

# YOUTH EVENTS

## YOUTH GATHERING TEAM

The Youth Gathering Team is leading worship on September 8 & 9. Join us in celebrating our Houston experiences through worship and music.

## FALL SESSION BEGINS!

### WALKING WITH THE LIGHT (WWL)/CONFIRMATION

FOR 5<sup>TH</sup>-12<sup>TH</sup> GRADE STUDENTS

We're doing things a little differently this fall. WWL will start on **Wednesday, September 5<sup>th</sup>**, with a regular session for youth only from **6-8 pm**. Our information night for youth and parents will be held the following week. Fall session of WWL and Confirmation will run through October 24<sup>th</sup>. If you are already confirmed, come for dinner and hang out in the youth room.

## WWL FAMILY NIGHT

**Wednesday, September 12 from 6-7:30 pm**  
Upper Manito Park (25<sup>th</sup> & Tekoa)

All 5<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> grade parents are encouraged to come for dinner, fellowship, and fun. Parents of 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, & 10<sup>th</sup> grade confirmation students will meet with Pastor Kate & Pastor Edwin to hear about this year's confirmation curriculum. Come register your kids for WWL and hear about upcoming youth events. Bring a picnic blanket or lawn chair. All food and drinks will be provided.

### **Worship Attendance**

Saturday, August 25	5:30 pm	55
Sunday, August 26	8:00 am	72
	9:30 am	<u>130</u>
	Total	257

# PRAYERS

This week we pray for those who are ill, in treatment, bereaved, \*deployed or in need of support

**Tom Thornton**  
**Brenda Bray**  
**Bernadine Montgomery**

**Martha Ice**  
**Ursula Lanam**  
**Gloria Baker**

**Don Spedden**  
**Blake Hagen**

**Bonnie Kinkel**  
**Arleen Libertini**

**Christine Anderson**, sister of Vicki VanHeuvelen

**Janet Mann**, sister of Carol Nelson

**Cheryl Hutton**, daughter of Elaine & Lyle Orness

**Robert Krug**, brother of Marilyn Warsinske

**Christian Davis**, grandson of Dale Schroeder

& Kate LePard

**Genevieve Davenport**, mother of Blake Davenport

**Stephanie Lanam**, daughter of Jon & Ursula Lanam

**Alan DeGuire**, brother of Carol Larson

**Lori McCallister**, daughter of Bernie Rodseth

**Dick Moe**, father of Cynthia Moore

**Hartwig Vatheuer**, brother of Ina Goetzinger

**Carolyn Turner**, mother of Brett Hauber

**Cody Robertson**, grandson of Connie & Burt Finch

**John Cleary**

**Matt Williams**

**Stacy Rizzo**

**Kirstie**

**Marek**

**Ihsan and family**

Prayers for the family of **Vivian Nanni**, mother of Dave Nanni, at the time of her death.

Please notify us of any changes to our prayer list. Those on the prayer list will be removed after one month, unless there is a specific request to the church office to remain on.

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Service times: Saturday-5:30 pm, Sunday-8:00 and 9:30 am

Pastor Kate LePard ♦ Pastor Edwin Weber ♦ Pastor Eric Dull (sabbatical)

# St. Mark's Lutheran Church

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 2, 2018

## WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Preaching Minister Mark Nelson (Sat.)

Preaching Minister Edwin Weber (Sun.)

Presiding Minister Kate LePard

Greeters

8:00 Karen Felber

9:30 Jim & Kenna Morgan

Ava & Zöe Smith

Ushers

8:00 Carolyn Ebey

Dan, Tara, Anneke, & Dan Haskins

9:30 Dave Nanni & Jane Somers

John & Michelle Phelan

Lector

5:30 Donna Nelson

8:00 Sharon Straub

9:30 Joyce Cutler

Creed & Prayers

8:00 Tara Haskins

9:30 Mary Perry

Sound

Steve Somers

Altar Guild

5:30 Randy Darst

8:00 Debbie Olson

9:30 Anne Nanni

Bread

Michelle Phelan

Music Director/Choral

Debbie Hansen

Music Director/Organist

Carol Miyamoto

Director of Children's Arts

Ann Benson

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# TODAY'S MUSIC

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<b>Prelude</b> <i>Voluntary</i>	Boyce
<b>Postlude</b> <i>Con Spirito</i>	Arne

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## TODAY

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The flowers in the sanctuary are from **Liz Grosen**.

