Meredith Harmon.

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**Treasurer’s update ~ Fred Ellis ~ OCT, 2019:**

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Scrip Profit for the Month of NOV 2019 is:  $90.02

(This amount does not cover the Monthly Pledge Amount of $125.00 to St. Mark’s General Fund)

Now is the time to be planning for your Christmas purchases. We can order from a great number of Retailers if we know ahead of time! Is there a particular store that your children, grandchildren, other gift receivers like or prefer to shop at? Gifting a scrip card for your mail carrier, your hairstylist, manicurist, newspaper deliverer or anyone is an easy way to not only gift that person but helps St. Mark’s. Certain retailers offer a larger percentage of return than others. (example: BP and Shell offer 1.5% while Kwik Trip offers 4% for the return). We have a listing by Brand Names as well as Store Type on the table. If you aren’t sure the store you want to buy from offers scrip take a look at the listings or ask one of your Scrip Committee Members (Bob, Linda, Joann, Fred, Jody). If you are interested in ScripNow or how to Reload a Card (ask Joann Ellis)

Announcing St. Mark’s First Annual

ST. MARK'S WELCOMES YOU

Home for the Holidays

December 25 at 2 PM • The Fireside Room
Please see sign up sheet in the narthex for suggestions on what dish to bring

RSVP: LINDSEY OR MEREDITH

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NOVEMBER 2019 Messy Church Activity -

After the service on November 24, 2019, David Genereaux will give a presentation on the National Cathedral. Come see what he has to say about this National Treasure.

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS, BAPTISMAL ANNIVERSARIES AND WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

(If your Birthday, Baptismal Anniversary or Wedding Anniversary is not listed, please fill out an update form and turn into the office. The form is located on the Narthex Table. Please do come for a blessing on the Sunday even if your birthday is not listed. Please let us know also if your name is incorrectly spelled we try hard to keep everything correct, but typos do happen. jojoellis52@gmail.com)

Birthdays
7  Sue Kuhn
9  James Merrill, Jr.
11 Bambi Tischer
15 David Nehls
20 Bruce Strieff
22 Holly Strieff
27 Barbara Panzer
27 Rev. Oscar Rozo
27 Debra Jenson
28 Tom Guptill

Baptismal Anniversaries
5  Summer Helmer
10 Barbara Conley
20 Bob Zamzow
24 Carter Beaudry

No Wedding Anniversaries

OUR NEWEST ACOLYTE

We are so pleased to have Summer Helmer join the ranks of our Acolytes. Thank you, Summer for your first day of service on November 10, 2019. May this be the first of many more times for you to serve at the altar. It is such a blessing to have our young people to become Acolytes and serve at the altar with the Chalice Bearers.
St. Mark's is a safe, worshipping community supported by faith in Christ through sacramental life, holy scripture and prayers. We welcome, support and nourish the diversity in all people and treat everyone with dignity and respect.

Greening the Church
Christmas Day this year is on Wednesday. Sunday the 22 is the last week in Advent and that will be the day we stay after church to decorate for the holidays. Please plan on staying for a while to help carry or decorate or clean. It takes many hands to keep this from being a project that goes far into the afternoon for the ones who do stay. There is a sign-up sheet on the Narthex table and in the Newsletter to donate to the flowers, greens and wreaths in memory or to honor a loved one. (see below)

Poinsettias for Christmas ~ We will be decorating our church for Christmas Season with poinsettias and garlands. If you wish to remember loved ones by contributing to this fund, please fill out the information below and return this form and your check to St. Mark’s, either by mail or by placing in the Offering Plate by December 15th. Thanks!

I wish to give $ _______ toward the purchase of poinsettias and garlands.

In Memory of: _____________________________________________________________

______________________________________________________________________

Other reason: __________________________________________________________

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My Name: ___________________________________________________________
# DECEMBER 2019

