



MESSAGE FROM PASTOR KATE

SHE WENT TO PLAY IN THE FIELDS OF FAITH.

Rachel Held Evans died a few days ago. It was a freak reaction to antibiotics that resulted in seizures. She was 37, a Christian blogger, author, and speaker. Her words were read by many thousands, possibly millions, of people. There are some who give her credit for why they continue as believers.

Rachel knew the Bible, she knew God's people, and, most importantly she knew Jesus. Following Jesus and his teachings was always at the center of her thinking and her treatment of others. You see, Rachel made a lot of folks angry. She lived in the heart of the Bible Belt (Tennessee) and she came from a conservative, "evangelical" background. The teachings with which she grew up made her leave the church as she began to evaluate them. But the Holy Spirit guided her back to church and she eventually became an Episcopalian. She sounded a lot like a Lutheran to my ears, though.

Did I mention that Rachel made a lot of people angry? She was a woman and she had the audacity to argue with men. When they wrote nasty responses to her articles, she replied respectfully with strength, wisdom, and "fierce grace." Rachel would not back down on who she knew the Lord to be: a God of love, acceptance and forgiveness. She continually witnessed to that light.

Rachel Held Evans was a preacher, though she did not have homiletical training. She had a pastor's heart, though she was not serving a "brick and mortar" congregation. Rachel was a theologian, though she had not studied at a seminary. She was the embodiment of Luther's teaching about the priesthood of all believers. Rachel was called to be a prophet, to speak a Word of the Lord on many issues the people of God face.

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Thanks for Giving!

What a faithful and generous congregation we have! Our income from offerings has remained steady even though we lost some members last year. Our expenses, however; have increased because of calling a third pastor and due to usual inflation. We want to address the deficit before it is too unmanageable. So, you will be hearing from some of our leaders and receiving more information in the weeks to come. We also hope to see you at our annual congregational meeting on **June 9 at 10:30 am**. The challenge is before us and together we will work this out.

Always in Christ,
Kate, Edwin and Eric

Congregational Meeting

St. Mark's annual congregational meeting is scheduled for **Sunday, June 9**, after second service at **10:30 am**. Agenda items include presentation of the annual report and election of new council members.

Summer Service Time Change

Beginning **June 2**, Sunday services change to our summer worship schedule times of **8:00 and 9:30 am**. Saturday worship continues at 5:30 pm.

Pentecost Sunday

As is our tradition at St. Mark's, be sure to wear red on Pentecost **Sunday, June 9**.

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And she knew the gospel, in her bones. In her own words:

We could not become like God, so God became like us. God showed us how to heal instead of kill, how to mend instead of destroy, how to love instead of hate, how to live instead of long for more. When we nailed God to a tree, God forgave. And when we buried God in the ground, God got up. (RHE)

I don't think I've ever seen so much grief shared publicly by Christian people. I lost count of the number of blogs and internet articles written about her death. Lutheran pastor friends of mine have been posting her quotes on Facebook. Rachel had a way of cutting through the chaos and clearly proclaiming the goodness of God through the strength of Jesus. She had a way of exposing our secret sins of biblical idolatry and intellectualized philosophy, rather than real faith.

. . . we have created a culture in which Christians tend to see Jesus as a sort of static mechanism by which salvation is secured rather than the full embodiment of God's will for the world whose life and teaching we are called to emulate and follow. (REH)

Nothing (except death, it seems) could stop Rachel from speaking love to hate and insisting on our inclusion of every kind of person in the Church. She had a clear message from her print pulpit that I hope you hear often from our pulpit: "You are loved; you are worthy, you are whole."

Death has separated Rachel from her husband, Dan, and her two toddler children. It breaks our heart to think on that. And death has separated Rachel from her many readers and listeners. You know what Scripture has to say. Nothing, not even death, can separate Rachel from the love of Christ Jesus her Lord. We are reassured by that. As clichéd as it may sound, her words will live on. We really need to hear what Rachel has left with us, as individuals and as the Church.

But if Jesus is really God-in-flesh, if he really shows us the way to live, then I need the Church to help me figure out what it looks like to do that faithfully. I need the Church to

help me wrestle with these teachings, not ignore them. And I think that begins by putting Jesus at the center, not the periphery, of what it means to be a Christian. (RHE)

May the Lord help us grow in faith and wisdom, guided by the words of Rachel Held Evans. Amen.

