

The Marker

May 2026

From Pastor Dave **In the Merry Merry Month of May**

When I was a kid, I loved the Looney Tunes TV cartoons of Saturday mornings. The music behind the colorful stories and characters played a big role. I was thinking of what to write for May....when I began humming a tune with the following words:

*While strolling through the park one day, In the merry, merry month of May
I was taken by surprise, By a pair of roguish eyes, In a moment my poor heart she stole away.*

I wondered what it was from as it spun in my brain. Then Elmer Fudd's voice joined the words. I googled the rest. It's from a love poem, set to music. How sweet! Except in the cartoon, Elmer Fudd's nemesis, Bugs Bunny, is the "pair of roguish eyes" that interrupts Elmer's love-filled heart and frustrates him to no end. Poor Elmer Fudd. The real song continues with an eventual wedding: *In the merry merry month of June the organ played a pretty tune, On her finger went a ring, the choir began to sing, & in a moment we were on a honeymoon.*"

God's love and love story for YOU and for the Elmer Fudd's and Bugs Bunny's of this world, and for all creation, continues in these Easter season days of May. In the middle of this month I have a love story wedding on my calendar for Aubrey and Tate.



And Nina and I have our wedding anniversary, as do several of you too. But, obviously, God's love is with us, for us, and through us every day (not just February 14), right?

We also celebrate the **Feast of Pentecost this month, May 24**, and one of the ways God's love is revealed to us through the Holy Spirit. Note, that Sunday and May 31, we will begin our **Summer Schedule with 10am Worship**.

And here is a short reminder of how the Merry Merry Month of May begins:

May 1 is May Day, a date with a host of holidays in its history. The Celts of the British Isles considered it the day that divided the year in half, between light and dark, with May Day marking the return of life and fertility. Ancient Romans devoted the day to celebrating Flora, the goddess of flowers. And in the mid-nineteenth century, the international movement for workers' rights — including the movement for the eight-hour work day — claimed **May 1st as Labor Day**. After the 1894 Pullman Strike, President Grover Cleveland officially moved Labor Day to September in order to disassociate it from May Day's historic connections to the rights of workers. Today, May 1st is still a day of rallies and protest in many parts of the world.

Have a merry merry month! Remember laborers and looney tunes. Share the love of Christ!

Ephesians 3:18-19 *I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.*

Over 25 kids had a blast at this year's Easter Egg Hunt! Thank you to everyone who participated, gave donations, and helped with the set-up!



Prayer Concerns

St. Mark's Members: Ella Tusing, BK Barringer, Peter Cuocolo, Glenn Feiste, Arden Lown, Garron Wright, Bri Yarbrough, Lorri Monterose, Bob Anderson, Ruth Ann Swart, all who are homebound, all who are caregivers.

St. Mark's Friends & Family: Bob Cunningham (father of Nina Keck), Frank Owens (brother of Liz Whitlow), Randy Shoe (brother of Jeff Shoe), Maureena (sister of Karen Pettit), Lisa Santapaola (friend of the Pettits), Mike Staley (Tracy Staley's dad), Wendy Phillips (father of Nina Keck), Sandy Monterose (Tommy's sister), Luz Ortiz (friend of Peter Cuocolo), Brynda Bechtold, Dave & Annette Simpson (friends of Peter Cuocolo), Renee (friend of Cindy Wilkins), Dave (friend of the Greene Family), Colin Goracke (Jack & Melanie Altman's grandson), Cindy Munsey Hall (friend of Peter Cuocolo), Sandra Davis, Zebulon Hounslea (friend/student of Judy Fletcher), Maria Cuocolo, Emma (15- Hodgkins Lymphoma), David Moregas (friend of the Kecks), Harriett Hepler (Barbara Overcash's sister), Tori (friend of Liz McNabb), Anne Monterosso (fiancé of Colin Davis), Marty Rink (friend of the Van Horns), Pastor David Gerber (Diana Cosme Avery's stepfather), Clark 'Tiger' LeBrun (cousin of Donna Enroth & Linda Melin), Ian Russell, Kim Dobbins (friend of Terry Seyllar), Andy Rakowsky (friend of Peter Cuocolo)

St Mark's Military Members: Tommy Upshaw, Erik Crowder, and Janet Smeltz's grandson- Dalton Leik, Andrew Boman, BK & Laura Barringer's great-grandson- Christopher Barringer.

