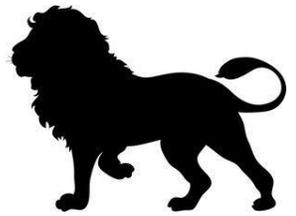


The Messenger



Monthly Newsletter of St. Mark's Evangelical Lutheran Church

July 2019

From the Pastor



Go in peace to love and serve the Lord! Try as hard as you might, I suspect you're thinking to yourself, "Thanks be to God." This is our conditioned response to the dismissal within the sending of our liturgy. Every Sunday we sing the final hymn as we turn to face the cross recessing out of the Nave. Every week we give thanks to God that

is now is the time to "go." The dismissal is rooted in Christ's commandment to "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations" (Matt. 28:19), but it is also a claim to the numerous times throughout Jesus' ministry that he affirmed faith and instructed people to, "go in peace" (Luke 7:50). It's a safe and comfortable call and response.

I often wonder if we take this moment too lightly. Do we take it for granted? Or rather, do we take it seriously? It is so easy to treat the dismissal, the final moment of our liturgy, as just that: the end of worship. As if to say, "Our work here is done. Worship is over. Safe travels until we meet again." But at its core, I think the dismissal should actually make us nervous and excited. It should stir anticipation and curiosity, anxiety and optimism, all because we don't know what the Spirit will do for, with, and through us next.

I've been thinking a lot about the dismissal since attending the Florida-Bahamas Synod Assembly in early June. At the end of closing worship on Saturday morning, as we sang the final hymn and postured ourselves toward the cross as it recessed, the time came for the dismissal. I was gathering my keys and sunglasses, ready for the typical, "Go in peace." However, I was completely caught off guard when the Assisting Minister shouted, "Get on out of here!" It shocked me and honestly made me a bit nervous, uncomfortable even.

He continued, "Get on out of here, for you and we and all the people of the world are God's children. Get on your way, be-

cause of Jesus who names and claims us all as his beloved siblings. Get yourself out of this sacred place, pushed by the Spirit who blows when and where she will, making all places sacred. Go and do some more singing and talking, laughing and crying, hugging and holding, by which you are strengthened to be tellers of truth, bearers of justice, offerers of resistance, so becoming part of the great cloud of witnesses. Go also to do some sleeping and resting, anticipating tomorrow, which will be another Easter day of God's wonderful surprises and God's true successes. Go now, people of faith!"

The sanctuary at my internship congregation in Durham, NC had several red "exit" signs hanging over the doors at the back of the nave. I noticed them every time I would preach or recess behind the cross at the end of worship and, if it weren't against fire code, I would have suggested changing them into green "GO!" signs.

The dismissal is not the final refrain of our liturgical gathering. It is the acclamation that worship - in this specific place, at this specific time - has come to a close. The proclamation now leads to the streets of our daily lives and community. I think the phrase, "Get on out of here..." is so appropriate because although worship within the 4-walls of the church is safe and predictable, the real work extends beyond the pews. We may find comfort in the worship and liturgy of our Christian community, but the call of discipleship to go and serve is hard vulnerable work. I think a bit of anxiety and uneasiness is reasonable when we shout, "Thanks be to God!"

Rather than *recess* the cross from worship, close the liturgy, and "exit" the nave, we are actually *processing* the cross into the streets empowered to "GO!", share the good news, and serve the Lord. Fed and nourished, worship continues wherever the Spirit may lead each of us. We will recess from the world, and gather for worship again (Thanks be to God!), but for now, go on! Get on out of here! There is work to be done, stories to be told and heard, grace to be received, forgiveness to be offered. Go!

