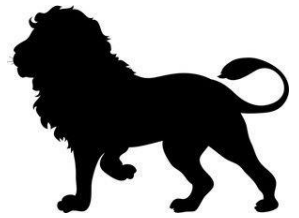


The Messenger



Monthly Newsletter of St. Mark's Evangelical Lutheran Church

May 2019

From the Pastor



A message from the Bishop...

"Easter Message 2019

A car accident. A hurricane. A medical diagnosis. Political turmoil. An unexpected tragedy. These may be examples of times when we think about death. When my wife Aura and I

were recently in a car accident, I thought about death. I was overwhelmed with pain. I felt trapped. It felt like the grip of death. My heart aches for the communities in the Panhandle who continue to be affected by the devastation of Hurricane Michael, the communities in Venezuela continuing to be affected by political turmoil, and for all those who suffer in small and large ways—all those who know this grip of death. We have plenty of evidence that death and suffering are common to all humanity.

And yet, we have hope. Even in the midst of suffering, the hope of the Resurrection sustains and strengthens us. The power of the Gospel is that we can sit, kneel, or stand alongside one another in the midst of suffering and proclaim that because Christ is alive, we have hope of life.

In the minutes and hours after my car accident, I was thinking about death. When the doctor shared the results of follow-up tests, I received an incredible and unexpected gift—LIFE. I shifted from thinking, "this is it...I'm going to die" to realizing, "I am alive. I'm going to live." What an incredible feeling!

For some, this proclamation of life is immediate—the way we often tell the story of Jesus' resurrection. In reality, I know that for many who experience suffering, the experience of resurrection is NOT immediate. The time between Good Friday and Easter Morning seems to go on and on.

And yet, we have hope. The power of the Gospel is that—even when we are in the midst of suffering that does not feel like it will end—we have the message of the resurrection and the powerful presence of Christ who suffers with us. You will live because Christ is alive. The hope of the resurrection gives us hope.

Dear friends, may the hope of the Resurrection strengthen and sustain you today. May the presence of the resurrected Christ be with you in your journey. And may you be inspired to walk, sit, stand, or kneel with others as, together, we declare to the world, "Christ is risen indeed, Alleluia!"

In Christ,
+Pedro
Bishop Pedro M. Suarez"

THANK YOU!

From the bottom of my heart I want to thank anyone and everyone who volunteered their time, energy, voice and gift throughout the Lent and Easter seasons. From hiding Easter eggs to cooking breakfast; from arranging lilies to printing bulletins. The list is long: St. Mark's Singers, Property, WELCA, Fellowship, Altar Guild, Youth, Celebrate, Office Volunteers, St. Mark's Ringers, Send, Invite, Nourish. To all of you, thank you!

— Pastor Daniel Locke

From the Council President

Dear Members and Friends of St. Mark's,

Our next Council meeting will be held on Monday, April 29 at 6:00 pm. Any member is 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. In the meanwhile, if you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to call me. Those notes will be shared in the June Messenger. Your Council is here to serve you!

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

From the Ark Director



Please make sure your calendar is marked for **Friday May 3**, the date of our **Annual Spring Program, Supper and Silent Auction!** This is the highlight of the year for the St. Mark's Ark. **The Giraffes, Ducks and Bears** will be sharing their musical talents with you and your families. The children are practicing in music classes every week to bring you a spectacular program under the direction of our wonderful Ms. Ginger, Ms. Punkie and Ms. Jane. I am sure you will be impressed when our little ones sing in English and French. Although the children's performance will be the feature of the evening, a delicious supper will be served, and fabulous goods and services will be auctioned to benefit the Ark. All proceeds from the dinner and auction will go toward the St. Mark's Ark scholarship fund, new equipment and curriculum purchases. There is limited space and reservations are needed and placement is on a first come first serve basis.

