



Sixteenth Sunday of Pentecost

September 24, 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.

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!

LUTHERANISM 101 – Have you ever wanted to learn more about what it means to be Lutheran? Did you grow up in a different denomination or not in a church at all and are curious about this Martin Luther fellow and Lutheran beliefs? Then join Pastor Katy on Wednesdays at 10 a.m. or 6:30 p.m., beginning October 11th, for an introduction course on Lutheranism. The first two weeks we will be watching and discussing the movie “Luther” and then we will read and discuss the book “Together By Grace: Introducing the Lutherans.” The class will meet in the large conference room and will run through December 6th with a break for Thanksgiving. Sign up in the narthex or by e-mailing Pastor Katy (pastorkatyfast@gmail.com). We will order books for everyone who signs up and if you would like to chip in towards the cost – the books are \$10 a piece. Celebrate the 500th commemoration of the Reformation by learning where it all began!

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. 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

Pet treats

PERSONAL CARE KITS—St. Mark is preparing Personal Care Kits for Lutheran World Relief's Promise Project. Care Kits are a perfect way for us to gather as a group and turn ordinary items into extraordinary gifts. We can help people dealing with some of life's most difficult situations –the aftermath of earthquakes and floods, fleeing home to escape violence and living in extreme poverty. See the October newsletter for more details.

ST. MARK FALL BLOOD DRIVE RESCHEDULED - St. Mark's fall blood drive has been rescheduled to **Sunday, November 12, 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! Donating the gift of life is a great way to give before the holiday season begins.

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:

Virginia Marino

Eva Hoenig

Trish Kitchel

Julia Peterson

Michael Bryant

Francesee Johnston (friend of the Bower-Miller family)

Mildred Cutrone (grandmother of Milla Grumbling and Kaeden Delerme)

Michell Hardy (friend of Horst Kayser)

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)

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)
Irene Klein (mother of Charles Klein)
Kaycee Fowler (friend of Trish Kitchel)
Helen Whitson (mother of Robin Klein)
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 Grzegorzcyk (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: Carolyn Elliott
Ushers: Laurie and Jay Reed
Offering Bearers: Kaeden Delerme and John Fast
Acolytes: Ainsley Horvath and Emery Horvath
Lector: Jerry Rude
Communion Assistants: Steve Miller and Wayne Morris
Bread Baker: Carol Bernstein
Altar Guild: Janice Froelich, GayLynn Horvath and Emery Horvath

Given to the Glory of God:

Presence Candle is in memory of Helen Morris by Ruth Titus.
Flowers are in memory of Steve Lovering by Mickey Lovering.
Thanks to James Harry for helping to provide refreshments today.

This Week at St. Mark

Sunday	Bags of Blessing distributed
September 24	9:30 am Worship 10:45 am Refreshments 10:45 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
Tuesday	10:00 am Christian Service
Thursday	6:00 pm AA 7:00 pm Al-Anon
Sunday	Bags of Blessings returned
October 1	9:30 am Worship 10:45 am Refreshments 10:45 am Handbell Choir 11:00 am 11:00 am Cross Generational Bible Study



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Readings for next Sunday—Lectionary 26

Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32; Psalm 25:1-9; Philippians 2:1-13; Matthew 21:23-32

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.



*The Rev. Katy A. H. Fast, Pastor
Cheryl Burton, Music Director and Cantor
Willie Hobbs, Office Administrator
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