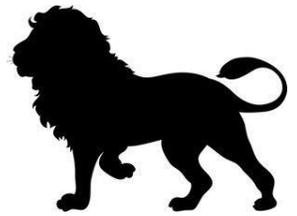


The Messenger



Monthly Newsletter of St. Mark's Evangelical Lutheran Church

February 2020

From the Pastor



"I'd like to tell you a story." For me, this is one of the most powerful and inviting phrases cemented within my memory. Not only does it evoke fond memories of my time working at Lutheridge, but it always seems to trigger a sense of calmness within me.

For decades, Pastors Mary and Tim Caniff-Kuhn served as the Program Directors for Lutheridge Camp and Conference Center in Arden, NC. In the Fall of 2019 they retired, and by the time you receive this Messenger, they will have celebrated their retirement with a farewell and Godspeed worship service during the first weekend in February. If you have ever attended Lutheridge for any programming, then it is most likely that you have heard Pastor Mary's offer the invitation, "I'd like to tell you a story."

Pastor Mary has an incredible gift for telling stories, especially children's story. She has a beautiful craft for adapting children's stories and common folk tales to be interactive and intriguing stories. Typically, she would craft the story to have a refrain for crowd participation. At the conclusion of every story, Pastor Mary would seamlessly transition into a passage of scripture and an offer a reflection about God that masterfully collided with the message of the story that was told.

To be told a story by Pastor Mary was a blessing and you could never hear a story too many times. One of my favorite memories is watching the mood of the room change as Pastor Mary walked to the front and everyone held their breath with anticipation, hoping a story would be told. Hundreds of children, youth, and adults were captivated by her storytelling and, from the moment she offered the invitation, they were hooked. I will forever hear her say, "I'd like to tell you a story."

Stories, in and of themselves, are powerful, and their power only increases when they are told well. A good story becomes great when told with confidence, experience, and passion and, every great story fulfills the promise of the invitation - "I'd like to tell you a story."

I can't remember where, but I recently heard someone say, "I believe we tell stories to know that we're not alone." When we share our story with others, the audience becomes a part of the narrative. The act of hearing is participation in the story shared.

This is true throughout scripture. In fact, so much of scripture is the recording of stories told again and again. Think about the Easter Vigil service - while we wait in the darkness of Good Friday for the resurrection dawn, we gather to tell the stories of our faith.

In the 5th chapter of Mark, Jesus crosses to the other side of the sea and encounters a man possessed by a legion of demons. The surrounding community had shunned this man and discarded him from society, restraining him with chains and shackles. Jesus cast the demon out from the man and into a herd of swine. As Jesus got back into the boat, "the man who had been possessed by demons begged him that he might be with him. **19** But Jesus refused, and said to him, "Go home to your friends, and tell them how much the Lord has done for you, and what mercy he has shown you." **20** And he went away and began to proclaim in the Decapolis how much Jesus had done for him; and everyone was amazed."

Each of us have our own stories to tell. More importantly, we all have stories of faith to tell. Stories of redemption and hope. Stories of grief and perseverance. Stories of salvation and grace. Stories of doubt and belief. These stories are important, and they deserve to be told.

If we are ever to fulfill the great commission of going forth to make disciples of all nations, and if we are to become fishers of people, teaching them about the promise of God's love, then we will have to tell the stories of faith. The stories of

God's redemption. The stories of hope and justice. The stories of promise and forgiveness. The stories of doubt, fear, and failure. The stories of our faith. And, to be sure, we must tell our own stories as well because when a story is told and heard, the story is shared, and the hearer becomes a part of the narrative.

So, dear friends, I invite you to think about your own story of faith. Start a journal and record your daily experiences with the divine and the body of Christ. Reflect on the work of God in your life. Contemplate the swirling of the Spirit and the presence of God's promise. And, when you're ready, I invite to go and tell.

