



ST. MARY'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
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FOUNDED 1874 ~ CURRENT LOCATION 1961

The mission of St. Mary's Lutheran Church is to be a fellowship of believers, called by God and empowered by the Holy Spirit, to bear witness to Jesus Christ in the community and in the world. We equip ourselves for our mission by: Prayer, Worship, Education. Enabling us to witness through: Evangelism, Service, Stewardship.

**WE ARE
GOD'S PEOPLE
FOLLOWERS OF JESUS CHRIST
GIFTED BY THE SPIRIT
GO PRAY
GO LOVE
GO SERVE
THANKS BE TO GOD!**

Holy Week & Easter Worship Schedule 2025

- + *Palm / Passion Sunday—April 12th & 13th*
- + *Maundy Thursday—April 17th at 6:00pm*
- + *Good Friday—April 18th*

*Noon Worship—TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
7104 39th Ave, Kenosha, WI 53142*

- + *Easter Vigil—April 19th at 4:00pm (see page 7)*
- + *Resurrection Easter Sunday—April 20th at 9:00am
(no sunrise service)*

***Holy Communion open to ALL at all services &
Friends and Visitors always WELCOME here!***

A Message from Our Pastor

The Rev. Dr. Jordan Miller-Stubbendick

As spring and Easter approach, I've been thinking about what it is that keeps us going through ordinary days, hard times, and joyful days alike. There are lots of answers to this question, of course. Some might include family, friends, pets, time in nature, faith, and so on. All of these things are important. But what about the power of small interactions and kindnesses to connect us to each other and brighten up the day?

I think small kindnesses are vastly underrated. They can change the course of a day or even a lifetime. They matter far more than we give them credit for. In celebration of the small kindnesses that give shape and color and delight to our days, I hope you enjoy Danusha Lameris's poem, *Small Kindnesses*.

Small Kindnesses
by Danusha Lameris

*I've been thinking about the way, when you walk
down a crowded aisle, people pull in their legs
to let you by. Or how strangers still say "bless you"
when someone sneezes, a leftover
from the Bubonic plague. "Don't die," we are saying.
And sometimes, when you spill lemons
from your grocery bag, someone else will help you
pick them up. Mostly, we don't want to harm each other.
We want to be handed our cup of coffee hot,
and to say thank you to the person handing it. To smile
at them and for them to smile back. For the waitress
to call us honey when she sets down the bowl of clam chowder,
and for the driver in the red pick-up truck to let us pass.
We have so little of each other, now. So far
from tribe and fire. Only these brief moments of exchange.
What if they are the true dwelling of the holy, these
fleeting temples we make together when we say,
"Here, have my seat," "Go ahead—you first," "I like your hat."*

CHURCH COUNCIL



Greetings St. Mary's Community,

It is already April 2025 and we are already fully into the season of Lent and soon Easter. There is a lot going on at St Mary's during this time. Over the last 6 months I have been recapping the ***Adventures in Renewal*** Videos that council has been watching.

- Listening to **God** to see what he might be nudging us to do
- Listening to **one another's** stories
- Listening to our **neighbors**

Than to listen to the stories from

- Pastors Jordan and Adam about their insight on what it is like living and working in Jerusalem today. The authentic Palestinian food we were treated to was also part of the educational experience. Thank you again Pastors Jordan and Adam.
- The stories we are listening to on Wednesday nights during Lent by **Sumud: for Justice in Palestine and Israel** from the ELCA's initiative for justice and peace in the Holy Land. What an opportunity to learn what it is like to be a Christian in the birthplace of Jesus Christ.

Remember: prior to attending Wednesday Lent Service our youth are serving up Gretchen's wonderful soups. Come have a bowl or two of soup and support St Mary's youth mission trip to North Carolina. The youth will also be putting on their annual Palm Sunday breakfast on Sunday April 13th.

I mentioned earlier about the ***Adventures in Renewal*** Videos council has been reviewing.

<https://milwaukeeesynod.org/resources/for-congregations/resources-for-mission-renewal/>

On March 8th, 17 members of council, church ministry leads and pastors attended a

leadership retreat. The intent of the retreat was to bring together St Mary's ministry teams and provide updates each ministry's high and lows over the last year and needs for the next year. We watched the 1st video in the renewal series ***How Things have Changed*** – which highlights the cultural changes taken place in the last few decades in order to help current church members understand why there is a new approach needed. The leaders of St Mary's believe this is a good way to look at Church renewal. We are looking for a couple individuals who might want to help co-lead this opportunity. If you are interested in learning more view the videos using the link above, contact myself or Pastor Jordan.

