



ReMARKS, *June 2022*

Happy Birthday, Helen!



On June 11, 1919, Helen Tobias-Duesberg was born in Estonia. She graduated from the Tallinn Conservatory in 1943 where she studied organ. During the war she married journalist William Duesberg, who was arrested for writing stories critical of the Nazis; he died of a heart attack while in a courtroom testifying against them. In 1951 she moved to the US where she played the organ for churches in New York City. During the Civil Rights era, she played at Friendship Baptist Church in Harlem when Martin Luther King, Jr. served as the guest preacher. Tobias-Duesberg composed works for solo instruments, string quartets, and choirs, among others. One of her best-known compositions is her setting of the "Requiem" mass. Leonard Bernstein wrote that she was a female composer who "dares to be original and musical at the same time, while all the men run around writing intellectual cacophony."

All of the above information was paraphrased from Wikipedia, because I had never heard of Helen Tobias-Duesberg until today. Unlike Bernstein, Copeland, Britten, or Gershwin (to name just a few of my personal favorites of the 20th century), she was not a man, and is therefore given no more than passing mention in music history. Go listen to her fantastic setting of the Beatitudes for piano, cello, and choir and like me, you'll wonder why: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-HxpQdMfMxU>

Heavenly Hildegard



While female composers have been largely overlooked in favor of their male counterparts, the earliest western composer we know of by name is Hildegard von Bingen (1098-1179). Her "Symphony of the Harmony of Celestial Revelations" contains more than seventy poems with original music. She also wrote a sacred music drama "Ordo Virtutum," composed around 1151, which is the only Mediaeval musical drama for which we have definite attribution of music and lyrics.

There are also sixty-nine other compositions in existence, and she probably wrote many more that are lost. Overall, it is the largest body of work by any Mediaeval composer still in existence. Hildegard's music is all monophonic: that is, a single line of music, akin to chant.

On Pentecost Sunday, June 5, we will sing a hymn based on one of Hildegard's text. "O Holy Spirit, Root of Life" was written by Jean Wiebe Janzen. Janzen was born in Saskatchewan in 1933, and wrote poetry from a young age. Her family moved to Minnesota when she was six, and she studied at Tabor College, Kansas; Grace College, Indiana; Fresno Pacific College, and California State University. She has published six collections of poetry, and is a member of College Community Church of the Mennonite Brethren in California. In addition to "O Holy Spirit," Janzen also wrote the hymn "Mothering God" (in our hymnal at number 735), which she based on a work by Juliana of Norwich (1342-1413).

Celebrating Cecil



Cecil Frances "Fanny" Alexander was a poet who wrote over 400 compositions, nearly half of which are hymn texts. She was born in Dublin, Ireland in 1818 and started writing at an early age. While much of her work was written for children, she intended it not to be childish (ELW Hymnal Companion 43). She also published original works and translations of French poetry in the "Dublin University Magazine." When she was 30 years old, she published a book titled "Hymns for Little Children" -- by the end of the 1900s, it had gone through 69 editions! In addition to her prodigious writing, she was known as a tireless advocate for the poor, and worked to develop district nursing services. With the proceeds from her books she and her sister established the Derry and Raphoe Diocesan Institution for the Deaf. She is the author of "All Things Bright and Beautiful." Alexander died in Derry in 1895. In 1913 a stained glass window in her honor was installed in St. Columb's Cathedral; it is based on three of her hymns: "Once in Royal David's City," "There is a Green Hill Far Away," and "The Golden Gates are Lifted Up."

Another C.F. Alexander hymn that would be perfect for Trinity Sunday, June 12 is "I Bind Unto Myself Today," also known as St. Patrick's Breastplate. This text was originally written in Old Irish sometime in the 600s, and is a prayer for protection which invokes the Holy Trinity. In 1889 the Dean of the Chapel Royal in Dublin asked Fanny Alexander to write a hymn version. "I wrote to her suggesting that she should fill a gap in our Irish Church Hymnal by giving us a metrical version of St. Patrick's 'Lorica' and I sent her a carefully collated copy of the best prose translations of it. Within a week she sent me that version which appears in the appendix to our Church Hymnal." It was printed the same year and sung throughout Ireland on March 17 – St. Patrick's Day.