—Pastor Daniel Locke

Pastor's Schedule

February 11-13 - Ignite the Church Continuing Education Conference - Orlando, FL

February 21-23 - St. Mark's Ringers Handbell Retreat – Lutheridge, Asheville, NC

From the Council President

I hope that everyone has settled into the new year and that 2020 brings joy in your faith, happiness with family and friends, and strength to handle whatever challenges may lie in your path.

First, I would like to thank outgoing members of the Congregation Council for their tireless service – Ray Booth (President), John Trainer (Vice President), and Jim Dennis. We have all benefited from their dedication and behind the scenes hard work.

As a reminder, the following are the 2020 members of your Congregation Council:

Leslie Allen
Alonzo Batson
Bonnye Bell
Jane Kilby, **President**
Kathy Kleppinger
Debora Koepke, **Secretary**
Janet Linn, **Vice President**
Dianne Marcotte
Mary Swart
Tracy Williams, **Treasurer**

The slate of officers was elected unanimously by the 2020 council members on December 16th. Please feel free to contact any member of council should you have any questions or concerns. Council meetings are held the fourth Monday of

the month in the library, unless otherwise noted on the calendar. Any member of the congregation is welcome to attend the meetings. If you would like to speak to the council, please let me know prior to the day of the meeting and you will be added to the agenda.

As a means of giving you an opportunity to get to know your council members a bit better, each month the Messenger will feature a "biography" of one member of council. For the month of February, I will start with me.

I have been a member of St. Mark's since 2007. Not being raised in the Lutheran church, initially, we did not know what to expect – knowing Tony from his service to my previous church, my boys and I came to visit. In a short period of time, I decided that I had always been a Lutheran, just didn't know it until attending St. Mark's! I fell in love with the liturgy, the welcoming nature that is St. Mark's and, of course, the music. My then 10 and 15-year-old sons are now turning 23 (Adam) and 28 (Dylan). Adam will graduate from UNF in December 2020 with a degree in Sports Management and a minor in Education. He wants to work with special needs children and coach (lacrosse being his love – also a UNF team member). Dylan will graduate from the University of Michigan with a Master of Public Health (specialization epidemiology) on April 30th; then the adventure really begins as he heads to wherever in the world the need takes him.

I retired two years ago from VyStar Credit Union (financial advisor) and now spend much of my time as a volunteer. In addition to working with St. Mark's, many of you know my long-standing dedication to Scouting (proud mother of two Eagle Scouts) and this continues, particularly regarding aquatics. I continue to be an Aquatics Instructor, training lifeguards, serving as Aquatics Director where needed, serving on Jamboree staffs (SCUBA) and most recently as a member of the National Aquatics Sub-Committee – the group that forms policy for all Scouting aquatics activities. I am also very active as a Guardian ad Litem and currently have 11 children for whom I serve in this capacity – "I am for the child" is on the lanyard with my ID and this sums up my role – I am their voice; they have my heart.

I am planning to travel to Israel this October with the St. Mark's group and am really looking forward to this – and a great opportunity to get to know some of you even better!

I look forward to serving as your president during 2020. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any church-related matter you would like to discuss.

Yours in Christ,
Jane

Music Notes

March 1, 2020 @ 7:00 pm



Is there a sound more distinctive than the delicate notes from a harpsichord? Is there an instrument more closely associated with a historical style than the harpsichord is with Baroque music? Probably not.

A concert at St. Mark's will feature our harpsichord and music by three master composers of the Baroque period: J. S. Bach, G. F. Handel, and Domenico Scarlatti.

The concert is Sunday, March 1st, at 7:00 p.m. It is free and all are welcome. An offering will be taken to support future musical events at St. Mark's.

Dr. Anita Boyle Renfroe of Fernandina Beach, last heard at St. Mark's during our recent Bach Vespers service, is our performing artist.

St. Mark's harpsichord was built in 1977 by Brian Stout and members of the congregation. You can read more about its construction and artwork on the Music from St. Mark's blog at <http://smljax.blogspot.com/2020/01/instruments-of-st-marks-harpsichord.html>.

Please join us for this special event and the reception that follows.