— Pastor Daniel Locke

From the Council President

Dear Members and Friends,

Your Church Council met on June 24 and the following issues were discussed;

1. Our Policies and Procedures requires that they be reviewed on an annual basis. John Trainer and Debora Koepke will lead that project. Since the current manual of policies and procedures is quite lengthy, the review will be done in 25-35 page batches each month until completed.
2. We have given some time to consideration of the potential liability to non-members who use our facilities for non-church related events. Our insurance company will not provide us with an assurance that third parties are covered when they use the facilities, especially for events such as volleyball or yoga. We need to balance the protection of ourselves from a financial liability with our desire to allow others to use the facilities for non-church events. This issue will also be addressed in our review of current policies and procedures. In the meanwhile, we have had volleyball participants signs waivers of liability that give us at least some partial protection.
3. For our next deferred maintenance project, we have approved replacement of the roof over the music suite. This should be completed within the next few weeks. We have also approved replacement of the current lights in the gymnasium with LED lights. This will give us an immediate savings on our monthly electric bill. At the same time, we will do LED replacements on the lights in the Nave which have not already been converted.
4. A congregation member suggested that the music suite be named in honor of Hugh Alderman, former music director at St. Mark's in the 1960's and early 1970's. The Council was concerned about honoring Mr. Alderman and not at the same time honoring the contributions of our other music directors and cantors. Therefore, we asked Tony to gather pictures of our former music directors and we will have them enlarged, framed, and hung somewhere in the church where they will be visible to the majority of our members and visitors.

Our next Council meeting will be held on Monday, July 17, 2019 at 6:00 pm. You are welcome to attend that meeting. If you would like to address the Council on any subject,

please contact me by email at least one week in advance of the meeting.

— Ray Booth, *Council President*
(904) 673-0048 | RayBooth55@gmail.com

Music Notes

Looking for a Good Time? Learn to Play Handbells!

The St. Mark's Ringers has a couple of open slots for the fall, and it would be awesome if we could start a second handbell choir at St. Mark's. Any ringer will tell you that playing bells is a great way to stay active. Playing bells is also an enjoyable fellowship activity. Finally, handbells add to the beauty of our worship and are an important part of the church's song at St. Mark's.



Commitment

Just like in team sports, honoring the time commitments for a musical ensemble is important.

The St. Mark's Ringers rehearse one hour per week and play in church 10-12 times per year September through May. We also have a short rehearsal on Sunday mornings we play.

A new group would rehearse about the same amount of time, but probably not play in church as frequently. As our skills increase, we would play more.

We have historically rehearsed on Wednesday evenings. The St. Mark's Ringers will continue with that schedule, but a new group may choose another time to rehearse.

Of course, things come up and everyone must be absent at one time or another. Having more bell ringers makes filling in the gaps much easier.

Who can ring?

All adults and youth from 12 years old are eligible. Youth members would reliable transportation to and from rehearsals. If a parent is unable to accompany a minor child, two adults need to help with transportation. (See “Protection and Prevention – Working with Youth Under Age 18” in St. Mark’s Policies and Procedures”).

Handbell ringing is a great family activity! I have seen many instances with one or two parents and their child (or children) ringing in a handbell choir.

Ringers do not need to be members of St. Mark’s to be part of our choirs. Do you have a friend who might be a good fit? Bring them along – but we do ask that non-members have the same level of commitment to our schedule as any member of St. Mark’s.

Do I Need to Be Able to Read Music?

Yes. . . but not right away! We will teach you. (It’s easier than you think!) If we have a lot of true music newbies in the beginning choir, then we can start right at the beginning with everyone. If we have a mix of musicianship levels, then we may have a couple of “private lessons” before bringing the whole group together.

Did you play an instrument in high school? Can you still name the lines and spaces on the musical staff? Do you remember how to clap rhythms with eighth notes, quarter notes, and half notes? Then you already know a lot! We can easily fill in the rest. This might be the perfect time to make use of those piano lessons you had as a child!

How many spaces are there?

We need 11 ringers to form a new three-octave handbell choir, one or two more for a four-octave choir. (An octave equals eight notes.) Advanced ringers in this group may even be eligible to serve as subs for the St. Mark’s Ringers – and vice versa!

Are there other activities?

Yes! We often attend a Handbell Workshop at Lutheridge in North Carolina. This three-day event is a fun way to work on our skills, learn new music, and meet lots of ringers from other churches.

Our annual Christmas party features an ornament exchange and great food!

I’m intrigued. Now what?

