

Community
Presbyterian
Church

Mark

Rich

We'll miss your humorous
and insightful sermons.
Skip + Tim Hedlund

You brought a joy to our
church that we won't forget.
Blessings on your future from
Mel + Bille Ursin

BEST OF LUCK FOR THE
FUTURE.
DON SCHAFFNER

We thank you for the
special gifts you shared
with us.

Chuck + Mary Abille

May you bring God's peace
to all you minister to!

Nancy, Nancy + Don Gunster

You were great
on the retreat. We
had an awesome
time all of us.

Yvonne

Thank you for
sharing your time
and teaching with
us. Best always,
Mary Okyfe

Our prayers
will be with you
Bill + Elsie

Loved your sermons!
Best of luck and
God Bless you!
Vera + Harry Hengesh

Thank you so much for
your enlightening sermons.
I must say that you have
helped me grow in faith
by your sermons. They have
helped put a perspective on
the history + meaning of the
Gospel. Thank you + God
bless. Best of luck in your future!
Mike Brannigan
and
Maie Brannigan

Best of luck thanks!
and many as they
may be
Nancy + Bill

We will miss you - was
great having you here for
a short time. Loved your
sermons. God bless!
Allene + Bill Weigh

We certainly were
blessed to have you
come to our Church -
God bless you always
God bless you
Gloria + Helene +
Mel Peterson

Thank you so much for giving so much time to the youth group. You brought us all a little closer. You were an inspiration to me + I learned a lot a boat God from you. Thank you again.

Love,
Karin
Graustrom

BEST WISHES
IN YOUR FUTURE
WAYNE CHRIS JOHNSON & FAMILY

Thank you for all your wonderful sermons. Wish you God's blessings and all that is good in the future!

Love
Emily Eck

Thanks for everything ~~with~~ you did for the youth group. I hope our new pastor will be able to fill your spot so well, but I doubt it. Don't be afraid to stop by at our youth committee meetings sometime.

Love,
Krista
Hallagher

Thank you for all your help with the youth group. I really do appreciate your genuine interest in the kids and your ability to reach them at the level they are at. I will miss you.

Love,
Melissa
O'Keefe

You've done so much for us and shown us new ways to see and hear God's word and His brief time on earth. May the Lord bless and keep you and your family.

We love and will miss you
Love
Spadee & Hugh Bangercher

Thanks for everything you have done. You have given excellent sermons that have challenged our thinking. You put up with us on the retreat and you've helped us grow.
BEST OF LUCK,

Amy Bangercher

Pastor Mark,

Thank you for sharing
yourself with us. I really
appreciate your teachings. Thank
you for helping us to grow in
our understanding of Christ.

Sincerely,
Anna Rose Miller

Pastor Hawk,
You will be missed
and always remembered.
I will miss your
teaching, your sermons
and your brotherly love.
Great Blessings
Steve Brock



Pastor Mark,
You will be missed
and always
I will miss
teaching you
and your
great folks.



I was particularly impressed with the Maundy Thursday Fellowship Meal with the communion bread at the beginning of the meal and the communion wine at the end, as Jesus had done with his disciples. The questioning and answers of those of Jesus' followers who put in an appearance that night added to one's knowledge of the lives of those followers of Jesus and to our knowledge of what life was like in those times of long ago.

I find Pastor Rich's style of preaching and teaching to be refreshing - a different way of looking at a familiar subject and thus a particularly effective way of getting the message across to be remembered by the hearer of the sermon.

We wish Pastor Rich well as he completes his graduate studies and goes on to serve the ELCA.

Sincerely,

Norm Wolf

Pastor Mark..... you've left your
mark on the flock at Good Shepherd!

We've seen you in many lights.....

- 1) That of teacher (your sermons were great!)
- 2) Smiling in amazement and amusement when involved with the youth ~
- 3) "Unflappable" in so many situations ~
- 4) It's obvious that you're a very loving Dad ~
- 5) And a caring servant of God.

God bless your future ~ and
"Thanks for the memories,"

Homer & Edna Weeks

PASTOR MARK
I WILL MISS YOUR
VERY WONDERFUL SERMONS
WITH A SPIRITUAL MESSAGE BASED
ON THE HISTORICAL SOCIAL AND POLITICAL
CONTEXT OF THE TIME OF JESUS. THANK
YOU!!