Dr. Renfroe's bio follows:

Dr. Anita Boyle Renfroe earned degrees in piano performance with honors from Florida State University, Memphis State University and The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary School of Music. Teachers include Edward Kilenyi, Maurice Hinson, Nelita True and Marvin Blickenstaff.

Anita has performed solo piano, harpsichord, and organ concerts and with orchestras in the United States and Europe. Venues in Washington DC include the Kennedy Center, British Embassy, Folger Library, Fairfax and the Arlington Symphony Orchestras. Performances in Europe include concerts in England, France and Germany.

In 2016 Dr. Renfroe retired after 22 years as Director of Keyboard Studies/ Professor of Piano at Millersville University of Pennsylvania. She lives in Fernandina Beach, is President of the Jacksonville Music Teachers Association and accompanist for the Amelia Island Chamber Singers and the Songspitters.

<http://smljax.blogspot.com/2020/01/a-concert-of-harpsichord-music-march-1.html>

– Tony Cruz, Cantor

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Finance Secretary Transition

Loree Mueller has served St. Mark's faithfully for years in the position of Financial Secretary. The Financial Secretary is primarily responsible for processing the teller reports and posting individual contributions to accounts within our membership and financial management software, Servant Keeper. In addition, Loree has managed our membership database, updating significant events and personal information, as well as publishing directories. Altogether, it is one of the many important and behind-the-scenes volunteer jobs of the church.

In the Fall of 2018, Loree initiated a conversation with both Finance and Executive Committees that she was ready to retire from her position once another individual was identified and trained. After several months of discussion and transition, Monika Drake graciously accepted the invitation to serve as Financial Secretary. As of January 2020, Monika now serves as Financial Secretary.

Loree has worked tirelessly to manage the membership database and post the financial contributions of St. Mark's. Please join us in thanking Loree for her years of gracious and faithful service to St. Mark's.

Finance Committee

The finance committee met on January 21 to review the December 2019 financials and close the books on 2019. St. Mark's ended the year ahead of budget by \$22,916.21! Thank you!

Jan-Dec 2019	Year to Date Actual	Year to Date Budget
Income	\$359,230.75	\$350,582.68
Expense	\$336,314.54	\$350,582.68
	\$22,916.21	\$0.00

Many thanks to Kathy Kleppinger, our 2019 Treasurer, Molly Keifer, our controller, Larry Wertz, Ron Eckels, finance committee members and Loree Mueller and Monika Drake, financial secretaries. This team led our financials in a way that allowed St. Mark's to meet all of our operational needs (mortgage, heat/air, electricity, salaries, etc....) and also grow our mission and ministry work and still have some funds to carry over for future use. Here is a highlight of a few areas that because of you and your gifts to St. Mark's, we were able to make an impact in our community:

- \$500 Southern Seminary
- \$500 Lutheran Outdoor Ministries
- \$500 Global Missions
- \$500 Lutheran Social Services
- \$500 UCOM
- \$500 Campus Ministries
- \$500 Icare

Your gifts also allowed the finance, property and council to make decisions on maintenance projects. Here are a few maintenance projects which were completed because of you:

- New roof on the Music Suite section of the church (cost of over \$25,000)
- LED light bulbs in the breezeway and Fellowship Hall
- Cordless blinds for The Ark room
- Hart Hall Coffee Area renovation

Thank you all for your gifts to St. Mark's. You can review a full set of financials in the church office or contact Tracy Williams, Council Treasurer, tracyb78@yahoo.com. The Finance Committee is eager to work again in 2020. Finance meets again on Monday, February 24th at 6pm in the Library. Come join the team!

Administrative Assistant Update

At the end of 2019, St. Mark's Council received a financial contribution from an anonymous donor to fund a part-time Administrative Assistant position. The gift enables St. Mark's to hire an Administrative Assistant to be in the office 20 hours a week, including relevant employer taxes and worker's compensation fees. The Executive committee, which serves as the personnel committee, met with Pastor

Daniel to review the scope and responsibilities of the position. A job description was created and posted. By January 15, St. Mark's received more than a dozen resumes for consideration. Initial interviews were conducted by Pastor Daniel and Lynette Weber, a regular office volunteer. Following interviews, potential candidates were given to the personnel committee for final review and recommendation.