Contact Tony Cruz as soon as possible either by phone (904-742 5136, cell) or email (cantortonycruz@gmail.com). The schedule will be announced as summer comes to an end.



– Tony Cruz, Cantor

SEND Team Updates

Don’t forget... The first Sunday of the month, you will continue to see special offering envelopes on the pews for



UCOM donations. Every dollar adds up so please give a little extra if you are able. Our red food cart is located by the front door of the church and you can drop off any food items for distribution.

God’s Work. Our Hands.

Sunday, September 8, will be God’s Work. Our Hands. day at St. Mark’s and at ELCA churches across the US. This is always a wonderful day filled with worship, fellowship and service together.

Now is the time to reserve your yellow God’s Work. Our Hands. T-shirt. If you have one from a previous year, you can wear it again. If you do not have one or need another size (sometimes the washing machine shrinks our clothes), be sure to sign up on the sheet in Hart Hall. There is no cost to order a shirt. We just ask that you wear it proudly. Orders for additional T-shirts will be placed July 10, so do not miss out. We love seeing everyone in their yellow shirts on this special day.

If you are interested in serving on the planning committee, leading a station or have an idea for an outreach, please contact Tracy Williams at tracyb78@yahoo.com or 904-655-0049.

Save the Date!

2019 SEND Team Events

- ◆ School Supply Drive: June 23 – July 21
- ◆ Gods Work. Our Hands.: September 8
- ◆ Trunk or Treat: October 30
- ◆ Birthday for Christ: December 11

Synod Assembly Service Project

A **HUGE THANK YOU** to everyone who helped with the ELCA Florida/Bahamas Synod Assembly Service Project. St. Mark's fully loaded three 56 qt. storage containers with the requested toiletry and food items. With the \$250 from Thrivent Financial Services, we were able to purchase more of the food items as well as nine more \$25 Walmart gift cards to add to the ones already donated. In all, including the storage container filled by the Auxiliary of Baptist Medical Center, we sent four full containers along with a total of approximately \$400 in cash and Walmart gift cards. Thank you all for your quick response in making this such a successful drive in such a short time! God bless you all.

– Tom Serdar, *Thrivent Action Team Leader*

Totals:

- 66 congregations participated
- 793 kids' bags were made
- \$3,652.56 donated in cash
- \$2,700.00 gift cards given

Synod Reflections...

A sincere thank you to the Pastor and members of St Mark's Evangelical Lutheran Church for allowing me to represent you at the 2019 Florida-Bahama Synod Assembly.

The theme of the assembly was "All will be made ALIVE through Christ". St. Mark's was involved by our participation in the Florida-Bahamas Synod (FBS) Assembly Service project. The goal was to assist the Community Hope Center of Central Florida. As a congregation, we donated 6 very-filled containers, cash, and fuel cards. What was truly inspiring to me was the response of the Synod. Together, the FBS raised approximately \$3653 in funds and goods, as well as entire rental truck full of donated items.

When the Pastor and I delivered our congregation's contribution to the project and, as I witnessed the expressed elation of the Community Hope Center personnel, I felt that Christ was being made alive in my life, as well as these individuals' lives. After a stirring welcome by Bishop Suarez, the Assembly was called to order. Since this was a "business" year as opposed to an "education" year, the work of the synod was the paramount focus of all 5 of our plenary sessions.

Food for the soul was fed to us through several means.

One really engaging addition to the synod business this year was a comedian named Al, who offered moments of "Holy Humor". The humor was clean, understandable, current, and funny as H-E-double hockey sticks. Al, the comedian is available for fundraising for individual churches.

A second, welcomed component of the assembly was opening and closing worship. Both services were well planned, and Assistant to the Bishop, Rev. Khader El-Yateem, gave the opening sermon. Rev. Khader El-Yateem spoke about this year's focus, "congregational vitality," and the Synod's effort empower vitality within every church. Rev. Khader spoke of prayer groups and how a continued, intentional focus on God's dreams for us as children cannot help but vitalize individual churches. Pastor Khader preached about the loving heart of God and the bounty of God's love Jesus Christ – living water. Pastor Khader believes that our churches have great potentials when our conversations are God-focused.