Paul Bartlett

Pastor Mark -
Best of luck in wherever
you go - keep up the
"historical based" sermons -
loved some of the themes
John : Terry Ohlund
JOEL : Laura Ohlund

Pastor Mark:
The best to you in the future.
Thank you for your blessings to us.
Bill & Maryann Jansen

Pastor Mark,
happy wife so
proud that our
though it was
just a brief time
we will always
remember how you
touched our lives.
Gary, Janette
& Sue
Worland



Thank You

May 29, 1996

Dear Pastor Brock,

We consider ourselves so very fortunate to have had you as our interim pastor. There is much to appreciate — your sensitivity in working with the children, (especially Vacation Bible School) your sermons that kept us always on target, your service at Lexington and your visitation of the sick.

For me, I feel very privileged to be part of the Thursday morning Bible study. It was always inspiring and mostly challenging. Also, no one has ever left books for the library in honor of this class. A great big thank you for that. Your gift for teaching is such that





"Christmas
1995"





"October Mourn"



Alas, no one
gets into
dead flowers
but
me and the birds,

Swanson

there's more ...



and there's more...

Ludwig ala himerick

for Mark #1

In yore, a few guys from Bethsaida
Faced waves that they weren't afraid of
But they forewent their crappies
When Christ said agape.
So the poor would more riches be made of

2

An interim pastor six-seven
Taught ethics and RICHES in heaven
Then grinned this sparked shark
He rabbied his MARK
Hence we recall e'zer and eban

(This is commonly done today -
turning a noun into a verb.)

#3

Pastor Tall the great * treasure
'll be missed beyond measure
Discourses he taught us
With new stuff he "fraught" us
Yea, but 'tweren't all liesure

* So what does this author mean
by great?

Tall?
Noble?
Important?
Profound?

Perhaps a legacy of
always questioning
interpretation

From the Thursday am Bible Study
Kiss-off fellowship, I couldn't
get the dandylions or other
stuff in.
That meal left me with
a warmth that won't
be forgotten



This will
probably get
moldy.

and more ...



More faces of Sue

← Will this one be worthy of your lessons?

Mystery of Creation



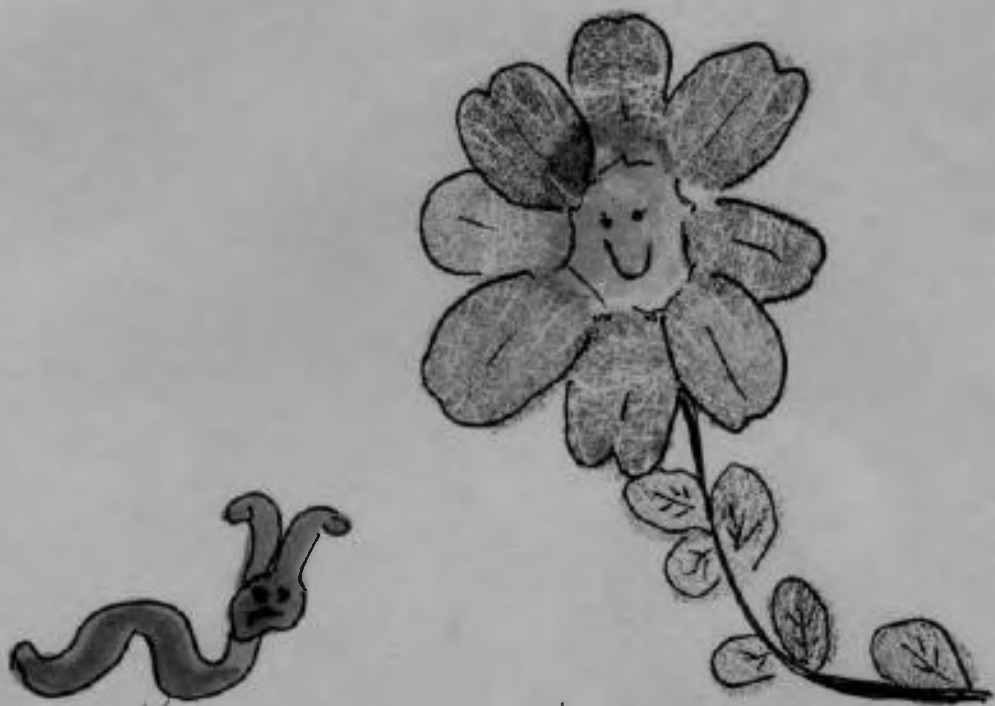
Might as well live on the Mississippi!

