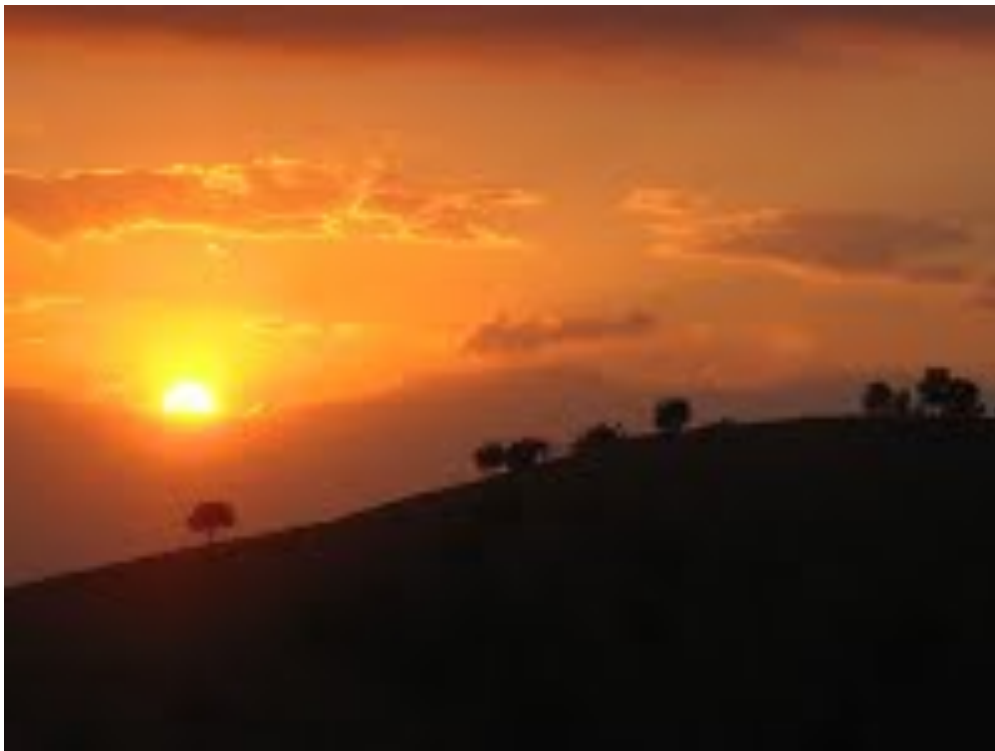


OUR MISSION

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.



SKY SUNDAY
SEASON OF CREATION
SEPTEMBER 16, 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.

ST. MARK 2018 FALL BLOOD DRIVE - Give Life - Give Blood today **Sunday, September 16th** when St. Mark sponsors its fall blood drive from 9:00 am until 12:00 noon. All donors will receive a FREE OneBlood Cancer Awareness T-shirt and 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. 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 emailing 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.

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.

SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING - The church is a living and breathing entity, and is governed by a constitution. Our council leadership has been working to bring our constitution into compliance with the Model Constitution that was approved by the ELCA Churchwide Assembly in 2016. A congregational meeting, with a quorum, is required in order to update the constitution. **Members are requested to attend a special meeting on Sunday, October 21st immediately following worship to vote on the changes.** Copies of the updated constitution and an explanation of changes are available in the Narthex. Electronic copies will be sent to those members for whom we have a current e-mail on file. If you would like to make sure our office has a current e-mail for you, please contact our office administrator, Willie (727-733-0474).

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.

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 30th 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). We are excited to welcome in new members to our community of faith!

THANK YOU FOR SCHOOL SUPPLIES—Dear St. Mark Lutheran Church, We would like to thank you for your generous donation of school supplies for the students of Dunedin Elementary School. We have already put the supplies to good use for students in need. This generous contribution and dedication clearly demonstrate to our students that their success is important enough for individuals like yourselves to take an active role in their education. Thank you so much for your commitment to the students of Dunedin Elementary School. Sincerely, Kerry Apuzzo Wyatt (Principal).

Serving The Community of Faith

Assisting Minister: Emery Horvath
Ushers Jim and Kay Boyter
Offering Bearer: Addyson O'Connell
Acolyte: Ella Horvath
Lector: Pete Horvath
Communion Assistants: Pastor Connie Bonner and Horst Kayser

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

Monday 7:00 pm Al-Anon

Tuesday 10:00 am WELCA Meeting

Thursday 6:30 pm AA

Saturday 9:15 am Weeki Wachee Day Trip

Sunday 9:30 am Worship
September 23 10:45 am Refreshments

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Readings for next Sunday - Pentecost 18

Jeremiah 11:18-20; Psalm 54; James 3:13—4:3, 7-8a; Mark 9:30-37

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:

Jerry Rude
Wanita Beier
Gail Devine
Darrell Zenk
Warren Rockwell
Darryl Kosloski
Julie Kitchen
Suzanne Bryant
Carol Cicero
Cheryl Burton
Michael Bryant
Clayton Stoots
Carol Stone (fiancé of Clayton Stoots)
Laurie Froelich (sister-in-law of Janice Froelich)
Lisa Dryden (friend of Clayton Stoots)
John Swan (grandson of Pat Croy)
Zell Savitz (grandfather of Clayton Stoots)
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)
Bret R. (friend of Linda Peterman)
Jerriann VanEpern (friend of Linda Peterman)
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 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)
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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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