

OUR MISSION

Gathered around Word and water, bread and wine,
we spread God's Word by living our faith daily
and welcoming all with open hearts and minds.



THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER
APRIL 15, 2018
9:30 A. M.

WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT ST. MARK. Please sign our attendance book. We are happy to have you here with us! Please join us at Anderson Park for our Annual Church Picnic.

ST. MARK 2018 ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC - Please join members and friends of St. Mark today after worship for our Annual Church Picnic. Games and festivities start promptly at 11:00 am so right after our 9:30 am service, head straight to Anderson Park located at 39699 US Hwy 19 N, Tarpon Springs, FL 34689. We will be at shelter #9 which sits right on Lake Tarpon. We are in for a special treat this year. Pulled pork and chicken are being prepared for us by Spencer Taylor, a member with a talent for smoking meats. Of course, we will also have hot dogs along with condiments, chips, beverages and watermelon, all provided by the Fellowship Committee. We ask members to bring a dish to share, following these suggestions: If your last name begins with A-F bring dessert; G-M bring fruit/veggie salad; and N-Z bring starchy salad. Of course, if you have a favorite dish you would like to bring, please bring it or if you don't have anything to bring, join us anyway — there's always plenty to share. There will be games for children and adults; bathrooms and parking are nearby; and nobody goes home hungry! You are invited to bring your friends!

BRING THE BUCKETS 2018 - WELCA's community service project is to make buckets filled with cleaning supplies. These will assist Lutheran Services Florida with resettlement of refugees by providing buckets of cleaning supplies to help ready their place to live. We invite you to join the fun. Feel free to fill your bucket with your own favorite supplies. There is a sample bucket in the Narthex. Thanks for your willingness to help those in need. **We'll be collecting until May 10th.**

NOISY OFFERING APRIL 29 - This month is another opportunity to collect a Noisy Offering to benefit Lutheran World Relief's Quilt and Kit Shipping Fund. LWR spends around \$1.3 million each year to operate the program of distributing quilts and personal care kits around the world to people who have lost everything to a natural disaster or war or who struggle with endemic poverty. Please begin to gather your loose change or maybe set aside a few dollars to donate to the project. Think of the excitement and joy the kids (and the congregation) get from hearing the sound of the coins clanging in the collection buckets.

TAMPA BAY REFUGEE TASK FORCE FAITH SUMMIT - You are invited to attend the Tampa Bay Refugee Task Force Faith Summit on Tuesday, April 17th from 1:00 pm until 3:30 pm. The Summit will take place at the Children's Board of Hillsborough located at 1002 E Palm Ave, Tampa, FL 33605. Due to limited seating, you are asked to R. S. V. P. to <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/S9Z59TN>.

FOOD DRIVE FOR DUNEDIN CARES FOOD PANTRY – From April 15th through May 15th, Dunedin Cares Food Pantry will be having a food drive to encourage local businesses, churches, civic organizations to help stock their shelves for the increased demand for breakfast and luncheon items during the summer months when school is out. During school summer vacation (May 25 through August 13) a financial hardship and hunger for student's increases for families who need to provide a breakfast and lunch for their children, thus the increased demand and the Food Drive. Items needed include peanut butter, jelly, canned chicken, canned tuna, oatmeal, cereal, pancake mix, and maple syrup. The Food Drive is also a challenge to create a friendly competition among local businesses, churches, civic organizations, and even individuals to hold their own Food Drives for the needed items. The Prize will be the Civic Pride and bragging rights to go with it. Dunedin Cares, Inc. will garner the winner as much publicity as possible. They will post on their website, Face Book page, and ask local public and private publications, websites, FB pages to give the winner the publicity as well. The Food Pantry is located at 1630 Pinehurst Road on the Faith Lutheran Church campus.

THANKS FOR HELPING! Clayton Stoots, a fellow parishioner, was bitten by a brown recluse spider a few weeks ago and although he is still recovering from a serious wound, he is out of the hospital and back at home living with a relative. Clayton still cannot go back to work, so any donation to help with his hospitalization expenses would be greatly appreciated. You may use the collection plate or visit Clayton's "Go Fund Me" page (<https://www.gofundme.com/claytons-brown-recluse-bite-care>).

