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"LUTHER LUGE"



**CRAFTS  
& GAMES!**

**FROZEN TREATS!**

**COOKOUT!**

Sunday, July 25th


St. Mark's Lutheran Church

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Sunday, July 25, 2021, The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost		
	10:00	Facebook Livestream & In-Person Worship <b>Christmas in July</b> 
Monday		
Tuesday		
Wednesday	10:00 6:30 7:00	Bible Study ~ Zoom Your Turn with Pastor Vern Basketball
Thursday	7:00	Beer & Bible @ Hoptown Brewing
Friday		
Saturday		
Sunday, August 1, 2021, The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost		
	8:30 9:45 10:00 11:00	Worship, In-Person Adult I & YAAYK Sunday School Worship ~ Facebook Livestream Worship, In-Person

**FINANCES**

	MONTH OF JUNE 2021	YEAR TO DATE JUNE 2021
<b>Budgeted</b>	\$56,465	\$338,789
<b>Giving (offering)</b>	\$48,801	\$293,297
<b>Expenses</b>	\$57,799	\$292,804
<b>Giving less expenses</b>	\$(8,998)	\$ 493



**PRAYER CONCERNS:** We change the prayer list each month with updates and changes from Pastor Dave and office staff. To be faithful, prayers should be fresh and active, and so we remind you to keep us informed of health situation changes at least every 30 days. Please

notify the office of any changes or updates to the prayer list, [office@saintmarkslutheran.com](mailto:office@saintmarkslutheran.com) or 704-664-5474.

Please remember all our homebound and nursing home residents; caregivers of those who are ill; those searching for employment; and all who serve in the military: Wyatt Leik & Dalton Leik grandsons of Janet & Mike Smeltz; Aaron Whitlow, Drew Jones, Erik Crowder, Matthew Barone.

**Members:** Sandie Lown (foot surgery 8-2); Brenda Joyce (breast cancer surgery 6-30); Dana Conklin (back surgery); John Roseman; Sarah Breinich (tests); Janet Frazier (cancer surgery & treatment); Dovie Beaver (colon cancer); Guil Roy (Glioblastoma treatment); Joan Rinehardt; Judy Sachs (broken leg).

**Friends & Family:** John White (heart disease); Andy Dallaire (brain cancer, grandfather of Holly Frankos); Lisa Stowe (cancer, niece of Brenda Joyce); Betty Loadholdt (Hospice care, mother of Cathy Lyons); Wilma Wright (fall, grandmother of Bill Elkin); Matthew Mondek (lung surgery, cousin of Auggie Lagerhausen); Raymond Rott (prostate cancer, uncle of Dawn Barone); Buddy Fridy (pancreatic cancer, cousin of Stan Suther); Susan Moore (chemo, sister of Liz Maurice).

**SHEPHERD OF THE WEEK** – Betsy Roseman.

**SYMPATHY** - We extend our Christian Sympathy to the family of Carol Martz at the death of her Aunt Helen "Ditty" Guss.

**CONGRATULATIONS!** We rejoice with Karl & Molly Kuekes in the birth of their son, Wade Oliver Kuekes. He was born on their third wedding anniversary, July 21<sup>st</sup>, weighing 7 lbs. 14 oz. Proud grandparents are Dan & Kim Markley.

**PASTOR DAVE VACATION** – Pastor Dave will be out of the office, on vacation, July 28<sup>th</sup> through August 7<sup>th</sup>. Please contact the office or Pastor Vern for any assistance needed.



**BEER & BIBLE STUDY -**

July 29<sup>th</sup> ~ Hoptown Brewing, 1 Kings

August 12<sup>th</sup> ~ Zoom, 2 Kings

Hoptown Brewing Company, 107 Plantation Ridge Drive, Mooresville, 28117

Contact Pastor Vern for additional information: [vern@saintmarkslutheran.com](mailto:vern@saintmarkslutheran.com)



### **Every Sunday in August**

- 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Worship (Livestreaming continues at 10:00 a.m.)
- 9:45 a.m. Gather for fellowship and coffee in the FLC
- 9:45 a.m. Adult 1 Sunday school class in main building studying Corinthians.

### **Specific Sundays in August:**

- August 1 **Men's Breakfast** and meeting, 7:30 a.m. in the Family Life Center
- August 8 Commissioning of Lay Visitation team (Kathy Jo McLean, Mitsi Upshaw, Priscilla Abraham)
  - + 9:45 a.m. **Acolyte/Crucifer training** (in sanctuary)
- August 15 Commemoration Festival of "Mary, Mother of our Lord"
  - + **Blessing of Backpacks, school staff and students at both services**
- August 22 Holy Baptism: Paxton Robert Maher
  - + **9:45 a.m. Meeting of confirmation students and parents** (in sanctuary) for students entering 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> or 9<sup>th</sup> grade. Contact Pastor Dave with questions.
- August 29 Farewell and Godspeed for Lily, Katie, Amy and Bill Elkin
  - + **9:45 a.m. CONNECT for all ages** in FLC
  - + **9:45 a.m. Ushers/Greeters meeting (in sanctuary)** This meeting is for anyone interested in serving as an Usher or Greeter. The meeting will provide opportunity for some training, questions and answers and safety measures along with other protocols.