## Year A

### Liturgical Ministries

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Join me welcoming Sarah!
Hello St. Marks Congregation, I am Sarah Paul. I am so excited to be working as the office Assistant here at St. Marks. This position is such a wonderful blessing to me and my family. I have, many years, experience working in the banking field, around Milwaukee and Beaver Dam. I stepped away from my career, after having my daughter in 2008. Now, eleven years later, I have my beautiful daughter Angela and my handsome, eight year old son, Clayton. I am also married, fourteen years, to my very hard working, amazing husband, Adam. One of our favorite hobbies is to go kayaking. Our family, just recently, took a trip down Rock River in Waupun. Being outside, in God’s beautiful creation, is always a great way to put things into perspective. Another favorite pastime, of ours, is visiting family. My husband, and I, moved from Milwaukee to Beaver Dam in 2003. Our extended family live all over the state of WI, so we spend a lot of time traveling to visit them. Family is so important! One of the most impressive things said to me, in my interview, was that your church members think of each other as a close family. I knew, right then, that working for St.Marks was the right decision. I am looking forward to meeting more of you and doing everything I can to benefit the church and its congregation.
**JANUARY 2020**  
**Year A**  
**Liturrgical Ministries**

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or Luke 2:41-52  
or Matthew 2:1-12  
Psalm 84 or 84:1-8 | **READER** | Joann Ellis  
Isaiah 42:1-9  
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Psalm 27:1, 5-13 |
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As you have previously heard, this year’s stewardship program is focused on taking care of each other.

**A CPR class is being offered on January 19th at 10:30 am. The class will take 1 ½ - 2 hours.**

The program is called “Friends and Family”. You will be instructed in CPR and the use of our AED (Automated external defibrillator). This is not a certification course, it is for training only. The cost is nominal-$10 per person. You do not need to pay ahead. If cost is a barrier, see Fr. Oscar for assistance. A sign-up sheet will be in the narthex starting December 1st. Please sign up if you are interested. We need a minimum of 10 people (and no more than 15) to offer this opportunity. If we do not have enough from St. Mark’s, we will open it up to St. Paul’s, Watertown. We need a headcount by December 29th. The cut-off date to sign up is December 29th.

A video will also be made available that will provide information on where first aid supplies are kept, what to do in an emergency and how to use our chair lift.

We hope that you will be able to join us for some portion of January’s program.

Blessings,
The Stewardship Committee

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**2020 Pledge Card**

Have you received one? Have you filled one out and placed it in the offering plate? If you don’t have one please use this one. Please return by 12/1/19. This will assist the Treasurer and the Finance Committee to develop a budget for 2020.
If God asks us to LOVE ONE ANOTHER, then stewardship begins by taking care of one another.

Join us through the months of Nov. 2019 - Oct. 2020 to learn how we can become better stewards and followers of Christ.

**Stewardship 2019-2020**

St. Mark’s Episcopal Church - 700 E. Mill St. Beaver Dam, WI 53916

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**Stress Management - Nov. 17th**
Managing stress through the holidays and tips to use throughout life

**Safety and Emergency Planning - January 2020**
CPR training, AED protocols, caring for one another

**Emotional Life Balance - March 2020**
Finding tools to have a balanced life

**Aging in our Society - May 2020**
Resources available in our community

**Finances - August 2020**
Planning for the future while making the most of our present

**Self Care, Achieving a meaningful life - Oct. 2020**
Caring for oneself so we are prepared to take care of others
St. Mark’s Episcopal Church  
Vestry Meeting Minutes  
October 20, 2019  

Members present: Jody Langfeldt, Joanne Ellis, Linda Zamzow  Also present: James Merrill – Senior Warden, Ken Peters – Co-Jr. Warden, Fred Ellis – Treasure, Fr. Oscar Rozo – Rector  
Absent: Erin Weirough, Chris Merrill, Dave Drexler – Co-Jr. Warden  