Pastor Kate

NOTE THIS!



SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

The office will be open **Monday through Friday from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm** during the summer months of June, July, and August. Please leave a phone message at 509.747.6677 or email the office at office@stmarks-spokane.org if you need to contact the church when the office is closed.

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSURE

The St. Mark's church office will be closed on **Thursday, July 4, and Friday, July 5.**

CHURCH COUNCIL

St. Mark's church council will meet on **Monday, June 10, at 7:00 pm** in the conference room.

FLOWERS AT WORSHIP

Did you ever wonder about the sanctuary flowers up in front of the lectern podium? They are given by **you!** Anyone in the congregation is invited to sign up to contribute flowers for a special occasion or just because. They should arrive at the church on **Friday before 3:00 pm** and the church office should be informed of the occasion early in the week, so the information may be put in the worship bulletin.

The sign-up poster for this opportunity is on the wall bordering the fellowship hall near the front door to the church. This is a great way to recognize an anniversary or a date that is of significance to you.

MONEY MATTERS

Fund	April Giving	2019 Operating Budget - Year to Date			
		Giving	Expenses	Budgeted	Net - YTD
General	\$ 69,141.23	\$ 232,568.88	\$ 263,332.78	\$ 272,501.07	\$ -30,763.90
Mortgage	\$ 7,698.22	\$ 29,741.61	\$ 24,970.26	\$ 23,428.00	\$ 4,771.35

We are now able to reflect on our special Lent and Easter offerings, which totaled approximately \$14,000. Thanks for your generosity in giving at this most special time of year.

We are coming into the summer months, when many go on vacation and aren't in the regular habit of attending church every Sunday or Saturday evening. This can result in uneven and irregular giving, which can result in a decrease of the amount we see for our operating budget. Starting the summer with a \$30,000 deficit is a concern, and something we, as a congregation, need to think about. You will be hearing more from the church leaders and pastors as we brainstorm solutions to this ongoing issue.

Loris Stupel
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ST. MARK'S 2019 GRADUATES

GRADUATE

Aaron Boucher
Sierra Clark
Sophie Doneen
Peyton Krych
Amilee Little
Anthony Quiroz
Juliette Richards
Braeden Schierman

HIGH SCHOOL

Shadle Park
Lewis & Clark
Lewis & Clark
Lewis & Clark
Joel E Ferris
Cheney High
Cheney High
Lewis & Clark

PLANS

Carthage College
University of Redlands
Washington State University
Washington State University
University of Montana
Eastern Wash. University
Central Washington University

GRADUATE

Kai Block
Anna Budke
Ellie Girsberger
Erica Grenlund
Caroline Karschney
Grace Rudy

UNIVERSITY

Gonzaga
Washington State University
Spokane Falls Comm. College
Spokane Falls Comm. College
Whitman College
University of Washington

DEGREE

BS Human Physiology
BA Accounting
Interpreter Training Program
AA General Studies
BS Psychology
BS Nursing

The above list is printed from information submitted to St. Mark's as of May 10, 2019.



ST. MARK'S TO HOST ORDINATION

St. Mark's is honored to have been asked to host the ordination service for Katherine Tuttle on **Wednesday, June 5, at 7:00 pm**. All are welcome to attend.

Katherine Tuttle is from St. Paul, Minnesota. She has

lived in many cities and states over the last decade including Lafayette, Indiana; Chicago, Illinois; Charlotte, Vermont; Los Angeles, California and Spokane. She graduated from the Lutheran School of Theology in Chicago before completing a chaplain residency from Rush University Medical Center.

Since graduating, she has spent time as a college chaplain, a pulpit supply pastor and a stay-at-home mom to her young daughter Carol. Katherine and her husband Jake are expecting their second child this fall. She has been called to serve as the pastor of Wilbur Community Church in Wilbur, Washington.

TABLE OF GRACE

Wednesday, July 10, 6:00 pm

Wednesday, August 14, 6:00pm

Come to the Table of Grace for worship, fellowship and food. This worship service takes place around a table during a meal. This summer our meal will be the "Grazing Table." Bring an appetizer to share.

Please watch for a sign-up sheet in the narthex! Talk with Susan Hagen or Pastor Edwin if you have any questions.