If you have a business or frequent a business that may donate to this worthy cause, please contact the Ark. We also need people to donate their time and talents. Lots of leg work is needed to put the evening together. One of the Ladies Circles is doing a basket for our auction. Please call the office at 346-0404 if you can help set up tables, break down tables, help in the kitchen, serve food, or clean up.

Don't miss the opportunity to fellowship with our families on this fun filled night!

Saint Mark's Ark Preschool is requesting donations for its Annual Spring Program/Dinner and Auction Fundraiser May 3, 2019. The purpose of this dinner is to celebrate our years of service to the community. We would like to raise funds for our Scholarship Program, to purchase curriculum enhancements and to purchase additional playground equipment. We have asked several people to solicit for Saint Mark's Ark Child Development Center (Federal Tax I.D. # 596018404, Florida Tax Exempt # 85-8012646353C-9). It would be greatly appreciated if you would donate goods or services for our auction. We thank you for your time and if you should provide one, for your generous donation.

– **Patrice Roux-Neal, Director, St. Mark's Ark**

RSVP

St. Mark's Ark children work very hard to show off some of what they have learned each year at the Spring program. We would love to see lots of church members at this fun event that includes dinner, a show, wine, beer and an auction. There is limited space, so turn in your reservation forms **NOW**. If you cannot attend, please consider donating the cost of a dinner or two.

St. Mark's Ark Giraffes, Ducks & Bears

present

St. Mark's Ark Annual Spring Program, Dinner and Auction Friday, May 3 at 5:30

Reservation Form

*Please attach your payment to this form and return it to the Ark ASAP. You must have a reservation to attend.

Name(s) _____

_____ Adults (\$20 each)

_____ Ark Children (\$6 each)

_____ Children seated at your table (\$6 each)

To reserve a table of 8, please contact the office at 346-0404.

Babysitting is available for younger Ark children.

Diapers & Wipes Drive

In honor of Mother's Day, a new service project this year will be a diapers and wipes drive during the month of May. We will collect diapers and wipes to donate to St. Mark's Ark and the LSS Refugee program. A collection bin will be in Hart Hall during the month of May. You can drop off any brand of diapers or wipes. Please focus on diapers sizes 1 and above; the newborn diaper size is not needed at this time. Look for more details in the weekly Roar and the May Messenger.

Adult Sunday School – Spring 2019

Dwelling in the Word

- May 5 & 12

Daily Faith Practices: A Second Reading

- May 19 - New Commandment
- May 26 - God is Love
- June 2 - Victory of Faith

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. Also, our red food cart is located by the front doors of the church and you can drop off any non-perishable food items for distribution.

The SEND Team will hold a meeting on Sunday, April 28 at 11:00 am. We will begin to plan for various events in 2019. We are planning a diapers and wipe drive for the St. Mark's Ark and LSS Refugee families in May, school supply drive in July, God's Work. Our Hands.in September, and Trunk or Treat in October. Everyone is welcome to attend and help plan these outreach events. If you can't make it but have ideas or want to help just let Tracy Williams know (tracyb78@yahoo.com or 904-655-0049).

Women of the ELCA



Circle Meetings:

Deborah Circle – Tuesday, May 14 at 9:30 am in Hart Hall

Priscilla Circle – Thursday, May 9 at 7:00 pm in Library

Save the Date!

2019 SEND Team Events

- ◆ Diaper and Wipes Drive: May
- ◆ UCOM Dollar Sunday: May 5
- ◆ UCOM Dollar Sunday: June 2
- ◆ Family Promise Host Facility: June 30 - July 7
- ◆ School Supply Drive: July
- ◆ Gods Work. Our Hands.: September 8
- ◆ Trunk or Treat: October 30
- ◆ Birthday for Christ: December 11

Lion's Pride



The May Lion's Pride Lunch will be meeting on Friday, May 10, at noon, in the Fellowship Hall. We will have a special concert with *The Recycles!* Chef Leslie + Crew will be providing lunch. Please contact Clara Echerer

(904-737-4480) to confirm your attendance!

