



Fifteenth Sunday of Pentecost

September 17, 2017

9:30 a.m.

WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT ST. MARK. Please sign our attendance pad located in each row. We are happy to have you here with us! Please join us for refreshments on the walkway following worship.

ST. MARK BIBLE STUDY will meet at 10:00 am in the large conference room of the church office on **Tuesday, September 5th**. Everyone is invited and welcome to attend.

CROSS GENERATIONAL BIBLE STUDY AND SERVICE PROJECT—Bible Study - for people of all ages - will begin after worship today at 11 a.m. in the Large Conference room. This fall we will be diving into the book of Acts, the sequel book to the gospel of Luke. We will open with music and the story together and divide into small groups and stations for other activities and deeper discussion. There will be a workbook for families to take home with them to engage in home devotions together! **Then stick around from 11:45 - 1 p.m. for our Service Project for The Haven!** Once a month, in conjunction with our Bible Study, we will be doing a service project as a way of sharing God's love with the world in a hands on way. This week we will create tied fleece blankets for Religious Community Services' Domestic Violence Shelter - The Haven. It's a simple and fun activity that everyone can participate in - no sewing skills necessary. It will help provide warmth and comfort to adults and children who are guests at the Haven. Light snacks will be served as folks work, to help tide you over til lunch. Hope you can join us!

CONTRA DANCE - Come, bring your friends and join the fun on **Saturday, September 23rd** as we have a harvest time get together in the Social Hall with a dinner and an evening of Contra Dancing. Contra Dancing is easier than Square Dancing and fun for all ages. We will meet up at 5:30 pm, have some dinner at 6:00 pm and start the dance at 7:00 pm. St Mark Church will provide the fried chicken. We ask attendees to bring a dish to share, following these suggestions: If your last name begins with A-M bring a vegetable side dish and if N-Z bring dessert or a fruit dish. **No dishes with nuts please!** Bottled water will be available as well as Beer/Wine for a nominal charge. Sign-up sheets for the event are in the Narthex. If anyone is available to come help the Fellowship Team set up the tables in the Social Hall on Friday evening, September 22nd at 7:30PM, please indicate so on the sign-up sheet. Hope to see you there!

WELCA IN PARTNERSHIP WITH GRACE LUTHERAN - The group is helping to provide men's and women's clothing as well as toiletries for their homeless outreach project at Grace called Lydia's Closet. This is an ongoing project and you are invited to donate as you are able. Please donate any extra items, including the mini sized soaps and shampoos that you may accumulate from travelling. Small baskets for toiletries and a large bin for clothing are located in the Narthex.

ST. MARK CONGREGATIONAL RETREAT REGISTRATION - The retreat will take place from Friday, November 3rd (7:00 pm) through Sunday, November 5th at 12:00 noon. We will be staying at the beautiful Luther Springs in Hawthorne, Florida. All are welcome! Pets are even welcome to come along if you tent or R. V. camp. To register for the event, please fill out the form and return it to the church office with at least 50% as a deposit. A registration form can be found on the table in the Narthex or you may download it from the homepage of the St. Mark website (www.stmlc.com.) Registrations are due by September 24, 2017. Final payments are due by October 15. Payment plans and scholarships are available.

The St. Francis Pet Festival and Animal Blessing will be held on **Saturday, October 7th from 10 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.** at Crest Lake Park (201 S. Glenwood Ave, Clearwater, FL 33755). St. Mark is teaming up again with St. Paul's Lutheran, St. Matthias Lutheran, Grace Lutheran and the Skycrest Neighborhood to host a free pet festival for our communities. The event has expanded this year and in addition to a wonderful animal blessing by our Pastors, we will have food vendors, rescue organizations with adoptable pets, pet vendors and much more. This year the event will be collecting donations for a local charity – Sun Coast Organized Animal Relief (S.O.A.R.) based in St. Pete. They have a pet food pantry that assists pet owners who are in need. St. Mark will be collecting donations September 10th through October 1st to bring to the event on October 7th. Drop off your donations in the church Narthex or on the day of the Pet Festival. Then bring you, your pet, and your family to the Pet Festival on October 7th! Volunteers will also be needed the day of the event. If you're interested in helping, contact the church office or sign up in the Narthex!

Pet Food Pantry Needs:

Cat Litter, Cat Food, Quality brand dog food, Pet toys, and Pet treats

PRAYER REQUEST LIST - There is a new category on the "prayer request" form to allow you to remove someone from the list at your convenience. A number of the people currently on the list would like extended prayers for their recovery and healing but you may remove a name as circumstances improve.

ST. MARK FALL BLOOD DRIVE - St. Mark's fall blood drive has been rescheduled to **Sunday, November 5, 2017 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. for a projection to collect 5 units** All donors will receive a FREE OneBlood blanket and a wellness checkup including blood pressure, temperature, iron count, pulse and cholesterol screening!

IN YOUR PRAYERS

Please remember in your daily prayers members and friends of our congregation who are on our prayer list. If you would like to add someone to our congregation's prayers, please call or email the church office or sign the prayer notebook in the narthex.

FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK OR IN NEED OF SUPPORT:

Eva Hoenig
Trish Kitchel
Julia Peterson
Michael Bryant
Sayre Froelich (daughter of Janice and Lee Froelich)
Ernie Smith, Sr. (husband of Phyllis Smith)
Ernie Smith, Jr. (son of Phyllis Smith)
Connie McLean (friend of Arnie Dano)
Leigh (friend of Christine Barberis)
Marion Dunn (friend of Arnie Dano)
Frank Ollari (friend of Doris Ullestad)
Linda Grumbling (mother of Jennifer Grumbling)
Art Niinisto (brother-in-law of Janet Armstrong)
Eddie Frederick (friend of the Grumbling/Delerme family)
Don Werner (friend of Steve Miller and Wayne Morris)
Karen Aungst (friend of Debbie Woodard)
Elizabeth K. (friend of Sue Nelson)
Joe and Justine (co-worker of Julie Kitchen)
Eric Vehrs (son of Linda Vehrs)
Dinah Reid (niece of Constance and Henry Chapman)
Amanda Dungan (friend of Carol Czajkowski)
Sheldon Rusch (friend of Carol Czajkowski)
Audrey Bower and family (friends of Carol Czajkowski)
Tom Conway (brother of Mary VanHaute)
Elaine Forestier (Emery Horvath's teacher)
Irene Chernes (mother of Ken Chernes)
Dorothy and Otto Pollei, Jr. (parents of Doug Pollei)

Adam Ruane (friend of Tim and Angela Langenback)
Vicki Claussen (daughter of Charlotte Claussen)
Heather Mackin (relative of the Plasketts)
Michael Kayser (nephew of Horst Kayser)
Irene Klein (mother of Charles Klein)
Kaycee Fowler (friend of Trish Kitchel)
Helen Whitson (mother of Robin Klein)
Kris Carter (friend of Janet Armstrong)
Missy Martin (sister-in-law of Suzanne Bryant)
Carrie Leone (niece of the Walthours)
Anita Hans (friend of Sue Nelson)
Heather Booth (daughter of the Plasketts)

FOR THOSE WHO SERVE:

Joel Elliott (stepson of Carolyn Elliott - in Germany)
Alexis Grzegorzczak (friend of Carol Czajkowski - USAF)
Mitch Shellenberger
Tierney Froelich
Rodney Mobley (son of the Nizers - Police Officer)
Calvin Jensen (friend of Carol Czajkowski - US Navy)
Bobby Dusel (friend of Carol Czajkowski)
Steven Klein (USCG)
Sam Palmer (family of the Horvaths)
Andrew Amstutz (friend of the Langenbacks - US Navy)
Andy Bloch (son-in-law of Shirley Polak - Homeland Security)
Steven Plaskett (grandson of the Plasketts - US Air Force Academy)
Monica Tegge-King (daughter of Bernie and Holly - US Coast Guard)
Christopher Tegge (son of Bernie and Holly Tegge - US Army Reserves - Virginia)
Luke Ballesteros (friend of Robin Jo Bower Miller and David Miller - in Germany)
Michael Christenson (friend of Arnie Dano - U.S. Navy)
Greg Burnham (son-in-law of the Nizers—US Navy)
Kori Smeiska (friend of Carol Czajkowski - K. C. Police Officer)
Jason King (son-in-law of the Tegges - US Coast Guard)
Zoe Lekakis (granddaughter of the Nizers - Marines)

Serving The Community of Faith

Assisting Minister: Pastor Klaus Koch
Ushers: Debbie Woodard and Bob Salsbury
Offering Bearers: Madison Seiter and Emily Seiter
Acolytes: Connor Jensen
Lector: Emery Horvath
Communion Assistants Robin-Bower-Miller and Jennifer Grumbling

Altar Guild: Janice Froelich, GayLynn Horvath and Emery Horvath

Presence candle is in loving memory of Donald Ullestad, forever in our hearts, by his family.
Thanks to Kathie and Ken Chernes for helping to provide refreshments today.

This Week at St. Mark

Sunday 9:30 am **Worship**
September 17 10:45 am **Refreshments**
10:00 am **Handbell Choir**
11:00 am **Cross Generational Bible Study and Service Project**

Monday 7:00 pm Al-Anon
8:00 pm Ala-Teen Meeting

Thursday 6:00 pm AA
7:00 pm Al-Anon

Saturday 5:30 pm **Contra Dance**

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Readings for next Sunday—Lectionary 25

Jonah 3:10—4:11; Psalm 145:1-8; Philippians 1:21-30; Matthew 20:1-16

Our Statement of Welcome

St. Mark is a spiritual community that celebrates the gifts of God that empower us to engage in the struggles of life, to care for each other, and to serve Christ where we work and live.

We welcome the participation of people of all ages, faiths, ethnic backgrounds, sexual orientations, gender identities, educational backgrounds, and economic conditions – all who want to join in community to honor God and be of service to people. We recognize that each person is a unique creation of God and by the grace of God is called a “child of God.”

St. Mark is a Reconciling in Christ congregation.



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