

## 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.



HUMANITY SUNDAY  
SEASON OF CREATION  
SEPTEMBER 9, 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.

**FAITH FORMATION TEAM** - meets this afternoon at 2:00 p.m. in the Youth Room. We'll be preparing for October classes and discussing the Congregational Retreat.

**ST. MARK BIBLE STUDY - Turn, turn, turn: A time for faithful repentance**

**Session one:** turning to God time after time. What does it mean to repent, and why is repentance important in Christian faith? This month, we recall the prophet Joel's words: "Return to the Lord, your God, for (God) is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love." With these words, the prophet reminds us that repentance is nothing to be afraid of - for when we turn to God, we find grace. What does it mean to (re)turn to God with all our hearts, and how do we do it? Please come and join us in the discussion. We will meet **Tuesday, September 11th at 10:00 am** in the large meeting room of the church office. Men, women, children.....all are welcome. Copies of the study are available in the Narthex and at the meeting.

**FELLOWSHIP TEAM MEETING** - is Tuesday, September 11th at 6:00 p.m. in the Fish Bowl conference room. We are looking for new team members who would like to plan events for the year. Contact Kathie Chernes ([kathiec123@gmail.com](mailto:kathiec123@gmail.com)) if you're interested!

**CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING** - is **Tuesday, September 11th at 7:00 pm** in the large conference. Council members may pick up their packets from the Narthex today for preview.

**ST. MARK 2018 FALL BLOOD DRIVE** - Give Life - Give Blood on **Sunday, September 16<sup>th</sup>** 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!

**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.

**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](mailto: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 29<sup>th</sup> 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 30<sup>th</sup> 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 9<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.stmlc.com). Registration is due by Sunday, October 7<sup>th</sup>! Final payments are due by October 28<sup>th</sup>.

**NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION** - For those interested in becoming part of the body of Christ here at St. Mark there will be a New Member Orientation on **Sunday, September 30<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.** in the large conference room. Childcare will be available upon request. Pastor Katy will cover the basics of Lutheranism, an introduction to life at St. Mark, and living out your faith through your spiritual gifts. If you are interested in becoming a member, please R.S.V.P. to Pastor Katy by phone (727-808-4684) or e-mail ([pastorkatyfast@gmail.com](mailto:pastorkatyfast@gmail.com)). We are excited to welcome in new members to our community of faith!

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## Serving The Community of Faith

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**Assisting Minister:** Steve Miller  
**Ushers** Angela and Tim Langenback  
**Offering Bearer:** Max Mitzlaff and Max Krynski  
**Acolyte:** Connor Jensen  
**Lector:**  
**Communion Assistants:** Robin Bower-Miller and Lisa Rude

**Altar Guild:** Janice Froelich, Barbara Woodworth and Gina Rabe

### Given to the Glory of God:

**Flowers** are in loving memory of Donald Ullestad by Doris Ullestad.  
**Thanks** to James Harry for helping to provide refreshments today.

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## This Week at St. Mark

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**Sunday** "God's work. Our hands." Sunday  
**September 9** 9:30 am **Worship**  
10:45 am **Refreshments**  
2:00 pm **Faith Formation Team Meeting**

**Monday** 7:00 pm **Al-Anon**

**Tuesday** 10:00 am **St. Mark Bible Study**  
6:00 pm **Fellowship Team Meeting**  
7:00 pm **Church Council Meeting**

**Thursday** 6:30 pm **AA**  
7:00 pm **Al-Anon**

**Sunday** 9:00 am **St. Mark Fall Blood Drive**  
**September 16** 9:30 am **Worship**  
10:45 am **Refreshments**

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### Readings for next Sunday - Pentecost 17

Isaiah 50:4-9a; Psalm 116:1-9; James 3:1-12; Mark 8:27-38

## 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:**

Wanita Beier  
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)  
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);**

Marilyn Haack (aunt of Jennifer Grumbling)  
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 Grzegorzczak (friend of Carol Czajkowski - USAF)  
[www.stmlc.com](http://www.stmlc.com)  
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  
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Regina Hickey, Bookkeeper*

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**Office Hours:**

Monday – Friday  
8:00 am until 3:00 pm



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