St. Mark's Faith Formation and Fellowship

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Faith Formation, Luther's Small Catechism

Sunday, May 29th - June 26th



Catechism

Join Doug Johnson as he continues to lead us through Martin Luther's Small Catechism. Whether you haven't ever read the catechism, have Luther's explanations memorized, or are somewhere in between, come and spend time as we discuss the foundations of our faith together.

This class will meet for a total of 6 weeks in the Library.

LandMARKS

June 5th from 9:45am-10:45am



New to St. Mark's? Want to get to know the people here? Interested in getting involved with what God is doing in this place? LandMARKS is a monthly meeting with Pastor Matt and/or Deacon Katie that helps visitors and new members learn about the ministries of St. Mark's, get to know the staff and

members, and ask questions about our community. *Meet us at the bottom of the main staircase at 9:45am to join!*

Healing Service

Wednesday, June 15th @ 12pm



On the third Wednesday of June, we will hold our quarterly Service of Healing with Communion and anointing. Please join us for this service of prayer. If you are unable to attend in person, please visit Facebook Live for a live stream at 12:00 pm. You do not need to have an account in order to watch our videos.

Vacation Bible School - SAVE THE DATE

August 14th-18th from 5:15pm-8:15pm



Children age 2-Grade 5 are invited to join us for VBS August 14-18 from 5:15-8:15pm.

We need helpers! Let Deacon Katie know if you are interested in supporting VBS this summer.

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FRIDAY, JUNE 17 6:30PM

MCCORMICK FIELD

Take me out to the Ballgame!

Friday, June 17th beginning at 6:30pm

Join St. Mark's and WNC Baptist Fellowship for a night of family fun with the Asheville Tourists!

- Dollar Hot Dog Night and Fireworks after the game
- Pay what you are able (*Actual Ticket Cost - \$9*)

Sign up on Sign-up Central Bulletin Board or Email Deacon Katie

PAY WHAT YOU ARE ABLE

Put cash or check
in offering plate
and designate
"Baseball"



ACTUAL TICKET COST - \$9



Journey with John: 2022 Bible Reading Plan

July 3rd - July 26th



Make plans now to join us for the NC Synod summer online Bible Reading Plan sponsored by the Engage the Bible Task Group, a Book of Faith ministry. This summer we will read the Gospel of John together as a synod. *Journey with John* will begin on **July 3** and end on **July 26**.

Sign up for our e-newsletters!

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- Indigenous Learning e-News
- Journey with John: 2022 Bible Reading Plan
- Lesson e-News
- Special e-News (From the Bishop, Deaths, Ordinations)
- Synod e-News

Sign Up

Participate by subscribing to receive the study daily in your inbox at **nclutheran.org**. Scroll to the bottom of the page, fill out the purple e-newsletter box, and click *Journey with John: 2022 Bible Reading Plan* to receive your daily communication.

You can also get connected by watching daily posts on the synod's Facebook page, or by watching the synod's website for daily posts.

Invite your friends to join you!

Blessing of the Graduates and Senior Quilt Presentation

On Sunday, June 12 we will celebrate our High School graduates, Aaron Neighbors, Zachary Hutson, Torin Linton, and Nicholas Mueller! Join us for a reception on the Playground at 10:30am, followed by a graduate blessing and quilt presentation at the beginning of the 11:00am service.

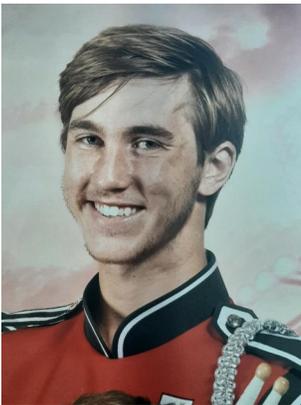


Nick Mueller is graduating from Asheville High School. He played the trombone in band and played golf on the Varsity team all 4 years at AHS. Nick has been accepted into the aerospace engineering program at the University of Colorado Boulder and is excited to begin this new adventure in fall. This summer he will work as a camp counselor for the YMCA.



