



Weekly Update

August 6, 2020

Congregational Zoom Check-in: Coffee & Conversation – Fridays at 10:00 am

Check in with Pastor Mary and your other friends from St. Mark's via Zoom each Friday morning at 10:00, for conversation and a quick peek at the upcoming Sunday's sermon texts. *This coming Sunday's texts are Romans 10:5-15 and Matthew 14:22-33 in case you want to look ahead and bring your thoughts and ideas.*

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81850034128>

Meeting ID: 818 5003 4128

Children, Youth, & Family Update from Cory Jones...

Hello St. Mark's! I wanted to say hello again and let you know that I'm excited and looking forward to connecting with you as we're able. As the Children, Youth and Family ministry program year begins please look here (in this weekly email) for any updates and information. I will be joining the Wednesday, August 12 High School Youth Group via Zoom. If you're a High School student and want to meet with me and other HS students please join us online at 8 pm! Check with Susie Modrow for the link to join the meeting. Lastly, I'll be sending out an email soon concerning Confirmation and High School and what those ministries will look like over the coming months. In the meantime, if you have any questions or concerns please feel free to reach out to me.

Farewell Bonfire for Susie Modrow – August 15

On Saturday, August 15, at 7:00 pm, we will be saying farewell to our Youth Minister, Susie Modrow, as she heads off to her internship year. Come to the fire ring at St. Mark's, share gratitude and a blessing (from an appropriate distance), and toast Susie with s'mores! This event will also give us the opportunity to welcome our Interim Children, Youth, and Family Minister, Cory Jones.

North St. Paul Veterans Park celebrates 5 year anniversary – August 15



On Saturday, August 15 from 12 pm to 2 pm there will be a ceremony to recognize the present and former committee members who made Veterans Park the success it is. The gathering will also recognize military veterans from World War II to present with patriotic music and words of honor. Brigadier General Charles Kemper, State of Minnesota Adjutant General (34th Red Bull Infantry Division, Minnesota National Guard) will speak about the service and sacrifice of our nations veterans. Please come and celebrate the ongoing spirit of Veterans Park. This event is open to everyone.

Summer Worship on the Farm *Online* Wednesday, August 12 - 6:30 pm

Worship on the Farm will meet *via Zoom* for the last time this summer on **August 12**. Register to receive the weekly link and join in at 6:30 p.m. for fellowship and worship, hosted by Christ the King in White Bear Lake, House of Prayer in Oakdale, Lakeview in Maplewood, Our Redeemer in St. Paul, Redeemer in White Bear Lake and St. Mark's in North St. Paul. Learn more and register at: <http://rlc-wbl.org/worship-on-the-farm/>

Pop Up Farmers Market – August 24 and September 28

We had a great turnout for the first pop-up farmers market—we served 107 households! This partnership with the North Saint Paul Food Shelf and Second Harvest continues on August 24 and September 28. Pickup is available from 4-6 pm. No registration or income requirements—just good food shared with neighbors. The market is outside in the St. Mark's parking lot (on the sanctuary side). Just like curbside pick up for restaurant takeout, this experience is contact free: just drive up, pop the trunk or roll down the back seat window, and a volunteer will place the bag inside the car for you. You don't even need to get out of your car! Tell your friends and neighbors about this SAFE way to get delicious, FREE produce!

Monday Night Bible Study meeting via Zoom

The St. Mark's Monday Night Bible study has resumed meeting, starting with the study of the Gospel of Luke. The start time is 6:30 p.m. It's not too late to participate. For more information contact John Froiland at johnjfro55@gmail.com.

Online Worship: Sunday & Wednesday & Facebook Live Sunday Preludes

Worship services will continue to be posted on Wednesdays and Sundays for the foreseeable future. Please join us as often as you are able. Trevor Wolter Ternez goes Live on Facebook on Sunday mornings at 9:30 am to provide prelude music and his following continues to grow. Greet one another in the comments section...it's a fun way to connect with your church friends.

School Supply Collection

Interfaith Action in St. Paul will be collecting backpacks and essential school supplies to be distributed to low-income school children to help them be successful in school this year. Here is a list of the items they are collecting:

- New backpacks
- Pencils, pens, markers, colored pencils, crayons (24 count), erasers, highlighters, pencil sharpeners
- Glue sticks & bottles
- Scissors & rulers
- Facial tissue
- School boxes
- Hand sanitizer
- Reusable face masks (child size)
- Monetary donations will be used to purchase needed supplies not collected. Make checks payable to – **Interfaith Action** with “*School Tools*” in the memo line.

To drop off donations

Since our building is not open at this time, all items, including checks can be brought to the Rees Hall parking lot on at the following times:

- > Thursday mornings (if not raining) from 9 – 10:30 am
- > Tuesday evening August 11 from 6 – 7:30 pm
- > Saturday morning August 15 from 9 – 11 am

Contact Sherry at slberr65@gmail.com with any questions. Thank you for your generosity!

What does worship look like?

Worship is looking quite different these days, but some of you have been sending us pictures of what worship looks like at your house. We would like to include one or two each week in our Weekly Update, to lift our spirits and help keep us connected during this separation time.

Please send your pictures electronically to annm@stmarks-nsp.org.



Thanks for another lovely Sunday service with communion!
~Kathy Hanon

Help maintain St. Mark's gardens

Help is needed in maintaining the many gardens at St. Mark's. Gardening takes place every Thursday morning at 9:00 AM. We meet on the Rees Hall side and do a variety of gardening tasks for one to two hours. All help is welcomed whether once or many times. Bring your gloves, garden tools and a container to put weeds. Contact: Wanda Hurtgen @ 651-770-1905 or Sherry Berry @ 651-777-6704.

Need to talk?

If you have concerns, needs, or just want to chat, please feel free to contact **Pastor Mary** at 608-295-5401 (cell) or email pmaryf@stmarks-nsp.org.