



Seventeenth Sunday of Pentecost

October 1, 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.

WELCA (Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America) will meet at 10:00 am on Tuesday, October 3 in the large conference room of the church office. The meeting is open to everyone, so please feel invited and welcome to attend.

CROSS GENERATIONAL BIBLE STUDY - 11 A.M. - Let's all get together at church once a week for an hour or so. People of all ages and stages. Let's tell a Bible story. Sing a Bible song. Let's laugh together. Create something together. Share highs and lows together. Open our Bible and immerse ourselves in the story. Talk. Pray. Bless. Join us for our intergenerational study on the book of Acts each week in the large conference room.

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!

DEADLINE EXTENDED FOR CONGREGATIONAL RETREAT - There is still time to register for St. Mark's retreat at Luther Springs November 3rd-5th. Registration forms are available on our website (stmlc.com) or in the narthex. Forms and final payment are due October 15th. We still have scholarship funds remaining for anyone who would like to go!

BREAD BAKER SIGN UP - Calling all bread bakers! Share your culinary talents with your fellow worshipers by signing up to bake communion bread for the 2017-2018 year. A sign up is available in the narthex with instructions and the simple, yet tasty, recipe.

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

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:

Peg Weingart

Eva Hoenig

Trish Kitchel

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)

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)

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Serving The Community of Faith

Assisting Minister: Pastor Connie Bonner
Ushers: Harry and Beverly Entwisle
Offering Bearers: Max Mitzlaff and Leland Roland
Acolyte: Stephanie Anderson
Lector: Janice Froelich
Communion Assistants David Henwood and Sue Nelson
Bread Baker Carol Bernstein
Altar Guild: Janice Froelich and Grace Herrera

Flowers are in memory of her mother, Helen Walsh, by Carolyn Elliott.

This Week at St. Mark

Sunday **Bags of Blessing returned**
October 1 **9:30 am** Worship
 10:45 am Refreshments
 10:45 am Handbell Choir
 11:00 am Cross Generational Bible Study

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

Tuesday **10:00 am** WELCA Meeting

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

Saturday **10:00 am—2:00 pm** St. Francis Pet Festival
 10:30 am Pet Blessing

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October 8 **10:45 am** Refreshments
 10:45 am Handbell Choir
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Readings for next Sunday—Lectionary 27

Isaiah 5:1-7; Psalm 80:7-15; Philippians 3:4b-14; Matthew 21:33-46

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
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