



ST. MARK'S NEWSLETTER

THE REMINDER

January 9, 2019

Our Mission

To Proclaim the Gospel

To Make Disciples

To Embody God's Love

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Worship Schedule

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Sunday Mornings

- 8:15 am Contemporary
- 9:20 am Sunday Brew
- 9:30 am Sunday School
- 10:30 am Traditional

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January 13

Baptism of our Lord

January 20

2 Epiphany

January 27

3 Epiphany

February 3

4 Epiphany

February 10

5 Epiphany

February 17

6 Epiphany

"One"derful Wednesdays Return on January 16 (5:15—7pm)

Join us each Wednesday for "One"derful Wednesdays. We begin with a meal in the Family Life Center from 5:15—5:55pm. The suggested donation is \$5 for 12 & up; \$3 each under 12. From 6—7pm, there will be recreation, music, and Bible lessons for youth and children.



Adult Study: "Exploring The World of St. Paul" Continues Wednesdays, Beginning January 16, 10:30am & 6:10pm in Lounge

St. Paul is a pivotal figure in the history of the faith. His writings capture for us his encounter with Christ, his interpretation of whom Christ is for the world, and how we understand and live our Christian lives. Who we understand Christ to be, how we understand who we are as Christians, and how we are called to live our lives are grounded in the writings of Paul.

In this continuation of the study of St. Paul's world will be explored on many levels: his background and history, the context in which he traveled, the varied communities where shared the gospel, his encounter with Christ, and his teachings. You are invited to join Pastor Gary for this study. You have two opportunities on Wednesdays: 10:30am—12pm; and 6:10pm—7pm in the lounge in the Parish Hall.

Thank you from the Pastors and Staff of St. Mark's



Thank you for thinking about the pastors and staff during the Christmas season! We appreciate your generosity and thoughtfulness. Special thanks to the Women of the ELCA for their gifts to staff as well as those from individual members of the congregation.

Edward J. Ward Pastor Gary

[Signature] Lisa Underwood Deanna Bidder



Calendar Highlights

Please check monthly/weekly calendars for times

January

Witness Team (Jan 14)
Support Team (Jan 14)
Women of ELCA Bible Study (Jan 15)
“One”derful Wednesdays (Jan 16, 23, 30)
Columbarium Task Group (Jan 17)
Congregation Council Retreat (Jan 18—19)
Donations for Food Pantries (Jan 20)
Quilt Mission (Jan 22, 29)
Prime Time Ministries (Jan 22)
Property Team (Jan 22)
Congregation Care (Jan 24)
Annual Team Ministry Reports due (Jan 27)

February

Faith Alive Retreat (Feb 1—3)
Quilt Mission (Feb 5, 12, 26)
Worship & Music Team (Feb 5)
“One”derful Wednesdays (Feb 6, 13, 20, 27)
Witness Team (Feb 11)
Support Team (Feb 11)
Senior Luncheon (Feb 15)
“GrubLuv” Meeting (Feb 17)
Congregation Council (Feb 18)
Women of the ELCA Bible Study (Feb 19)
Congregation Care Sunday (Feb 24)



Women of the ELCA Bible Study is Tuesday, January 15 at 11am in lounge

Women of the ELCA Bible Study is held on the third Tuesday of each month. The next study will be held on Tuesday, January 15 at 11 a.m. in the lounge. The study uses *Gather* magazine as a study resource.

St. Mark's Quilt Mission Tuesdays, 10-12pm

The Quilt Mission meets every Tuesday, 3244 W. Main Street, Claremont (except when the Women of the ELCA Bible study meets). All are welcome!

Bring Food Donations on Sunday, January 20 for ECCCM and St. Mark's Pantry

The third Sunday of the month (January 20) is the designated Sunday when St. Mark's asks for non-perishable donations for the food pantries. Place donations in the bin at the Parish Hall entrance to the sanctuary.



Pantry Donations for Claremont Elementary January: Soap Products

Please place donations in the basket at the Parish Hall entrance to the sanctuary.



