



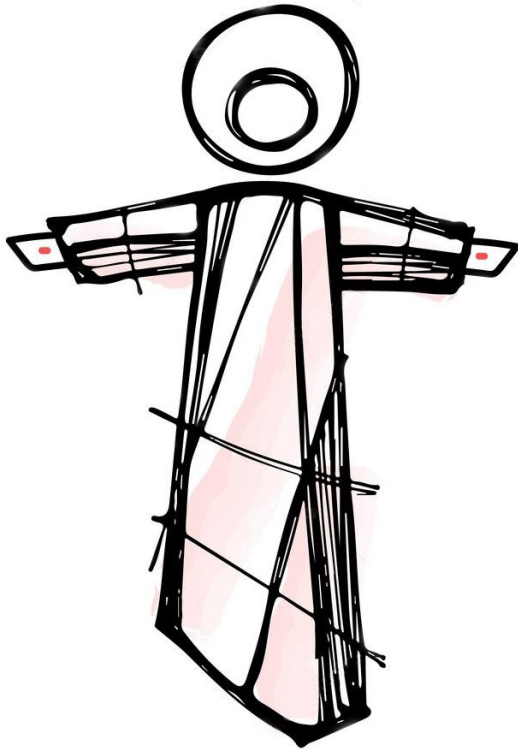
SAINT MARK
LUTHERAN CHURCH

MAKING OUR MARK

May 2019

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- Pastoral Call Committee
- Fundraising / Mission
- Calendar
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- Gertens Plant Fundraiser
- An Excuse for Gathering
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ASCENSION
of our Lord

Try a Little Kindness

In our American culture, Holy Week, and especially Easter, is not celebrated the same as Christmas. Our secular society embraces the Christmas story and the I am guessing that many of you think kindness is a great virtue. It is listed as a fruit of the Holy Spirit in Galatians 5:22. Stories about stopping to help a stranded motorist or ailing neighbor pull at our heart-strings. Frequently when we read about a natural disaster hitting a community, we also read how members of the community reach out in kindness to one another, providing meals, shelter, and cleanup activities. **Kindness is something we value, but we often neglect. Why?**

I think there are at least two things that stop me from being kind. One is my busyness. **To express an act of kindness to an individual in need means that I need to suspend my agenda for a time and focus on the concerns of someone else.** Jesus' parable of the Good Samaritan in Luke 10 is a prime example. The traveling Samaritan gave up his agenda to help the person wounded and bleeding at the side of the road.

The second thing that holds me back is that I am unsure what to do. In a natural disaster, there are clearly identifiable needs: food, shelter, clothing, and other physical resources. But with my co-worker who is having a bad day I'm not sure what kindness looks like. Do I have the urge to give advice or fix the problem? Is that what my coworker or friend truly needs or desires?

Or could it be as simple as a listening ear, a kind word of encouragement, a cup of cold water? Have I paused to consider what I might want if I were in their situation? Do I want someone to fix my problem or simply be a kind, understanding presence? Perhaps the simplest way to act is to do unto others as I would like them to treat me.

Kindness is not so very hard, yet I struggle with it every day. I pray that God will make my heart and my schedule open to acts of kindness for others. For in acts of kindness we see the heart of God. "Whoever gives even a cup of cold water (*or lemonade*) to one of my children will not lose their reward." Matthew 10:42.

When has an act of kindness touched your life deeply?

Lord Jesus, help me to perform at least one act of kindness this day for someone in need. *-Pastor John Keller (Interim)*

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| <i>May</i> | <i>Usher</i> | <i>Reader</i> | <i>Fellowship</i> |
| 5 | open | Nancy Redlin | Nancy Redlin |
| 12 | open | Eric Michelson | open |
| 29 | open | Bonnie Jellinek | open |
| 26 | open | Bev Kisch | open |

Pastoral Call Committee

The call committee is meeting weekly. We have been assembling questions for our initial interviews. Those questions will be reviewed with Pastor Joe Lees from the synod as he continues to instruct us on process when he joins us on 5/7.

Thank you to everyone that helped make our Holy Week and Easter Services so special

An Excuse for Gathering Saturday, May 4th —4pm at St. Mark Don Clark will be sharing his personal experience of volunteering and building a trail at Afton in the woods. A Turkey Bean Hotdish will be served. An invitation will be extended to our fellow congregations of St. Luke, The Way and Capital City Church—we look forward to joining in conversation and sharing a good time together.

