

# The Marker

## June 2026

From Pastor Dave

### 3 Words

She was asked to describe herself in 3 words. Of course, the three words can hardly ever sum up a person, and those 3 words usually lead to more words.

I'm thinking about 3 words for St. Mark's for the month of June.

**1) VBS** (Wait, is that 1 word or 3? – **Vacation Bible School**) VBS will be 1 theme over 3 days - "The Holy Trinity" (1 God in 3 persons/essences). June 5-7. Friday evening with the story of Jesus' Baptism (*great reason to play in water!*), Saturday evening with the story of God's Creation (*more water!*), and Sunday morning with the story of the Great Commission with emphasis on the Holy Spirit. Come "Volunteer, Bless, Splash!" (a different acronym for **VBS**)

Hamburgers / hot dogs to follow 10am worship that Sunday! Bring other foods and desserts to share and eat during the "Tropical Cookout."

Here's this: instead of 3 words - "The Holy Trinity" - try saying just 1- **Perichoresis**. (It means the same.)

Which leads us to another "CHOR-ES."

**2) CSC** (Wait, is that 1 word or 3? – **Carolina Style Chorus**). St. Mark's will be blessed to have this CHOR-ES as our guests on Sunday, June 28! They are an award-winning women's chorus specializing in performing four-part, a cappella music in the barbershop style. They will be sharing their Witness Program Repertoire including songs of gospel, good news, blessing and prayer.

And, bring some food and enjoy the Potluck Covered Dish lunch following 10am worship with CSC!

**3) Father's Day Solstice**. Definitely 3 words. Sunday, June 21.

Thank you, Our Father in heaven, for my dad, the original David Keck, Sr. Thank you Lord for the gifts you've blessed him with in life to share as a brother, husband, pastor, friend, musician, mentor, but especially as loving dad to me and my sisters and his grandchildren! Thank you, Creator God, also for the longer days of springtime we've enjoyed until this longest day, June 21. May your light continue to shine upon us and through us in Jesus' name as we begin the summer season and less light-full days. Bless fathers, and all your children, Father God. "Teach us to number our days that we may gain a heart of wisdom." (Ps. 90:12)

**Reliable. Creative. Team-player.**

These are the three words she used to describe herself. Perichoresis want to borrow them? They seem to fit the Trinity to a T.

3 more Words for you in June: **God Loves You!**



### **Prayer Concerns**

*St. Mark's Members:* Charlie Barone, Cathy Quade, Ruth Wagoner, Ella Tusing, Barringer, Peter Cuocolo, Peter Cuocolo, Arden Lown, Garron Wright, Bri Yarbrough, Lorri Monterose, Bob Anderson, Ruth Ann Swart, Barbara Barteau, 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), Maurena (sister of Karen Pettit), Lisa Santapaola (friend of the Pettits), Mike Staley (Tracy Staley's dad), Wendy Phillips, Sandy Monterose (Tommy's sister), Brynda Bechtold, Dave & Annette Simpson, Maria Cuocolo, Andy Rakowsky (friends of Peter Cuocolo), Renee (friend of Cindy Wilkins), Dave (friend of the Greene Family), Colin Goracke (Jack & Melanie Altman's grandson), 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),



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*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 Colin Davis and Anne Monterosso on their marriage (married 6/6)

**A Celebration of Life will be held for Gwen Sink at St Mark's Lutheran Church on Friday, June 5 at 1:00pm.**



*Congratulations and God's blessings to graduating High School Seniors including:*



**Reston Goethals** – Lake Norman H.S. Reston will be attending High Point University.

**Colin Goracke** - Lake Norman H.S. Colin will become a Clemson Tiger.

**Lily Hansen** – Lake Norman H.S. Lily is heading to Chapel Hill and UNC.

**Kaylin Hillman** – Mooresville H.S. Kaylin plans to attend Lenoir-Rhyne University.

**Tyler Johnson** – Community School of Davidson. Tyler is signed to a football scholarship with Wingate University.

**Graham Jones** - Crossroads and Mitchell CC. Graham plans to attend NC State.

**Wyatt Kraft** – Mooresville H.S. Wyatt will be taking his kraft (sic) and talents to UNC-CH.

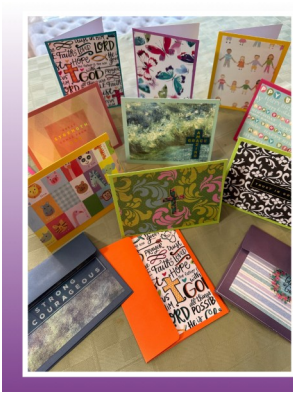
**Ashlyn Mattingly** – Mooresville H.S. Ashlyn is also going to Chapel Hill to cheer on the Tar Heels.