**WELCOME VISITORS!** It is a pleasure to have you worship with us today. Please fill out a worship attendance card located in the pew and place it in the offering plate. All are welcome to the Lord's Table for communion. For information on St. Mark's go to [www.stmarks-spokane.org](http://www.stmarks-spokane.org) or you may pick up a brochure in the narthex.

**Large print worship folders**, loaner reading glasses and hearing devices (our facility is equipped with a hearing assistance system) are available in the narthex. Gluten-free wafers are available on a small table by the communion rail.

**Busy Bags** for kids during worship: Young children may pick up a "busy bag" from the yellow poles in the narthex. Please return the bag after worship to the basket under the poles. Worship bulletins are also available for older children who are pre-readers or readers.

**Our Nursery**, open during worship times for children age infant up to kindergarten, is at the top of the stairs on the right. Pagers are available for parents. Please, no food in the nursery.

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## THIS WEEK

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**The office will be closed** on Monday, September 3, in observance of Labor Day.

**Scripture and Coffee** is Tuesday, September 4, at 10:30 am in the conference room. This group meets for a Bible-based conversation with Pastor Kate or Pastor Edwin to study the scripture texts for the following Sunday. This week's readings are **Isaiah 35:4-7a, 6-9, James 2:1-10 [11-13] 14-17, & Mark 7:24-37**.

**Eat, Pray, Laugh** will meet on Tuesday, September 4, at 7:00 pm in the Parish House. All women are invited to this women's fellowship group for food with conversation, laughter, and prayer. We'll be assembling the school kits for LWR after the meeting.

Worship will be a little different on **Saturday & Sunday, September 8 & 9**. The youth and adults who attended the ELCA Youth Gathering in Houston this summer will preside over worship. Expect this service to be infused with the music, stories, and energy from the Gathering.

**Alleluia Choir** begins Sunday, September 9, at 8:30 for first through sixth graders. This is a fantastic opportunity for kids to deepen connections to friends at church, become confident singers, and get a

glimpse into what it's like to give your music as a gift to the church. For more information contact Ann Benson at 954-9819 or [annmbenson@gmail.com](mailto:annmbenson@gmail.com).

**Rally Day: Godly Play Sunday School Open House** is on Sunday, September 9, at 9:45 am in the Parish House. Come explore the classrooms and see what Godly Play is all about! We have a new preschool/kindergarten room upstairs next to the nursery. There will be refreshments and games on the Parish House lawn. Register online at [stmarksspokane.org/youth/godly-play-sunday-school/](http://stmarksspokane.org/youth/godly-play-sunday-school/) or at the open house. Hope to see you there!

**Blessing of the Backpacks** is on Sunday, September 9. Bring your backpack to church to be blessed at either service. This is a great way to start the new school year, as you remember that God is always with you.

**Cancer Spirituality Group** is next Sunday, September 9 at 12:00 pm in the conference room. A light lunch will be served. This is for those who have or have had cancer and for family members and friends.

