



EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST

OCTOBER 8, 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 AND SERVICE PROJECT—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 Bible Study at 11:00 am in the large conference room.

ST. MARK BIBLE STUDY will meet at 10:00 am on Tuesday, October 10th in the large conference room of the church office. Session two: We believe in Jesus Christ... Suffered. Crucified. Died. Rose again. What can we learn about Jesus from the words of the Apostles' Creed? The Apostles' Creed was developed as a teaching tool for faith and also a way to standardize the faith. All are welcome. So, please come join us as the conversation continues...

CHURCH COUNCIL meets on Tuesday, October 10th in the large conference room of the church office. Packets are available in the Narthex for your review prior to the meeting.

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 and forms are due by October 15. Payment plans and scholarships are available.

500 FOR THE 500TH! - LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF KITS - St. Mark is preparing Personal Care Kits for Lutheran World Relief's Promise Project. As a way of helping us mark the 500th commemoration of the Reformation, our goal is to collect 100 of each of the 5 items in each kit - for a total of 500 items! Each kit includes a towel, soap, nail clippers, a comb, and a tooth brush. A list with instructions regarding what items to purchase is available in the Narthex or the October newsletter. Your items in my October 29th and then help us assemble the kits at our Reformation Brunch. Help us gather these simple gifts together and turn these ordinary items into extraordinary gifts.

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!

REFORMATION 500 WORSHIP CELEBRATION - This year on Reformation Sunday (October 29th) we will be celebrating the 500th commemoration of the Protestant Reformation. We'll have special music from Bella Música, a trumpet player, and everyone is invited to wear RED to symbolize the presence of the Holy Spirit – reforming and leading us still today. Stick around for **brunch** in the Fellowship Hall and help us **assemble 100 kits for Lutheran World Relief**. We'll be collecting items in October (500 hopefully!) to be able to assemble personal care kits to be mailed to people all around the world who have lost everything due to natural disaster or life-threatening violence. Items to purchase can be found in the October newsletter and on the table in the Narthex. We will also collect a **Noisy Offering** this day that will go towards Lutheran Disaster Response – designated for Hurricane Relief Efforts.

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.**

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

October 28 (10:00 am)—Reverse Trick-or-Treating at St. Mark Village

November 10-12—Florida-Bahamas Synodical Women's Organization Fall Gathering

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:

Sue Nelson

Peg Weingart

Eva Hoenig

Trish Kitchel

Michael Bryant

Jeff Phillips (friend of the Chernes family)

Chris Harris (son of Dave Harry)

Mildred Cutrone (grandmother of Milla Grumbling and Kaeden Delerme)

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)

Dorothy and Otto Pollei, Jr. (parents of Doug Pollei)

Adam Ruane (friend of Tim and Angela Langenback)
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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:

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)
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)

Serving The Community of Faith

Assisting Minister: Sue Nelson
Ushers: Kay and Jim Boyter
Offering Bearers: Nathan Taylor and Aleda Dahmer
Acolyte: Julia Peterson
Lector: Jennifer Grumbling
Communion Assistants: Pastor Klaus Koch and Lisa Rude
Bread Baker: Carolyn Elliott

Altar Guild: Kathie Chernes and Grace Herrera

This Week at St. Mark

Sunday 9:30 am Worship
October 8 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 St. Mark Bible Study
7:00 pm Church Council Meeting

Wednesday 10:00 am Lutheranism 101
6:30 pm Lutheranism 101

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

Sunday 9:30 am Worship
October 15 10:45 am Refreshments
10:45 am Handbell Choir
11:00 am Cross Generational Bible Study

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Readings for next Sunday—Lectionary 28
Isaiah 25:1-9; Psalm 23; Philippians 4:1-9; Matthew 22:1-14

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
Jim Boyter and Beverly Entwisle, Property Stewards
Regina Hickey, Bookkeeper

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