Thank you to Trinity Lutheran Seminarian Matthew Longfellow who served as St. Marks guest preacher on Pentecost Sunday, May 24.

**Hands On**  
 Tuesday at 12:30pm  
 On break for the summer  
 Serving our community and beyond



**Homemade Cards by Hands On**



Send kind words to bless others.  
 Free in the FLC and Narthex



**Prayer Pockets**

Do you or a friend need an extra reminder of God's ever-presence? Please take a little quilted Prayer Pocket to slip in your pocket or keep with you throughout the day. Each fabric square has a handmade wooden cross stitched inside representing God's love and grace. Made for you by St. Mark's Hands On group.



## Hands On

We have been busy taping & preparing blankets, making knitted hats, putting prayer pockets together, decorating & making cards. 1,025 rolled bandages have been made & delivered to Samaritans Purse. Graduation blankets were made for recent St. Mark's graduates. Prayer pockets are being delivered near & far. If you would like one they are in a basket periodically in the narthex.

Last month our prayer pockets went to St. Paul's Lutheran Church (built in 1839) in New Orleans. This church provides meals for the homeless in the area & now they will be receiving our prayer pockets. More information coming this summer as we begin to collect small duffle type bags for Lutheran Services Carolina. These bags will go to children in foster care that unfortunately move from home to home. They do not want suitcases. They need duffle type small bags. We will share examples soon.

Thank you to our congregation for your love, support & donations. Thank you Hands Team, you are the best.

Love one another,  
Shelby

PS. Hands On is taking a break through June and July. We will let you know when we will reconvene.



Blankets & prayer pockets for our recent graduates.



Dave with the 1,025 rolled bandages for Samaritans Purse.



**The youth have been  
They went rock climbing, pl  
Guac-a-BINGO, and planted  
the moms on Mother**



## Food for Days

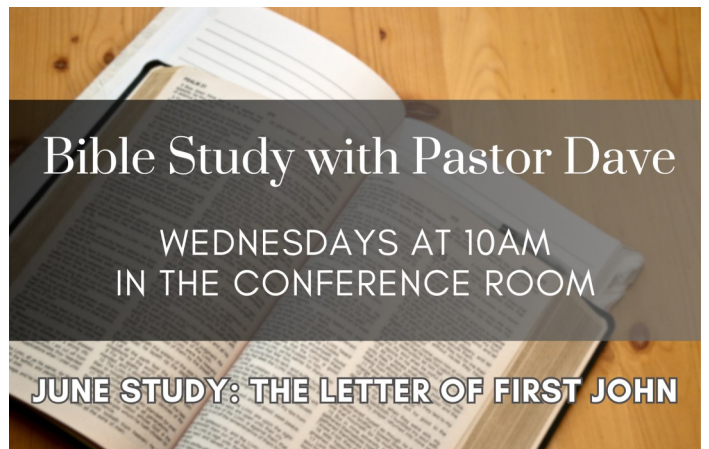
### ITEM OF THE MONTH

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

FOOD for DAYS backpack ministry has come to the end of 2024 – 2025 school year. Your financial support has provided 40 Park View children with 2 days of food for the weekend. FOOD for DAYS has one paid employee so **VOLUNTEERS ARE SO CRUCIAL**. The packing volunteers come on Thursday morning and prepare bags for packing, set up tables, place food items on tables, then pack 12 items in each bag. After bags are packed, tables are clean and stored, floors are cleaned, and the volunteers who deliver are on their way to respective school. A **HUGE THANK YOU** to the following volunteers: Roger Castoral, Lori Hans, Barbara and Dave Glauer, Shirley Locklin, Chick Pless, Pam Core, Steve Pettit, Monica Haacker, Cindy and Ronnie Wilkins, Mike and Patty Schmid, Marilyn and Ron Boardman.

Hope all of you will consider volunteer for the 2026-2027 school year. FOOD for DAYS needs you. If anyone is interested in volunteering for the new school year contact Marilyn Boardman 704-663-7156 or marilyn203@gmail.com.