Sign update: If fabrication and the weather cooperate, it looks like the new electronic sign will start being installed the first week of April.

Former Grace Welcome Center update: During the last month you may have seen updates in the paper, on social media, or last month's Spirit (I apologize for any confusion) on the statuses of the Grace People's Pantry and the Kenosha Welcome Center, formerly the Grace Welcome Center. The information provided in these medias has not changed the neutral position taken by St Mary's council regarding support. Until the ongoing litigation is resolved we will not be providing financial support to either and the Red Bags will continue to go to the Shalom Center. St Mary's will continue to serve/support those in need through other ministry partners.

Go Pray, Go Love, Go Serve!
Keith Richter, SMLC Council President

SUNDAY SCHOOL

APRIL 2025

SUNDAY SCHOOL DATES

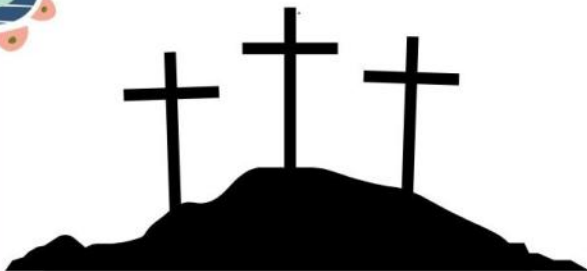
APRIL 6 9:00 A.M.
April 13 9:00 A.M.
April 20 No Sunday School
April 27 No Sunday School



First Communion participants
See You On

APRIL 5 9:00A.M.-11:00A.M. SPECIAL ACTIVITIES
CONGRATULATIONS!

Dorian, McKenna, Jackson, Ben
on your upcoming
First Communion
Sunday, April 6th 9am service



You don't have time to make it to service but your child can make it to Sunday School? It's okay! Drop them off! Let us know in advance by sending a message to the contact info listed.

We meet in the sanctuary at 9:00am and are finished at 10:30am. Please come inside to pick up your child. All children must be registered for Sunday School.

APRIL EVENTS / ACTIVITIES

Home and Faith: Family Connection Night
April 2 6:00p-7:30 During Service
Families drop your child in Fellowship before going into service, or come earlier for Soup Supper.
Sunny Sunday note preparation / activity / games

SOUP KITCHEN

APRIL 6 4:15-6:15 Ready to serve
MAY 4 4:15-6:15 Need people to serve
JUNE 8 4:15-6:15 Need people to serve
Families, check your email for link

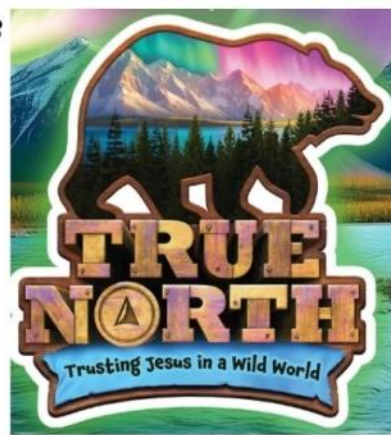
GREETERS: Sunday school children

April 13 Need volunteers to serve
May 11 Need Volunteers to serve
Families, check your email for link

Vacation Bible School

Coming!
July 28-31
Save the date!

**JESUS IS
OUR
TRUE
NORTH**



Contact Info

JOAN OEHLBERG:
Coordinator of Children's Ministry
Email: kidmin@stmaryslutheran.org



High School Calendar

4/2, 4/9, 4/16—FUSION WILL BE USED TO REHEARSE FOR GOOD FRIDAY!

4/23—NO FUSION

4/30— FUSION 7:00-8:45

Middle School Calendar

4/7—FISH 6:30-8

4/14—No FISH

4/21—No FISH

4/28—FISH 6:30-8



A CHORD WITH THE LORD

Middle and High School Choir

4/2—Rehearsal 6:45-7:30

4/16—Rehearsal 6:15-7:00



Good Friday Rehearsals

4/2— High School Only 7pm-8:30pm

4/6—Middle and High Schoolers 6-7pm

4/9—High School Only 7pm-8:30pm

4/13—High School Only 7pm-8:30pm

4/14—Middle and High Schoolers 6pm-8pm

4/16—High School Only 6pm-8pm

4/17— Set Up After Service

LENT SOUP SUPPER



APRIL 2nd AND 9th

5:00-6:00

BRING A FREWILL OFFERING AND SUPPORT OUR YOUTH!
STAY FOR THE LENTEN SERVICE AT 6:00PM

PALM SUNDAY BREAKFAST

April 13th
9:30am-11:30am

Adults - \$10

Children - \$5

Meal choice between:
Ham and Cheese Egg Bake
Biscuits and Gravy

Tickets available for
sale after services or
at the door!

