

The Marker

November 2025

From Pastor Dave

YES-VEMBER “Yes, Jesus Loves me. Yes, Jesus Loves me. Yes...

Dear Saints of Saint Mark’s.

Yes-venber begins Nov. 1 with **All Saints Day AND God’s Work Our Hands** with several saints signed up to **SERVE** at The Christian Mission and at the Habitat ReStore.

Yes-venber continues **Sunday, Nov. 2** as we **REMEMBER** the **SAINTS** of God who said **YES** to God’s grace and love through baptism into Jesus Christ, and who received an **Eternal Life and Love YES** from **God even at death!** *Baptized into Christ Jesus, into his death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly also be united with him in a resurrection like his. (Romans 6)*

Members of St. Mark’s baptized since All Saints Day 2024:

**Dylan Haacker, Liam Haacker, Amelia Breault,
Eleanor Wulf, Lofton Mays, Lucas Shangle**

Members of St. Mark’s who have died since All Saints Day 2024:

**James Meadows, Robert Little, Brenda Joyce, Gerry Gregory,
Eric King, Judd Jones, Martha Scruggs, Pat Baker, Kurt Quade, Patt Seyllar**
(and numerous other family members and friends)

Yes-venber is also another opportunity for us to receive God’s Yes and respond with our Yes! **Give Thanks to God as Stewards of all that God has given us, we make Commitments of faith, finances, and fellowship.**

The Great Thanksgiving! Jesus’ YES to You

Yes in His body and blood given for You

Yes in forgiveness and love for You

Yes in relationship with You

For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you through his poverty might become rich. 2 Corinthians 8:9

And we respond with our Yes!

Yes with our bodies and spirit!

Yes with our time and gifts!

Yes with our financial offerings!

Giving in the Bible is Yes, both a duty and a delight, something we ought to do and something we are pleased to God (Luke 19 Zacchaeus; Romans 15:26-27)

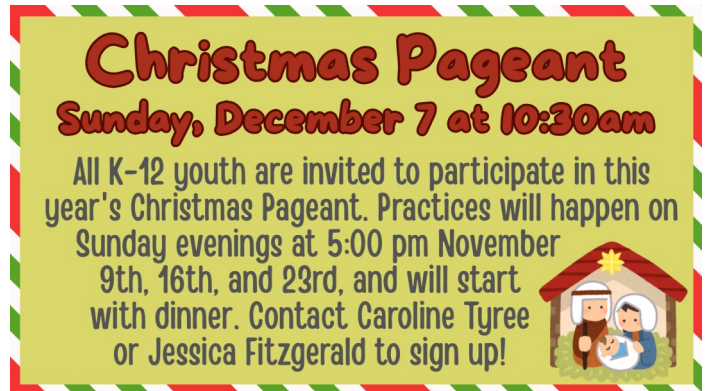
Giving in the Bible is a demonstration of Yes, God’s grace. (2 Corinthians 8:1-2 *know about the grace that God has given the Macedonian churches. In the midst of a very severe trial, their overflowing joy and their extreme poverty welled up in rich generosity.*)

Giving in the Bible YES, brings glory to God and leads us to give our Thanks and Praise to God! *This most generous God who gives seed to the farmer that becomes bread for your meals is more than extravagant with you. He gives you something you can then give away, which grows into full-formed lives, robust in God, wealthy in every way, so that you can be generous in every way, producing with us great praise to God. 2 Cor. 9:10-11)*

Receiving God’s YES to us and saying yes to God can change our lives in amazing ways. When we listen to His call and follow His plans, we open ourselves up to blessings. The Bible reminds us that saying yes can lead us to new paths, deeper faith, and great joy individually and as St. Mark’s body of Christ. Thanks be to God!



Confirmation Class
6th-8th graders
Sunday, Nov. 9, 9:45am
with Pastor Dave.



Prayer Concerns

St. Mark's Members: Curtis Barteau, Bob Anderson, Mike Carter, Linda Clark, Ruth Ann Swart, Peter Cuocolo, Bill Swart, Barbara Beidler, all who are homebound, all who are caregivers.