We are very pleased to announce the hiring of Hannah Bardin as our new Admin Assistant! Hannah also works part-time at The Episcopal Church of the Redeemer and will start with us on Monday, February 3rd. Hannah has a bachelor's degree in Religious Studies from Florida State University, and we look forward to benefiting from her studies and experience. Please welcome Hannah to the St. Mark's family!

The primary responsibilities of the Administrative Assistant will be:

- Manage and disseminate church communications, including church email and phone calls as well as the phone tree.
- Solicit, edit, assemble, and publish the monthly Messenger and weekly Roar.
- Oversee the scheduling of rooms for meetings and events, and process building usage requests in conjunction with the Executive committee.
- Work with property committee to care for the facility and schedule service maintenance as needed.
- Manage the master calendar, including online, office, and staff calendars as needed
- Assist in the management of church media, including social media (Facebook, Instagram, etc.), website updates, and weekly announcements.
- Organize, update, and maintain church files as needed, coordinating with various teams and committees as necessary.

Please hold Hannah and the staff in prayer as she joins St. Mark's and the ministry we share.

SEND Team Updates

All are invited to attend a meeting on Sunday, February 16 at noon (following Sunday School) for a multi-committee planning meeting. The Send team will be there to give dates and updates for projects as well as listen to new ideas. If you have a service or outreach project or group you think St. Mark's should get involved with, please let us know. Come to this meeting or email Tracy with information tracyb78@yahoo.com

Holy Land

2020 Holy Land Tour

As you are aware, St. Mark's is planning a trip to the Holy Land for **October 13-23, 2020**. If you have not yet signed up and would still like to do so, we still have spots available. Please contact Pastor Daniel ASAP.

If you have signed up, it is time to register and make your first deposit to save your spot. The earlier you register the more money you can save! Please visit <http://www.eo.travel-withus.com/tours/hl20101320159810#.XVX0ey3MyRt> Scroll to the bottom and click "register".

Tour: HL20

Date: 10/13/20

Code: L

ID #: 59810

Tour Host: Rev. Daniel Locke

Special Deliveries



Deborah and Priscilla Circle would like to have help from St. Mark's members to deliver altar flowers. They would like to compile a list of those willing to participate so they can call on a member when needed.

It is just an occasional Sunday when help is needed.

The altar flowers are picked up after the Sunday service. At that time, the circle can help you decide where the flowers can be delivered. Please contact Bonnye Bell, 268-2313, or Mary Lou Weidenmier, 904-718-7108, if you can assist. Thanks in advance!

Lion's Pride



AARP Driver Safety Course will be offered on February 21 in Hart Hall. This one-day course will start at 9:00 am sharp with instructor Joe Pipala. The class is \$15 for AARP members, \$20 for non-members. Registration is mandatory as space is limited. Florida

law requires insurance companies to give Florida drivers an insurance break, which lasts 3 years. PLEASE CONFIRM ATTENDANCE by February 14 with Clara Echerer at (904)737-4480.

Women of the ELCA



Circle Meetings:

Deborah Circle – Tuesday, February 11 at 9:30 am in the Library

Priscilla Circle – Thursday, February 13 at 7:00 pm in the Library

Altar Flowers

The 2020 Altar Flower Chart has been posted and is ready for volunteers to sign up. As a reminder, two altar flower vases costs \$45 and four festival stands cost \$75. Any questions please do not hesitate to contact Jenny Hicks.

- We still have lots of openings for Altar Flowers in 2020!