Poor folks with the indoor pool suffered \$10,000 in flood damage and are about to "litigate".

Well, they're attorneys!

Swanson

and more...



Yeah - I know that ink pads come in washable.
Do you want these?

Well, Tall - I can't say it all
Most is best left unsaid
"Osmose" with me
to know the good
yprive done.

Writing a funny party lemeruch is too tough - so it (#3)
was lacking in funny and meter - sorry.

Your gift to the library in our names touched me
to great depths.

Hope our paths cross,

Bona fortuna semper

Aue Swanson

fini.

Dear Pastor Mark:

My warmest and most frequent memories of you revolve around children. Our first ministry together was Vacation Bible School. It was then that I learned a little about your rapport with children.

Later, as I watched you serving Holy Communion, I noticed how your countenance changed when you saw a child approach the Communion rail. Your face lit up; it was like a 150 watt light bulb turning on and the child basked in the warmth of its glow. This was not a rare phenomenon. I saw it many, many times and I enjoyed each one.

Your love and tenderness toward children was also manifested in the warm and gentle smile that would spread over your face. I don't want this to become a mushy, gushy note, but I do want you to know how much your reaction to children moved and touched me. I know you care for adults too, but children seem to bring out all the joy that God's love has brought to your life. The picture below illustrates my point.

You've been a great blessing to all of us at Good Shepherd and you will be greatly missed. We wish you all the best in the future and pray that you will achieve your teaching goal. You're a wonderful teacher.

Our little gift to you, which I'm afraid will be late, reflects these memories. We hope you and Cynthia will enjoy it. God bless you and your lovely family.

Your sister in Christ,

Shirley Bartlett



*The Memory Thursday
meal will always
be special to me too.*



"Creation"
Camp"
1995



"P.A.D.S."
Project"
1996

Dear Pastor Mark,

June, 1996

I can't begin to thank you for all you have brought to our church in this one, too short, year. The guidance and knowledge you have imparted to our children and ourselves is priceless and irreplaceable. You have contributed so much to my own growth as a Christian and have greatly widened my horizons.

Thank you too, for being a powerful force as we have grappled to find the best way to address our confirmands and their spiritual needs. I only wish you were staying to help us develop our program further. Your support and encouragement have meant a great deal to me and to the children of this church.

You will be sorely missed and I fear will leave a large gap in our wholeness for awhile. I wish you well in your pursuits. I know academia is where you would like to be but you have so much to offer to the "Bible illiterate" which all of us lay people seem to be. Either way, our bible study will be envious of your students or parishoners and all they will gain through your pastorate. God bless you and your family.

Sincerely,

Nancy L Grantram



"Our bye-bye brunch!"







"Boy, Dad this looks good!"



Food, food,
glorious food!



Food for mind and
soul.



~ "What are they singing?"





" Education
Hour "



Pastor Mark
I so enjoyed your
thought provoking sermon
& teaching. God be with &
bless you always. I'll miss you.
Have fun!

Pastor Mark.
We were so fortunate to have you
as our preacher. May God Bless & keep you
in His care. as always Steve Schmidt

Dear Mark -
Thanks for everything you've done for
Good Shepherd and for our family. June 9th
will always be a special day for us.
Paul, Nyles, Jay & Frank

Pastor Mark
It is good that you
came into our lives.
Thank you for being a friend
in Christ for being a friend
Marilyn Love & Hugs
& Nick Foster

Thanks for your
very special teaching
ministry to us. Understanding
the history makes the present
more believable.
Love from
a "poor" sister
Barbara Olson

Blessings to you
as you continue
in your calling to
present the ethics
of Jesus.

