



# ST. MARK'S NEWSLETTER THE REMINDER

March 14, 2018

## 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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March 18  
5 Lent

Wednesday, March 21  
Mid Week Lenten Services  
12:10pm Worship  
6:10pm Worship

March 25  
Passion Sunday  
Seder Meal at 6pm

March 29  
Maundy Thursday  
7pm Worship

March 30  
Good Friday  
7pm Worship

March 31  
Holy Saturday  
Easter Vigil  
8pm Service

April 1  
Easter Sunday  
7am Sunrise Service  
8:30am Breakfast  
10am Traditional Service

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## HOLY WEEK



## WORSHIP SCHEDULE

**March 25:** Passion Sunday (8:15am & 10:30am)  
Seder Meal (6pm)

**March 29:** Maundy Thursday (7pm)

**March 30:** Good Friday (7pm)

**March 31:** Holy Saturday Easter Vigil (8pm)

**April 1:** Easter Sunday (7am & 10am)  
Sunrise Service (7am)  
Congregation Breakfast (8:30am)  
Traditional Service (10am)

### Seder Meal on Passion Sunday March 25 at 6pm in Family Life Center

*\$8 for adults and youth. Children under 13 are free.  
Please contact the church office to make reservations.*

Our Seder Meal celebration recalls God's mighty acts of delivering the people of Israel from Egypt in the Passover. We observe the Seder with the traditional meal including lamb, bread, herbs, vegetables, and fruit of the Jewish Passover. Our Seder Meal culminates with celebrating Jesus the Christ, our Passover, who delivers us from the mighty foes of sin, death, and evil, who brings new life now and for all eternity in his Kingdom.



## Global Missions: *40 Days of Giving for Disaster Relief*

The season of Lent is often an occasion for self-reflection, prayer and fasting. Lent is also a time to think about, and to do good things for those who suffer in our communities. Each year St. Mark's Global Missions Team puts out a challenge to our congregation which impacts many lives. This year's *40 Days of Giving for Disaster Relief* is a way to respond to those in the aftermath of disaster. This year we hope to use the funds for wherever we feel is the greatest need. The goal is \$4000. So far, we have received \$926.65 in contributions. If you wish to donate to the *40 Days of Giving for Global Disaster Response* campaign, please write checks to St. Mark's with *40 Days of Giving* on the memo line.



## Preparing for Holy Week

### Children at Christ's Table is Saturday, March 24, 9-1pm



Children, age 6 and up, are invited to learn more about Holy Communion. The class will explain why we do communion, what it means, how we commune, and will include age appropriate materials, activities, and crafts. Those attending will make bread and juice some grapes. Pastor Gary and Rebecca Haddock will lead the instruction. Please register with the church office as soon as possible so we can make preparations (828-459-2161 or [lisa@smarklc.org](mailto:lisa@smarklc.org)).

### Lenten Meals on Wednesdays Through March 21

Prior to the 6:10pm Lenten service, supper will be served in the Family Life Center from 5:20—5:55pm. Please join us!



### Easter Lilies! Reserve by March 25

Lilies are available for purchase to decorate our sanctuary for Easter. The cost is \$10. You may purchase lilies to the Glory of God in memory or in honor of someone special. Please write checks to St. Mark's with *Easter lilies* on the memo line.

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Phone \_\_\_\_\_ # of Lilies \_\_\_\_\_ X \$10 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Total \_\_\_\_\_

In Honor \_\_\_\_\_

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In Memory \_\_\_\_\_

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## Local Outreach

### Food Donations on March 18 for ECCCM and St. Mark's Pantry

The third Sunday of the month is the designated Sunday when St. Mark's asks for non-perishable food donations for the food pantries. Please place donations in the bin at the Parish Hall entrance to the sanctuary. 69 pounds of food were delivered to ECCCM in February. Thanks for your donations!



### Rising Hope Farms Volunteer Training March 17 or March 24

Volunteer training is 10am until noon. If you would like to become a volunteer, please contact Gail (828-638-0879) or Ellen (440-315-7816).



## Calendar Highlights

*Please check monthly/weekly calendars for times.*

Lent 2018 Mid Week Services (**Through March 21**)  
Donations for Food Pantry (**March 18**)  
Women of the ELCA Bible Study (**March 20**)  
Women of the Vine event (**March 20**)  
Children at Christ's Table (**March 24**)  
Passion Sunday & Seder Meal (**March 25**)  
Maundy Thursday (**March 29**)  
Good Friday Service (**March 30**)  
Holy Saturday Easter Vigil (**March 31**)  
Easter Sunday (**April 1**)  
Worship at Kermit's Park (**May 27**)  
NC Synod Assembly (**June 1—2**)  
ELCA Youth Gathering (**June 27—July 1**)

### Women of the ELCA Bible Study on March 20

Women of the ELCA Bible Study is scheduled for Tuesday, March 20 at 11am in the lounge. The study uses *Gather* magazine. This month's study is "The Good Samaritan" based on Luke 10:30-37.

### Women of the Vine Event on March 20

On March 20, the group has scheduled an event at "Hip Hip HooWray" in Conover at 6pm. Please contact Tamarah Hefner (828-459-7053) for more details.

## Congregation Care

### Please Remember in Prayer the Family Of

Charles Pope (March 13), husband of Connie Pope; son of Glenna Mae Pope; father of Michael (Christy) Pope and Melissa (Amy) Pope; uncle of John Pope and Tina (David) Simmons; grandfather of Micaela Pope, Julia Sigmon and Jessica Sigmon.

## Financial Update

### Honorarium Gift to "40 Days of Giving"

In Honor of Glenn Morrison  
by Christopher Thomas and Patty Little

### Memorial Gift to St. Mark's Preschool

In Memory of Kermit Cloninger by Rachel Hall

### Worship Attendance

February 25:	149
March 4:	162
March 11:	115

### Ministry Financial Update

<u>Reported as of</u>	<u>February</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
General Fund Receipts	\$23,174.35	\$45,712.18
Expenses ( <i>including payables</i> )	\$26,501.24	\$51,786.20

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2018	2019	2020
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Scott Ramsey	Edie Connor	Tiffany Caudill
Carol Schaefer	Gigi Sigmon	Marcheta Campbell
Nicky Setzer	Tanya Stephenson	David Tucker

### Congregation Council Meeting

Council meets on March 19.

### Newsletter Mailing

The next mailing will be on March 28

### Church Office Hours

Mon - Thu, 8:30am - 4:00pm; Fri, 8:30am - 12:30pm

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