

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.



TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
AUGUST 12, 2018
9:30 A. M.

Serving The Community of Faith

Assisting Minister: Sue Nelson
Ushers Jay and Laurie Reed
Offering Bearers: Jack Kinder and Parker Kinder
Acolyte: Ella Horvath
Lector: Pastor Klaus Koch
Communion Assistants: Wayne Morris and Steve Miller

Altar Guild: Janice Froelich, Joyce Nandram and Lisa Nandram-Lalloo

Given to the Glory of God:

Presence candle and Altar flowers are in loving memory of Dale Woodworth and Janet Armstrong by Barbara Woodworth.

Thanks to Bella Música and the Altar Guild for helping to provide refreshments in memory of Dale Woodworth and Janet Armstrong.

This Week at St. Mark

Sunday **Blessing of Worship Elements**

August 12 **Backpack Blessing**
9:30 am **Worship**
10:45 am **Refreshments**
10:45 am **Handbell Choir**

Monday 7:00 pm Al-Anon

Tuesday 10:00 am **St. Mark Bible Study**
7:00 pm **Church Council Meeting**

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

Sunday 9:30 am **Worship**
August 19 10:45 am **Refreshments**
10:45 am **Handbell Choir**
11:00 am **Back to School Beach Bash @ Honeymoon Island**

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Readings for next Sunday - Pentecost 13

Proverbs 9:1-6; Psalm 34:9-14; Ephesians 5:15-20; John 6:51-58

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.

BLESSING OF WORSHIP ELEMENTS - Today, we will be offering a special blessing at the beginning of our worship service for several new worship elements. We will be blessing new communion chalices as well as a new processional cross. The three chalices were created by Ira Burhans and the processional cross was crafted by Dee Rodriguez, both local artists. These worship items are given in memory of Janet Armstrong and Dale Woodworth by daughter and wife, Barbara Woodworth.

ST. MARK BIBLE STUDY - Let us Pray -Session three: The expression of prayer
In this session we will investigate the effects of prayer personally, communally and on the very mission of the church. It will include the discussion on the Pentecostal tradition, contemplative prayer, and the interrelationship of all things. The session invites you to consider what prayer is and does. We will be reading 1 Corinthians 12:4-11 and Romans 8:26-28. Copies of the study will be available. We'll meet in the large conference room of the church office at **10:00 am on Tuesday, August 14th**. Please bring your Bible and come join the conversation.

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING - There will be a Church Council meeting at **7:00 pm** in the large conference on **Tuesday, August 15th**. Council members may pick up their packets from the Narthex today to preview the information.

BACK TO SCHOOL BEACH BASH - We will be celebrating the beginning of the school year with a Back to School Party at the Beach on **Sunday, August 19th** at Honey-moon Island! Children and adults of all ages and stages are welcome to join us for time in the sun and sand. Bring your picnic lunch and beach stuff and join us out at Honey-moon Island State Park at 11 a.m. We'll enjoy time in God's creation, a little beach bible time, and some fun games and relays! Sign up in the Narthex to receive a park pass from the Youth and Family fund to cover the \$8 per car entry fee.

WELCA MEETING CHANGE - St. Mark's WELCA group will now meet on the **third** Tuesday of the month. The next meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, September 18th at 10:00** in the large conference room of the church office. All are welcome.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR NOISY OFFERING - Our July collection of coins and change raised \$774.00! Thank you to all who donated. These funds will be sent to Lutheran Immigration and Refugee services where it will be used to help provide compassionate and courageous care for immigrants and refugees entering our country.