**NO NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS CAN SURVIVE WITHOUT VOLUNTEERS AND FINANCIAL HELP.**



# Finance & Stewardship Report

## for 1st Quarter, 2026

Blessings to all! Please see our 2026 1st Quarter financial review. In the chart below, column 2 represents the 1st Quarter Budget, Giving and Expenses. (Total giving to special causes, such as memorials and Food for Days are not reported since they represent giving for causes outside the budget.) Currently, our Q1 giving exceeds our expenses.

Let's look at how our generosity trends impact our financial view. We are blessed to have several giving units (families) who give most or all their annual commitment gifts in the first quarter of the year. When these gifts are annualized, the new total giving for Q1 is \$134,106.

This still exceeds our expenses in Q1. Giving in Q1 2026 is \$31,460 higher than Q1 2025. Electronic giving has also grown. Electronic giving is easy and supports consistency in giving even when members are away/miss church services. This is a great start to 2026!

Thank you for your continued generosity. May the Lord work through us all to fully support our ministries and live into our budget. Thanks be to God!

See the chart below for a visual of our Q1 financial picture. For more information, please feel free to contact Mitch Abraham, Congregation President, Matt Miller, Finance Chair, or Jan Wagoner, Stewardship.

	2026 Q1 YTD	2026 Q2 YTD	2026 Q3 YTD	2026 Q4 YTD Giving
<b>Budgeted</b>	\$ 146,558.00	\$ 293,116.00	\$ 439,674.00	\$ 586,232
<b>Giving (offering)</b>	\$ 152,075.00			
<b>Expenses</b>	\$ 127,490.00			
<b>Giving less Expenses</b>	\$ 24,585	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

numbers in ( ) indicate a negative number



1 Lacci, John		23 Smeltz, Janet
1 York, Mary	9 Dorn, Tyler	23 Beattie, Bobbi
2 Casillas, Rachel	9 Lacci, Debbie	24 Hofer, Anna
3 Keck, Robert	10 Shoe, Gail	25 McAndrew, Charles
3 Tidwell, Terrie	10 Barone, Sara	25 Gilligan, Chris
4 Leatherman, Jane	14 Shangle, Jaxon	25 Sloop Jr., Allen
4 Hoke, Johnny	14 Fields, Gail	25 Rains, Judy
4 Truesdell, Jeni	14 Grace, Jessica	28 Sursi, Laura
5 Sursi, Madelyn	15 Gilligan, Amy	28 Jensen, Chris
5 Beeston, Mike	16 Homick, Pamela	28 Tusing, Ella
6 Wall, Adam	18 Mays, Lofton	29 Lacci, Kandice
6 Leatherman, Oaklyn	18 Oehler, Brooke	29 Keck, Diana
6 Dubay, Dan	21 Uzarski, Sarah	29 Johnson, Tyler
6 Jones, Camille	21 Avery, Napoleon	29 Crowder-Brady, Debbie
7 Keck Jr., Dave	22 Wulf, Natalie	30 Goethals, River
8 Goethals, Bonnie	22 Kowatschitsch, Niko	30 Meagher, Olivia



1 Dale and Bonnie Klos	40 yrs
3 Tom and Anne Kerhoulas	37 yrs
3 Johnny & Sandra Hoke	37 yrs
5 James and Liz McNabb	44 yrs
5 Cliff and Sarah Milholland	22 yrs
6 Adrian and April Vermeire	
7 Kayla and Matthew Morrison	5 yrs
10 David and Diana Keck	65 yrs
10 Paul and Melissa Happel	31 yrs
11 Jeff and Gail Shoe	49 yrs
11 Allen and Teresa Sloop	44 yrs
12 Rob and Kristie Ward	33 yrs
15 Mike and Ruth Beeston	41 yrs
16 Ryan and Jeni Truesdell	19 yrs
23 Dave and Barbara Glauer	63 yrs
23 Jack and Melanie Altman	53 yrs
23 Kelly and Susan Bostian	31 yrs
24 Matt and Jessica Cline	9 yrs
25 Robert and Ginger Martin	14 yrs
26 Jeff and Jeanne Proefrock	27 yrs
27 Tim & Monica Haacker	11 yrs
29 Fred and Jeanne Barnard	35 yrs
29 Tim and Stephanie Mattingly	24 yrs
30 Sean and Jessica Fitzgerald	14 yrs