Pastor Khader, who is well known as "Pastor K", is the subject of a Netflix documentary that chronicles his run for a political seat in the Bronx of New York. Ultimately, he was unsuccessful in his campaign; however, the next challenger to the 25-year incumbent was successful.

Bishop Pedro Suarez led the final Eucharistic Service on Saturday morning. The Bishop eloquently reflected how each of us are nourished by God, engaged by the cross, and inspired by the Holy Spirit, and when we are blessed with such gifts, we are made alive in Christ.

The rest of our plenary sessions were dedicated to the reports of various organizations and associations across the ELCA and Florida-Bahamas Synod. A pastor of a Lutheran church in Panama City gave one powerful presentation. We were reminded of the damage from Hurricane Michael, and we celebrated the love shown to our sister church in the Panama City. There is still much work to do and our love and attention is needed.

I attended a Global Mission Luncheon, and we discussed methods by which we can create greater financial support and buy-in from the Synod's churches. The FBS is once again calling upon the synod to celebrate a Global Mission Sunday

this fall. We will celebrate Global Mission Sunday on October 6, 2019.

Finally, we had the opportunity to witness an Interfaith Discussion Panel. Three members of different religions discussed the inner workings of the Interfaith Council in the Orlando Area. This was very interesting because it shows all God's believers should have the final commandment as their basic nature, which is to love one another. This was a life changing experience. We carried on the business of the Synod almost flawlessly. Again, I'd like to thank St. Mark's for allowing me to represent you.

– Alonzo Batson

This was my second Synod Assembly and I really enjoyed it tremendously. Since it was a business year and not a workshop year, I pondered if I would appreciate it as much as I did last year. My labyrinth experience was quite profound, last assembly! To tell you the truth, I was very pleasantly surprised and excited at the content of this year's Synod Assembly.

The assembly was informative, exciting and the energy of the presence of the Holy Spirit lifted my soul! We were told the assembly should NOURISH, ENGAGE and INSPIRE, and it did! The theme of the assembly was: All will be made Alive in Christ.

One of the segments had 3 speakers of other religions. 2 Muslims and a Rabbi. I have a better understanding now, why it is so important for people to know about other faith beliefs and practices. By knowing more about other faiths, it gives us a better understand of where people are coming from. Some of their beliefs are just as beautiful as our beliefs, such as "Hate goes away when knowledge comes", "Love your neighbor as yourself", "The world is not ours, it is God's" and "Diversity is part of the divine plan and we are of divine origin". The only way we get along with all in the people in the world is by loving others who are different than we are, with the love that God has shown us. This is lesson we all need to know!

I learned at assembly, there is a council of 8 faith traditions and world views engaging in dialogue that meets regularly in Central Florida to try to understand each other's beliefs and to co-exist within this world. If you want to read more about their work, go to their website: interfaithfl.org

Rev. Rob Carlson (from the Synod, who came to St. Mark's for our Council Retreat) gave a riveting talk about Vitality with the Synod and our churches. Our goal is to get to the Vitality level, which is at the peak of a curve, within the church by focusing on "God's Dreams" not our own. We should try

not to focus on Remembering, Wondering or Questioning our churches faith journey, but rather have Soul Expressions (something bubbling in us causing us to have Abundant Life) and do this until we get to the Vitality level. We can stay at the Vitality level by putting our focus on God's Dreams again and again. Also, we can be fortified and focused by practicing Centering Prayer for listening to God in order to be Alive in Christ. Basically, this is a type of prayer where you do more listening to God, than asking of God, in order to discern what God is saying to us as individuals and as a church. Everyone can do this type of prayer not just the church leaders or the Pastor!

We were given an update by Pastor Stan Wickett on devastating Hurricane Michael in the Panama City area. They are trying to rebuild the area and prayers and financial help is still needed. You can donate through United Way – Rebuild Bay or at Pastor Wickett's church, Messiah Lutheran Panama City.