Aaron Neighbors graduated Summa Cum Laude from Mountain Heritage HS in Burnsville. Aaron was President of the National Honor Society, played varsity soccer 4 years and a member of the Audition Choir, qualifying and performing with the North Carolina Honors Choir where his audition scored #2 in the state.

Aaron plans to attend UNC Chapel Hill with intentions to focus on music theory and political science with considerations of law school in the future. He's excited to join spikeball and pickleball clubs and the UNC snowboard team. Overall, Aaron is excited to be a TarHeel!



Zachary Hutson is graduating from Erwin High School and will be attending Colorado Tech. He will be majoring in business. Zachary was in the band at Erwin High School and played percussion. He was the section Leader for the drum line his senior year. Zachary was also on the swim team and the ski club. Zachary is a salary manager for the McDonald's corporation and plans to move up within the company. He will be attending college online and working.



Torin Linton is graduating from TC Roberson High School. Throughout high school he has enjoyed rock climbing, hiking, and playing piano. Torin will attend Davidson College in the fall, and looks forward to exploring lots of classes before choosing a major.

St. Mark's Newest Members

On May 15, we had many new members join St. Mark's. Welcome to you all!



John and Sharon Herrmann



Annette Pal



Scott and Emilee Hendrix



*Christopher, Kendra ,
Gaston, and Sawyer Miller*



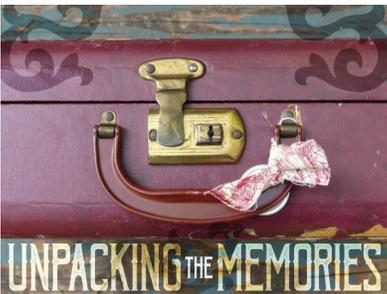
Tom and Beth Biltz

100th Anniversary, Memories to Share

Wonderful Addition to the Church Archives

St. Marks Archives is blessed to have received a new document to cherish, share, and keep in its file of member "reminiscences." Pastor William Trexler, who served as our interim pastor in 2018 and 2019, has done what he promised to do. He has written down many of the delightful stories that he loved to tell of his time as a boy here in the 1950s when his father, Pastor Bernard Trexler was serving here. You can access the full document in the June 1st MiniMarks or contact the church office for a copy. Read about the many people who shared their love with him and formed in him lasting happy memories of this place.

Now, the Archives Team has a challenge for YOU. We want to hear your stories and memories also.



1. What or who helped you to grow to love St. Mark's?
2. What delightful or funny things happened that you will always remember?
3. How did your family "fit in" here at St. Mark's that helped to shape us as a congregation?
4. What stories do you remember that your parents used to tell?
5. Who was your favorite teacher or pastor, and why?
6. What do you really wish to be a part of the lasting record of the story of St. Mark's?

Start writing! (Or, if you prefer, record your thoughts.) Give these to Eileen Cram (eileenacram@gmail.com) or turn in to the office (admin@stmarkslutheran.net). Our goal is to share them in the Re:Marks over the course of the year of our 100th anniversary (that's next year!!)

Council Corner



Greetings from the St. Mark's Congregation Council!

Here are some highlights from our May 2022 Zoom meeting:

- St. Mark's will continue to require masks as long as COVID numbers are going in the wrong direction. We plan to adopt a mask-optional policy for worship as soon as conditions allow.
- The Council voted to use the 2021 Endowment distribution funds (\$21,700) for the 100th anniversary celebration.
- The Council also voted to receive 13 new members on Sunday, May 15.
- The Treasurer's report continues to show a positive balance for the year to date.

Living Waters Visit

On May 26 a group from St. Mark's made a rainy trip out to visit our sisters and brothers at the Living Waters mission congregation in Cherokee. This congregation distributes food four times a month and serves between 500 and 700 families every month! Pastor Jack Russell told us that they are the largest NC distributor of food assistance west of Asheville. This is all paid for through private donations and the support of congregations in the NC Synod.

