



**SAINT MARK**  
LUTHERAN CHURCH

# MAKING OUR MARK

October 2019

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# *A Blessed* **OCTOBER**

## REFORMATION SUNDAY



OCTOBER 27<sup>TH</sup>

*For I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.—*  
Jeremiah 21:11

The other night I turned to my husband and said, “I am uncomfortable with everything we have going on at the moment. Nothing feels grounded or settled in any aspect of life.” Joel responded with, “Honey, we are in transition and it is going to take awhile to feel settled and remember we haven’t even been in the U.S. for a month! Have a little grace with yourself.”

Everything is new for me, our family and St. Luke and St. Mark. We are all in a new chapter of life together and with that comes the “firsts”. As I write this, I am in my first twelve days of serving these two churches! Everyday has been a first, as I have met new people, attended new meetings, and moved into two new offices. As we dropped off our boys last Tuesday at Hastings Middle and High School they somehow managed to navigate the new hallways and find their new classrooms on that first day. Newness abounds.

When we are doing something new, we are wandering into the unknown, it is often hard and feels uncomfortable.

The most important thing during this transition period is time. Thank goodness for time. Time allows us to take a step forward and get used to our new surroundings and people. I have lived many places in the U.S. and world and one of the most important things for me when I’ve arrived in a new place is to find some routine. My routine over the last twelve days has included a few different things, but one of the most important, was finding coffee at Claddaugh Coffee on West 7th. It was a meeting spot where I reconnected with an old seminary classmate who is now a colleague in the St. Paul Synod, chatted with former interim, Pastor Keller and stopped by for a quick lunch one afternoon. I feel a little bit more familiar with the neighborhood after making a few stops there.

For many of you, St. Paul is home. You have lived here and are familiar with it, have raised your families, and know it like the back of your hand, but for me, it is brand new. I have been driving around the neighborhoods getting lost, because when I finally figure out where I am going, I realize I am found! I loved pulling out of the parking lot at St. Luke this morning and seeing the young Muslim girl with her head covering on, heading to school. My international life in Oslo had diversity like this all over, so that is one thing which is familiar. It is one of the reasons I am excited about your two congregations!

I am not the only one who is experiencing newness, as I am new to you. Both churches have had pastors who have served for long periods of time and because I am different from what you are used to, you might also feel uncomfortable. Sunday morning worship may have a different feel from what you knew in the past. There is also the newness of life as both congregations have jointly

come together to share a pastor and ministry. Figuring out what that means is also a bit like wandering through the desert. We aren't really sure how do it, but we will, find ways to connect, encourage, and build up the kingdom of God here in St. Paul and in the larger world.

Like my husband gently reminded me, we need some grace at this time. Maybe not some grace, but a big dose of it as we become familiar with each other. Time is with us and will show us more of who we are and God will give us direction as far as where we are going. We are in a new chapter, a new time and a new place. The mission and work we are called to is important. Let us go forward, spending time together, learning about one another, loving each other and most importantly, listening along the way.

Thank you for the opportunity to be in relationship. I will hold you in my prayers as we continue this road of faith and life together.

In Christ, *Pastor Emily*

## October Birthdays

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| <u>10/2</u> Marge Sayers      | <u>10/13</u> Jason Jackson   | <u>10/24</u> Terry Ford   |
| <u>10/5</u> Courtney Bremer   | <u>10/15</u> Mary Alice Geib | <u>10/29</u> Nancy Redlin |
| <u>10/8</u> Kathie Klemetson  | <u>10/20</u> Michael Goetz   |                           |
| <u>10/11</u> Dorothy LeFrooth | <u>10/21</u> James Arnold    |                           |

### St. Mark Evangelical Lutheran Church

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#### Sunday Worship 10:00 am

*Holy Communion is celebrated the  
1st & 3rd Sundays*

Fellowship / Education  
Hour  
following service

#### Executive Committee

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

Property	Donald Clark	651-357-0370
Worship	Larry Raasch	651-238-3531

#### Church Staff

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

## Mission News

Thank you for your donations for the West 7th Street Boys' Club during the months of August and September. A check for \$242.37 will be given to this organization for their support of the West 7th Community during the holiday season. Our mission emphasis for October & November will be the Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Ministry. More information will be coming

## RUMMAGE SALE

Please join us for our Annual Rummage Sale, taking place this year on **Thursday & Friday** October 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>, from 8am-7pm.

Please call Nancy, 612-270-7127 with any questions. See you there!

## Parish Board Update

We felt that once again, our shared VBS went well, but we want to try to reach out more to kids in our neighborhoods to boost our attendance. We need to start planning next year in May.