Sunday School

ADULT Sunday School:

Paul's Letter to the Church in Galatia (Jan. 26, Feb. 2, 9, 16) - Led by Pastor Daniel

Paul's letter to the Galatians could easily be considered one of the most radical books in the New Testament. It shows Paul at his most youthful, least understated and most non-compromising. This 4-session Bible study explores selected passages from Galatians. Using the Augsburg Fortress Books of Faith Series, we will explore four passages by asking four questions: 1. What happens to people pleasers? (Galatians 1:1-24) 2. Is there one, and only one, Gospel? (Galatians 2:1-21) 3. So . . . what about God's rules now? (Galatians 3:6-29; 5:18) 4. How do we live by the Spirit? (Galatians 3:1-5; 5:1-26; 6:8-10).

Dwelling in God's Word (February 23 & March 1) - Led by Seminary Lynn Marlowe

Join seminarian, Lynn Marlowe, as she leads us to dwelling in the Word. This is a Spiritual and Biblical practice that we have done multiple times over the last two years. This is a chance to open God's word and connect with scripture again, for the first time.

Am I My Brother's Keeper? (March 8, 15, 22, 29, & April 5) - Led by Dale Gatz

This series, led by Dale Gatz, asks the question, "what are we here for?", and "What is our 'job' as human beings - God's creation?" We begin by looking at the creation stories and contrasting them to what we 21st Century people know about our earth and the universe to determine humankind's call regarding the earth and its creatures. All are invited to

tell their own story of family history and heritage. We'll transition to an overview of the history of immigration to the US, looking at relevant passages from the Gospel. Finally, we'll consider the ELCA's recent decision to become a "Sanctuary Body" and what that might mean for the church as a whole, and our congregation.

Luther's Catechism (April 26, May 3, 10, 17, & 24) - Led by Pastor Daniel

"The deplorable, miserable condition which I discovered lately when I, too, was a visitor, has forced and urged me to prepare [publish] this Catechism, or Christian doctrine, in this small, plain, simple form. Mercy! Good God! what manifold misery I beheld!" - Martin Luther's preface to the Small Catechism. Martin Luther was committed to empowering the laity to have theological conversation. For Luther, it was absolutely necessary that every Christian have the ability and knowledge to discuss doctrines of faith. In this 5-week series, we will reopen Luther's Catechism to gain a clearer understanding of the good news of God's love in Jesus Christ.

Family Promise

Family Promise needs you! The foundation for our success as a host church is our fabulous group of volunteers - but to continue to support this wonderful outreach program, we need help. We host families three times a year - can you give two hours - 6 hours a year - to help families who have fallen on hard times?? Please plan to attend training on **March 1 at 11:00 am in the Library** - you will be on your way by noon. If you wish to volunteer but cannot make this training, please let Lynette Weber know of your interest and she will get you trained!

Thrivent

Thrivent is hosting their first event of the year. They are partnering with HabiJax and are hosting a wall building event. The wall build will be held on Saturday, February 8, from 8:00 am - 12:00 pm at Kernan Boulevard Baptist Church at 4000 Blvd South. Volunteers must be 16 years old. Any other questions, please feel free to email southeasttmn@thrivent.com.
RSVP: [WallRaisingHabiJax.Eventbrite.com](https://www.wallraisinghabijax.com)

Committee Chairs

We currently have two critical vacancies for committee chairs - Nourish and Send. We have been very fortunate to have had Bridget Pudimat and Tracy Williams heading up these critical areas - their tireless work has been instrumental in seeing these areas grow and thrive. Bridget is still focusing her incredible energies on heading up our youth group, and

Tracy is now the Congregation Treasurer. As such, we thank them for their wonderful service and we now need new folks involved to move into these roles! I'm sure Bridget and Tracy would be happy to speak with you about what is involved. Please think about how you can help - you are a valued member of St. Mark's and your input is much appreciated. Please let Bridget, Tracy or any member of council know if you are interested in serving in these roles.

Ash Wednesday & Lent

Join us on February 26 at 12:00 pm and 7:00 pm for a service of Word and Holy communion as well as the imposition of Ashes as we mark the beginning of Lent with Ash Wednesday.