NURSE SUE—ADVOCATE FAITH & HEALTH—APRIL 2024

Dear friends,

Caregiving can be stressful as well as rewarding. You might wonder if you are really a caregiver? Do you monitor someone's medical condition? Do you buy and organize medication for others? Do you talk with health care providers on behalf of a person? Do you provide hygiene and basic care assistance? Do you shop, cook, or provide meal management in any way? Are you managing a person's finances or making sure a household is up and running? If you said yes to any of the above...congratulations, you are a caregiver!

So now that you have established your caregiving status, let me ask you a few more questions. Do you feel overwhelmed or constantly worried or tired all the time? Do you feel like you need more sleep, or are you getting too much sleep? Do you become easily irritated or angry? Are you losing interest in activities you used to enjoy? Are you feeling sad? Have you been having frequent headaches, bodily pain or other physical problems? Do you find yourself abusing alcohol or drugs, including prescription medications? If you answered yes to any of these questions you might be suffering from caregiver stress.

The Department of Aging and Disability in Kenosha can be a great resource for caregivers. They have an online resource book that directs you to available resources in the community. [2023 Community Service Directory](#). There is a family caregiver support group that you can join that meets the 1st Thursday of the month from 4-5 p.m. either virtual or in person, facilitated by Margaret Ricchio, Caregiver Support Specialist... call 262-605-6646 to learn more. Also, there are caregiver classes offered throughout the year for those interested in learning more about caregiving. A person can register for the "Powerful Tools for Caregivers", a six-week, workshop, that is a self-care education program for family

caregivers. PTC provides self-care tools and strategies to better handle the unique challenges caregivers face. Subjects include reducing personal stress, changing negative self-talk, communicating effectively in challenging situations, recognizing emotions and difficult feelings, and making tough caregiving decisions. Class size is limited, and registration is required. ***The deadline for registering is Thursday May 1. The class runs Thursdays, May 5th - June 12th, 2 to 3:30 p.m. Call 262-605-6646.***



Tualta is a community of experts and caregivers who offer practical guidance, empathy, and encouragement. A wonderful support system for caregivers. You can join for free at the following website: [Register - Wisconsin Family and Caregiver Support Alliance](#)

From the Sisters of Providence of Saint Mary of the Woods: Let us pray,

"Dear Father, I need to remember that I am called upon to only do what I can. As I care for my loved one, grace me with the trust to rely on you as each day unfolds. Give me the strength to be strong in those times when my loved one becomes weaker and needs increase care. Give me clarity of vision for him/her as their own ability to think clearly eludes them. When my own vision is clouded by fatigue and frustration, give me respite moments so I will regain new energy to provide the care needed. Amen."



*Shalom,
Nurse Sue,
R.N., F.C.N.
Aurora
Faith and
Health Team*

The Easter Vigil

Since ancient times, the church has traditionally held an Easter vigil service on the Saturday night before Easter Sunday morning. The sacred three days of Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday reach their peak in the Easter Vigil service, which abounds in imagery evoking responses from deep within the human psyche: darkness/light, death/life, chaos/order, slavery/freedom. This most holy night celebrates the central mystery of salvation – Christ's saving death and mighty rising.

In the ancient church the Vigil was a watch through the night for signs of the rising dawn. During this night we pass over from death to renewed life with Christ as we light a new fire for the paschal candle.

The Vigil was the culmination of nearly two years of training for new Christians. It was during this service that they were baptized into the body of Christ and were also permitted to receive communion for the first time. All of the people would fast from Thursday on. They would gather at sunset and kindle a fire. Our service will also begin with fire, the service of light, announcing the dawn of Easter. The paschal candle will be re-lit.

The new Christians-in-training (catechumens) would then hear a series of readings (usually 12) that center around water, encompassing the whole of salvation history. Although our service will not have this many readings, we will hear some of these traditional readings, and be reminded that we have been washed and renewed as children of God in our baptism.

