

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.



FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
APRIL 22, 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 for refreshments on the breezeway after worship.

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 which will 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.

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!

HELP F.E.A.S.T. SORT AND ORGANIZE -SATURDAY MAY 12th - The National Mail Carrier's Food Drive will be held on Saturday, May 12th. (Yes, it is the day before Mother's Day.) FEAST staff has requested that any volunteers go to the warehouse facility on the grounds of Curlew United Methodist Church (2210 Cathedral Dr., Palm Harbor, FL 34683). Volunteers are needed between the hours of 12:30 and 6:00 pm, but please do not feel obligated to stay the whole time. St Mark volunteers have participated in the past, and this is another great way for us to love and support the neediest in our community.

ST. MARK 2018 SPRING BLOOD DRIVE - Give life - Give Blood on Sunday, May 6th when St. Mark will sponsor its spring blood drive from 9:00 am until 12:00 noon. All donors will receive a FREE OneBlood T-shirt and a wellness checkup including blood pressure, temperature, iron count, pulse and cholesterol screening. A photo I. D. is required and donors must be at 16 years of age or have parental consent. Please see the sign-up sheet in the Narthex for available times. Share your power!

FOOD DRIVE FOR DUNEDIN CARES FOOD PANTRY – From now 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.

NATIONAL POLICE OFFICERS' WEEK—Sunday, May 13 marks the beginning of National Police Week. Proclaimed in 1963 by President Kennedy, this week is set aside to honor and remember those who serve and those whose service has ended. On May 13 at the National Law Enforcement Officers' Memorial in Washington, DC, the names of 360 officers will be added to the walls of the Memorial at a candlelight vigil. This includes 128 who died in 2017 and deaths from previous years that were recently discovered through research and historical records. On May 15, Peace Officers' Memorial Day, families of the fallen will gather on the grounds of the US Capitol for a service honoring those who died in 2017. Please keep these survivors in your prayers as they walk their grief journey, and pray that all law enforcement who work to keep us safe will remain healthy and safe.

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:

Edna May
Carol Cicero
Steve Miller
Cheryl Burton
Michael Bryant
John Fast
Eric Fritz (grandson of Trish Kitchel)
Clayton Stoots (grandson of Barbara Stoots)
reKerry 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)
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 SERVE (Family and friends of):

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)
Alexis Grzegorzczak (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)

Serving The Community of Faith

Assisting Minister: Mary VanHaute
Ushers Jim and Kay Boyter
Offering Bearers: Nathan Taylor
Acolyte: Ella Horvath
Lector: Steve Miller
Communion Assistants: Horst Kayser and Sue Nelson

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

This Week at St. Mark

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

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 **Noisy Offering**
April 29 **Bags of Blessings distributed**
9:30 am **Worship**
10:45 am **Refreshments**
10:45 am **Handbell Choir**

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Readings for next Sunday – **Easter 5**
Acts 8:26-40; Psalm 22:25-31; 1 John 4:7-21; John 15:1-8

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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