THRESHERS BASEBALL - Mark calendars for St Mark's night at the ballpark, Saturday, May 5th when Threshers take on the Dunedin Blue Jays at Spectrum Field in Clearwater. Thanks to the generosity of anonymous donors, ticket prices for adults are \$10 and free for anyone under 18. Members who have a friend they would like to bring to our night at the ballpark are welcome to bring them as a guest of St Mark. Just let the Fellowship Team know when ordering your tickets. Ticket includes padded seating at Club Level with overhead protection from the weather and all-you-can-eat ballpark favorites plus BBQ pork sandwiches, baked beans and more. Gates open at 5:00 for a 6:15 pm game start. Food/drinks are served from 5:00 – 7:30 pm with fireworks after the game. This year it is Star Wars Night at the stadium, so come early for photo opportunities and mingle with your favorite characters. Enjoy Star Wars themed graphics and music during the game. **Get your tickets either before or after church services on April 22nd or April 29th.** Please make checks payable to St. Mark Lutheran Church. See you at the ballgame!

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:

Betty Fresh

Virginia Marino

Carol Cicero

Steve Miller

Cheryl Burton

Michael Bryant

Kerry Schoen (sister of Debbie Woodard)

Chris Tovar (son-in-law of Wanita Beier)

Vibeke Bredal (friend of Sue Nelson)

Richard King (friend of Barbara Woodworth)

Jeff Dano (son of Arnie Dano)

Jim Dano (son of Arnie Dano)

Ingeborg Kayser (sister-in-law of Horst Kayser)

Joe and Lee Bogacz (friends of Arnie Dano)

Dean Romani (friend of Arnie Dano)

Lou Straccioni (friend of Barbara Woodworth)

Rosemary Tindall (friend of Angela Langenback)

Clayton Stoots (grandson of Barbara Stoots)

Ernie Smith, Jr. (son of Phyllis Smith)

Tim Fisher (former ReconcilingWorks Staff)

Donita Holjes (friend of the Plasketts)

Ernie Smith, Sr. (husband of Phyllis Smith)

Jennifer (Nizer) Rakas (daughter of Ray and Charlotte Nizer)

Ethan Gottlieb (grandson of Tim and Angela Langenback)

Heather Booth (daughter of the Plasketts)

Gretchen Woodard (daughter of Debbie Woodard)

Bret R. (friend of Linda Peterman)

Jerriann VanEpern (friend of Linda Peterman)

Jax Cunningham (great nephew of Barbara Woodworth)
Eddie Frederick (friend of the Grumbling/Delerme family)
Elizabeth K. (friend of Sue Nelson)
Karen Aungst (friend of Debbie Woodard)
Chelle S. (friend of Jennifer Grumbling)
Dinah Reid (niece of Constance and Henry Chapman)
Tom Conway (brother of Mary VanHaute)
Dorothy and Otto Pollei, Jr. (parents of Doug Pollei)
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)

FOR THOSE WHO GRIEVE (Family and friends of:)

Elaine Forestier (teacher of the Horvath girls)

FOR THOSE WHO SERVE (Family and friends of:)

Alexis Grzegorzcyk (friend of Carol Czajkowski - USAF)
Mitch Shellenberger
Tierney Froelich
Rodney Mobley (son of the Nizers - Police Officer)
Andy Bloch (son-in-law of Shirley Polak - Homeland Security)
Steven Plaskett (grandson of the Plasketts - US Air Force Academy)
Luke Ballesteros (friend of Robin Jo Bower Miller and David Miller - in Germany)
Zoe Lekakis (granddaughter of the Nizers - Marines)
Joel Elliott (stepson of Carolyn Elliott - 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)
Calvin Jensen (friend of Carol Czajkowski - US Navy)
Sam Palmer (family of the Horvaths)
Andrew Amstutz (friend of the Langenbacks - US Navy)

Serving The Community of Faith

Assisting Minister: Jennifer Grumbling
Ushers Janice Froelich and Carol Kitchen
Offering Bearers: Max Mitzlaff and Max Krynski
Acolyte: Connor Jensen
Lector: Jennifer Grumbling
Communion Assistants: Debbie Woodard and Gina Rabe

Altar Guild: Janice Froelich, Gaylynn Horvath and Emery Horvath.

This Week at St. Mark

Sunday 9:30 am **Worship**
 April 10:45 am **Annual St. Mark Church Picnic**
15 10:45 am **Handbell Choir**

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

Tuesday 1:00 pm Tampa Bay Refugee Task Force Faith Summit

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

Sunday 9:30 am **Worship**
 April 22 10:45 am **Refreshments**
 10:45 am **Handbell Choir**

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Readings for next Sunday — **Easter 4**
Acts 4:5-12; Psalm 23; 1 John 3:16-24; John 10:11-18

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
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