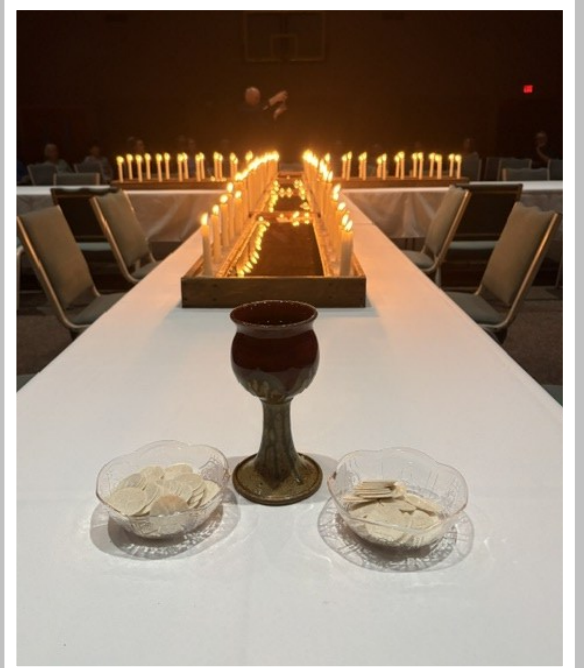
Congratulations and God's blessings to: Courtney and Dylan West and all their family at the birth of William Myers West on March 25! Jennifer (Sloop) and Eddie Rodriguez and all their family at the birth of Emery Sloane Rodriguez on March 20!

We extend our Christian Sympathy to: the family of Gwen Sink at her death on March 24; the family of Michelle Corbett at the death of her mother Sue Wilson.





In the dim light of Maundy Thursday, candles form the cross as we gather, pray, and share the table.



Senior Fellowship Group

Since we have some new people I would like to quickly go over how fellowship works.

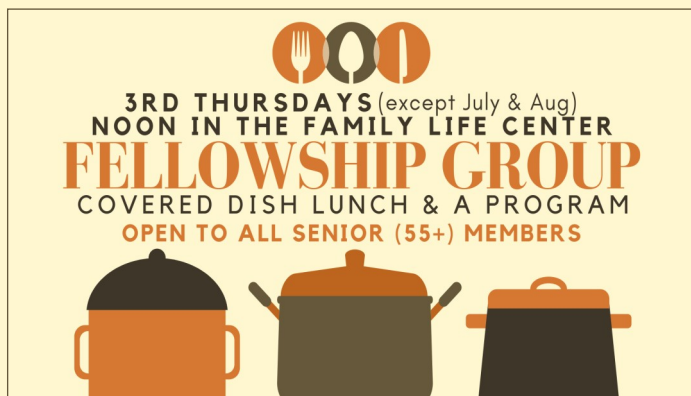
We meet the third Thursday of each month excluding some summer months. We do have a short business meeting, including an offering. We like to have a different host each month.

Host duties are: prepare the tables (placement, plastic tablecloths, napkins and real silverware. Table decorations can be minimal. There are spring and fall flowers in closet and a lot of special events decoration in the FLC. We all will pitch in for clean up. If you are new and need help just let me know.

We do devotional reading, table talks, activities, prayers, and potluck lunch.

Thank you.

Marilyn Boardman



*Old – timers
I don't want to text you.
I want us to socialize
I want to look into ...
Your big beautiful eyes.
I want to actually see you.
Not just the words on a page
I want us to get together
So in faith we can engage.
I don't want to message you,
I want to give you a big kiss
(this is just a figure of speech)
I want to see you in person
For your expressions i do miss
I want to give you a big hug.
Not that of an emoji pasted
I want to be with you and jesus
So we can be re-acquainted.
I don't want to tweet you,
Text or message you...
I want to see you face-to-face
Like us old-timers use to do!*

Food for Days

ITEM OF THE MONTH

January: Chewy Granola Bars
February: Pudding Cups
March: Chicken noodle soup(10.5oz)
April: Beans & Franks-8 oz
May: Ravioli (flip top cans)
June: Oatmeal, variety pack
July: Crackers (variety pack)
August: Ramen Noodles
September: Pop Tarts
October: Lg. Chef Boyardee
Nov: Fruit & Applesauce Cups
December: Vienna Sausages

Please drop your Food for Days donations in the bin near the church office hallway.



Online Directory

Our Online Directory not only gives you access to St. Mark's member directory, but also:

- your giving records
- volunteer schedules
- group information
- event registration
- and more!

Anyone who has not set-up their access to elvanto will receive and emailed invite on May 15th.

Load the elvanto app from your Apple or Android store



Use your user id and password to login (just once) or reset your password if you forgot.

All people who have not setup a user id will be sent an email on May 15th to establish one

Questions or assistance at office@saintmarkslutheran.com or 704-664-5474 M-Thur 9-2pm

Wednesday Evenings
Dinner and Devotions

5:30 PM
IN THE FAMILY LIFE CENTER
May 6, 13, and 20

FOOD + FELLOWSHIP + FAITH + FUN

BRING A DISH TO SHARE!

Hands On

Tuesdays at 12:30pm
in the FLC

Serving our community and beyond

WED, MAY 13
11:30AM

Ladies Lunch Bunch

JOE FISH CASUAL SEAFOOD,
510 RIVER HWY, MOORESVILLE, 28117

RSVP BY MONDAY, MAY 11
SUSANALTIERINC@GMAIL.COM
704-929-5648

LUTHERAN MEN'S MISSION

MONTHLY BREAKFAST

FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH
7:30AM
IN THE FAMILY LIFE CENTER

ALL MEN WELCOME-
CHURCH MEMBERS
AND GUESTS

COME FOR BREAKFAST,
FELLOWSHIP, DEVOTIONS,
AND A BUSINESS MEETING.