St. Mark's Friends & Family: Tommy Barone (brother of Charlie Barone), Luz Ortiz (friend of Peter Cuocolo), Adam Mann (son-in-law of Saleebys), Wes and Judy Koch (friends of the Hokes), 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), Glen Bannister (Sharon Roy's brother-in-law), Betty Lowe, Sue Wilson (Michelle Corbett's mother), Bleier family, Sandra Davis, Rick Barger (friend of Kathy Jo McLean), Zebulon Hounslea (friend/student of Judy Fletcher), Maria Cuocolo, Ronnie & kids, Emma (15- Hodgkins Lymphoma), Keith LaPrelle (nephew of Karen Pettit), David Moregas (friend of the Kecks), Harriett Hepler (Barbara Overcash's sister), James Nicholson (friend of Peter Cuocolo), Steve Belton (brother of Malinda Little), Tori (friend of Liz McNabb), Carl Smith (relative of Tyree family), Anne Monterosso (fiancé of Colin Davis), Marty Rink (friend of the Van Horns), Carol Masters (friend of Liz Whitlow), Pastor David Gerber (Diana Cosme Avery's stepfather), Clark 'Tiger' LeBrun (cousin of Donna Enroth & Linda Melin), Ian Russell

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.

Condolence: We extend our Christian Sympathy to Phyllis Witherspoon and family at the death of Floyd Witherspoon; to the family of Jeremy Kraft at the death of his father, Gary Kraft; to the Tyree family at the death of their relative, Carl Smith; to the family of Mary York at the death of her brother, John; to the family of David Milholland and Cliff Milholland at the death of the Rev. Bill Milholland, Sr.

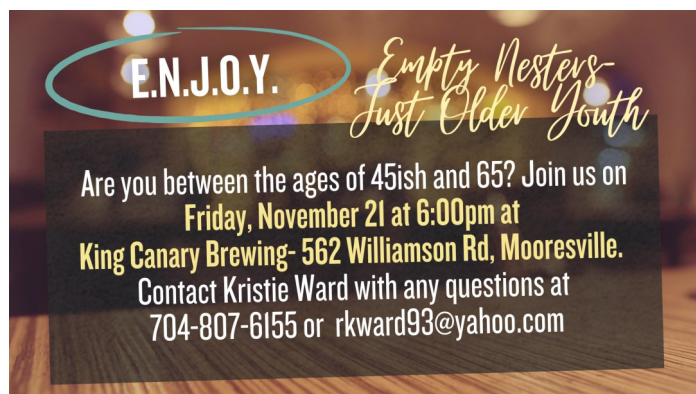
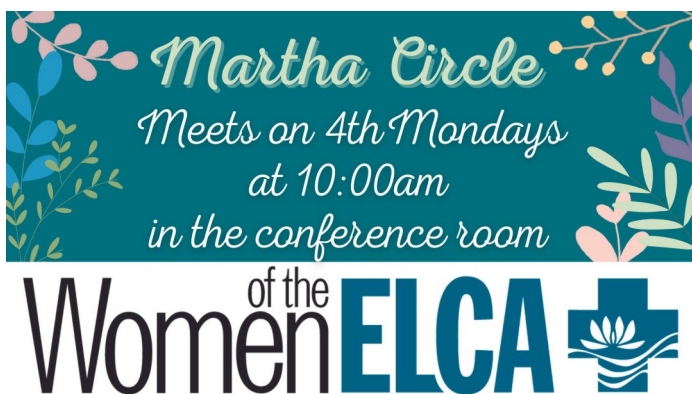


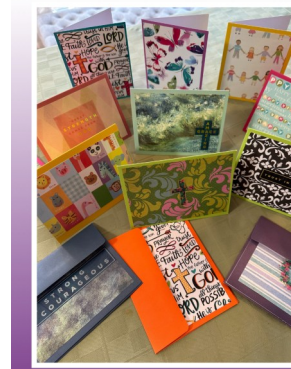


**Thank you to everyone
who participated in
Trunk-or-Treat.**

It would not have been possible without the planning and organizing of our faithful volunteers. We appreciate all of those who took the time to decorate your trunks and hand out candy. And, to the stars of the night, thank you to the trick-or-treaters for dazzling us with your amazing costumes!







Homemade Cards by Hands On



Send kind words
to bless others.

