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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.



WORSHIP WITH US—ALL ARE WELCOME!

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP WEEKEND

Saturday, August 2nd at 4:00pm

Sunday, August 3rd at 9:00am

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Please know that St. Mary's Lutheran Church celebrates Holy Communion for ALL! This is Christ's table and His invitation. You do not need to be a Lutheran, or a member of our church to participate. Also, if you wish to come up for only a blessing, please tell us when you approach, and we will bless you! If you are unable to come up for communion, tell the usher that you would like to receive communion at your seat, and someone will bring it to you.

**We are so happy you are here today!**

## 2025 Youth Mission Trip: Sharing Our Experiences



We are blessed with the telling of their amazing experiences in North Carolina and all of God's world!

### SATURDAY AFTERNOON WORSHIPERS

A reminder that Pastors Jordan & Debbie, plus Council President, Keith Richter, will meet with you after worship in Fellowship Hall this Saturday.



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## FOOD ON THE FIRST

**August 2 & 3 is RED BAG drop off.**



**DONATION**

Please fill those Red Bags with easy-to-open, non-perishable food & personal supplies each month. We support The Shalom Center in this effort. Thank you!

*The altar flowers are given in loving memory my parents, Ann & Walter Brandes' wedding anniversary by son, Dale Brandes.*



### PRODUCE SHARING TABLE

This will continue into October! Please bring any produce to share . Looks good? please help yourself! There will be a collection box for donations, too.

**New Members Welcome— Do You feel like you're ready to join us?** If you

are interested in more information about membership or joining St. Mary's, please call the church office and we'll set up an appointment with Pastor Jordan.



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Council Connection for August is

Council President, Keith Richter
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Lord of Life Lutheran Church Blood Drive

5601 Washington Rd
Kenosha

**Thursday, August 14, 2025
1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.**

Rally Day - Sept 7

For one-time online giving or for your regular weekly offering, scan this QR Code! We thank you to all who support the mission and ministry of St. Mary's Lutheran Church.





Save the Date: At worship on Saturday, August 23 at 4 pm and Sunday, August 24 at 9 am, we will welcome Mikah Meyer, who will show his documentary and connect it with the week's gospel lesson during the sermon time.

Mikah has created a 16-minute documentary called **Canyon**

Chorus, telling about how he grew up gay as a Lutheran pastor's kid, went on to visit all 400+ National Park Service sites, and discovered the importance of having a mentor and community in one's life.

Mikah also created a symbol called **Outside Safe Space**, for people to wear while doing outdoor activities, or in rural areas, to show that members of the LGBTQIA community will be welcomed and accepted.

After Mikah shows his documentary and preaches on August 23 and 24, he will be available for conversation, and will have **Outside Safe Space** items available for purchase.

JULY'S BIG FINISH!

Vacation Bible School "True North" shown here with all the amazing volunteers & kiddos!



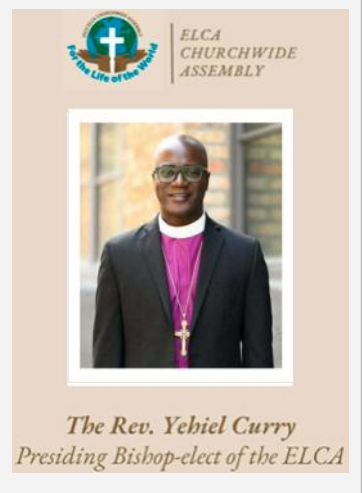
PHOENIX — **The Rev. Yehiel Curry was elected July 30 to serve a six-year term as presiding bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA).** The election took place during the 2025 ELCA Churchwide Assembly being held July 28 –Aug. 2 at the Phoenix (Ariz.) Convention Center. Curry is the first Black presiding bishop of the ELCA.

Speaking to the assembly after his election, Curry reflected on his membership at Shekinah Chapel in Riverdale, Ill., where he eventually became a lay mission developer while he participated in the Theological Education for Emerging Ministries program, which prepares individuals for ordained ministry in the ELCA, with a focus on emerging ministry contexts like ethnic-specific, multicultural, rural and inner-city settings. He spoke to the assembly about his initial hesitation in accepting that

first ministry role.

"Perhaps I'm out there in one of you," Curry said. "I never saw myself as good enough, so for two years, I said no. I finally said yes. When I said yes, your support, this church's support, of that ministry meant everything. So if you want to know what your benevolence dollars look like, it looks like me, and I want to say thank you. Thank you for your investment."

Full bio & Live video of the plenary sessions will be accessible at www.elca.org/CWA.



PLUS!!

"Christmas in July" collected 475 lbs. + \$100 for the ELCA Outreach Ctr.

GOD IS GOOD!

