

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-SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
NOVEMBER 18, 2018
9:30 A. M.

WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT ST. MARK – We are happy to have you here with us! Please sign our attendance book at the end of each row. We invite you to join us for refreshments in the breezeway following worship.

CHURCH TOGETHER GENEROSITY DRIVE - This year, our fall commitment card drive focuses on being the church together. Our financial support of St. Mark funds ministry locally, statewide, nationally, and globally. This is in keeping with the early church as Acts tells us how the Holy Spirit equipped early disciples to be witnesses in their hometown (Jerusalem), in all of Judea and Samaria (their state and neighboring region), and the ends of the earth. We ask you to prayerfully consider being a part of the impact St. Mark makes in the world in 2019 by filling out an Estimate of Giving card available in the Narthex. Then bring or mail in this card by **Sunday, November 25**. On that day, we will offer our commitment cards to be blessed by God in worship.

THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE AT ST. MARK VILLAGE – You are invited to join our sisters and brothers at St. Mark Village for a Thanksgiving Eve worship service on **Wednesday, November 21, 2018**. The service will take place at 6:00 p.m. with Chaplain Bill Magee and Pastor Katy Fast officiating. St. Mark's musicians will be providing special music.

CHRISTIAN SERVICE PROJECT - Women of St. Mark will meet **SATURDAY, November 24** from 9:30 to 11:00 am to make layettes for Florida Lutheran Services. We hope that having the project on Saturday will give those who cannot come during the week a chance to be involved with the layette project which has become so important in the lives of young mothers who are a part of Lutheran Services Florida programs.

We will:

1. Sort supplies
2. Remove tags and prepare clothes
3. Stitch and stuff puppies
4. Make layettes
5. Package and wrap for sending
6. Have a wonderful time in service to others!

Everyone is welcome. Families are also invited. There will be tasks for everyone. Your help will be appreciated.

HOLIDAY MOVIE NIGHT AT ST. MARK - Get into the Christmas spirit by joining us in viewing the kid-friendly movie, The Star. Stop by on **Friday, November 30th at 6:00 p.m.** We will be enjoying pizza and popcorn, along with veggie and fruit trays. At intermission, we will head outside to make S'mores. Feel free to drop in the for the fellowship even if you're not a movie fan!

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 short topical clips that will inspire our study and discussion. We have bi-weekly meetings with the next one taking place on **November 29th**, with the topic "Blessed Are the Unemployed, Unimpressive, and Underrepresented." This gathering will be held at Hackett's Causeway Cafe at the corner of Curlew Road and U. S. Alternate 19 from 7:00 pm until 8:00 pm. If you have any questions or need more info, call, text or email Jennifer Grumbling, 813-892-9707 or grumbje@gmail.com.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY - Join St. Mark volunteers on **Saturday, December 1st** for a day of service with Habitat for Humanity! Volunteers (ages 18 and older) are invited to sign up on the sign-up sheet in the Narthex or by e-mailing Bryan Fast (bryan_pe@ymail.com). We do not know which site we will report to yet, but most likely it will either be in Tarpon Springs or Clearwater. Volunteers are asked to arrive by 8:00 am for the safety meeting. Work should be wrapped up around 2:30 p.m. Come on out and help support this good cause!

ST. MARK'S CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE is open to all ages as well as friends and neighbors of our members. This is a great opportunity to come and enjoy our beautiful church decorations and socialize with old or new friends while enjoying a variety of refreshments. The event will take place **Saturday, December 15th from 5:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.** There will be holiday lights and music as well as some crafts or games for young attendees. Beer, wine as well as non-alcoholic beverages will be available. So that we know how many to plan for, there is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex which has a check off box for anyone needing transportation that evening. The Fellowship Team is seeking 15 volunteers to provide an appetizer and 5 to bring a dessert. Appetizer/Dessert sign-up sheets are also in the Narthex.

ST. MARK CHRISTMAS LIGHT TOUR - Mark your calendars for Saturday evening, **December 29th, at 6:00 p.m.** to hop on board an open air Jolley Trolley and tour local Christmas lights. St. Mark has reserved two trolleys that will take us for a tour of the light displays in the area. We get to determine our tour route so if you have a favorite neighborhood for lights, please let Kathie Chernes know so we can consider it in our itinerary. Free to participate. An offering box will be on board for donations to defray cost. Members are welcome to invite friends or family to join us. Available seating is limited to 60, so participants must sign up in the Narthex. Need a ride to/from St. Mark that night? No problem, just check off transportation column on the sign-up sheet.

MORAVIAN TEXTS have arrived and can be picked up from the church office.

Serving The Community of Faith

Assisting Minister: Milla Grumbling
Ushers: Carol Kitchen and TBD
Offering Bearers: Max Krynski and Max Mitzlaff
Acolyte: Kaeden Delerme
Lector: Sue Zenk
Communion Assistants: Emery Horvath and Robin Bower-Miller
Bread Baker: Carol Bernstein
Altar Guild: Kathie Chernes, GayLynn Horvath and Emery Horvath

Given to the Glory of God:

Presence candle is in memory of Ann Drafts Koch by Pastor Klaus Koch.
Flowers are in memory of Ann Drafts Koch by Pastor Klaus Koch.
Thanks to James Harry for helping to provide refreshments today.

This Week at St. Mark

Sunday 8:30 am **Sunday School**
November 18 9:30 am **Worship**
10:45 am **Handbell Choir**
10:45 am **Refreshments**
11:00 am **Prayer Team Meeting**

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

Tuesday 10:00 am **WELCA Meeting**

Wednesday 6:00 pm **Thanksgiving Eve Service at St. Mark Village**

Thursday **Thanksgiving Day – Church Office Closed**
6:30 pm **AA**

Friday **Church Office Closed**

Saturday 9:30 am **Christian Service Project**

Sunday 9:30 am **Worship**
November 25 10:45 am **Handbell Choir**
10:45 am **Refreshments**

Readings for next Sunday - Christ the King Sunday

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14; Psalm 93; Revelation 1:4b-8; John 18:33-37

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:

Wanita Beier

Darrell Zenk

Julie Kitchen

Suzanne Bryant

Cheryl Burton

Michael Bryant

Clayton Stoots

Aaron (cousin of Susie Peterson)

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)

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)
www.Amstutz.com 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)

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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