

WELCOME TO ST. MARK LUTHERAN

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.



TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
OCTOBER 21, 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.

SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING TODAY - 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 immediately following worship today to vote on the changes.** Copies of the updated constitution and an explanation of changes are available in the Narthex.

REVERSE TRICK OR TREATING SATURDAY, OCTOBER 27TH - Children, youth, and adults! Put on those Halloween costumes and bring a little light and laughter to residents at St. Mark Village for RE-VERSE Trick or Treating. Instead of asking for candy – we will be handing out goodies and Halloween devotions to residents in the care center and assisted living. Meet us in the lobby area at 10:00 a.m. to divide into visiting groups. Following our parade through the village, the Independent Living folks will have crafts, goodies and face painting available for us! The fun should wrap up around noon. Hope you can join us to share a little love with our St. Mark Village neighbors!

WEAR RED FOR REFORMATION - You're invited to wear red next Sunday to help celebrate the reforming powers of the Holy Spirit on Reformation Sunday, October 28th. Come, Holy Spirit, come!

BABY CARE KITS: Help us shower some of God's love upon mothers and babies in need! - St. Mark is gathering clothing, diapers, and hygiene items during the month of October to create Lutheran World Relief Baby Care kits! These kits will be assembled at our **Reformation Day Brunch on Sunday, October 28th**! A list of items can be found by the example kit in the Narthex, or you can check out our website: www.stmlc.com for more information. Please drop off your items by **Friday, October 26th**.

REFORMATION SUNDAY BRUNCH - In lieu of refreshments in the breezeway, the Fellowship Team is putting together a light brunch following worship on October 28th. Please join us in the Fellowship Hall. Volunteers to assist on this event would be much appreciated. Anyone interested in helping out in some way should talk with Kathie Chernes. Email address - kathiec123@gmail.com .

COMMISSIONING OF PARISH DEACON JENNIFER GRUMBLING – On **Sunday, October 28th** St. Mark will celebrate the commissioning of Synod Parish Deacon, Jennifer Grumbling. We invite you to join us for our regular 9:30 a.m. service where we will be joined by Assistant to the Bishop, Connie Schmucker.

WHAT IS A PARISH DEACON? Those commissioned to be Synod Parish Deacons are accountable to the pastor and serve in the congregation. Within the one ministry of the Church, the synod parish deacon serves as a bridge between the ministry of Word and Sacrament and the ministry of all the baptized in the congregation. Through the pastor, the synod parish deacon may serve the needy, care for the sick, and comfort the distressed. They may teach and perform specific liturgical functions within the congregation and its worship life. Through words and actions the synod parish deacon brings God's love to all people. **Thank you Jennifer, for accepting God's call to serve here at St. Mark!**

HURRICANE MICHAEL RELIEF - There are many ways for you to reach out and support our neighbors in the panhandle who suffered damage from Hurricane Michael. One way is by giving to Lutheran Disaster Response, which we highlighted last week. Another way is to send gifts to our Synod Office, whose staff is working directly with local congregations, pastors and members who have been impacted by the storm.

For example, Messiah Lutheran Church in Panama City and her members have encountered significant damage as a result of the hurricane. The synod office is collecting donations to relocate Interim Pastor Mary N. since she encountered destruction in the rental home. Donations of money or gift cards would be helpful for congregants as they make repairs and clean up damage. Gift cards are recommended for stores like Walmart, Home Depot, Target, Loses, etc. Please send gift cards to the synod office (3838 W. Cypress St, Tampa FL 33607). Please send donations to the synod office with 'disaster relief' in the memo. Synod staff will also be working with pastors and others to coordinate emotional, spiritual and pastoral care and support for the community. Please pray as well - that God's presence support and give hope to those who have experienced loss as a result of the storm.

ST. MARK IN PARTNERSHIP WITH GRACE LUTHERAN - The WELCA group is helping to provide men's and women's clothing as well as toiletries for the homeless outreach project at Grace called Lydia's Closet. Small baskets for toiletries and a large bin for clothing are located in the Narthex.

Serving The Community of Faith

Assisting Minister: Jennifer Grumbling
Ushers Kathie and Ken Chernes
Offering Bearers: Max Krynski and Max Mitzlaff
Acolyte: Ainsley Horvath
Lector: Sue Zenk
Communion Assistants: Carolyn Elliott and Sue Zenk

Altar Guild: Janice Froelich, Diane Salmon and Connie Feig

Given to the Glory of God:

Presence candle is in honor of their 40th wedding anniversary by Mary and Allen VanHaute.
Flowers are in honor of their 40th wedding anniversary by Allen and Mary VanHaute.
Thanks to Mary and Allen VanHaute for helping to provide refreshments today.

This Week at St. Mark

Sunday 8:30 am **Sunday School**
October 21 9:30 am **Worship**
10:45 am **Handbell Choir**
10:45 am **Refreshments**
11:00 am **Congregational Meeting**

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

Tuesday 10:00 am **Christian Service**

Thursday 6:30 pm **AA**

Sunday **Bags of Blessings distributed**
October 28 8:30 am **Sunday School**
9:30 am **Worship**
10:45 am **Handbell Choir**
10:45 am **Refreshments**
11:00 am **Reformation Sunday Brunch**

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Readings for next Sunday - Reformation Sunday
Jeremiah 31:31-34; Psalm 66; Romans 3:19-28; John 8:31-36

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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

Darryl Kosloski

Julie Kitchen

Suzanne Bryant

Carol Cicero

Cheryl Burton

Michael Bryant

Clayton Stoots

Tom Schnack (cousin of Sue and Darrell Zenk)

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 GRIEVE (Family and friends of):

Lois Olsen (sister of Kay Boyter)
Betty Dixson (friend of Doris Ullestad)

FOR THOSE WHO SERVE (Family and friends of):

Sam Palmer (family of the Horvaths)
Andrew Amstutz (friend of the Langenbacks - US Navy)
Alexis Grzegorzcyk (friend of Carol Czajkowski - USAF)
Mitch Shellenberger
Tierney Froelich
Rodney Mobley (son of the Nizers - Police Officer 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))

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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8:00 am until 3:00 pm



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