E.N.J.O.Y. *Empty Nesters-
Just Older Youth*

Are you between the ages of 45ish and 65? Meet up
with us on **Friday, May 15 at 6:00pm**
Ghostface Brewing Brewery & Pizzeria
215 S Broad St, Mooresville.

Contact Kristie Ward with any questions at 704-807-
6155 or rkward93@yahoo.com

**Homemade Cards
by Hands On**

Send kind words
to bless others.

Free in the FLC
and Narthex

Martha Circle
Meets on 4th Mondays
at 10:00am
in the conference room

of the **Women ELCA**

BEER & BIBLE

@ ON TAP (MAIN ST)
7:00 PM
2ND & 4TH THURSDAYS

Hands On



Each basket was covered with colorful plastic covering for safe travels.

Thank you congregation, Pastor Dave, & Jeff Shoe for loaning us a truck that traveled to Living Waters Lutheran and delivered our donation. Thank you for everyone that helped pack the truck, David Saleeby for driving, David Milholland-co-pilot, and most important Charlie & Virginia Buckley for making sure our donations get there safely! How blessed we are at St Mark's for your continued support for those that are less fortunate. Hands On Team! Love One Another!



The Noteworthy project is growing and helping others feel the love of being remembered.



Assembly line of organizing donated items and baskets.



Dave with the many bandages made from sheets. These will be going to Samaritans Purse.



Hands Team provided Easter meal bags for 30 families in Swain County .



A few of the 100 plus Easter baskets for children at Living Waters Lutheran & surrounding



Pillowcases were made for pillows delivered to Bridge of Hearts. Pillows will go to



Always busy with pocket prayers & knitted hats.

Save the Date!
VBS
Friday, June 5 to
Sunday, June 7

Volunteers are needed. Please contact
Ellen M- ellenleighmclean@gmail.com
Susan B- sjbostian1@gmail.com



Use the QR code to register or find a link
in our weekly emails.

4TH - 6TH GRADERS

**JOIN OTHERS WITH
A GOAL TO...**

- S** *eek God's Truth*
- E** *xpress God's Love*
- R** *espect All People*
- V** *olunteer with Joy*
- E** *xalt His Name*

**Meets the 1st Sunday of
Each Month during the
Connect hour
between services**

**See Michael Fitzgerald
if you have questions.**

2027 ELCA
YOUTH GATHERING

IMAGINE
more

MYLE, THE TABLE,
& YOUNG ADULTS

Youth in 8th-12th
invited!

Minneapolis, MN,
June 28th-July 2,
2027

Contact Amy Wall

618-210-6000

amywall719@gmail.com

Birthdays



2 Joy, Alison	15 Hans, Charlie	24 Westmoreland, Shelby
2 Hucks, Nancy	15 Rice, Debbie	24 Happel, Melissa
3 Cress, Brenda	16 Meadows, Fletcher	25 Parker, Tammy
3 Kline, Harriet	16 Wall, Cecilia	25 Hillman, Jessica
5 Kaiser, Makai	16 Stoner, Adrien	26 Hans, Tom
5 Vermeire, April	16 Mays, Jacob	27 Whitlow, Liz
7 Abraham, Priscilla	18 Frankos, Treva	28 Morgan, Don
7 Milholland, Sarah	18 Uzarski, Brandon	28 Trimberger, Mary
8 Melton, Cooper	18 Gooden, Thomas	28 McManus, Carol
9 Sifford, Carolina	19 Stahlman, Dave	30 Baxter-Wright, Sarah
10 Ontiveros, Dallas	19 Montgomery, Bryton	31 Suther, Stan
12 Gray, William	20 Enroth, Wes	31 Dubay, Will
12 Barone, Dawn	21 Abraham, Mitch	31 Norris, Sophia
13 Chelgren, Liz	22 Connelly-Fosberg, Gloria	31 Sachs, Jeffrey
14 Parker, Lexie		

Happy 80th to Jeffrey!!

Anniversaries

5 Erik & Edith Breault	
5 David & Pamela Homick	47 yrs
5 Erik & Edith Breault	3 yrs
6 Mike & Treva Frankos	48 yrs
7 Matthew & Anna Hofer	10 yrs
8 Curtis & Barbara Barteau	54 yrs
12 Alan & Maria Miller	53 yrs
15 Richard & Susan Buckley	16 yrs
17 Ron & Marilyn Boardman	68 yrs
18 Tyler & Kim Dorn	30 yrs
19 Dane Horna & Frances	53 yrs
20 Tommy & Katelyn Tusing	9 yrs
21 Dave & Nina Keck	32 yrs
21 Ellen & Michael McAndrew	9 yrs
23 Bennie Stevens & Jennifer Lidstrom	16 yrs
26 Taylor & Brandon Putnam	14 yrs
27 Tina & Craig Brawley	31 yrs
29 Ed & Karen Mills	44 yrs
29 Allen & Kate Shirley	22 yrs
30 Jon & Jenny Horton	39 yrs
31 Bill & Sharon Horiszny	23 yrs