**Free in the FLC
and Narthex**



**WITH MY
ENERGY
SKILLS
AND DONATIONS**

**“God chose you as the first fruits”--
2 Thessalonians 2:13**

**Stewardship/Finance Campaign Count Me In!
Dates to Know**

**11/2: Budget Question/Answers session at
9:45am in FLC**

**11/9: Commitment Sunday- turn in financial
commitment cards during services**

**11/16: Annual Congregation Meeting- 9:45am
in church nave**

A “Count Me In!” approach to stewardship means actively participating in the 2026 planning campaign now underway. Thank you for your engagement as we move into the final weeks of the annual campaign.

The annual stewardship campaign is our official season to prepare, review and approve the proposed 2026 budget, commit to supporting the approved budget through financial commitments and to commit to volunteering/engaging in St. Mark’s ministries. It’s about sharing our time, talents and our treasures. It is our prayer that since God chose you (us) as the first fruits, we should be cheerful in sharing these gifts in service back to God through St. Mark’s.

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With gratitude,

Stewardship and Finance committees



JOIN WITH YOUR
NEIGHBOORS
FOR FOOD,
FUN AND
FELLOWSHIP!

All are Welcome!
Saturday, November 22nd
3:00pm - 6:00pm DROP IN

ST. MARK'S LUTHERAN
CHURCH
454 FIELDSTONE ROAD
704-664-5474
OFFICE@SAINTMARKSLUTHERAN.COM

COME ENJOY
• THANKSGIVING MEAL
• BOUNCY HOUSE
• GAMES/CRAFTS/MUSIC

Community Missions Meeting

Tuesday, November 4
6:30pm
in the conference room

SERVING OUR SENIORS - Community Ministry is organizing our annual fall work day for seniors in our church on December 6, 2024. We will be available to assist those who may need help with things around the house before winter. We will be available to offer help in raking leaves, light household projects and making sure smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors are working properly.

If you would like to request a hand, sign-up by completing a card in the narthex, by calling the church at 704-664-5474. This group is here to help those that need help! If you are interested in helping on the work day, please contact Colin Davis at 704-650-1451 or cvdavis02@gmail.com.

The St. Mark's Angel Tree will be placed in the Narthex with all of the angels ready to be chosen by members who would like to help make the holidays brighter for children in our local schools. Each angel will have a specific item (clothing/toy/book, etc.) that a child has requested. The tree will be ready on November 16th. Please return the gifts to church wrapped (with the angel attached/taped to the gift) on or before December 7th and place under the tree. Many thanks to all who help to make the holidays brighter for our neighbors who are less fortunate!



SERVING OUR SENIORS

Need a hand with light household projects? Sign up in the narthex or call the office.

WORK DAY:
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6

CALLING ALL
VOLUNTEERS!
IF YOU CAN HELP,
CONTACT: COLIN
704-650-1451

Letting Go

A few days ago I was sitting in the front porch rocker watching a single maple leaf drift from the tree. Unique, but not extraordinary. Mostly green, with hints of yellow and a bright red stem. Maybe it was the sun shining on the leaf that made the stem a bright and vibrant red, rather than just red. There was a gentle breeze I couldn't feel, but enough the leaf danced to music I couldn't hear as it fell to the ground.

A few minutes later several leaves fell together enjoying their own dance in the gentle breeze. Continuing to relax in the rocker and meditate on the leaf and the tree, I discovered more questions than answers. Was the single leaf letting go to follow it's own path, to discover it's own uniqueness? Was the bright red stem from the light shining on it or the light shining through it? Were the leaves that fell together letting go to follow a shared path? Was the tree preparing for a new season? Letting go of what it didn't need for the coming season? Encouraging the single leaf and the group of leaves to follow and discover their path, reminding them they were ready for their next season?

November welcomes us individually and as St. Mark's with so many opportunities for growth and transition. A time of reflection and remembrance as we celebrate All Saints Sunday and remember those who've gone before us, especially those we remember this year. A time of letting go as we look at ourselves and what we need or want change in the coming year. How can we share our time, talents, and treasures? A time of transition as we elect new members to our church council as others complete their term A time of Thanksgiving, praise, and gratitude as we share Thanksgiving Day with family and friends. The ending of the Church Year on Christ the King Sunday and the beginning of the new Church Year with the first Sunday in Advent. *It's going to be a busy and grace filled month!*

How are we (that's you, me, and St. Mark's) like the maple leaves and the tree? What do we need to let go of for the next season of our lives? What do we need to let go of to build someone else up, be an encouragement on their path? What do we need to let go of that's holding us back in our fears and insecurities? Let's enjoy the dance in both our uniqueness and our shared community? As Jesus shines His light on us, may others see His light shining through us!