- February 25 - Shrove Tuesday Pancake Meal
- February 26 - Ash Wednesday @ 12:00 pm and 7:00 pm
- Lenten Midweek - Wednesdays during Lent:
 - Dinner @ 5:00 pm
 - Worship @ 6:40 pm
- April 9 - Maundy Thursday @ 7:00 pm
- April 10 - Stations of the Cross @ 12:00pm
- April 10 - Good Friday Worship @ 7:00 pm
- April 11 - Easter Vigil Worship @ 7:00 pm
- April 12 - Easter Morning Worship @ 9:30 am, breakfast to follow



Worship Assistant Schedule for February 2020

Date	Assisting Minister	Lector	Altar Guild
Saturday, February 1	Ron Eckels	Jennifer Treat	Marianne Prokop & Ginger Hudson
Sunday , February 2 <i>Presentation of Our Lord</i>	Kathy VanOsdol	Al Voss	Susan Jackson & Francine Baker
Sunday , February 9 <i>Fifth Sunday After The Epiphany</i>	Gary Pudimat	John Viescas	Mary Cox & Nicki Hassell
Saturday, February 15	Kathy VanOsdol	Kevin Dial	Marianne Prokop & Ginger Hudson
Sunday , February 16 <i>Sixth Sunday After The Epiphany</i>	Alonzo Batson	Neil Daraskavich	Susan Jackson & Mary Cusick
Sunday , February 23 <i>Last Sunday After The Epiphany</i>	Debora Koepke	Karl Koepke	Rachel Mumford & Mary Cusick

Date	Altar Flowers	Order of St. John	Nursery Volunteers
Saturday, February 1		Kamm Eckels	
Sunday , February 2 <i>Presentation of Our Lord</i>	Patrice Roux-Neal	Jordan Batson	Joyce Wertz
Sunday , February 9 <i>Fifth Sunday After The Epiphany</i>	Bob Wofford	Tahiana Rakotomandriandra	Rachel Mumford
Saturday, February 15			
Sunday , February 16 <i>Sixth Sunday After The Epiphany</i>	Jennifer Treat	Ellen Olson	Bridget Pudimat
Sunday , February 23 <i>Sixth Sunday After The Epiphany</i>	Ginger & Jack Hudson	Isla Williams	Mary Cox

Date	Ushers	Greeters
Saturday, February 1		
Sunday , February 2 <i>Presentation of Our Lord</i>	Francine Baker & Tracy Williams	Ellen Olson & Mary Cox
Sunday , February 9 <i>Fifth Sunday After The Epiphany</i>	Francine Baker & Tracy Williams	Nicki Hassell & Karl Koepke
Saturday, February 15		
Sunday , February 16 <i>Sixth Sunday After The Epiphany</i>	Francine Baker & Tracy Williams	Ellen Olson & Karl Koepke
Sunday , February 23 <i>Sixth Sunday After The Epiphany</i>	Francine Baker & Tracy Williams	Cathy Stupski & Mary Cox

***If you are unable to serve at your appointed time, please arrange for a substitute.**

Thank you for your service to St. Mark's!

