



Saint Mark's
Evangelical Lutheran Church

Weekly Update

July 9, 2020

A message from Pastor Mary:

"As many of you may already have heard, on Tuesday morning about 4:30, my mother, Carol, experienced a massive brain bleed. She was taken by ambulance to United hospital where a CAT scan showed there was nothing that could be done other than to keep her comfortable. That afternoon we were able to bring her home with Hospice care. She has a bed in the sunroom and all of her kids and grandkids have been able to be here with her.

She remains unresponsive but comfortable. My father, Wayne, is able to sit next to her in his favorite chair and hold her hand and tell stories about her life and their love. It is sacred time as we wait in hope for her death. We are grateful for family and a faith that assures us that death is not the end of the story."

Please keep their family in your prayers. Pastor Mary will be continuing her time off next week as well (July 13-16).

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

As Pastor Mary will not be available, the group will not gather on Friday, July 10 but plan to meet on Friday, July 17.

Tuesday morning Bible Study will not meet on July 14.

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.

Summer Worship on the Farm *Online* Wednesday, August 12 - 6:30 p.m.

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/>

Foundation Grant Requests

During these uncertain times there is need in our church, community and world. Do you know where a St. Mark's Foundation grant would be helpful? Do you have an idea that would help the mission of St. Mark's Church with its outreach into the community? The St. Mark's Foundation board of trustees invites you to bring your ideas for discussion. The board of trustees will meet on September 8 but the submission of grant requests can also be made during the summer. The grant request form and a list of board members can be found on the Foundation's website at www.stmarksnpfoundation.com. Please feel free to contact a board member or send an email to the Foundation at stmarksnpfoundation@gmail.com. We look forward to hearing from you.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL AT HOME



JULY 20-24, 2020

Join us for a FREE at-home VBS experience for kids (age 5-11)! While we won't be gathering together at church, there will be lots of fun activities, songs, online interaction, stories... and even snacks!

Pick up a bag with all the craft supplies and snacks you'll need for the week (at no charge) or use what you have at home.

The program is provided **at no cost**, with materials prepared and donated by Green Lake Lutheran Ministries. **Sign up today (it takes about 2 minutes) at www.stmarks-nsp.org (on the homepage)**

Watch for ongoing information on Facebook and in weekly updates.

Donations Needed

Looking for **donations** of items for craft & treat packets as well as **volunteers** to help sort supplies and assemble packets. If you are interested in volunteering to help, contact **Rachel Ericson at 651-968-6131**.

Supplies can still be dropped off in the bucket by the Rees Hall doors on Saturday, July 11 from 9 am to noon.

Materials we are collecting:

- Glue sticks- 60
- Markers- 30 packs
- Liquid glue bottles- 50
- Paint brushes- 50-60
- Sidewalk chalk- 200 kids
- Coffee filters (round)- 150
- Bird seed- couple bags
- Hole punchers- 30
- Potting soil- couple bags
- Seeds- 60 packets
- Empty washed babyfood jars with lids
- Disposable gloves- size small (kids)- 120
- Individually packaged non-perishable snacks- 300
 - Examples include goldfish, pretzels, granola bars, fruit snacks, applesauce, etc.

What will families need to have on hand to participate?

The following is a list of materials families will need to participate in all the activities. **If you don't have access to these materials, please sign up and let us know you'll be picking up a bag from St. Mark's.**

Bag pick up times are: Fri. July 17 (5-7 pm) and Sat. July 18 (9 am to noon)

Markers
Scissor
White printer paper
Pen
Pencil
Construction paper
Paper plates
Wax paper
Glue bottle
Glue stick
Colored tissue paper
Paintbrush
Paint
Container to put paint in
Sidewalk chalk
Stickers (optional)
Googly eyes (optional)
Coffee filters (large circular)
Squirt bottle
Bird seed
Yarn
Hole puncher
Paper cups (to be used as flower pots)
Potting soil
Seeds
Trash bag
Gloves
Crayons
Nature journal - Make with markers and printer paper
Bingo board - Make with markers and printer paper
Snack for 4 days