



Saint Mark's
Evangelical Lutheran Church

Weekly Update

April 16, 2020

He said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you."

~ Mark 16:6-7

Dear Friends,

Christ is Risen! Last Sunday we celebrated the good news of the resurrection, revealed through an empty tomb 2000 years ago. As followers of Christ, we join the disciples in living our lives in the light of that reality.

At the Tuesday Morning Bible Study this week, we looked at Mark's account of the first Easter morning. Jenn Luong shared an insight that I think was brilliant. Look at the verses I have copied above. This is the scene that greets the women who have come to the tomb. They come expecting to find Jesus' body. Instead, a young man in white robes directs them elsewhere.

Jenn reflected that so often we think we know where we will find God, where we will find Jesus. We tend to think that God is to be found in our church buildings. After all, don't we call our church the House of God? But the message that the women receive is "He is not here. He is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him." The young man sends them out into the world, back to their fishing boats and homes and families, and tells them that Jesus will meet them there.

Especially now, when we can't gather together in "God's House", I think it's good to be reminded that God is not confined to our brick and mortar structures. In fact, the message of the empty tomb tells us that we are more apt to find Jesus waiting for us in the outside world and in our ordinary, everyday lives.

All of life, wherever we are, is lived out in the presence of God. Every step we take, wherever we go, is taken with Jesus as our companion. God is not limited to a particular building any more than Jesus was limited to a grave. During this time of social distancing, may you experience the love and presence of God as Jesus meets you wherever you are.

God's peace,
Pastor Mary

Need to talk?

If you have concerns, needs, or just want to chat, please feel free to contact one of the pastors:

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North High in need of Cub cards for Polar Pack families

Being Jesus to our neighbors is a value of St. Mark's. It's hard to do as we shelter in place, but our neighbors have a need and we can help! North High is offering breakfast/lunch, but families without transportation have been unable to access this food. They may be lacking consistent dinners. We would like to provide families with gift cards to Cub. (Cub is able to deliver groceries to their doorsteps.) Please consider making a financial gift online to support our neighbors. Thanks for sharing Jesus' love within our community! **Just go to stmarks-nsp.org and click on the green Contribute Online button. Select Polar Packs to direct your gift.**

Online Worship Services

We hope you have found the worship services that have been posted on our website and Facebook page. It is one way we can stay connected during this time of social distancing. Special thanks to Gary Martin who records, edits and puts everything together. Worship services will continue to be posted on Wednesdays and Sundays for the foreseeable future. Please join us.

Chapel Roof Update

Work is well underway on the new chapel roof, and may well be completed by the time this email goes out! Thanks to all of you who contributed to this project, and to Gary Hook for pulling it all together. As always, St. Mark's people pull together to make things happen! Amazing!

Need help with errands?

If you need non-emergency help with errands such as getting groceries or picking up a prescription, **fill out this form at <https://tinyurl.com/y7q3rf3c>**. We will respond within 48 hours and try to get you the help you need. We have several volunteers who would love you help you. You can also contact one of the pastors directly to let them know you could use some help.

Church Office

The church offices will continue to be closed and pastors and staff will continue working from home as much as possible. Please call or email staff as you have need.

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Watching services on your smart TV

If you have YouTube on your TV, you can access the services and watch on a bigger screen. Just open the YouTube app. Select "search" and then type in all the letters/numbers (not case sensitive) after the "/" from the video URL. For example, for yesterday's service you would type in: NLklczBvWQo. *Disclaimer: While this seems to work on most smart TVs, it may not work on yours.*

For example, if you use xfinity:

1. Press the xfinity button on your remote.
2. Select "apps"
3. Select YouTube
4. Select "search" (the little magnifying glass)
5. Type the number/letter combination after the "/" from the URL into the search box (not case sensitive). The video should appear at the bottom of the screen. Or search "Gary Martin st marks church nsp", then select the GM button to see all the uploaded videos.
6. Just click on a video to watch.

Electronic Giving

If you have not already set up electronic giving, now would be a great time to do so! Follow the link on stmarks-nsp.org to get started. You can find the link at the bottom of the home page, or under the "About" tab. It's easy, secure, and provides for the support of St. Mark's ministries even when we can't be together. Once at the VANCO site, select "set up profile" and follow instructions.

Thank you to everyone who has continued to send your offering in by mail and electronically. Your continued support and generosity is greatly appreciated.

No April issue of Markings

Because we have been updating you weekly, we will not be sending out an additional monthly newsletter.

March Financials			
	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	
Income	\$168,474	\$152,053	
Expense	\$135,269	\$153,206	
Net difference	\$33,205	(\$1,153)	\$34,358
<i>Thank you for supporting St. Mark's Ministry!</i>			