Jan Olson

Pastor Mark,
You've been a treasure
for us - stretching us into
new perspectives. I've
deeply appreciated your
and justice focus. I've
bless and lead you into
fuller paths of peace
ministry for
In Christ,
Mary Lee Thomas

Pastor Mark,

Thank you for
your time and talents
that you lent to the
S.S. Program and
Confirmation kids.
I learned a lot from
you and will think
of you many conti-
butions fondly. God
Bless you and your
family.

Kathy Zivrel
& Kristen

Pastor Mark

Thanks for being
you and helping us
to find ourselves.

Janie Holbach

M-k

Thanks for your ministry among us. We appreciated the passion for teaching and for your continual search to find new insights into the meaning of Jesus Christ!!

In Christ,

M. K. Thomson

Pastor Mark

Thank you for your insight brought to us through your sermons & teaching. Maundy Thursday will always be more meaningful. Best in the future!

a fellow servant of the Lord
Don }

Pastor Mark -
Thanks you for all you
brought to our church - and
for sharing communion with
Rick's mom and my brother
at the nursing home -
Jackie & Rich
Einhorn

Pastor Mark
See how you have
helped me see old Bible
passages and truths in a
new way are too many to
number. Thank you for
teaching me and everybody
here.

Peace!
Nokie Ward

Pastor Mark

J'étais très heureux quand j'ai
su que tu parlais le français
Et cela m'a beaucoup fait plaisir
Merci de tous les efforts que tu as
fait pour moi et grace à toi je suis
un membre dans cette Eglise
Merci et Bonne chance dans toutes
tes entreprises.

 Franck

Always remembering you
at meals
Judee Iscarot

All interest you
God be with you
Cutherson

Pastor Mark,
We will never
forget your sermons,
we learned so much
and attended your sermons,
very much appreciated. May the
Lord be with you and your
family in all your future
endeavors.

Ann Revon,
Linda, Rich,
Mike, Hilda,
Scott Kuntz

Pastor Mark -
What a wonderful
blessing for us to
have had you
this past year.
Love,
Pattis

Pastor Mark,
Best wishes to you.
Thanks for your wonderful
Sunday teachings.
Susan Aweny



Now Paul and Mark can
see eye to eye.





Joseph the willing helper.
Couldn't have done it
without him.







"Why wasn't I blest with longer arms?"







MARK!

Our Pastor Mark (**Mark**), Mark (**Mark**), Mark (**Mark**)
Our Pastor Mark (**Mark**), Mark (**Mark**), Mark (**Mark**)
Our Pastor Mark (**Mark**), Mark (**Mark**), Mark . . . 2, 3, 4
He's in our hearts, Down in our hearts,
He's in our hearts to stay, Down in our hearts to stay.

He loves to Teach (**Teach**), Teach (**Teach**), Teach (**Teach**)
He loves to Teach (**Teach**), Teach (**Teach**), Teach (**Teach**)
He loves to Teach (**Teach**), Teach (**Teach**), Teach. . . 2, 3, 4
Comes from his heart, comes from his heart,
Comes from his heart to stay, Comes from his heart to stay.

He sure can Preach (**Preach**), Preach (**Preach**), Preach (**Preach**)
He sure can Preach (**Preach**), Preach (**Preach**), Preach (**Preach**)
He sure can Preach (**Preach**), Preach (**Preach**), Preach. . . 2, 3, 4
Reaches our hearts, Reaches our hearts,
Reaches our hearts to stay, Reaches our hearts to stay.

He gave us Joy (**Joy**), Joy (**Joy**), Joy (**Joy**),
He gave us Joy (**Joy**), Joy (**Joy**), Joy (**Joy**),
He gave us Joy (**Joy**), Joy (**Joy**), Joy. . . 2, 3, 4
Down in our hearts, Down in our hearts,
Down in our hearts to stay, Down in our hearts to stay.

Down in our hearts, Down in our hearts,
Down in our hearts to stay, Down in our hearts to stay.

Down in our hearts, Down in our hearts,
Down in our hearts to stay, Down in our hearts to stay.

Down in our hearts, Down in our hearts,
Down in our hearts to stay, Down in our hearts to stay.

" Joyful Noise "

Our song
to you!!



Presented with
love to

Pastor Mark...

About your brief
time with us,

God looked down and said,

"It was good!"