When it comes to the logistics of the food ministry, Lisa Russell runs the show and is an amazing force! She happens to be married to Pastor Jack and can run circles around Pastor Matt lifting heavy food boxes. We are grateful for our ministry partnership with Living Waters, and we hope for more opportunities to connect and learn!



Lisa Russell, seen here moving faster than cameras can capture, per usual!



Pastor Matt does his best not to get in the way while moving boxes.



St. Mark's folks listen to Pastor Jack and explore the rear of the Living Waters worship space.

Folks from St. Mark's and Nativity observe as Living Waters folks load a truck with food for distribution in the community.



Habitat for Humanity, Interfaith House

The staff of St. Mark's and a few other members volunteered at the Asheville Area Habitat for Humanity Interfaith House in May. Without support from volunteers, providing affordable housing to deserving homeowners would not be possible. If you are interested in getting involved, contact Henry Ulrichs.

(e) henryulrichs66@gmail.com or (p) 910.620.4854



Stewardship

Financial Report

Below you will find April's financial report for both the Operating Fund and the Building Fund. Thank you for your continued contributions.

Financial Report

Operating Fund

subject to change from treasurer's report

Income budgeted

<u>April</u>	<u>YTD</u>
\$42,581	\$170,324

Gifts received

<u>April</u>	<u>YTD</u>
\$46,603	\$201,016

Expenditures

<u>April</u>	<u>YTD</u>
\$41,153	\$161,380

Surplus/(Deficit)

<u>April</u>	<u>YTD</u>
\$5,450	\$39,636

Financial Report

Building Fund

subject to change from treasurer's report

Income budgeted

<u>April</u>	<u>YTD</u>
\$4,207	\$16,828

Gifts received against Pledges

<u>April</u>	<u>YTD</u>
\$2,564	\$24,590

Loan Payments

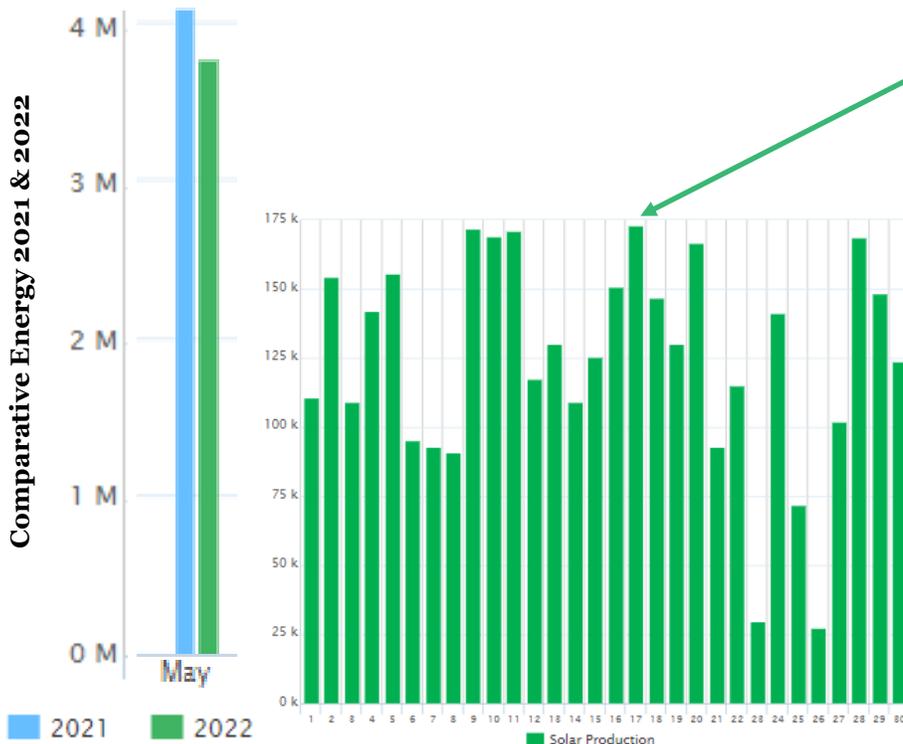
<u>April</u>	<u>YTD</u>
\$5,351	\$21,404