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## COMING SOON

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The **Volunteer Fair** will be on Sunday, September 16, between services and after the late service in the Fellowship Hall. Volunteers are necessary for many aspects of worship:

- Ushering
- Recording the worship service
- Picking up doughnuts ☺, just to name a few

By helping out at St. Mark's, you will feel more connected and be vested in the beautiful services we have each week. Our fellowship events are a great way to meet people and socialize; we can only do them with lots of help! There are also opportunities to serve our less fortunate neighbors. Come and learn about how to be more involved at St. Mark's. You might even win some St. Mark's swag! (t-shirts, coffee mugs and note cards)

**Adult Forum's** theme this fall is *Bending Toward Justice*. This theme is inspired by a well-known quote from Martin Luther King Jr.: "*The arc of the moral universe is long, but it bends toward justice.*" There will be a combination of live and video speakers on topics related to this theme. Dates for the forums are September 23 & 30, October 14 & 21, and November 4, 11, & 18.

**2019 Costa Rica Service Trip INTEREST MEETING is on Sunday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>, at noon.** Susan is researching a return trip to San Jose, Costa Rica for spring 2019. If you are interested in learning more, please come for dates, itinerary, and approximate costs. All members are welcome, including youth grades 8 -12. Questions? Contact Susan Hagen at 747-6677.

**LutherArts** is trying a slightly different schedule this year. We will be presenting LutherArts in two mini-sessions. **Fall 2018** begins Wednesday, **September 26, from 6:00-8:00 pm** for students in 1<sup>st</sup> through 4<sup>th</sup> grades. The theme this year is "The King's League" and the program runs through October 24. Winter 2019 mini-session will be in January/February (final dates TBA). Registration forms are on our website and the cost is \$30. Scholarships are available. Contact Ann Benson at 954-9819 or [annmbenson@gmail.com](mailto:annmbenson@gmail.com) for more information.

**"GOD'S WORK. OUR HANDS." DAY, Saturday, September 29<sup>th</sup>, 9-11 am.** St. Mark's volunteers will be participating in the **FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN** Mobile Pack Event at Redeemer Lutheran Church from 9-11 am. Children age 5+ can volunteer with an adult. Please plan to participate in this dedicated day of service. "God's work. Our hands." t-shirts are available for a suggested donation of \$5 each. Contact Susan Hagen with questions, for assistance with registration, or to get a t-shirt.

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## INFORMATION

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**Exciting News!** St. Mark's was selected to participate in the Communities of Calling Initiative. This is a five-year \$30,000 grant. The initiative invites congregations to design new projects or enhance existing ministries to help members of our church discover and deepen their sense of God's calling in their lives. We excited to see where this takes St. Mark's!

While you are shopping for SPEAR, pick up some extra school supplies for LWR. St. Mark's **Eat, Pray, Laugh Group** will be completing school kits for Lutheran World Relief. Items needed for each kit include:

- \*four 70-sheet notebooks of wide or college-ruled paper (approximately 8"x10" - no loose-leaf)
- \*one pencil sharpener
- \*one blunt scissor
- \*five unsharpened #2 pencils with eraser
- \*one box of 16 or 24 crayons,
- \*one 2½" eraser (remember big pink erasers?)
- \*five ballpoint pens (secured together with a rubber band)
- \*one 30 cm. ruler.

Items requested are very specific and should not include any used items, items with religious symbols, and items with a US flag, patriotic or military symbols, including camouflage. If you are a member of the Eat, Pray, Laugh group, please hold your items until the September 4<sup>th</sup> meeting. Other donations can be placed in the box in the narthex. Thank you!

**All Saints Meal Program** is in need of clean, plastic containers with lids. All Saints sends home extra food in these containers and they are much appreciated. Please mark the containers *All Saints* and drop them off in St. Mark's kitchen. *Thank You!*

**Selfie for Pastor Edwin-** help our new pastor learn your name. Text a selfie of you or your family to (828)228-8826 and don't forget to include your name. This is a fun way to welcome Pastor Edwin to St. Mark's!

**Garden Exchange-** Does your garden runneth over? Bring your extra produce to church on Saturday or Sunday to share with the congregation. Anything not taken home will be given to one of the feeding programs St. Mark's supports. This will be a weekly event, until the growing season is over.

### Mission Statement –

To share the gospel through worship and service. To be an inclusive community for justice and peace among diverse peoples.