

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.



**PLANET EARTH SUNDAY
SEASON OF CREATION
SEPTEMBER 2, 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.

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED SEPTEMBER 3RD—Please note that the office will be closed for the Labor Day holiday. We will reopen on Tuesday.

MUTUAL MINISTRY TEAM MEETING—Our newly formed Mutual Ministry Team will have their next meeting on Tuesday, September 4th at 10 a.m. in the fishbowl.

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" DAY OF SERVICE - will be celebrated by St. Mark on Saturday, September 8th. This day is an opportunity to celebrate who we are as the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America - one church, freed in Christ to serve and love our neighbor. Sign up today in the Narthex to volunteer at F.E.A.S.T. food pantry on Saturday morning at 9:30 a.m. There will be jobs for people of all ages and abilities! F.E.A.S.T. Food Pantry is located at 2255 Nebraska Avenue in Palm Harbor.

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.

BAGS OF BLESSING - On the last Sunday of each month, empty brown grocery bags are distributed and members and friends are asked to fill them with non-perishable groceries for FEAST, our local food pantry. Bags of Blessings are then returned on the first Sunday of the month as God gives us the opportunity to share our blessings with those who are hungry.

ST. MARK 2018 FALL BLOOD DRIVE - Give Life - Give Blood on **Sunday, September 16th** when St. Mark will sponsor its fall blood drive from 9:00 am until 12:00 noon. All donors will receive a FREE 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. Your participation is vitally needed and your gift will have a significant impact on the lives of many others. Each donation of blood has the potential to save the lives of three people. You can be a St. Mark "Everyday Day Hero" when you share your power!

WEEKI WACHEE DAY TRIP - You're invited to join in the outdoor fun at our Weeki Wachee Day Trip on **Saturday, September 22nd**. All the spots are filled up for our kayaking trip, but there is no limit on how many go with us to the state park!

For those with children 5 or under, or if you enjoy walking around a scenic park, we invite you to hit the state park with Pastor Katy and kiddos. We'll enjoy a relaxing boat ride, play at the playground and enjoy the mermaid show! The cost for that event will be \$7 for adults, \$4 for children over 5, and free for children five and under. All participants make sure to pack a bag lunch for the river or the park! Sign up in the narthex or by e-mailing Pastor Katy (pastorkatyfast@gmail.com).

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS OUTDOOR WORSHIP SERVICE - You are invited to a special event to honor the pets in our lives, meet new friend and fellowship with old ones. St. Mark will partner with St. Alfred Episcopal Church to host a Pet Blessing. The event will take place on **Saturday, September 29th at 5:00 pm**. Come with your pet and a favorite toy or other item that you would like to have blessed.

GRACE LUTHERAN TO HOST THE USF BRASS QUINTET IN CONCERT - Grace Lutheran Church at Carrollwood is pleased to present a concert featuring the USF Brass Quintet with Lisa Katt Watson (soprano) and James Sawyers, Jr (organ). This event will take place on Sunday, September 30th from 4:00 pm until 5:30 pm. Musical selections include the works of Bach, Brahms, Bruckner, Campra, Caccini, Handel, Holst, Howells, Praetorius, and Schubert. This free event is funded through Grace's "Faith in the Arts" Endowment Fund. A free-will offering will be taken.

CONGREGATIONAL RETREAT - 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! Pick up a registration form today in the Narthex or download one from our website - www.stmlc.com. Registration is due by Sunday, October 7th! Final payments are due by October 28th.

Serving The Community of Faith

Assisting Minister: Sue Nelson
Ushers Pat Croy and Mike Howland
Offering Bearer: John Fast
Acolyte: Kaeden Delerme
Lector: Sunny Goddard
Communion Assistants: Arnie Dano and Carolyn Elliott
Altar Guild: Janice Froelich, Barbara Woodworth and Gina Rabe

Given to the Glory of God:

Thanks to James Harry for helping to provide refreshments today.

This Week at St. Mark

Sunday **Bags of Blessings returned**
September 2 **9:30 am Worship**
 10:45 am Refreshments
 10:45 am Handbell Choir

Monday 7:00 pm Al-Anon

Tuesday 10:00 am **Mutual ministry Team Meeting**

Thursday 6:00 pm AA
 7:00 pm Holy Gossip Sessions (Hackett's Causeway Cafe)
 7:00 pm Al-Anon

Saturday 9:30 am **God's work. Our hands." Day of Service (F.E.A.S.T. Food Pantry)**

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

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Readings for next Sunday - Pentecost 16

Isaiah 35:4-7a; Psalm 146; James 2:1-10[11-13]14-17; Mark 7:24-37

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:

Gail Devine
Darrell Zenk
Warren Rockwell
Darryl Kosloski
Julie Kitchen
Suzanne Bryant
Carol Cicero
Cheryl Burton
Michael Bryant
Clayton Stoots
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)
Sharon (Leslie) Horst (friend 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)
Jennifer (Nizer) Rakas (daughter of Ray and Charlotte Nizer)
Ethan Gottlieb (grandson of Tim and Angela Langenback)
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);

Heather Booth (daughter of the Plasketts)
Millard Grumbling (father of Jennifer Grumbling)

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 Grzegorezyk (friend of Carol Czajkowski - USAF)
Mitch Shellenberger
Tierney Froelich
Rodney Mobley (son of the Nizers - Police Officer)

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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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Office Hours:

Monday – Friday
8:00 am until 3:00 pm



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