



TWENTIETH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST

OCTOBER 22, 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—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 today in the large conference room.

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. Bring 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 6:30 p.m. 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.

ST. MARK WORK DAY - St. Mark will have its fall workday on Saturday, November 11th from 9:00 am until about noon. There will be a combination of inside and outside projects to work on. Coffee and donuts will be provided. Please sign up in the Narthex if you would like to participate.

NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION - If you're interested in becoming a member of the body of Christ here at St. Mark, please talk with Pastor Katy. She is coordinating a new members class for November 11th from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m., if that works for those interested. Childcare can be available if requested. Following the orientation, we will receive new members on Sunday, November 19th during worship. Chat with Pastor Katy if you'd like to be part of our community of faith!

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.**

INVITATION TO SING HANDEL'S MESSIAH - Linda Lund, Music Director at Lutheran Church of the Palms, is extending an invitation to the musicians in our congregation to join with their choir in a performance of Handel's *Messiah*. The invitation is being extended to other congregations in the area as well. Anyone interested in singing with them is welcome to join them for rehearsals on Thursday evenings at 7:30 pm. The performance is scheduled for Sunday, December 10th at either 4:00 pm or 6:00 pm. The time is flexible depending on how many other groups would like to join in. Linda is happy to share more details with you if you provide your contact information. You may call the St. Mark church office or email Linda directly at lcopmusicminister@gmail.com

MISSION PROJECT – REVERSE TRICK OR TREATING - Children, youth, and adults! On Saturday, October 28, St. Mark's Mission Project will be Reverse Trick-or Treating beginning at 10:00 am. Put on those Halloween costumes and bring a little light and laughter to residents at St. Mark Village. Instead of asking for candy – we will be handing out goodies and Halloween devotions to residents in the care center and assisted living. We'll meet up in the lobby area, have a short devotion, and divide into visiting groups. Visiting will be done before 11:30 a.m. when residents are getting ready for lunch. Hope you can come help us spread a little love with our St. Mark Village neighbors!

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.**

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:

Pastor Connie Bonner

Sue Nelson

Peg Weingart

Eva Hoenig

Trish Kitchel

Michael Bryant

Steve Anderson (son of Marilyn Anderson)

Holly and Mark Downing (friends of Suzanne Bryant)

Kurt Dunn (friend of Arnie Dano)

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)

Tom Conway (brother of Mary VanHaute)

Elaine Forestier (Emery Horvath's teacher)

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

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 GRIEVE:

Ayden McGuire (friend of Angela and Tim Langenback)

FOR THOSE WHO SERVE (Family and friends of :

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: Debbie Woodard
Ushers: Horst Kayser and Tim Langenback
Offering Bearers: John Fast and Ainsley Horvath
Acolytes: Emery Horvath and Ella Horvath
Lector: Steve Miller
Communion Assistants: Pastor Connie Bonner and Carolyn Elliott
Bread Baker: Carolyn Elliott
Altar Guild: Carol Bernstein and Grace Hererra

Given to the Glory of God:

Flowers are in honor of their 39th wedding anniversary by
Allen and Mary VanHaute.

This Week at St. Mark

Sunday 9:30 am **Worship**
October 22 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**

Wednesday 6:30 pm **Lutheranism 101**

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

Saturday 10:00 am **Reverse Trick-or-Treating at St. Mark Village**

Sunday 9:30 am **Reformation Worship and Celebration**
October 29 10:30 am **Brunch and Assemble LWR Care Kits**

Readings for next Sunday—Reformation Day

Jeremiah 31:31-34; Psalm 46; Romans 3:19-28; John 8:31-36

LUTHERAN DISASTER RESPONSE

We will collect a Noisy Offering on October 29th that will go towards Lutheran Disaster Response.



HURRICANES - The world has been experiencing one of the highest concentration of major hurricanes in recent times. There have been at least sixteen named storms, five of which have impacted the U.S. mainland and/or territories, leaving widespread damage across Texas, Florida, Georgia Louisiana, Mississippi, Puerto

Rico, Costa Rica, Nicaragua, Haiti, Cuba, the U.S. Virgin Islands. Lutheran Disaster Response is working with the Florida-Bahamas Synod, the Caribbean Synod, and other International companions and partners to provide relief to the most vulnerable in the U.S. and around the world.

DROUGHT - is impacting millions of people globally, with southern and eastern Africa the most heavily affected. In countries such as South Africa, the last year has seen the least amount of rainfall since records started more than a century ago. Many people are facing a multi-year drought, which has resulted in low crop production, rising food prices and household food insecurity. An overwhelming number of those at risk or already suffering from the effects of malnutrition because of the drought are children. Because we are a church, working with companion churches and other trusted partners – we have hands and feet on the ground providing care, support and hope.



MIDDLE EAST AND EUROPE REFUGEE CRISIS - A record number of people are fleeing war and poverty in the Middle East in search of a better way of life – especially Syrians. Although they come from different countries, for various reasons, they share a common goal: hope for a brighter future. Many have fled with only the clothes on their backs. With temperatures dropping, the already difficult situation is becoming life-threatening. As a church, we are called to respond. Over the last four years, since conflict in Syria began, Lutheran Disaster Response has committed over \$1 million to help Syrian refugees who have been displaced because of bombardment and civil war. Lutheran Disaster Response is currently helping meet basic humanitarian needs and upholding the rights of those who have fled war and crisis. With the winter months upon us, your help is needed to provide warmth and hope to those most vulnerable.



PROJECT PROMISE
BUILD KITS OF CARE



In commemoration of the 500th anniversary of The Reformation, during October, St. Mark will collect 500 personal care items for Lutheran World Relief. On Reformation Sunday, we will assemble these kits together during brunch!

Items needed for kits:

→ **Light-weight bath-size towels**

(between 20"×40" & 52"×27"), dark color

→ **Bath-size bars (4 to 5 oz.) of soap**

any brand, in original wrapping

→ **Adult-size toothbrushes**

in its original packaging

→ **Sturdy combs, remove packaging**

→ **Metal nail clippers**

(attached file optional), remove packaging



A Project of:
Lutheran World Relief
SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT. LASTING PROMISE.

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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