Let go, and Let God...do what He wants to do

Matthew 5:16 In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.

Submitted by Kathy Jo McLean

We welcome our new administrative assistant, Amanda Howard! She will be in the office Monday through Thursday from 9:00am to 2:00pm. Stay tuned for more information and contact details.

Our communications coordinator, Amanda Hamra, will continue to handle communications remotely. We will let you know if we come up with a clever way to differentiate between the two Amanda H's!

Food for Days

ITEM OF THE MONTH

January: Chewy Granola Bars
February: Pudding Cups
March: Juice boxes/pouches
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

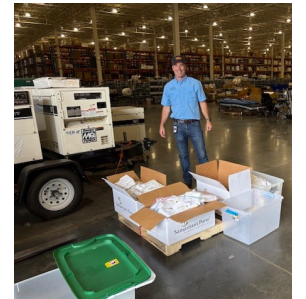
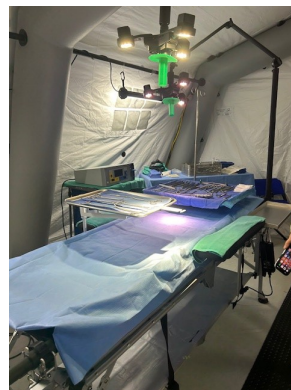


Hands On

The Hands On Team have started making muffins on Tuesdays once a month. The muffins will be delivered to FCA students at Mooresville High School and Mooresville Middle School. Early on Thursday mornings, each week, students gather for Fellowship of Christian Athletes. You are welcome if not involved in sports. The meetings are student led, and they enjoy devotions, music and fellowship. Several area churches are providing a grab and go treat for them due to their early arrival at school. We are blessed to provide something for them.



Hands On team recently delivered bandages to Samaritan's Purse in North Wilkesboro. Words are hard to describe this amazing warehouse which houses so much for so many. If you have a chance to visit and tour, you will be amazed. Please ask and we will share our experience. Thank you Dave Finger and others for all of your work in making bandages.



Birthdays



1 Jones, Brianna	13 Weymss, Emerson	21 West, Dylan
1 Cline, Finley	13 Cline, Charlie	22 Barteau, Curtis
2 Melin, Linda	14 Lee, Alice	23 Walther, Gail
2 Meadows, Chad	15 Hans, Ava	24 Keck Sr., David
3 Little, David	16 Castoral, Linda	25 Haire, Susan
3 Fletcher, Judy	16 Shangle, Mercedes	26 Betancourt, Amelia
4 Lown, Sandie	17 Martin, Howard	26 Tusing II, Tommy
5 Haacker, Liam	17 Schmid, Mike	26 Fitzgerald, Jessica
5 Kerhoulas, Anne	17 Finger, Dave	26 Wills, Bob
6 Gido, Susie	17 Upshaw, Thomas	26 Meadows, Andrew
9 Grebe, Raelynn	18 West, Meadow	27 Sloop, Teresa
11 Self, Elizabeth	20 Faulkes, Candace	28 Wagoner, David
12 Shoe, Jeff	20 Johnson, Tamara	29 Grebe, Justin
13 Wulf, Eleanor		

Anniversaries

2 Jimmy and Kathy Jo McLean	40 yrs
3 Cindy and Ronnie Wilkins	46 yrs
6 Al and Sally Hansen	26 yrs
7 Jim and Sandie Lown	33 yrs
11 Tami and Christopher Earl Livingston	30 yrs
14 Bobby and Karen Bost	33 yrs
14 Josh and Holly Frankos	5 yrs
15 Robert Wills and Lya Saam	66 yrs
22 Jeff Cole and Susan	45 yrs
23 Tom and Lorri Monterose	29 yrs
29 Justin and Heather Grebe	17 yrs