The third portion of the service centers around baptism and the affirmation of the baptismal covenant. While baptism is permanent and indelible and lasts forever, we need daily to return to that covenant through confession and forgiveness, and regularly to renew the faith we profess.

The Vigil concludes with the proclamation that "Christ is risen." And we respond, "Christ is risen, indeed!" We celebrate this great good news—namely that Easter has begun! We celebrate Christ's victory over death as we share in the life-giving meal of holy communion.

The Vigil begins in darkness and culminates in light. We move from a bare sanctuary to white and gold altar paraments. We raise the paschal candle as a symbol of Christ's victory over death with life eternal, remembering that the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

—Saturday, April 19, 2025 at 4:00pm



**St. Mary's Lutheran
Audio/Visual Team**

Small time commitment with **big** results

We are seeking interested volunteers to join Art Kotenko before the service on Sunday to help manage the sound and video needs during the service.

There are a few people that have been trained and we need your help with rotation of week-ends. We will train you. It'll be fun!

CALL BETH IN OFFICE @ 262-658-3555

A big "SHOUT OUT" to
Stephanie Raszkievicz
and Joan Oehlberg for
having the Sunday
Schoolers sing at Saturday worship on March
15th! A delicious "thank you" for the sundae bar
during Kringle Mingle!



"SHOUT OUT" to our Property Team & Beth in the
office for coordinating a successful BIG day of
celebrations in the church on a Saturday in
March: baby shower in the Fellowship Hall, 38
crafters in Gym and a first birthday party for twins
in the Lounge! Wow!

CHRISTIAN & QUEER



A gathering and safe space for
LGBTQIA+ church folks of any
denomination in the greater Racine
and Kenosha area.

Hosted & facilitated by ELCA Pastors
Wesley, Matt, Nathan, & Allison.

APRIL 8 AT 6:30PM
SPIRIT ALIVE! CHURCH
4600 60TH ST.
KENOSHA, WI



From Marilyn Richter: "To my St.
Mary's Church family, thank you for
all the thoughts, prayers, cards and
well wishes which have helped so
much. See you soon!"

From Edie Iverson: "I would like to thank everyone for
your cards, prayers and well wishes. Thank You!"

From Dick & Mary Sjoerdsma: "We wish to express our
deep gratitude to the generous outpouring of love, expressed
in gifts of cards, food, flowers, and well wishes, from our
SMLC Christian community during Mary's recent
hospitalization and continuing recovery. We see the face of
Jesus in you and feel richly blessed to be a part of this
caring, giving, loving fellowship."

The Presentation on Palestine by Pastors Miller-Stubbendick

If you would like to watch this presentation that was held here at St.
Mary's on Sunday, March 9th, on YouTube, you must request a link as
the video is unlisted and not for publication. This cares for all involved,
especially our Palestinian siblings in Christ. Email
INFO@STMARYSLUTHERAN.ORG

2025 Lenten Video Series: Sumud

If you would like to watch the video series produced by the ELCA that St.
Mary's is using for our Lenten journey together, you can go to the
elca.org/sumud online and download the Lenten Series Guide where you
will find the videos, discussion questions & devotions.



WELCA ~ WOMEN OF THE ELCA "MOTHER'S DAY HIGH TEA"

SATURDAY, MAY 3, 2025

1 PM IN FELLOWSHIP HALL

MUSIC BY NATALIYA NIKONOVA SCHOEN

- **Registration fee: \$10.00** Tables
can be reserved for 6 to 8 people.

Checks made out to "WELCA, St. Mary's
Lutheran"

- **Registration dates are:** April 5 & 6, April 12 &
13 and April 26 & 27 or call the church office.
- **Honored Guests:** Pastor's wives from past
years.

*This is a time to enjoy visiting with each other, have a bit
of fun and dress up with gloves and hats if you wish.*



On Sunday, March 9, after worship, about 80 members & friends joined Pastors Jordan and Adam Miller-Stubbendick for a time of learning about their life and work in Jerusalem, accompanying the Palestinian Lutheran Church.



And, we shared a delicious meal together. Right here in Kenosha, we are very lucky to have Narmeen Salem, owner and chef at Zaytuna's Kitchen. Narmeen is originally from Palestine, and she prepared traditional Middle Eastern foods for us to enjoy along with the presentation.