Surplus/(Deficit)

<u>April</u>	<u>YTD</u>
(\$2,787)	(\$3,186)

Caring for God's Creation

May Solar Report



May 17th was the top producing day this month @172.848 kWh

Environmental Benefits From Install date of July 2020

Environmental Benefits



CO2 Emission Saved
119,882.84 lb



Equivalent Trees Planted
905.82

News and Updates

Contribution Coins

Thank you for contributing to the noisy bucket and other special collections. Please remember that if you donate cash, we can not accept any kind of currency besides American Currency, including coins.

Ukraine Relief Efforts/Noisy Bucket

To date the St. Mark's congregation has donated a total of \$11,253 directly to Lutheran Disaster Response's Eastern Europe Crisis Response to support people impacted by the war in Ukraine which includes the May 29th Noisy Bucket collection!

Save the Date ~ Sunday, July 31

Why? ICE CREAM!! Need we say more? After the 11:00am Worship Service, the CATs will be hosting a Spoil-Your-Sunday-Lunch with an Ice Cream Sundae Fundraiser for the Buncombe Community High School. More details to come in July's newsletter, but please go ahead and save the date now. God's Work, Our Hands!

Weekly Prayer List

The Prayer List is distributed by email weekly on Friday mornings. If you would like to add someone to the prayer list, this can be sent to Danielle. She will leave a request on the list for about one month at which point you will need to notify her if you would like your request to remain in this weekly communication.

Lutheran Men in Mission

June 11th @ 8am

LMM will now be meeting at the IHOP on Tunnel Rd the second Saturday of each month at 8am. If you have questions about this men's group, please contact Chuck Kopp at 828-595-7606

2022 Altar Flower

If you have signed up to provide sanctuary flowers, please do not forget to provide your contribution for these arrangements. The price will remain \$35 per arrangement.

Dear St. Mark's Family,

We wish to thank our brothers and sisters of St. Mark's for all of your love, prayers, cards and caring for us these past weeks while we have been grieving for our son, Ethan. This very difficult time has been made easier knowing our church family continues to care about and pray for us. Thank you for being the wonderful people you are.

- Hildie and Ray

Sunday Calendar

June 5th - Day of Pentecost

Scripture Readings:

Acts 2:1-21; Psalm 104:25-35;
Romans 8:14-14; John 14:8-17 [25-27]

8:30am.....Worship
9:45am.....Faith Formation
9:45am.....LandMARKS
11:00am.....Worship

June 12th - The Holy Trinity

Scripture Readings:

Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31; Psalm 8;
Romans 5:1-5; John 16:12-15

8:30am.....Worship
9:45am.....Faith Formation
11:00am.....Worship

June 19th - The Second Sunday after Pentecost

Scripture Readings:

Isaiah 65:1-9; Psalm 22:19-28;
Galatians 3:23-29; Luke 8:26-39

8:30am.....Worship
9:45am.....Faith Formation
11:00am.....Worship

June 26th - The Third Sunday after Pentecost

Scripture Readings:

1 Kings 19:15-16, 19-21; Psalm 16
Galatians 5:1, 13-25; Luke 9:51-62

8:30am.....Worship
9:45am.....Faith Formation
11:00am.....Worship

Birthdays

June 2 Jim Streilein,
Matthew Smith
June 4 Neil Short
June 6 Marilyn Turner
June 8 Cindi Fridd
June 11 Karin Doss,
Sharon Tenty
June 12 Christopher Silver,
Jenny Simmons,
Suzanne Delap
June 13 Bob Sachsenmaier,
Chuck Baer,
Gene McIntire
June 14 Walter Hitch,
Barrett Stone,
Claire Niedenthal,
Ruth Smith
June 15 James Aydelotte
June 17 Tim Galvin,
Andrew Webb,
Nicholas Mueller
June 19 Iona Gilbert
June 20 Judith Taylor
June 23 Karen Longhouser,
Meredith McLaughlin,
Andrea Colburn,
Jennifer Brocius
June 25 Jerry Ray,
Patricia Presley,
Zachary Baer
June 27 Donna Davis,
Patricia Atkins
George Hahn
June 30 Robert Taylor