Library Renewal Project

There is a new opportunity to serve at St. Mark's! The Library Renewal Project is underway, and we are inviting people to join in on the fun. When we talk about renewal of the library, we are describing the process of restoration, and regeneration of this hidden gem so that the congregation can access its resources. The project is just getting started so the invitation to join is open. Please consider donating your time or talents to this project. We need people who are willing to do the following: data entry, mural painting, book selection, program development, cataloging and communication.

Please contact Kathy VanOsdol by phone, 317-459-9766 or email, tkvano1@comcast.net to discuss volunteer opportunities. Marjorie Broward and Karin Ulvin have graciously agreed to serve alongside Kathy on the Library Renewal Project. Feel free to ask them questions about the vision for St. Mark's Library when you see them.

Chrismon Ornaments

Please consider volunteering for a new group that we are creating to learn how to stitch and bead smaller Chrismon Ornaments. No experience needed, I can teach you. Mistakes? Absolutely not. I know how to fix them AND we will never unravel anything, because it will be all fixable. This is a Win/Win group. I spoke with Pastor Daniel and he wholeheartedly embraced this idea of creating some smaller ornaments to fill out our big Chrismon Tree in Hart Hall. He also suggested to make some to give away for special events.

We would meet at the church, during an afternoon, yet to be determined. If you are interested, please contact Monika Drake at 904-745-1406, I would love to have you in this group.

**Blessings to you,
Monika**

Keep in touch...

If you would like to send cards or notes to Carl Weidenmier you can send them to his daughter, and she will get them to him.

C/O Marsha Watson
5301 Providence Country Club Drive
Charlotte, NC 28277

Worship Assistant Schedule for May 2019

Date	Assisting Minister	Lector	Altar Guild
Saturday, May 4	Loree Mueller	Neil Daraskavich	TBD
Sunday, May 5 <i>3rd Sunday of Easter</i>	Ellen Olson	Janet Linn	TBD
Sunday, May 12 <i>4th Sunday of Easter</i>	Jane Kilby	Alonzo Batson	TBD
Saturday, May 18	Loree Mueller	Jennifer Treat	TBD
Sunday, May 19 <i>5th Sunday of Easter</i>	Steve Hicks	Al Voss	TBD
Sunday, May 26 <i>6th Sunday of Easter</i>	Eric Olson	John Viescas	TBD
Thursday, May 30 Ascension			

Date	Altar Flowers	Order of St. John	Nursery Volunteers
Saturday, May 4			Angie Powell & TBD
Sunday, May 5 <i>3rd Sunday of Easter</i>	Tracy & David Williams	Tahiana Rakotomandriandra	Angie Powell & TBD
Sunday, May 12 <i>4th Sunday of Easter</i>	OPEN	Kamm Eckels	
Saturday, May 18			
Sunday, May 19 <i>5th Sunday of Easter</i>	Tom Sader & Gene Thompson	Miora Rambeloarisoa	Angie Powell & TBD
Sunday, May 26 <i>6th Sunday of Easter</i>	OPEN	Becca Jorn	Angie Powell & TBD
Thursday, May 30 Ascension			

Date	Ushers
Saturday, May 4	Alice & John Trainer
Sunday, May 5 <i>3rd Sunday of Easter</i>	Alice & John Trainer
Sunday, May 12 <i>4th Sunday of Easter</i>	Alice & John Trainer
Saturday, May 18	Alice & John Trainer
Sunday, May 19 <i>5th Sunday of Easter</i>	Alice & John Trainer
Sunday, May 26 <i>6th Sunday of Easter</i>	Alice & John Trainer
Thursday, May 30 Ascension	

May Greeters: Francine & Neil Baker

***If you are unable to serve at your appointed time, please arrange for a substitute. Thank you for your service to St. Mark's!**