ST. MARK'S AT THE SPOKANE INDIANS

Wednesday, July 17

Tickets are \$11 (upper box seats). Enjoy some summer baseball with your St. Mark's friends. For tickets, go to the Indians website and join our group at <http://spokaneindians.tix.mlbstore.com>. It's Family Feast Night! All hot dogs, Pepsi products, popcorn, candy, chips and ice cream sandwiches are \$1.50 each.

8 LAKES LEG ACHES Bike Ride, Saturday, June 22.

Join us for a scenic ride with a touch of the burn! Choose a leisurely 30-mile ride or a 45- or 75-mile trek. One of the best biking events in the Northwest!

Information and registration:

www.lcsnw.org/events

or (509) 747-8224.



Learning for All Ages



Make your Vacation Bible School the mane event!

This epic African adventure engages the whole herd. At Roar, kids explore God's goodness and celebrate a ferocious faith that powers them through this wild life. Join us!

Monday, June 17 – Friday, June 21

9:00 am – 12:00 pm

Ages three years through sixth grade.

Registration is now open!

Donation of \$20/child or \$40/family

<https://vbspro.events/p/st-mark-s-vbs-2019>

Volunteers are needed!

Questions? Contact Katie Kadlec at

kadlecfa@gmail.com

ST. MARK'S CHOIR CAMP

Monday through Wednesday, August 19 - 21

9:00 am - 3:00 pm

If your child is entering first through sixth grades next fall and would like a chance to try out Alleluia Choir (no obligation - just try it out!) this is a PERFECT activity. We'll spend three fun-filled days learning about music, playing games, doing art, creating skits, running around and laughing, and generally, coming away feeling GREAT about singing in Alleluia Choir!

To register, go to www.stmarks-spokane.org to the "Youth" page and click on "Youth Forms and Payment." Cost is \$40 and can be paid online or in person on the first day of camp. Come see what it's like and strengthen connections with your St. Mark's friends. We'd love to have you there!

Information: Ann Benson, (509) 954-9819 or annmbenson@gmail.com.

WWL and Confirmation FALL SESSION

September 11 – October 30



SUMMER CAMPS

Summer Family Camps

at Shoshone Base Camp and Lutherhaven

Everything from a family festival vacation at Shoshone Mountain Retreat, Ranch Hands Weekend, Father/Child Weekend and even a Wild Women at the Ranch Weekend!

Be sure to check out all the fun camps available at www.Lutherhaven.com.

Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp

Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp offers a Christ-centered camping experience for people of all ages. Camps are for third - twelfth grade, family camps, adult adventure trips, backpacking, rock & raft, servant trips, retreats, and more!

Go to <http://flbc.net> for more information, or pick up a brochure in the church office.

BAKE SALE!

Sunday, June 2

Support our youth traveling to Portland this summer by buying something yummy on **June 2**.

Ten high school students, along with Calvin, Kai and Erica, will spend a week serving the most vulnerable people in Portland through the L.A.S.T. program – Learning And Serving Together. Keep them in your prayers June 23-28.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Funerals

Joyce Stubbs on June 22, 2019

Sympathy

Prayers for the family of **Daryn Edgemon**, son-in-law of Donna Alford, at the time of his death.

Social Ministry

Opportunities to Serve

ST. ANN'S SUNDAY LUNCH

St. Mark's members volunteer to provide a meal at St. Ann's Catholic Church, in the East Central neighborhood, on **Sunday, July 7**. We have fun visiting with one another while cooking, serving, and cleaning up afterwards. Meal prep is from **9:30 am – 12:30 pm**, then serving and cleanup, starting at **12:30 until around 2:30**.

Please contact Donna Evenson at donnae1111@gmail.com or (509) 434-4940 if you are interested in participating. Later in the summer we serve on **Sunday, September 2**, so mark your calendars.

ST. ANN'S RECEIVES NEW FREEZER



St. Mark's member volunteers join a rotating group of churches and associations to serve a hearty, healthy meal to those less fortunate every Sunday at 1:00 pm at St. Ann's Catholic Church. A new freezer has been an urgent need for this program in recent months.

Thanks to the generosity of Spokane Rotary Club 21 (connected by St. Mark's member, Dave Troyke), we have been able to upgrade the decades-old, frost-producing freezers we have

relied on since the group started in the 1980's, to the new stainless steel, energy-efficient model seen in the picture. Dave helped us apply for a grant through the Civic Affairs Committee, part of Rotary's Community Service Committees. We are extremely grateful for this financial support.