Turn in Annual Ministry Team Yearbook Reports & Schedules by Sunday, January 27

A vital part of the annual yearbook are the Ministry Team reports and duty schedules. Please email these to lisa@smarklc.org by January 27.

Confirmation Faith Alive Retreat February 1—3



Christopher Thomas will attend the Faith Alive Retreat: “Holy Baptism and Holy Communion” at Lutheridge, February 1—3. Please keep him in your prayers as he completes one of the requirements of St. Mark's 3-year Confirmation program.

All Seniors are Invited! Valentine Senior Luncheon, Friday, February 15, 12pm in the Family Life Center

If you consider yourself a senior, you are invited to the Senior Luncheon. A Valentine feast will be served in the Family Life Center at 12pm. Come enjoy the food and fellowship!



Finance

Worship Attendance

Dec 23: 115 Dec 24: 229 Dec 30: 124 Jan 6: 120

Ministry Financial Update

<u>Reported as of</u>	<u>Dec 31</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
General Fund Receipts	\$32,014	\$330,465
Expenses	\$38,251	\$340,987

All bills are paid.

Honorariums Given to St. Mark's

Jim Carpenter by Hilka Cox
Charlsie Lutz by David & Joanna Eckard
Glenna Mae Pope by David & Joanna Eckard

Memorials Given to St. Mark's

Gary Arndt by Sue Karen Falls
Mabel Butler by Sue Karen Falls

Memorials Given to St. Mark's Columbarium Fund

Mary Frances Busbee by Billy Lee Price
Mary Frances Busbee by Joanne Sigmon
Rita Busbee by Bob Busbee
Rita Busbee by Charles & Edie Connor
Rita Busbee by John Busbee & Rodney Foster
Forest Pope, Tony Pope, Pearl Brown, Charles Pope
by Cargo Transporters

Honorariums Given to St. Mark's Preschool

Friends & Family by Danny & Randyl Abernathy
Preschool Staff by Susan & Gib Bolick
Preschool Board of Directors by Randyl Abernathy

Memorials Given to St. Mark's Preschool

Mary Frances Busbee by Pete & Judy Sink
Rita Busbee by David & Joanna Eckard
Rita Busbee by Pete & Judy Sink
Rita Busbee by Randyl & Danny Abernathy
Charles Pope by David & Joanna Eckard

Please Remember in Prayer the Family of

Marie Cline Deal (January 4), mother
of Donna Sigmon and Charles Deal

Johnsie Gibson (December 25),
sister-in-law of Paul (Kathy) Gibson

With Heartfelt
Sympathy

Congregation Council

Thank You to Outgoing Council Members for Service to St. Mark's!

Nick Setzer, Terry Hefner
Carol Schaefer, Scott Ramsey



Council Retreat is January 18—19

Congregation council members will gather at 6pm on Friday, January 18 and at 9am on Saturday, January 19 for the annual retreat.

Columbarium Task Group Meeting January 17 at 6pm in Lounge

A task group has been researching the feasibility of building a Columbarium at St. Mark's. They will meet on Thursday, January 17, at 6pm in the lounge, to prepare a recommendation to present to the Congregation Council.

Congregation Care

Prime Time Ministry Meets Tuesday, January 22 at 3pm in Lounge

Prime Time Ministry team will meet on January 22 at 3pm in the lounge. The team will plan activities for seniors throughout the year. If you would like to be part of the team, please attend this meeting.

New "GrubLuv" Ministry for Food Delivery Meets Sunday, February 17 at 9:40am

The Congregation Care team is in the process of implementing a food delivery service to some seniors of our congregation who have a need. The first GrubLuv task group meeting is scheduled for Sunday, February 17 at 9:40am (between worship services).

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Congregation Council

2019	2020	2021
Kerri Nash	Barry Bumgarner	Tim Carpenter
Edie Connor	Tiffany Caudill	Brad Moser
Gigi Sigmon	Marcheta Campbell	Gina Schaefer
Tanya Stephenson	David Tucker	Cathy Sigmon


Congregation Council meets January 21 at 6pm.


Next newsletter mailing will be January 23.

Church Office Hours

Monday - Thursday, 8:30am—4pm; Friday, 8:30am—12:30pm

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