

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.



NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
SEPTEMBER 30, 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.

NOISY OFFERING FOR SEPTEMBER - Our Noisy Offering is TODAY, Sunday, September 30th! We begin a fall collection of coins and bills to benefit F. E. A. S. T. Food Pantry. During the summer, F. E. A. S. T. Food Pantry had a drastic decrease in funds and food gifts. Providing food to the needy, on the other hand, did not decrease. For the summer months donations of both food and financial support were less than 30% of what F. E. A. S. T. received in the fall and post-holiday season. F. E. A. S. T. is seeking help to cover some of the unexpected costs they incurred over the summer...enabling them to keep their doors open and continue the services that are so desperately needed and that the community has helped provide for the past 35 years. You are encouraged to help in whatever way you are able. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

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.

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 **TODAY, 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!

SPLASH, PRAY & PLAY - Come join our youth and families on **Saturday, October 6th** at the Dunedin Sprayground in Highlander Park (1937 Ed Eckert Dr, Dunedin). Join us at Pavilion #2 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. for a host of outdoor activities. We'll beat the heat with water shenanigans, enjoy a devotion and prayer time, play at the playground and complete a scavenger hunt! Adults may also want to go for a hike in the adjacent Hammock Park. We will provide water and beverages and we invite you to bring a snack to share. Hope to see you there!

SUNDAY SCHOOL REBOOT! Our Faith Formation Team is excited to "reboot" Sunday School this fall starting **Sunday, October 7th!** With an influx of new children and requests for more adult learning opportunities we are excited to offer classes for children and adults on Sunday mornings at 8:30 a.m. We will gather in the sanctuary for a time of welcome and then divide into age specific classes for young people and adults. Registration forms for children and youth are available in the Narthex or on our website: www.stmlc.com. Look for more information to come regarding classes!

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS - Are you passionate about passing faith along to future generations? Would you be interested in leading children in a bible story and craft or game on Sunday mornings? Our Faith Formation team is looking to create a team of teachers (2-3 people) for each of our classes, so that they can alternate weeks and get to attend the adult class once and awhile. So far we have a Preschool Class, Elementary Class, and Adult Class. As the need arises we can expand to offer more classes! If you're interested in being part of one of these teams or being a substitute, talk with Jamie Kinder (Jamie.e.kinder@gmail.com) or Pastor Katy.

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).

BABY CARE KITS - We are going to throw a baby shower for mothers and babies around the globe. We are going to gather clothing, diapers, and hygiene items by the end of October and then have a packing party at our **Reformation Day Celebration** on Sunday, October 28th! Check out our website (www.stmlc.com) for more information. Let's shower some of God's love upon mothers and babies in need!

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: Steve Miller
Ushers Debbie Woodard and Horst Kayser
Offering Bearers: Parker Kinder and Jack Kinder
Acolyte: Ainsley Horvath
Lector: John Kinder
Communion Assistants: Carolyn Elliott and Wayne Morris
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 **Noisy Offering**
September 30 **Bags of Blessings distributed**
9:30 am **Worship**
10:45 am **Refreshments**
10:45 am **Handbell Choir**
1:00 pm **New Member Orientation**
4:00 pm **USF Concert at Grace Lutheran Church**

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

Thursday 6:30 pm **AA**

Saturday 9:00 am **Splash, Pray and Play Event (Highlander Park)**

Sunday **Bags of Blessings returned**
October 7 8:30 am **Sunday School**
9:30 am **Worship**
10:45 am **Handbell Choir**
10:45 am **Refreshments**

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Readings for next Sunday - Pentecost 20

Genesis 2:18-24; Psalm 8; Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12; Mark 10:2-16

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
Betty Dixson (friend of Doris Ullestad)
Ian Clark (great grandson of Mickey Lovering)
Diane Gleason (friend of Debbie Woodard)
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)
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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 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
Regina Hickey, Bookkeeper*

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Monday – Friday
8:00 am until 3:00 pm



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