Additionally, we had two large, anonymous donations in addition to the Lenten boxes. We'd like to give a big thanks to those members whose help allowed us to purchase 144 bowls to serve stew or chili, and pay for the costly repair of the commercial ovens. What a generous congregation we have.

Also helping with this project are those in the congregation who collected coins during Lent. And here are the numbers you have been waiting for: The youth, using the cute "piggy banks", collected \$270.33 and the adults collected \$266.22. Way to go, young people! Thanks to everyone who helped contribute to this worthwhile cause.

Volunteers

Opportunities to Serve

Summer Volunteer Schedule

In order to make summer planning as smooth as possible, the the volunteer schedules for **June, July, and August** will be sent all together, rather than separately each month.

If you are already a volunteer, you should have received an email from Debbie Olson, Volunteer Coordinator, asking for any scheduling requests. If you didn't receive an email and would like to make a request, please email Debbie at volunteers@stmarks-spokane.org with the following information:

- **Any weekends you know you can't volunteer**
- **Any weekends you'd especially like to volunteer**
- **Whether or not you prefer the 8:00 or 9:30 service.**

If you're not currently a volunteer, but would like to be, summer is a great time to try out something new. Please email Debbie and she'll help you find the volunteer opportunity that's right for you!

JUNE 2019

YOUTH NEWS

SAINT MARK'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

UPCOMING EVENTS...



Senior High

Ducks & Donuts

We will be getting together with the youth group from St. John's at Manito Park this summer. Join us for food, games, music, and fellowship!

CAPTURE THE FLAG
JUNE 2nd, 1-3 PM

**2nd Harvest
Sort Night**
June 5th, 5:30-7:30



Questions about Youth Programs at St. Marks?
Call Susan Hagen
747-6677 Church
220-7250 Cell phone
Or Calvin Moore
844-6460 Cell phone
Or by email at
youth@stmarks-spokane.org



High School Service Trip
June 23 - June 28th, 2019
Portland, WA

We are headed to Portland this summer for a week long service experience with L.A.S.T. - Learning And Serving Together. We will venture out into the city each day to serve the most vulnerable.

"For by grace you have been saved..." Ephesians 2:8



Walking With The Light

SEPTEMBER 11th!

Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.



2 Corinthians 3:17

Jr High

Junior High Summer Retreat!

**Camping, Games, Cookouts,
Service Projects, Dance Parties,
Music, Conversation and more!**

**Dates & more information will be
coming soon!**



Calendar of Youth Events

JUNE 2019

Happy Summer!

						1
2 Senior High Capture the Flag with St. Johns 1-3pm	3	4	5 2nd Harvest Sort Night 5:30-7:30	6	7	9
9	10	11	12	13 Last Day of School!!!	14 Youth Leadership Training	
16 Fathers Day	17 Vacation Bible School	18 Vacation Bible School	19 Vacation Bible School	20 Vacation Bible School	21 Vacation Bible School	22
23 Portland Service Trip 30	24 Portland Service Trip	25 Portland Service Trip	26 Portland Service Trip	27 Portland Service Trip	28 Portland Service Trip	29

It's been a great year!!!



THANK YOU

Dear Mary Cares,

My sincere thanks for all the cards, well wishes and prayers I have received. Every day my back is healing and getting stronger. The diagnosis I have been given is difficult to accept but with God standing with me, I can face whatever is in my future.

Again, thank you so much!

Georgia Lang

Thank you to Mary Cares group for sending me the lovely cards on my birthday. Your kind words brightened my day!

Vern Severud

"Thank you" barely begins to cover my gratitude for the caring, concern and blessings shown during my recent surgery and recovery. In meals shared and cards received; through those who drove me to/from work, doctor appointments and worship; by your prayers and encouragement, I experience God's grace revealed. I am so grateful to be part of the St. Mark's community.

Gail Lancaster

Greetings and Praise from Shalom Ministries:

On behalf of our board of directors, I wish to extend my grateful thanks for your generosity in supporting our ministry with financial and food donations. Many of your members also volunteer as servers for which we are all grateful.

You may be assured that the dollars we receive will go directly to purchase food and needed supplies to help us meet our goal of providing balanced and nutritious meals to our neighborhood's poor.

As we move toward warmer days, would you also remember the often-hidden people in our community who need the hope and hospitality that Shalom provides?

Eternal blessings for our wonderful season ahead.