1. Meeting called to order by Jim Merrill, Sr. Warden at 10:55 am. Joanne Ellis gave the devotion talking about her spiritual journey.  
2. Approval of Sept. 2019 Meeting Minutes – Motion by Linda Z and seconded by Joanne E to approve the minutes of the September Vestry meeting as presented. Motion carried.  
3. Treasurer’s Report – Fred E gave the Treasurer’s report. A question was raised about line 250.7 on the Balance Sheet as to what the “St. Mark’s Community Ministry” is. Fred will check into that. Fred will be checking into the Recker’s Pension, line 512.1 to see where we stand on that. He will also check into line 514 Rector’s Travel to see what has been submitted. It was clarified that both Administrative Assistants are being paid, line 612. Recommendation by Jody L to accept Treasurer’s Report. Report accepted.  
4. Old Business-  
   a) Rule of Life – Tabled  
   b) Office Assistant – Sarah Paul started as the office assistant the first week in October. Things are going well. She is also bringing ideas for consideration on new and different ways to do things. Welcome Sarah!  
   c) Josh Visitation/Church – Joanne E is going to check with Josh’s dad about his willingness to come with Josh once a month to church with St. Mark’s paying for transportation. This will remain on the agenda.  
   d) Donating 10% of fundraising profits – Start thinking about whom these donations should be made to for 2019 and bring a list to the next meeting. It was suggested that the places/organizations that receive donations should be publicized during the fundraising event so folks know where these funds go beginning in 2020.  
   e) T-shirts – The supply of t-shirts is getting low. It was suggested that more be ordered.  
   f) Interest of Money Market – Sarah Paul suggested that we look into setting up one account for the money market interest. Motion by Jim M and seconded by Joanne E to create a money market interest account. Motion carried.  
   g) Episcopal Diocese of Milwaukee Audit Signatures – done.  
   h) Audit – it was suggested that we change to a single signer on our checking account. This will make the process more convenient for those who are signers.  
   i) PayPal – Sarah Paul’s church accepts pledges and/or donations through PayPal. Fred E will check into this.  
   j) QuickBooks – The Diocese recommended that we update our QuickBooks program. Jim M brought information from a vendor, Tech Soup, where we could get the update. Jim will check into this further.  
   k) Non-profit information – The non-profit information will be added to the church directory and website. It was suggested that where people can refer others too for gas cards, etc. also be added.  
   l) New Phone – We have had the new phone since 9/17/19 and it is working well according to Fr. Oscar. There are some dead spots.  
5. New Business –
a) Issues from Fr. Oscar, Senior Warden and Others
   i. AED yearly update (pads, batteries) – During the meeting of the Stewardship committee it was recommended that new batteries and defibrillator pads be purchase to establish a baseline for future purchases and monthly checks. The AED needs to be checked monthly and the committee is working on a suggestion as to who should do this. These items will be ordered from AED Superstore online. Funds will come from line item 450. Motion by Linda Z and seconded by Joanne E to make this purchase. Motion carried.
   ii. Scammers – Fr. Gary apparently received a call from someone asking for gift cards for women going through chemo for breast cancer. This person represented that this call was at Fr. Oscar’s request. This request is not coming from Fr. Oscar! He stated he would not use this method to solicit gift cards and would make a request during regular Sunday services or by a personal phone call if needed. Jim M will make an announcement to the congregation to be aware of this scam.

b) Junior Warden and Committee Reports-
   i. Building and Grounds
      a) Ken P reported that clean-up has been around the cedar trees. Fred E came over and cut down the flowers.
      b) There was some water in the basement during the last heavy rain. Some discussion about replacing the carpeting downstairs with some other flooring.
      c) Ken P and Dave D are making a 3’ cross for the new room. Ellis’ also have a picture for the new room.
      d) The furnaces need to be checked.
      e) The new signs are still in process. Ken found a company more local to make them.
      f) He also has the stuff for repairing the angel’s wing.
   ii. Other Committee Reports –
      a) Stewardship Committee – Jody reported that the Stewardship is continuing to meet to plan programs about caring for one another here at St. Mark’s.
      b) Cookie Sale – The cookie sale will be set up differently this year. Meredith and Lindsay are heading up the event. The date will be 12/14. It was suggested that the Vestry get this event out to their networks by liking and sharing the St. Mark’s Facebook page.
   iii. Other New Business –
      a) There are new compensation guidelines for clergy that were approved at the annual convention.
      b) An offer of a credenza for the church has been made by a parishioner. While the offer is appreciated, unsure where to put it. Thanks to the parishioner for the offer.

6. Fundraising – Scrip Update – Sept. profit was $127.99.
7. Next meeting – The next meeting will be November 10th after church. Erin Weirough will do the devotion.
9. Meeting adjourned – Motion to adjourn meeting by Joanne E. Meeting adjourned at 12:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Jody Langfeldt, Clerk

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“Building to Serve our Neighbors”
Capital Campaign Announcement

St. Vincent de Paul of Dodge County announces its “Building to Serve our Neighbors” capital campaign; the campaign goal is to raise $1,000,000 by December 31, 2020. An initial and generous donor will match donations made between now and April 30, 2020, up to $200,000, which is a tremendous way to kickstart the campaign!