Photo credits to
Chris Johnson,
Patti Mason,
Carole Scotese



Endowment Foundation Scholarships

The St. Mary's Lutheran Endowment Foundation will again be awarding scholarships and educational grants for the 2025-2026 school year. Students must be enrolled in an accredited college full-time and be a communicant member of St. Mary's Lutheran Church to apply. Past applicants and recipients are welcome to apply again.



Those wishing to apply for a scholarship may go the St. Mary's Lutheran Church Website, click on Endowment Foundation and download the appropriate forms. Applications must be filled out completely, for either entering or continuing college student. Applications, along with transcripts and other supporting material must be postmarked on or before April 30. Any application without a postmark will not be considered.

St. Mary's Lutheran Church Endowment Foundation 2025 Check Disbursements ~ 1st Quarter

St. Mary's Lutheran Church
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KAFSI

Salvation Army
Peace Learning Circles

***Help defray the cost of ...*

****St. Mary's new Electronic Message Center**
Materials for St. Mary's quilters
****St. Mary's youth's mission trip to N. Carolina**
Senior Nutrition Program
Homelessness prevention
Elementary and M.S. practicing peace program supplies



Food on the 1st

Funded by St. Mary's Lutheran Church Endowment Foundation, Lydia Circle and Women of the ELCA

**NEXT FOOD ON THE FIRST DROP OFF IS
SATURDAY APRIL 5 & SUNDAY APRIL 6TH!**

Donation Receipt: SMLC from the
Shalom Center, March 2025
"Thank you for your 219 lbs. of
Non-Perishable Items!" [#smlcrocks](#)

Treasurer's Report ~ February 2025

Income Actual.....	\$33,167.83
Expenses Actual.....	\$51,087.58
Results.....	- \$17,919.75

Fiscal Year-to-date 24/25

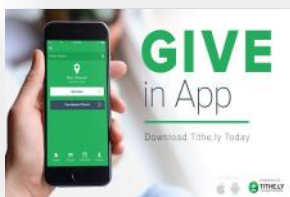
Income Actual.....	\$336,973.17
Expenses Actual.....	\$312,629.81
Results.....	+\$24,343.36

The current Year-to-date percentage of electronic giving to total offerings given is 33%.

It Is "O-Fish-AI"



**St. Mary's is going to
The Kenosha Kingfish
game!
Sunday, July 20th
at 1:35pm**



**GET THE TITHE.LY APP
OR SCAN THIS QR
CODE FOR WEEKLY OR
ONE-TIME GIVING.
THANK YOU!**



SCAN ME

Scammers have a new phishing trick for iPhone users – here's how to avoid falling victim

March 9, 2025

By [Alex Blake](#) published January 13, 2025

BYPASSING APPLE'S SAFETY MEASURES

- Scammers have a new trick up their sleeves, and are using it on iPhone users.
- They tell you to reply to their texts, which disables Apple's scam protection
- Thankfully, there are a few ways you can stay safe

Apple has built several scam-protection tools into iOS, one of which disables links in SMS messages if the text comes from an unknown number. However, it looks like scammers have found a way to bypass these defenses and send you dangerous links, despite Apple's best efforts.

As noted by *Bleeping Computer*, links are re-enabled if you reply to a message from an unknown source, as Apple assumes that replying means you trust the sender enough to also trust the URLs they've included.

However, scammers have latched onto this by instructing their victims to reply to their message, then click the re-enabled links. For instance, one scam message seen by *Bleeping Computer* contained a phishing link (which had been disabled), with the following text underneath it:

"LATEST VIDEOS FROM TECHRADAR – BEST CAMERA PHONE 2024

"Please reply Y, then exit the text message, reopen the text message activation link, or copy the link to Safari browser to open it."

The idea seems to be that people are so used to replying to automated texts with things like 'YES' and 'NO' that they will automatically do the same with the phishing messages, thereby enabling potentially dangerous links to work again.

HOW TO STAY SAFE

If you receive an unexpected message from an unknown source and see that the text contains links, do not reply to it. Doing so will make the links live again, but simply ignoring the text (and reporting it as spam) will ensure you can't fall victim to it.



If you aren't sure whether a message is genuine or not, the advice remains the same: do not reply to it. Instead, contact the company directly using its official channels. This will put you in touch with a legitimate employee who will be able to tell you whether the message you received is trustworthy or not.

Even if you don't click any suspicious links in the text, simply replying to the message will signal to the scammer that your number is active and that you are willing to engage with phishing messages, making you an inviting target.