Anniversaries

June 1	Thomas and Brenda Stewart	June 15	Ray and Hildie Polasky
June 5	Vincent and Melissa Logan	June 17	Bud Rainey and Charissa Gulotta, Jack and Linda McHenry
June 6	Steven and Roseanne Doane, Nathan and Eileen Doane, Henry and Barbara Ulrichs	June 18	Mark and Dana Fitzsimmons
June 9	David and Bobbie Epley	June 21	Jeff and Leslie Lamm, Dutch and Cindi Fridd
June 10	Nicholas and Meredith Davis	June 22	Jim and Elizabeth Korb, Steven and Lisa Burnett
June 11	Tom and Anne Mock	June 24	Doug and Julie Aanonsen
June 12	John and Sharon Herrmann	June 28	Chuck and Stephanie Baer
June 13	Eric and Susan Van Tassel		
June 14	Douglas and Ann Johnson, Victor and Mary Anne Allwein		

Worship Assistant Schedule

The Worship Assistant Schedule for May has been published. If you have a conflict, please first try to find your own replacement and then communicate this change with the church office. This way we will be prepared for worship on Sunday mornings. If you are unable to find a substitute, please contact Danielle and she will be happy to help you!

Date	June 5th	June 12th	June 19th	June 26th
Worship Assistant Schedule	8:30am (1) Dan Dudde (2) Mary Dudde 11am (1) Alice Silver (2) TBD	8:30am (1) Linda Kinsinger (2) J.D Slater 11am (1) Eric Van Tassel (2) Susan Van Tassel	8:30am (1) Tom Stewart (2) Brenda Stewart 11am (1) TBD (2) TBD	8:30am (1) Henry Ulrichs (2) Barbara Ulrichs 11am (1) Cindy Lauster (2) Bob Mihara
	8:30am (1) Lila Niedenthal (2) Ronnie Shoe 11am (1) Scott Baumann (2) Katie Rivers	8:30am (1) Tom Stewart (2) Brenda Stewart 11am (1) TBD (2) TBD	8:30am (1) Ken Lane (2) Deborah Lane 11am (1) Jason Jones (2) Josh Kersey	8:30am (1) Carolyn Bradley (2) Mike Bradley 11am (1) Scott Baumann (2) Anna Blackwell
	8:30am Ken Clark 11am Paula Lindsay	8:30am Sharon Hermann 11am Bonnie Morris	8:30am Debbie Layne 11am Donna Turnbaugh	8:30am Amy Zellers 11am Cindy Fridd
	11am Paula Bradt	11am Christian Wikoff	11am Paula Bradt	11am Eileen Cram & Erick Smith
	8:30am Liza Volk 11am Bonnie Richards	8:30am Isa Slater 11am Eileen Cram	8:30am Eleanor Schreck 11am Anne Blackwell	8:30am Julia Volk 11am Katie Rivers
	8:30am Mary Brady 11am Dave Epley	8:30am Katie Rivers 11am Gloria Sainio	8:30am Amy Zellers 11am Bonnie Richards	8:30am Mary Brady 11am Susan Denne
	8:30am Dan Dudde 11am Beth Korb	8:30am Connie Chaplin 11am Randy Warren	8:30am Carl Schreck 11am Donna Turnbaugh	8:30am Linda Kinsinger 11am James Aydelotte
	8:30am Diane Hughes 11am Vickie Hauser	8:30am Anne Sites 11am Susan Van Tassel	8:30am Linda Kinsinger 11am Anne Blackwell	8:30am TBD 11am Eileen Cram
	11am Bob Mihara	11am Trey Doss	11am Gloria Sainio	11am Cord Doss

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Our Vision:

Making disciples by loving Christ, growing in faith, serving all people

Our Mission:

Transforming lives through God's grace as an inclusive, intergenerational congregation through Worship, Outreach, Learning and Fellowship

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