HOLY GOSSIP SESSIONS - Join us as we dive into the MAKERS video series, "Have a Little Faith," featuring Rev. Nadia Bolz-Weber. We'll watch these short topical clips that will inspire our study and discussion. The bi-weekly meetings will begin on **Thursday, September 6th at 7:00 pm** and continue with varying topics throughout the remainder of the year. The first topic we'll discuss is "Do What's Right (even when you're not in the mood)". The gatherings will take place at Hackett's Causeway Cafe, [901 Curlew Road, Dunedin, FL](#) (just off the Pinellas Trail). Join us for a lively discussion about the blessings and challenges of living out our call as Christians in everyday life. If you have any questions or need more info, call, text or email Jennifer Grumbling, 813-892-9707 or grumbje@gmail.com. Also, there is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex for your convenience.

"GOD'S WORK. OUR HANDS" SUNDAY - For **Saturday, September 8th and Sunday, September 9th**, St. Mark will participate in service opportunities in the community. We will order T-shirts for participants with the ELCA's "God's work. Our hands." moto on the front and St. Mark Dunedin on the back. If you would like to be a part of this church-wide event and purchase a shirt for \$8.00, please put your name(s) and shirt size(s) on the sign-up sheet in the Narthex so that we can order the correct number of shirts.

FAITH FORMATION CLASSES - for children and adults will begin the week of **Sunday, October 7th**. Details are being finalized and teachers are being recruited! Times and locations for classes will be announced soon. We are looking forward to growing in faith and learning more about how God's story connects to our story!

CONGREGATIONAL RETREAT - Pick up a registration form today in the Narthex or download one from our website - www.stmlc.com. Join us November 9th-11th at Luther Springs camp up near Hawthorne, Florida for a weekend of spiritual renewal, fellowship with St. Mark disciples of all ages, and fun in God's creation!

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 or remove someone from 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:

Darrell Zenk
Warren Rockwell
Darryl Kosloski
Julie Kitchen
Suzanne Bryant
Carol Cicero
Steve Miller
Cheryl Burton
Michael Bryant
Laurie Froelich (sister-in-law of Janice Froelich)
John Swan (grandson of Pat Croy)
Judy Rebane (friend of Sue Nelson)
Dave McDougall (friend of Bryan Fast)
Marilyn Haack (aunt of Jennifer Grumbling)
Derek (son-in-law of Sue Nelson)
Tim Grumbling (brother of Jennifer Grumbling/uncle of Milla and Kaeden)
David Mengel (uncle of Jennifer Grumbling)
Colleen Brice (friend of the Horvath family)
Sonia Silva (aunt of Janelys Hormes)
Chris Rothgery (nephew of Trish Kitchel)
Emily Fletcher Dano (granddaughter of Arnie Dano)
Nancy Olson (sister of Suzanne Bryant)
Kevin Morden (son of Don and Peggy Morden)
Phyllis Dean (friend of Wayne Morris and Steve Miller)
Sharon (Leslie) Horst (friend of Jennifer Grumbling)
Millard Grumbling (father of Jennifer Grumbling)
Dan Edgerton (friend of Horst Kayser)
Chris Tovar (son-in-law of Wanita Beier)
Vibeke Bredal (friend of Sue Nelson)
Ingeborg Kayser (sister-in-law of Horst Kayser)
Lou Straccioni (friend of Barbara Woodworth)
Ernie Smith, Jr. (son of Phyllis Smith)

Donita Holjes (friend of the Plasketts)
Ernie Smith, Sr. (husband of Phyllis Smith)
(Nizer) Rakas (daughter of Ray and Charlotte Nizer)
Ethan Gottlieb (grandson of Tim and Angela Langenback)
Heather Booth (daughter of the Plasketts)
Bret R. (friend of Linda Peterman)
Jerriann VanEpern (friend of Linda Peterman)
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Chelle S. (friend of Jennifer Grumbling)
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);

Larry Wilder (friend of Doug Pollei)
Dinah Reid (niece of Constance and Henry Chapman)

FOR THOSE WHO SERVE (Family and friends of):

Zoe Lekakis (granddaughter of the Nizers - Marines)
Joel Elliott (stepson of Carolyn Elliott - in the Air Force)
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)
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)
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)

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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Monday – Friday
8:00 am until 3:00 pm



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