May 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 5:30 pm St. Mark's Ringers Rehearsal @ Nave 6:40 pm Midweek Worship Service @ Nave 7:30 pm Festival Choir Rehearsal @ Nave	2 6:00 pm Yoga @ Hart Hall	3 6:00 pm Ark Spring Program @ Fellowship Hall	4 5:30 pm Casual/Contemporary Worship @ Nave
5 3rd Sunday of Easter 9:30 am Worship Service @ Nave 10:45 am Adult Sunday School @ San Marco Room	6	7 10:00 am Ark Chapel @ Nave 6:00 pm Yoga @ Hart Hall	8 5:30 pm St. Mark's Ringers Rehearsal @ Nave 6:40 pm Midweek Worship Service @ Nave 7:30 pm Festival Choir Rehearsal @ Nave	9 6:00 pm Yoga @ Hart Hall	10 Noon Lion's Pride @ Fellowship Hall	11 9:00 am Spiritual Gifts Workshop @ Hart Hall
12 4th Sunday of Easter Mother's Day 9:30 am Worship Service @ Nave 10:45 am Adult Sunday School @ San Marco Room	13	14 Voting Precinct @ Fellowship Hall 10:00 am Ark Chapel @ Nave 6:00 pm Yoga @ Hart Hall	15 Messenger Submissions Due 5:30 St. Mark's Ringers Rehearsal @ Nave 6:40 pm Evening Prayer @ Nave 7:30 pm Festival Choir Rehearsal @ Nave	16 6:00 pm Yoga @ Hart Hall	17	18 5:30 pm Casual/Contemporary Worship @ Nave
19 5th Sunday of Easter 9:30 am Worship Service @ Nave 10:45 am Adult Sunday School @ San Marco Room	20	21 10:00 am Ark Chapel @ Nave 6:00 pm Yoga @ Hart Hall 7:00 pm Ark Board Meeting @ Library	22 Staff and Committee Reports Due @ Noon 5:30 St. Mark's Ringers Rehearsal @ Nave 6:40 pm Evening Prayer @ Nave 7:30 pm Festival Choir Rehearsal @ Nave	23 6:00 pm Executive Committee Meeting @ Office Suite 6:00 pm Yoga @ Hart Hall	24	25
26 9:30 am Worship Service @ Nave 10:45 am Informal Meeting with the Congregation @ Nave	27 6:00 pm Council Meeting @ Library	28 10:00 am Ark Chapel @ Nave 6:00 pm Yoga @ Hart Hall	29 5:30 St. Mark's Ringers Rehearsal @ Nave 6:40 pm Evening Prayer @ Nave 7:30 pm Festival Choir Rehearsal @ Nave	30 6:00 pm Yoga @ Hart Hall 7:00 pm Ascension of Our Lord Service @ Nave		

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

Dylan Kilby	May 1
Carl Weidenmier	May 1
Terr Li Hutson	May 5
Bernie Jorn	May 10
Michael Swart	May 13
Glennis Smith	May 15
Charles Snyder	May 18
Annalise Batson	May 19
Jody Harkrider	May 20
Zachary Aurand	May 23
Dave Backus	May 27
Emily Backmann	May 28
Tahiana Rakotomandrindra	May 29
Rebecca Jorn	May 30
Sarah Jorn	May 30
Clara Echerer	May 31
Justin Kammerer	May 31

Anniversaries

Janis & James Lumpkin	May 2
Kristyn & Dale Cullen	May 6
Clara & Bernie Giancola	May 23

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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www.facebook.com/stmarksjax

Facebook Group (Private/Request to join):

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/94748356090/>



Instagram Page (Public):

www.instagram.com/stmarksjaxelca

Follow: @stmarksjaxelca

The Lion's Roar & The Messenger

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Debora Koepke *Secretary* (2021)

Jim Dennis (2019)

Alonzo Batson (2020)

Bonnye Bell (2020)

Janet Linn (2021)

Loree Mueller *Financial Secretary*

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