Dispersed within the segments were times called Holy Humor. This guy named Al told jokes. It was exceptional content, in clean humor, which is hard to find in a comedian. This guy was fantastic! We were told he sometimes comes to Jacksonville and even visits churches with his humor. I will try to get more information on him so maybe we can go to hear him in at a local club, as a church outing.

The Synod Assembly service project Community Hope Center of Central Florida received \$3652.56 in funds and goods. They were indeed grateful for the support shown. Thank you for St. Mark's contributions on their behalf.

These are exciting times at the Florida Bahama's Synod and at St. Mark's Evangelical Lutheran Church! We have come a long way, but there is still much work to be done! God calls us forth to share what we have been given, including sharing the Good News of our Lord and Savior with the world. I am honored and blessed to be a part of this congregation and family of faith. I appreciated being offered the opportunity to attend Synod Assembly 2019. Thank you for your support. Praise God!

– Debora Koepke

St. John's School Supply Drive



Be on the lookout for an opportunity to donate school supplies to St. John's Lutheran Church. This is always a favorite event for many of our members. Many years ago, Pete Armstrong, started this mission project and we are proud to keep it going even after Pete moved. We partner with St. John's Lutheran and they in turn connect the needed items to students and schools in Duval County. It is a great partnership between our two churches.

Donating is simple. You can grab a tag off the presentation board in Hart Hall and drop off the items in the basket. You can also make a donation to this mission project by writing a check out to St. Mark's Lutheran Church and making a notation of school supplies in the memo line. Look for the presentation board in Hart Hall.

Financial Peace University



Are you tired of money stress? Then you're ready to join more than five million people whose lives have been changed by *Financial Peace University* (FPU)! This nine-lesson course taught by Dave Ramsey helps you work a plan to nail a budget, defeat debt, and free

yourself from money worries! You'll join a small group for discussions and lessons—all rooted in biblical wisdom and common sense.

Registration is \$100 per household, which includes your member workbook, and a free year of Financial Peace Membership, with online tools created to support your journey. If you have questions or would like to register, email Pastor.Daniel.Locke@gmail.com, call (828-638-3280), or submit the attachment by July 14.

Week2Week

Worship goes well beyond the one hour a week that we just happen to all be in the same place at the same time. This Summer, as we live into the season after Pentecost, which is a season of faithful growth and Spirit-filled reflection on the life and work of Jesus, Pastor Daniel is offering a weekly bulletin insert called, "Week2Week."

"Week2Week" is based on the Revised Common Lectionary's daily assigned readings and is intended to help you reflect,

grow, and prepare between each Sunday's worship service. There will be readings assigned for each day of the week, (Mon-Wed. to help live out Sunday's texts, and Thurs-Sat. to help prepare for the next Sunday). Each handout will also have a theme or reflection to help focus your reflection.

Use your "Week2Week" handout as a continual reminder that worship does not end at 11:00am on Sunday. Rather, the other 167 hours a week are just as important to our worship-filled lives!

Women of the ELCA



Circle Meetings:

Deborah Circle – Tuesday, July 9 at 9:30 am in Hart Hall

Priscilla Circle – No meeting in July!

Lion's Pride



Lion's Pride will not have meetings through the summer season. Luncheons will resume in September. Please contact Clara Echerer (904-737-4480) if you have questions!

Vase Donations Needed



Are any large vases (with a wide neck) taking up too much room in your closets? Please bring them to the sacristy for delivery of altar flowers to shut ins.

Did someone say adventure?

Have you ever wanted to take a tour of the Holy Land in Israel and Palestine, retracing the footsteps of Jesus and the early church? Well, there is no time like the present! There are a variety of opportunities for us to experience these pilgrimages as a Christian community.

Holy Land Trip!

A trip to the Holy Land is being planned for the Fall (Oct-Nov) of 2020. Details regarding dates, itinerary, and cost will be released soon. In the meantime, if you are interested

in joining this trip and have not already done so, please notify Pastor.Daniel.Locke@gmail.com as soon as possible.