St. Vincent’s has seen a prolonged and rising monthly increase in the number of families needing assistance, thus the capital campaign has as its central purpose the expansion of assistance capacity. We will add capacity by completing the following key elements:

- increasing the size of the donations processing area to grow and improve product selection,
- add sales space to display a greater selection and build sales (more cash to support the needy),
- additional space for a growing number of volunteers to manage inventory and assist customers,
- expanded parking and improved customer access to both the Thrift Store and Food Pantry, and
- addition of a sheltered donations drop-off area.

All of these steps will help us to increase store sales, and in turn, support more needy families. As part of our expansion plans, we’ve also reached an agreement to acquire 3.9 acres of additional land (west of the current store), with a closing slated for early 2020. We anticipate breaking ground in 2020.

We ask you to prayerfully consider supporting the “Building to Serve our Neighbors” campaign. There are several ways to support the campaign:

- make a cash donation or pledge using the form found online here, or in the store.
- you may be able to pledge appreciated assets and avoid some capital gains taxes (contact the Store Manager and/or your tax advisor for details),
- make a cash donation at the checkout counter, and/or
- remember SVdP in your will.

All of us here at SVdP wish you and yours continued blessings this Christmas Season, and in the New Year!

The SVdP Thrift Store’s Mission Statement: St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Stores are an association of lay employees and volunteers dedicated to serve Christ’s needy sisters and brothers. All who enter our store are welcomed with dignity and respect, and we trust they will leave as friends to shop with us again. Those who cannot afford the clothing, furniture, and other items they need, will be provided for through a Vincentian-initiated referral system.
September 2019

Dear St. Mark’s,

As someone invested in Dodge County, we want to update you regarding PAVE’s progress on developing a new facility to better serve our community. Our current facility has served us well since 1982, but was designed as a residence, not as a shelter. Several years ago, it became apparent we would need more space than it allows.

Our staff and the Board of Directors have toured shelters throughout the state and researched best practices to create a secure and healing environment. Thoughtful design serves survivors by meeting their needs for dignity, security, and connection. WDS and Excel Engineering have been instrumental in helping us develop a space to meet PAVE’s needs.

Over the past months, we invited the community’s input about the feasibility of a new facility. This was an important step, as we will need to raise funds for this project. We were inspired to learn that the Dodge County community sees this project as an essential part of our area’s safety network.

After much forethought, PAVE has submitted an offer to purchase an existing building in Beaver Dam. We are making every effort to ensure the space meets the needs of our mission, and we are also pleased to be making an environmentally sound decision to repurpose an existing building.

While the exact budget will be finalized shortly, we estimate the project will cost around $3.3 million which includes the purchase of the building, the renovation, the cost of the campaign and some operational money to help with the costs of transitioning to the new space.

We are eager to share the specifics of the project with you soon and expect to reach out to you in the next month to arrange a time to share more details about our project and invite your participation in our campaign.

Thank you for all you do for the community. We look forward to seeing you soon.

Sincerely,

Dr. Kenneth Ostermann, MD
President, Board of Directors
# December 2019

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Birthdays
Baptismal Anniversary
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Christmas Caroling to our Shut-in’s

Last year a group of St. Mark’s Parishioners went Christmas caroling to our shut-in’s. We were able to go to Phyllis Ecklor’s, Tom & Stacy Guptill, Margaret Irwin and Josh Kopmeyer. We had a date for MaryAnn Kenitz, but she came down with a cold.

This past year MaryAnn and Phyllis have both gone forth to meet our Lord. Tom Guptill’s wife Stacy also went to meet our Lord and Tom has moved to Madison.

With that said we have two shut-in’s who would enjoy a group of carolers from St. Mark’s. Margaret and Josh. If you are interested in Caroling to our shut-in’s, please let Joann Ellis know what date and time you have available. She will then try to set up a date that works with most of us.

This date could be a weekend afternoon or a weekday afternoon or evening. Please contact Joann at 920-319-6694 or email jojoellis52@gmail.com

It means so much to our shut-ins to see their St. Mark’s friends. Thanking you in advance!

Joann Ellis

Questions/Answers for Markie!

NONE SUBMITTED FOR DECEMBER
PRAY FOR OUR MEN AND WOMEN IN THE SERVICE

Dennis Adams, John Bahler, Mark Fritsche (deployed), Barry Hilbert, Joshua Kent, Brian Lampert, Jedediah Oehler (deployed), Christopher Schoebel, Steven Strubbe, and Trevor who just joined the Army (3/19).

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.

(If you have updates to this listing of our service men and women, please give me any additions, corrections or persons to remove because their service time has ended. jojoellis52@gmail.com )