It's better to be safe than sorry in these situations. If you've been sent a text you weren't expecting from a sender that claims to be an official source, it's best to be cautious rather than take any unnecessary risks. If in doubt, simply report it and don't interact with it.

A Note from St. Mary's Lutheran Church

REMINDER: Neither pastor, church leadership nor staff will **EVER** request money, gift cards, or to buy anything on their behalf especially through a text or email. We have public profiles on the internet and scammers impersonate clergy at an alarming rate of success. Please do not click or open anything suspicious. **Always check the sender's email address. Be safe and thank you!**

And, thank you to Alex Geron for securing this article and the permissions to reprint it here for the congregation's review and use.

Alex Blake <alexblake.techradar@gmail.com> Permission to use: Scammers have a new phishing trick for iPhone users – here's how to avoid falling victim "it would be fine for you to use the article in the church bulletin".

30 Days of Decluttering for April

..... Ordinary & Happy

M	T	W	T	F	S	S
31 	1 Fill one bag with clutter from the house to donate.	2 Toss expired items from your fridge and pantry.	3 Clear out and organize your wallet and/or purse.	4 Take 30 minutes to clear your email inbox.	5 Donate clothes you haven't worn in a year (if not needed).	6 Clear out and organize the kitchen cabinets.
7 Organize your work desk.	8 Organize paperwork into folders.	9 Clear and organize the under-the-sink cabinets.	10 Throw away any broken items.	11 Clear apps, photos, and files on your phone for 30 mins.	12 Organize your spice shelf/cabinet.	13 Declutter and organize the kitchen utensils.
14 Set a 15-min timer and declutter as quickly as you can.	15 Toss any broken dishes or glasses.	16 Organize your shoes (and donate pairs if you want).	17 Clean and reorganize the bathroom drawers.	18 Declutter and organize the entryway.	19 Declutter your Easter decorations.	20 Take 15 mins to declutter and organize the living room.
21 Take 30 mins to organize the files on your computer.	22 Pick 5 items you no longer need to donate.	23 Declutter and organize your night-stands.	24 Sort through your socks (throwing away ones without a pair).	25 Get a cable and cord organizer.	26 Clear out your car (including the trunk and glove box).	27 Go through old photos and organize them.
28 Clear all flat surfaces in a room and return only what you want to keep.	29 Take 15 mins to declutter and organize your bedroom.	30 Take 15 mins to declutter and organize kitchen counters.	1 	2 	3 	4 
						



**SHALOM
CENTER**

A celebratory luncheon to
highlight our accomplishments
and *Light The Way Forward!*

Be a part of our Annual Celebration on Friday, May 2, 2025, 11:30pm–2:00pm at Kenosha Country Club, 500 13th Avenue in Kenosha.

Let's "Light the Way Forward". Help us meet our goal of raising \$50,000 to fight Hunger and Homelessness.

- Social hour from 11:30am to 12:15pm
- Sit down lunch starts at 12:15pm
- Raffle and Silent Auction
- Guest Speakers

Advance Tickets: \$75 each

To purchase tickets, scan the
QR code or go to:

www.shalomcenter.org/events



**May
2nd
Friday**

**Luncheon
11:30am
to 2pm**

**Kenosha
Country
Club**

4314 39th Ave, Kenosha, WI 53144
262-658-1713 • **www.shalomcenter.org**



@shalomcenterwis

OPPORTUNITIES @ CHURCH ~ APRIL 2025

WORSHIP

SATURDAYS, 4PM & SUNDAYS, 9AM**

****Leadership decided that the start time of 4:00pm for Saturday's services will continue. Thank you to everyone who shared their thoughts.**

Both services' orders of worship will be the same, except when we celebrate a Holden Evening Prayer service on Saturday and a **CONTEMPORARY LED SERVICE ON SUNDAY***. Worship materials include using the ELW hymnal, printed bulletins, announcement sheets, etc. Printed material available online at our church's website under "uploaded bulletins, announcements".

ASSISTING MINISTERS: An assisting minister is a liturgical leader who assists the congregation in worship and alongside the presiding minister throughout the worship service. Assisting ministers proclaim the word of God in prayer and scripture readings, receive offerings, pray for the concerns of the church and the world. They stand at the font helping welcome new Christians and help distribute the bread and wine. Assisting ministers send the congregation into the world for mission. **You do not need to sing.**

HOLY COMMUNION at the railing or from your seat as needed; once a month, communion will be by intinction. Gluten-Free/regular wafer, wine/juice offered. Children who haven't received instruction yet, or anyone may come forward for a blessing instead. Simply fold your hands when approaching.