Library Renewal Project Update

The St. Mark's Library Renewal committee continues to move forward as we prepare to unveil the updated library. We have organized the current materials into a database and identified nine categories of books. Our policy, procedure and mission statements are in the final stages of development and we hope to present them to church council at the June meeting. We have created the materials wish list and are coordinating with the San Marco Bookstore to process orders soon. A mural design was agreed upon, and there are plans for an open house as well as a book fair in the coming months. Please stay tuned to see specific dates and times as we finalize these details. Updates will be shared in the weekly ROAR as well as on the website and Facebook page.

In the coming months we will need volunteers to help paint the mural. If you are interested, please contact Rachel Mumford at ramumford@att.net. Additional volunteers will be needed to help with the open house and book fair. Please contact Kathy VanOsdol at tkvano1@comcast.net or 317-459-9766 if you are interested in helping with these activities.

Thank you to everyone who has given of their time and talents to get the project to this point. It is truly a team effort!

<<Nursery Volunteers Needed>>



Did you know, we currently have one paid nursery attendant, Angie Powell, and six volunteers to help provide coverage in the nursery? We have a steady group of up to seven children who are in the nursery most Sun-

days, and that doesn't count guests! Unfortunately, three of the six volunteers travel quite a bit making it difficult to ensure coverage. It is important that we have two people in the nursery to ensure the safety of our children. Please prayerfully consider volunteering to assist Angie. You get to spend time with some seriously adorable children, and they get to build relationships with even more cool adults in our congregation. Please let Bridget Pudimat know if you are interested; pudimatb@bellsouth.net or 904-371-0809.

Chrismon Ornaments

The Chrismon Team is starting soon on the beading of additional ornaments and we need donations of the following items:

- Any gimp in Gold/White/Ivory/Cream
- Any cording in Gold/White/Ivory/Cream
- Any other trim for edges in Gold/White/Ivory/Cream
- All form of buttons in Gold/White/Ivory/Cream

There will be a box in the Narthex labeled "Chrismon Team" where you can drop these items off on Sundays. Thank you in advance! Meetings are on **Saturdays at 10:00 am in the Library**. Please bring a sewing needle size 12-13, a needle threader, a little tub for the pearl beads (size of a margarine or yogurt tub with a lid). Looking forward to seeing you all!

– *Monika, Celebrate Team*

Summer Help?

One of our very own youth, Tahiana Rakotomandrindra, is wanting to earn some money this summer and would like to offer to help with simple house cleaning or lawn mowing! If you have work available for him, please contact him at 904-728-5568.

Change of Address

Esther Hixon
Arbor Terrace
3760 Dupont Ave.
Jacksonville, FL 32217



Worship Assistant Schedule for July 2019

Date	Assisting Minister	Lector	Altar Guild
Saturday, July 6	Kathy VanOsdol	Kevin Dial	Ginger Hudson & Marieanne Prokop
Sunday, July 7 <i>4th Sunday after Pentecost</i>	Ellen Olson	Monika Drake	Susan Jackson & Nicki Hassell
Sunday, July 14 <i>5th Sunday after Pentecost</i>	Ellen Olson	Gina Olson	Rachel Mumford & Jenie Heneghan
Saturday, July 20	Loree Mueller	Neil Daraskavich	Ginger Hudson & Marieanne Prokop
Sunday, July 21 <i>6th Sunday after Pentecost</i>	Steve Hicks	Karl Koepke	Bonnye Bell & Susan Jackson
Sunday, July 28 <i>7th Sunday after Pentecost</i>	Gary Pudimat	Bridget Pudimat	TBD

Date	Altar Flowers	Order of St. John	Nursery Volunteers
Saturday, July 6			
Sunday, July 7 <i>4th Sunday after Pentecost</i>	Susan & Eddie Jackson	Kamm Eckels	Angie Powell & TBD
Sunday, July 14 <i>5th Sunday after Pentecost</i>	Jenny & Steve Hicks	Tahiana Rakotomandriandra	Angie Powell & TBD
Saturday, July 20			
Sunday, July 21 <i>6th Sunday after Pentecost</i>	Lee Standford	Volunteer	Angie Powell & TBD
Sunday, July 28 <i>7th Sunday after Pentecost</i>	Marjorie Broward	Volunteer	Angie Powell & TBD