February 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 10:00 am Chrismon Team 11:00 Lutheridge Handbell Rehearsal @ Nave 5:30 pm Casual/Contemporary Worship @ Nave
2 9:30 am Worship Service @ Nave	3	4 10:00 am Ark Chapel @ Nave 2:00 pm Ark Admin meeting @ Library 6:00 pm Yoga @ Hart Hall	5 5:30 pm St. Mark's Ringers @ Nave 7:00 pm Festival Choir Rehearsal @ Music Suite	6 6:00 pm Yoga @ Hart Hall	7	8 10:00 am Chrismon Team
9 9:30 am Worship Service @ Nave 1:00 pm Lutheridge Handbell Rehearsal 5:30 pm Youth Group Meeting @ Hart Hall	10	11 10:00 am Ark Chapel @ Nave 6:00 pm Yoga @ Hart Hall	12 5:30 pm St. Mark's Ringers @ Nave 7:00 pm Festival Choir Rehearsal @ Music Suite	13 6:00 pm Yoga @ Hart Hall	14 Messenger Submissions Due	15 Youth Group Ski Trip 9:00 am Council Retreat @ Fellowship Hall 10:00 am Chrismon Team 5:30 Casual/Contemporary Worship @ Nave
16 Youth Group Ski Trip 9:30 am Worship Service @ Nave 12:00 pm All Council Meeting	17 President's Day – Office Closed Youth Group Ski Trip 6:00 pm Finance Committee	18 Youth Group Ski Trip 10:00 am Ark Chapel @ Nave 6:00 pm Yoga @ Hart Hall	19 Staff & Committee Reports Due Youth Group Ski Trip 5:30 pm St. Mark's Ringers @ Nave 7:00 pm Festival Choir Rehearsal @ Music Suite	20 6:00 pm Executive Committee Meeting @ Office Suite 6:00 pm Yoga @ Hart Hall	21 Lutheridge Handbell Retreat	22 Lutheridge Handbell Retreat 10:00 am Chrismon Team
23 Lutheridge Handbell Retreat 9:30 am Worship Service @ Nave 10:45 am Informal Meeting with Congregation @ Nave 5:30 pm Youth Group Meeting @ Hart Hall	24 6:00 pm Council Meeting @ Library	25 10:00 am Ark Chapel @ Nave 6:00 pm Yoga @ Hart Hall 7:00 pm Ark Board Meeting @ Library	26 5:30 pm St. Mark's Ringers @ Nave 7:00 pm Festival Choir Rehearsal @ Music Suite	27 6:00 pm Yoga @ Hart Hall	28 Osprey Experience – Campus Ministry Retreat (11 th and 12 th Grade) @ UNF	29 Osprey Experience – Campus Ministry Retreat (11 th and 12 th Grade) @ UNF 10:00 am Chrismon Team

Saint Mark's Evangelical Lutheran Church

Our Mission

We invite all people to our church home to celebrate God's many gifts. Nourished by Christ Jesus and led by the Holy Spirit, we send enthusiastic servants to proclaim the hope and joy of life in Christ.



Our Vision

We strive to celebrate the rich diversity of God's people, welcoming all to be nourished in their faith journeys. We live to serve others and fulfill our relationship with Christ in service to community.

Ministry Teams and Committees

Invite: Bonnye Bell

Celebrate: Eric Olson

Nourish: NEED VOLUNTEER!!

Send: Tracy Williams

Stewardship: Tracy Williams

Property: Larry Wertz

Finance: Tracy Williams

Fellowship: Leslie Allen

St. Mark's Newsletters

St. Mark's has two newsletters. *The Lion's Roar* is distributed weekly and by email (E-Roar), and *The Messenger* is distributed monthly (primarily through email, but available in print upon request). The deadline for *The Lion's Roar* is by **noon on each Tuesday**, and *The Messenger* deadline is the **15th day of each month**. If you have an article for either newsletter, please send it to stmarksjaxnews@gmail.com.

Birthdays

Peyton Harkrider	Feb 01
Ian Heneghan	Feb 03
Lynn Backus	Feb 07
Bernie Giancola	Feb 07
Christina Brown	Feb 09
Brian Snyder	Feb 09
Eric Stupski	Feb 12
Rose Tallman	Feb 15
Sterling Copeland	Feb 17
Kamm Eckels	Feb 17
Debora Koepke	Feb 22
Carol Daraskevich	Feb 23
Kim Dodds	Feb 23
Eddie Jackson	Feb 25
Max Cassella	Feb 28

Anniversaries

Kim & Greg Dodds	Feb 25
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Worship & Office Hours

Worship Services:

Saturdays (Casual/Contemporary)

1st and 3rd Saturdays at 5:30 pm

Sunday Morning at 9:30 am

Children are welcome in worship, but a nursery is available.

Office Hours:

Monday through Thursday

9:00 am - 12:00 pm

The office is closed on national holidays.



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Jim Dennis (2019)

Alonzo Batson (2020)

Bonnye Bell (2020)

Janet Linn (2021)

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