

Gospel of Mark

Persecution and martyrdom in Rome created a dangerous environment for Christians. Mark wrote this Gospel to the Christians in Rome to encourage and strengthen their faith. He recorded Christ's baptism, temptation, and the beginning of His ministry with His disciples. All of this is in the first chapter of Mark.

Jesus came to be active and compassionate to the people around Him. He exemplified tenderness when He healed the leper by touching Him. Jesus was a master at communicating love and personal acceptance. His sensitivity to touch someone was even more graphic. This was when Jesus met a grown man's need for meaningful touch, a man who was barred by law from ever touching anyone again ...

Our sermon series will focus on the Gospel of Mark for the next 3 months. The Gospel of Mark is tailored for action. The themes of Mark's Gospel are movement, activity, strong commitments – and a divine Savior who came to serve. Mark wrote his account of Jesus' life and ministry at a time when His whole world and that of His church seemed to be coming apart at the seams. Let's learn together about Jesus in the Gospel of Mark.

Sermon Title and Scriptures

Jan. 7	"The Doctrine of Christians"	1 John 1:1-4
Jan. 14	"John the Baptist and the Beginning of Jesus Ministry"	Mark 1:1-13
Jan. 21	"Jesus Casts Out an Unclean Spirit"	Mark 1:21-28
Jan. 28	"Jesus Forgives and Heals"	Mark 2:1-12
Feb. 4	"What Kind of Soil is This?"	Mark 4:10-20

Kids of the Kingdom/Kids with a Mission

Christmas Break! Everyone needs to take a breath and have some time off, and our Kids teachers and helpers are certainly ready for a break! Whew! What a lively bunch of kids– and what a wonderful privilege it is to share God’s Word and His great love with them every week. We were blessed with beautiful weather this semester, and Darin kept them running outside at recreation time! The Christmas story from Matthew and Luke was presented through the eyes of Mary, the shepherds, and the wise men. Karen and Pat always had fun crafts that tied in so well with the lessons! Many of our old traditional carols are not taught in school any more, so we spent time learning new favorites of Joy to the World, Go Tell it on the Mountain, and Away in a Manger. Our dedicated kitchen staff always provide yummy treats for hungry after-school appetites! We look forward to new sets of lessons in the new year. Please pray for our volunteers, and for someone to step forward and teach in the 3rd grade class.

Kids with a Mission are enjoying some of their favorite lessons of the year, as Gina and Paula introduce these 4th graders to all the churches in Ellsworth and learn of each congregation's traditions. The great variety of decorations and symbols of the Christmas season make for lively conversations! They will finish the church tours in January.

Thank you for continued prayer and financial support, as we serve around 75 children through these programs, many who do not have a church home. Again, what an awesome opportunity we have to share Jesus! May we never tire or become discouraged! Joy to the World!!

*Thank
You!*

Betty & I are so thankful for the opportunity to serve God & this church family . It is so overwhelming all the prayers, cards, gifts, goodies & love that we receive from you all.

Thank you again in Christ love & service. Pastor Dennis & Betty



SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

Scholarships are available to graduating high school seniors who are current members or whose parents are current members of the Ellsworth Methodist Church.

If you would like more information or an application, please contact Roberta Waymaster.



REMINDER

YOUR 2024 PLEDGE CARDS MAY BE
RETURNED TO THE OFFICE OR PLACED
IN THE OFFERING DURING THE
WORSHIP SERVICE



**JOIN OUR CHOIR
YOU'LL BE GLAD YOU DID!**

January SCHEDULE

January 10th at 7:00 pm

January 17th at 7:00 pm

January 21st during Worship Service



USDA COMMODITIES DISTRIBUTION

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY!

USDA Commodities will be distributed on

Tuesday, January 16, 2024, starting at 2:00 PM

ECMC Administration Warehouse 1706 Aylward Ave Ellsworth, Kansas 67439

STAY IN YOUR CAR AND PULL INTO LINE

This distribution will include fresh and frozen items. Please be patient with the volunteers as they work to bring this food to those in need in our community.

If you are going to pick up food for a friend, there is a form that you need to have them fill out before you come to receive it!

Call Anita Hoffhines 785-531-0160 to arrange to pick up the form. Food will be distributed as available and not everyone receives the same type of food or amount of food each time.

UPDATED INCOME QUALIFICATION—PLEASE CHECK!

Income Qualified Persons who accept food declare:

Gross household 1 person \$1580; 2 persons \$2137; 3 persons \$2694; 4 persons \$3250; 5 persons \$3,807; 6 persons \$4364; for each additional family member add \$557.

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Distributed by the Ellsworth Methodist Church – Contact Anita Hoffhines 785-531-0160

Volunteers are members of Ellsworth Methodist Church/Ellsworth and Ellsworth Kiwanis Club

Ellsworth Methodist Church

January 2024

January Calendar:

Tuesday, January 2nd

6:30 pm—Leadership Team Meeting

Wednesday, January 3rd

12:30 pm—Pastor's Bible Study at ECF

7:00 pm—Choir Practice

Sunday, January 7th, Holy Communion

12:00 pm—Trustees Meeting following Worship Service

Tuesday, January 9th

10:00 am—Aktion Club meets in parlor

Wednesday, January 10th

9:30 am—Ministerial Alliance Meets

12:30 pm—Pastor's Bible Study at ECF

7:00 pm—Choir Practice

Thursday, January 11th

2:00 pm—Faith & Hope Circle

7:00 pm - Honor & Glory Circle

Sunday, January 14th—Moment 4 Mission

Monday, January 15th

2:00 pm—Prairie West Devotional

Tuesday, January 16th

10:00 am—Aktion Club

6:30 pm—Worship Team Meeting

Wednesday, January 17th

12:30 pm—Pastor's Bible Study at ECF

7:00 pm—Choir Practice

Sunday, January 21st

8:00 am—Methodist Men's Breakfast before SS

10:45 am—Choir Sings during Worship Service

6:00 pm—4-H Ash Creek Meeting

Monday, January 22nd

6:30 pm—SPPR Meeting

Wednesday, January 24th

12:30 pm—Pastor's Bible Study at ECF

Thursday, January 25th

6:30 pm—Education Team Meeting

Sunday, January 28th

12:00 pm—Potluck after Worship Service

Presiding Elder Craig Atkinson

2:00 pm—Good Sam's Service

Wednesday, January 31st

12:30 pm—Pastor's Bible Study at ECF



Recent Prayer Requests:

Penny Swift Kelly's Family & Friends, Anita & Ed Hoffhines, Linda & Scott Davis, For anyone who has lost loved ones this past year, going through surgeries or treatments, whose struggles are unknown. Prayers for those who do not know the Lord.

Continued Prayers for:

Mary Lou Bontrager's Family & Friends
(David Bontrager's sister-in-law),
Roman Robson (Mason & Lesta Mays' great grandson)
Lois Hendrick Family & Friends, Eli Bontrager (David
Bontrager's brother),
Lois Hendricks Family & Friends
David Bontrager, Hadley West, Heather West Father,
Eddie, Pastor Dennis & Betty Carter,
Linda & Scott Davis, Judy & Gerry Gebhardt,
Patty & Steph King, Sylvia McNeal,
Nancy Stonebraker

****Continued prayers will be listed for 3 months. please contact the church office to continue on the list.****

Weekly Activities:

Sundays:

9:30 am—Sunday School (Adult, HS, Preschool—4th)

10:45 am—Worship in sanctuary

11:00 am—Children's Church in basement

8:00 pm—AA/Al-Anon Meeting (North Building)

Tuesdays:

8:00 pm—AA/Al-Anon Meeting (North Building)

Wednesday:

12:30 pm—Pastor's Bible Study at ECF

3:05 pm—Kids of the Kingdom

3:45 pm—Kids with a Mission

(Meet Jan. 10th, 17th, 24th, 31st)

3:45 pm—Pastor meets with Remy

6:15 pm—Jr/Sr High Youth Group

Thursdays:

8:00 pm—AA/Al-Anon Meeting (North Building)

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Bulletin Mission Outreach

Good Sam

Shut-Ins

Georgina Bates is currently delivering bulletins to a few in the community.

(* Deliver Our Daily Bread)
(Bulletin Delivery contact: Office 785-472-3870)

Altar Flowers

The Honor & Glory
Fellowship is in charge of
Altar Flowers.

Ushers

Monty, Loden, Rex, & Hadley West

(Usher contact:
church office 472-3870)

Young Disciples

7—Pastor Dennis
14— Jason Maisog
21—Pastor Dennis
28—Alice Robson

(Young Disciples contact:
Nancy Stonebraker 472-4208)

Children's Church

7—Alice Robson
14— ??
21—Sharon Marsh
28—Kourtney Maisog

(Children's Church contact:

Church office 472-3870)

Task Force Co-Chairs

Alice Robson (785)531-1432 Deb Furgason (785)472-8956

Task Force List

Rosa Landon, Stacy Gustin, Nancy Stonebraker,
Karen Shriner, Kristi West, Kourtney Maisog,
Betty Carter, Lesa Houston

Liturgist

7—Karen Shriner
14—Ridinger Family
21—Roberta Waymaster
28—Daran Frevert

(Liturgist contact:
church office 472-3870)

Guardian Angel

7—Amanda Webb
14— Jessie Deines
21—Linda Webber
28— Kayla Clarke

(Guardian Angel contact:
Deb Furgason 472-8956)

Nursery

Shylo Travnichek

7—??
14—??
21—??
28—West Family
(Nursery contact:
Heather West 785-531-0843)

²² You were taught to put away
your former way of life,
your old self,
corrupt and deluded by its
lusts, ²³ and to be renewed in the
spirit of your minds, ²⁴ and to
clothe yourselves with the new
self, created according to the
likeness of God in true
righteousness and holiness.

Ephesians 4:22-24

Communion

Janet Carswell
Karen Shriner
Carole Larsen

Moments for Missions

FIRE
DEPT.



MAY YOU SHINE
THE LIGHT OF
CHRIST IN THE
NEW YEAR!

Ways to view Worship Service:

Eagle cable channel 2 at 10:45 am and 12:45 pm on Sunday.

YouTube where you can watch the recorded service (after 1:00 pm):

<https://bit.ly/3Fz7ouR>

LIVE on our church Facebook Page at 10:45 am

<https://www.facebook.com/ellsworthmethodist>

Pastor:

Rev. Dennis Carter

Phone: 620-272-7262

E-mail: pastor.ewmc@gmail.com

Sunday Worship Times:

Sunday School at 9:30am

Worship at 10:45am

TV Ministry—Eagle Cable channel 2
at

10:45am and 12:45pm

TV Ministry email:

Video.umcew@gmail.com

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402 N. Douglas Ave.

Ellsworth, KS 67439

785-472-3870

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Website: www.ellsworthmethodist.org

Facebook: [ellsworthmethodist](https://www.facebook.com/ellsworthmethodist)

Church Office Hours:

Tuesday through Friday

8:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m.

(Other times available by appointment)

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