**As we enter into the summer worship schedule, we need your help!**

**Would you like to read the Bible readings during worship this summer or fall?**

New readers are always welcome and training can be provided!

**Would you like to help set up Holy Communion for worship this summer or fall?**

New "altar guild" participants are always welcome and training can be provided!

**Would you be available to help usher in August or September?**

The schedule is being made for the late summer months.

**Would you be available to open or close the church?**

To volunteer for any of these positions, please contact Carol in the church office, Robbie, Pastor Vern or Pastor Dave.



**LUTHERAN MEN IN MISSION** – LMM will meet Sunday, August 1<sup>st</sup> at 7:30 a.m. for their monthly breakfast meeting. All men are invited to join us to begin planning our annual Meat and Greet in October and upcoming activities for the year.

**ADULT I SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS** – will begin a study on 2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians, Living Letters in Christ Sunday, August 1<sup>st</sup> at 9:45 a.m. in the Conference Room. Out of the crucible of danger, deceit, and despair recorded in 2 Corinthians comes Paul’s most profound statements of discipleship, ministry and calling. Capture some of the power and riches of Paul’s letter for our time! This letter radiates hope and redemption and breathes an air of assurance and encouragement for anyone suffering through trials. Any questions or for additional information, contact Don Mease, measedonald4@gmail.com, 414-491-9344.



**YAAYK GROUP** – The YAAYK (Young Adults/Adults with Young Kids) small group will meet starting August 1<sup>st</sup> in the Family Life Center following the 8:30 a.m. worship service. The month of August will consist of meet and greet, talk about class structure, get ideas for Friendship Fridays for both family and adult only events, but most importantly, be together in a small group setting. Come enjoy the fun and go beyond doing church, but instead, being the church. For more information email yaayksaintmarks@gmail.com.



**ACOLYTE TRAINING** - Attention all rising 5<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> graders! We will be holding a brief meeting and training for all current and future acolytes and their parents in the sanctuary at 9:30, after the 8:30 service on August 8<sup>th</sup>. We’ll talk about what an acolyte does, the importance of an acolyte in the service, how we handle scheduling, and then have some time to practice lighting the candles. If you have any questions, please contact Allison Kraft at 704-929-6032 or abkraft925@gmail.com.

**PASTOR DAVE’S BIBLE STUDY** - Wednesday morning Bible study at 10:00 a.m. with Pastor Dave will return August 18 and 25 via Zoom. These two classes will cover the New Testament letters of Titus and Philemon.



**FOOD FOR DAYS FOOD DONATIONS-** Please feel free to donate any food on the list, at any time, this is a great help in deferring the cost of the program. Thanks again for your generosity.

- July ~ Lance Crackers, variety pack
- August ~ Ramen Noodle
- September ~ Pop Tarts

**FOOD FOR DAYS VOLUNTEERS** - Would you like to be involved in a community outreach program that requires minimal time commitment but has large impact on children in our area?

The Food For Days outreach program brings together volunteers from at least 10 churches in our area. This outreach program coincides with the children's school year. This year school will begin on August 2<sup>nd</sup> but we will begin packing September 9<sup>th</sup>.

Food for Days packing site is at Fuzion Teen Center, 691 Brookwood St., Mooresville (off West Park Ave.)

Please prayerfully consider being a volunteer. Depending on the number of volunteers, your commitment throughout the school would be one Thursday morning a month from 8:15 to 9:30

We feel this is a great way to help our local children and to have fun getting to know our other church members. **IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN HELPING PLEASE CALL OR EMAIL** marilyn203@gmail.com or 704-663-7156.

**FOOD FOR DAYS** - Let's get a **JUMP START** on supporting our backpack children at Park View School! It seems school just got out, but the 2021-22 school year will be starting soon.

The need is as great or greater than ten years ago when the program began. Social ministry depends on the caring hearts of our congregation to support **FOOD FOR DAYS** MINISTRY. We have heard many stories of how the children depend on this food to get through the weekend. This problem is not going away. In Iredell County we have over **400 students** that have **NO ADDRESS**.

COST FOR ONE CHILD FOR SCHOOL YEAR **\$250.00** OR  
ANY AMOUNT YOUR HEART DICTATES

Please keep this ministry in your hearts and minds and pray for these children and the children all over the nation that need assistance.

Please indicate **FOOD FOR DAYS** on your check or use form below.

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**2021-2022**

Please check the option that works best for you:

I am interested in sponsoring a child that needs backpack meals \_\_\_\_\_

Any donation will be a blessing \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsor a child for the school year @ **\$250.00** \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (can be paid monthly)

Sponsor a child for one month @ **\$25.00** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

I am interested in volunteering to pack food bags \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

If you are interested in volunteering, please add your name and best way to contact you.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone or email \_\_\_\_\_

Please return to the office by dropping in the offering plate, leaving it in our secure mailbox or by mail.

**Thank you for your generous support!**

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