Our next shared worship will be Pr. Emily's installation service: Sunday, October 13<sup>th</sup>, 9:30am, St. Mark. We'll do a "brunch potluck" following the worship service. St. Mark will provide beverages and paper products. We will have a joint choir for the service.

In September both churches participated in "God's Work/Our Hands".

We discussed joining our music programs more than our 4 shared worship services each year. We'd like choirs to sing together 4-6 times/year. We discussed some possibilities surrounding this, but we want to discuss with Pastor Emily as well.

MakerSpace plans:

- a. Saturday, September 28: Nature theme, Nature crafts: Terrariums and leaf prints. At St. Luke
- b. October: No MakerSpace
- c. Saturday, November 16<sup>th</sup>: Card Making at St. Luke
- d. Saturday, December 14<sup>th</sup>: Ornaments or knitting at St. Luke

We discussed the idea of a shared photo directory! We need to do some research into a company that will not push "sales."

## St. Mark Holiday Boutique

We are planning our Holiday Boutique which will be held on Saturday, November 23, 2019 from 10 am to 3 pm.

Many vendors are already registered & several others have requested registration forms. We will have a few openings, so if you know of anyone interested, please have them call Dianne Testa (651-227-4047), Bonnie Jellinek (612-270-1770), or the church office (651-224-0228). An 8' space is \$50 and a 4' space is \$35.

Please keep the date open as we will need help on that Saturday with the café, kitchen, selling bakery, Bob's Attic and putting the social hall back in order after 3 pm for Sunday. We will also need bakery goods to sell, raffle items and treasures for Bob's Attic. So start looking through your things for those items.

## Pastoral Installation *(Joint service w/ St. Luke)*

The installation for Pastor Emily will take place in a joint service at St. Mark on **October 13<sup>th</sup>** at **9:30**, with a potluck brunch to follow!

## Operation Christmas Child



Once again this year we will be participating in packing shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child. You can participate in a variety of ways: (1) You can pack a box at home and bring it to church by Sunday November 17<sup>th</sup>; (2) You can pay for shipping for a box or two, the cost is \$9,00 per box, the proceeds from the African Basket during October and November will go towards the shipping or (3) You can bring items to church to place into a box that will be filled by others. Each box should be labeled with the suggested age and gender of the child and contain hygiene items, toys, school supplies, small clothing items yet nothing liquid or food related. If you have questions, please talk to Jackie Brueggemann or give her a call at 612 709-3793. Additional details can be found on the bulletin board near the social hall.

<i>October</i>	<i>Usher</i>	<i>Reader</i>	<i>Fellowship</i>
<b>6</b>	open	Marty Brueggemann	The Mena's
<b>13</b>	open	Jerry Smith	Installation Potluck
<b>20</b>	open	Nancy Redlin	Mary Miller
<b>27</b>	open	Myra Larson	Karen Larson

SUN	MON	TUE
		<p>1</p> <p>6:00pm AA</p> <p>7:11pm Men's Group</p>
<p>6</p> <p>10:00a Communion Svc</p> <p>11:00a Fellowship</p> <p>12p The Way Church</p> <p>6p Capital City Church</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Square Dancing</p> <p>7:00-9:00pm</p>	<p>8</p> <p>6:00pm AA</p> <p>7:11pm Men's Group</p>
<p>13 <i>Installation Sunday</i></p> <p>9:30 <i>Joint Svc w/ St. Luke</i></p> <p>10:30a Potluck Brunch</p> <p>12p The Way Church</p> <p>6p Capital City Church</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Square Dancing</p> <p>7:00-9:00pm</p>	<p>15</p> <p>6:00pm AA</p> <p>7:11pm Men's Group</p>
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<p>27 <i>Reformation Day</i></p> <p>10:00a Worship Service</p> <p>11:00a Fellowship</p> <p>12p The Way Church</p> <p>6p Capital City Church</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Square Dancing</p> <p>7:00-9:00pm</p>	<p>29</p> <p>6:00pm AA</p> <p>7:11pm Men's Group</p>

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<p>2</p> <p>9:00am Bible Study (at St. Luke)</p> <p>7pm AA OMD</p>	<p>3</p> <p>RUMMAGE SALE</p> <p>8am -7pm</p> 	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p> <p>St. Luke Farmer's Market 8am -1pm</p>
<p>9</p> <p>9:00am Bible Study (at St. Luke)</p> <p>7pm AA OMD</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12</p>
<p>16</p> <p>9:00am Bible Study (at St. Luke)</p> <p>7pm AA OMD</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19</p>
<p>23</p> <p>9:00am Bible Study (at St. Luke)</p> <p>7pm AA OMD</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p>
<p>30</p> <p>9:00am Bible Study (at St. Luke)</p> <p>7pm AA OMD</p>	<p>31</p>		

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