USHERING: It's an easy way to help! All ages, genders & skills welcome! We will be passing the plate. Drop a note and we'll contact you!

WORSHIP GREETERS: Our first impression specialists! Families can sign up! Individuals! Buddies! Contact Margaret VanBoven to serve.

MUSIC GROUPS

ADULT CHOIR~ Rehearsals 6:30pm Wednesday nights, singing monthly on 1st, 3rd & 4th Sundays.

***CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP TEAM ~** Tuesdays (2x month) 5:45pm; singing monthly usually on the 2nd Sunday. **THERE IS NO CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP SERVICE IN APRIL.**

JUBILATE! ~ Rehearsals 5:30pm Monday nights in the sanctuary space. Jubilate! plays in worship on the 1st Sunday of each month. April 6th is next time in worship.

"A CHORD FOR THE LORD" YOUTH CHOIR ~ You do not need to be a member of St. Mary's Youth to be in this choir. Contact Kendra (kendra.richter13@gmail.com) or Christina (croldani1@gmail.com).

CIRCLES & SMALL GROUPS

****TUESDAY WOMEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST**
Paused until it resumes on Tuesday, May 6th.

WEDNESDAY MORNING PRAYER BREAKFAST

Everyone is welcome to join us at 7 a.m. Marina Garden near the entrance 5001 7th Avenue.

St. Mary's Community Quilters ~ Mondays @ 9:00am

Miriam ~ 2nd Tuesday @ 1:00pm

Circle of Friends ~ 3rd Wednesday @ 1:00pm

Women's Book Club ~ 1st Tuesday @ 1:00pm

Lydia Circle ~ 2nd Monday @ 12:30pm

MINISTRIES

SUNDAY SCHOOL ~ Joan Oehlberg's email KidMin@stmaryslutheran.org. Each Sunday morning after Kids' Connection. You can follow us on Facebook [here!](#)

FISH & FUSION Kendra Richter's email Youth@stmaryslutheran.org. Check out the Facebook page [here!](#)

SENIOR MINISTRY ~ St. Mary's The Friendly Center is a senior ministry that has been around for a very long time. Next event Wednesday, April 30, 2025 at 11:00am. **Call Lisa Zanin 909-1181.**

When You Are Sick in Mind, Body, Spirit:

St. Mary's is one of the only church congregations that employs a Parish Nurse/Faith Community Nurse. She has amazing resources, both as a Registered Nurse, and as a Christ-Centered servant. Please call the office and leave a message with how we can call you back. **Do not give any personal, private or symptomatic information to the office.**

When You Are Hospitalized:

Please call the church to notify the staff of your admission. Don't assume the hospital will notify the church, even if you have asked them to. Hospitals are very busy places, and some tasks are put off for more urgent needs. Please notify the church office when you are scheduled for surgery (in or outpatient).

If you wish to be included in the Prayers of the People, please contact us.

We don't mind getting more than one phone call about a parishioner who is hospitalized. Please don't assume that someone else will be notifying us.

Prayer Requests: If you have a prayer request for St. Mary's Prayer Chain, contact:

Sue VanBendegom.....652-1770

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KEY CONTACTS—WHO DO YOU CALL?

CHURCH COUNCIL 2024-2025 St. Mary's Church Council meets the 3rd Thursday of each month at 6:30pm. Committee Meeting Day/Times to be reviewed. All are 1+(262) unless otherwise noted.
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Mondays/Tuesdays/Thursdays: 9:00am-3:00pm

Wednesdays: Noon—6:00pm

Fridays: 9:00am—Noon

**CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE OPEN ON GOOD FRIDAY MORNING
BUT CLOSED ON EASTER MONDAY—APRIL 21**

March 2025

Worship Attendance

1st: 30 2nd: 136

8th: 35 9th: 97

15th: 49 16th: 91

22nd: 34 23rd: 108

**Average attendance on
Lent Wednesdays: 45**

STAY CONNECTED when unable to join us for worship. You can watch these services online three ways:

1. Like our church Facebook Page
2. Watch Live on YouTube or On Demand (Live videos)
3. Watch videos from the church Website (by Tuesdays)

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**Welcome New Member,
Diane!**
We are so happy you are
with us!
Interested in joining?
Contact Pastor Jordan or
call the office.