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Sunday Worship

10:00 am

Holy Communion is celebrated the 1st & 3rd Sundays

Fellowship / Education

Hour

following service

Executive Committee

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| President | Eric Michelson | 651-726-4927 |
| Secretary | Mary Miller | 651-483-0671 |
| Treasurer | Nancy Redlin | 612-270-7127 |
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Committee Chairs

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| Property | Donald Clark | 651-357-0370 |
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Church Staff

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| Bonnie Jellinek | Organist |
| Julia Jackson | Bookkeeper |
| Martin Brueggemann | Choir Director |
| Johnny Hammond | Custodian |

A Goat is a Wonderful Thing

For the next several weeks, the money collected in the African basket will once again be used to purchase a goat for a family living in poverty. It is a very meaningful gift and a blessing to a family living in Africa, Asia, or Latin America. A goat provides milk and cheese and is a source of nutrition and income.

It will be given through the Lutheran World Relief Program.

News for our Women:

On Friday and Saturday May 3-4, 2019, the 32nd Annual Saint Paul Area Synodical Women’s Convention will be held at Saint John’s Lutheran in Lakeville. The theme this year is Hospitality. This is always a wonderful event, full of great information, a time of worship with other women from our Synod and the opportunity to learn from other churches. All of the details for registration, etc. are located on the kiosk in the social hall.

Gertens 2019 Spring Plants & Perennials Fundraiser

Just a reminder that the plants ordered through the Gertens fundraiser may be picked up on Saturday, May 18th between 2:00 and 4:00pm (please note the pickup time could change). Gertens is unable to deliver before noon. You may also pick up on Sunday, May 19th between 11:00am and 1:00pm.

If you are unable to pick up your plants during these times, please make arrangements with Bonnie (612) 270-1770 to pick up at another time.

THANKS AGAIN FOR SUPPORTING ST. MARK LUTHERAN CHURCH.

May Birthdays

May 2

Gabriella Bolden

May 6

Karen Larson

May 19

Cletus Togba

May 20

Jackie Brueggemann

Siri Schroeder

May 24

Kenneth Kisch

Donald Martens

May 25

Christopher Bolden

Karl Brueggemann

May 27

Dan Patsey

May 28

Lucia Togba

May 30

Frank Testa

May 31

Fran Hillier



| SUN | MON | TUE |
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| <p>5</p> <p>10:00a Worship Service 11:00a Fellowship 12p The Way Church 6p Capital City Church</p> | <p>6</p> <p>Square Dancing 7:00-9:00pm</p> | <p>7</p> <p>6:00pm AA 7:11pm Men's Group</p> |
| <p>12 <i>Mother's Day</i></p> <p>10:00a Worship Service 11:00a Fellowship 12p The Way Church 6p Capital City Church</p> | <p>13</p> <p>Square Dancing 7:00-9:00pm</p> | <p>14</p> <p>6:00pm AA 7:11pm Men's Group</p> |
| <p>19</p> <p>10:00a Worship Service 11:00a Fellowship 12p The Way Church 6p Capital City Church</p> | <p>20</p> <p>Square Dancing 7:00-9:00pm</p> | <p>21</p> <p>6:00pm AA 7:11pm Men's Group</p> |
| <p>26</p> <p>10:00a Worship Service 11:00a Fellowship 12p The Way Church 6p Capital City Church</p> | <p>27</p> <p>Square Dancing 7:00-9:00pm</p> | <p>28</p> <p>6:00pm AA 7:11pm Men's Group</p> |

| WED | THU | FRI | SAT |
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| <p>1</p> <p>9:00am Bible Study (at St. Luke)</p> <p>7pm AA OMD</p> | <p>2</p> | <p>3</p> | <p>4</p> <p><i>An Excuse for Gathering</i></p> <p>4:00pm</p> |
| <p>8</p> <p>9:00am Bible Study (at St. Luke)</p> <p>7pm AA OMD</p> | <p>9</p> | <p>10</p> | <p>11</p> |
| <p>15</p> <p>9:00am Bible Study (at St. Luke)</p> <p>7pm AA OMD</p> | <p>16</p> | <p>17</p> | <p>18</p> |
| <p>22</p> <p>9:00am Bible Study (at St. Luke)</p> <p>7pm AA OMD</p> | <p>23</p> | <p>24</p> | <p>25</p> |
| <p>29</p> <p>9:00am Bible Study (at St. Luke)</p> <p>7pm AA OMD</p> | <p>30</p> | <p>31</p> | |

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