Tim Swartout,

Shalom Ministries Executive Director

St. Mark's Lutheran Church,

Thank you for all the help with setting up for Mom's memorial and the kindness offered to us. With all your help, it made our focus be on remembering our mom. We continue to relive our memories of her special day and thank you all and thank our Lord for the blessing of each of you.

St. Mark's will always be a blessed place for us.

God's Peace and Love,

Mike & Kathryn Darrar and Sally Holtz

Dear Friends at St. Mark's Church,

I am on the road of recovering. Hopefully soon I will be able to use my right arm again. Therapy will speed that up.

I do like to thank Pastor Eric for the call and so many for the kindness they have shown to me. Especially Donna Nelson and Debbie Olson for caring so much. And I am also grateful to the ladies from Mary Cares and other members who sent cards of good wishes for healing.

Also, the expressing of sympathy towards me for the sudden death of my sister, Ortrud. I am truly touched and blessed.

Thank you everyone,

Ina Goetzinger

GOLDEN AGERS AT LUTHERHAVEN

St. Mark's members enjoyed a day at the lake when Camp Lutherhaven hosted its annual Golder Agers' day out in April.



Faith and Fellowship Groups

EMPTY NESTERS

Monday, May 27, 4:00 pm

Questions: Susan Hagen, 747-6677

This group is for **parents who have young adults** recently out of high school or who will be flying the nest in the next year or two. We all bring an appetizer and beverage of choice to share. June date and location set at our May meeting, no meeting July and August.

EAT, PRAY, LAUGH

First Tuesday, June 4, 7:00 pm

Questions: Pastor Kate, 747-6677

Eat, Pray, Laugh meets in the Parish House. **All women** are invited for conversation, laughter, prayer and refreshments. No meeting July and August.

SCRIPTURE & COFFEE

Tuesdays, June 4, 11, 18, 25, 10:30 am

This is a Bible-based conversation in the conference room to study the Scripture texts for the week. **All** are welcome. This Bible study will continue during July and August.

GEN-X GROUP

Second Tuesday, June 11, 7:00 pm

Questions: Pastor Eric, 747-6677

This group of **Gen-X aged men (40's through 50's)** meets various places throughout the year. Pastor Eric leads a discussion on faith and life issues. Location to be determined. Also meeting in July and August.

SUNRISE SAINTS & SINNERS

Second & Fourth Wednesday, June 12 & 26, 6:30 am

Questions: Roger Chase, 838-1040

This men's group has lots of laughs and crazy discussions about everything, while having breakfast.

All men are welcome, saints and sinners! Meet at the Chalet on the second Wednesday and Perkins (Division and Spokane Falls Blvd.) on the fourth Wednesday. We will continue to meet during the summer months.

WALKING CIRCLE

Second Friday, June 14, 10:00 am

Questions: Martha Harvie, 279-3599

This group of women who love to walk, chat, and eat will celebrate the start of summer with a walk in Manito Park followed by lunch at the Rockwood Bakery. A walk in Kendall Yards is planned for July 12. (Carpool will leave from church at 10:00 am.) **All women** are welcome to walk or just come for lunch.

THEOLOGY ON TAP

Third Tuesday, June 18, 7:00 pm

Questions: Pastor Edwin, 747-6677

This group has great conversation and fellowship with **"30ish or younger"** folks at Two Seven Public House in Lincoln Heights. Pastor Edwin will lead a discussion and buy a few appetizers to share. Please plan on meeting on July 23 and August 20 also.

BOOK GROUP

Last Wednesday, June 26, 7:00 am

Questions: Pat Sowder, 747-6677

St. Mark's Book Group meets monthly at Forza Coffee in Lincoln Heights. We will be discussing "The Music Shop" by Rachel Joyce. This group will meet in July and August so watch the bulletin for the book to be discussed. **All book lovers** are welcome!

MOMS CONNECT

Second & Fourth Thursday during the school year

Questions: Katie Kadlec, 360-600-3633

The new Moms Connect group is a **group for all moms** with children from birth through the teenage years. The group will not meet in the summer.

ST. MARK'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

316 E. 24th Avenue
Spokane, WA 99203

SERVICES June-August
Sunday 8:00 and 9:30 am
Saturday 5:30 pm
Nursery provided all services

OFFICE HOURS June-August
Monday-Friday 9 am-noon, 1-3:00 pm

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MESSENGER

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