Date	Ushers	Greeters
Saturday, July 6		
Sunday, July 7 <i>4th Sunday after Pentecost</i>	Mary Jo Marjenhoff	Janice & James Lumpkin
Sunday, July 14 <i>5th Sunday after Pentecost</i>	Mary Jo Marjenhoff	Janice & James Lumpkin
Saturday, July 20		
Sunday, July 21 <i>6th Sunday after Pentecost</i>	Mary Jo Marjenhoff	Janice & James Lumpkin
Sunday, July 28 <i>7th Sunday after Pentecost</i>	Lee Stanford	Janice & James Lumpkin

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

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

July 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 FAMILY PROMISE WEEK	2 FAMILY PROMISE WEEK 10:00 am Ark Chapel @ Nave 6:00 pm Yoga @ Hart Hall	3 FAMILY PROMISE WEEK	4 FAMILY PROMISE WEEK 6:00 pm Yoga @ Hart Hall	5 FAMILY PROMISE WEEK	6 FAMILY PROMISE WEEK 10:00 am Chrismon Team Meeting @ Library 5:30 pm Casual/Contemporary Worship @ Nave
7 4th Sunday after Pentecost FAMILY PROMISE WEEK 9:30 am Worship Service @ Nave	8	9 9:30 am Priscilla Circle @ Library 10:00 am Ark Chapel @ Nave 6:00 pm Yoga @ Hart Hall	10 6:30 pm Volleyball @ Fellowship Hall	11 6:00 pm Yoga @ Hart Hall	12	13 10:00 am Chrismon Team Meeting @ Library
14 5th Sunday after Pentecost 9:30 am Worship Service @ Nave 10:45 am Invite Team Meeting @ Music Suite	15 Messenger Submissions Due	16 10:00 am Ark Chapel @ Nave 6:00 pm Yoga @ Hart Hall	17 Staff and Committee Reports Due @ Noon 6:30 pm Volleyball @ Fellowship Hall	18 6:00 pm Executive Committee Meeting @ Office Suite 6:00 pm Yoga @ Hart Hall	19	20 10:00 am Chrismon Team Meeting @ Library 11:00 am David Swan Memorial Service @ Nave 5:30 pm Casual/Contemporary Worship @ Nave
21 6th Sunday after Pentecost 9:30 am Worship Service @ Nave	22 6:00 pm Council Meeting @ Library	23 10:00 am Ark Chapel @ Nave 6:00 pm Yoga @ Hart Hall 7:00 pm Ark Board Meeting @ Library	24 6:30 pm Volleyball @ Fellowship Hall	25 6:00 pm Yoga @ Hart Hall	26	27 10:00 am Chrismon Team Meeting @ Library
28 7th Sunday after Pentecost 9:30 am Worship Service @ Nave	29 6:00 pm Financial Peace University @ Fellowship Hall	30 10:00 am Ark Chapel @ Nave 6:00 pm Yoga @ Hart Hall	31 6:30 pm Volleyball @ Fellowship Hall			

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:** Bridget Pudimat
- Send:** Tracy Williams
- Stewardship:** Jane Kilby
- Property:** Jim Dennis
- Finance:** Jane Kilby
- 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

Rae Royal	July 04
Ruth Voss	July 04
Barbara Brown	July 05
Steve Hicks	July 08
Ginger Hudson	July 08
Kyle Brown	July 09
Jane Kilby	July 10
Jane Daugherty	July 11
Jeanette Snyder	July 11
Joan Snyder	July 15
Kevin Requet	July 16
Gary Pudimat	July 17
Tracy Williams	July 22
Jenny Hicks	July 23
Joe Williams	July 23
Marie Friedsam	July 24
Mark Bryant	July 25
Marjorie Broward	July 28
Tara Harrison	July 29
Bennet Locke	July 31
Mary Weidenmier	July 31

Anniversaries

Mary & John Cox	July 02
Judy & Alonzo Batson	July 10
Rose & Larry Tallman	July 11

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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