



ST. MARK'S NEWSLETTER THE REMINDER

March 28, 2018

The Great Three Days!

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 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

April 8
2 Easter

April 15
3 Easter

April 22
4 Easter

Holy Week Schedule

March 29: Maundy Thursday (7pm)

With nightfall we gather with Christians around the world to enter into and to celebrate the Great Three Days. At the heart of the Maundy Thursday liturgy is Jesus' commandment to love one another and his institution of Holy Communion.

March 30: Good Friday (7pm)

The Tenebrae is an ancient Christian Good Friday Service that makes use of gradually diminishing light through the extinguishing of candles. The gradually increasing darkness symbolizes the approaching darkness of Jesus suffering.

March 31: Holy Saturday Easter Vigil (8pm)

This is the night! This is our Passover with Christ from darkness to light, from bondage to freedom, from death to life. Tonight is the heart of our celebration of the Three Days and the pinnacle of the church's year.

April 1: Easter Sunday (7am Sunrise Service & 10am Traditional Service)

Congregation Breakfast between services at 8:30am in the Family Life Center
With great joy we celebrate this day of days, even as we begin the great fifty days of Easter. Filled with hope, we go forth to share the news that Christ is risen!



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 \$2198 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.



Opportunities for School Age Children to Sign up For Summer Camp

Camp is made for kids! On-site activities include swimming, crafts, active games, stories, songs, campfires, engaging Bible lessons, creative worship, and more. Fantastic college-aged counselors are excellent role models who keep kids safe and help them make friends. Go to www.novusway.com for more details about the programs listed below.

Elementary School Programs:

- ◆ KinderCamp at Lutheridge (ages 4-7)
- ◆ First Camp 4th of July Week (Completed Grades 1 & 2)
- ◆ First Camp Music Week (Completed Grades 1 & 2)
- ◆ First Camp Christmas in July Week (Completed Grades 1 & 2)
- ◆ Pioneers Camp (Completed Grades 3 -5)

Tween Programs:

- ◆ Climb High (completed grades 4-6)
- ◆ Crazy Cool Campout (completed grades 4-6)
- ◆ Pony Express (completed grades 4-6)

Middle School Programs

Stretch into new adventures! Regular camp activities for this age include the low ropes course, an off-site outing into God's creation and a crazy costume dance at the end of the week. Swim, play games, make crafts, hike, sing around the campfire, share stories, and grow in faith with creative Bible study and worship! Caring, college-aged counselors show just how fun and powerful living for Jesus can be.

- ◆ Explorers July 4th (Grades 6-8)
- ◆ Explorers Music Week (Grades 6-8)
- ◆ Explorers Nite Elf (Grades 6-8)
- ◆ Fire & Water Explorers (Grades 6-8)
- ◆ Canoe Camp (Grades 6-8)
- ◆ Launch Explorers (Grades 6-8)
- ◆ A.T. Ramble (Grades 6-8)
- ◆ Nite Owls (Grades 6-8)
- ◆ Cave & Wave (Grades 6-8)
- ◆ Rock & Raft (Grades 6-8)
- ◆ High in the Sky (Grades 6-8)
- ◆ KAIROS Camp (Grades 6-9)
- ◆ Hammock Hangout (Grades 6-8)



High School Programs

High School campers make friends for life. Regular camp activities for this age include all the favorites: swimming, low ropes course, campfires, games, songs, crafts, creative Bible study and worship, all geared to older kids. High School campers have at least one off-site outing, and plan/lead many of their activities. Excellent college-aged counselors act as friends and guides. A crazy costume dance ends the week of friends and fun.

- ◆ Rock & Raft (Grades 9-12)
- ◆ High in the Sky (Grades 9-12)
- ◆ Cave & Wave (Grades 9-12)
- ◆ Waveriders (Grades 9-12)
- ◆ A.T. Trek (Grades 9-12)
- ◆ Nite Owls (Grades 9-12)
- ◆ Hammock Hangout (Grades 9-12)
- ◆ Music Week (Grades 9-12)
- ◆ Asheville Adventures (Grades 9-12)

Contact www.novusway.com for more details on these camping opportunities and their registration process. Once you have registered, then contact the church office for the St. Mark's Camping Scholarship. After your child has attended camp, then they will be eligible for the Alec Calvin Sigmon Memorial Scholarship.

Camp Scholarships Are Available

St. Mark's Camping Scholarship

St. Mark's currently provides a scholarship of \$150 per camper per summer for members of the church. The cost of camp per week for per child is approximately \$450. The following guidelines have been developed:

- ◆ The funds are available for those in grades 1 – 12.
- ◆ Scholarships are given to those who attend one of the Lutheran camps for a full week. An exception to this is camp for 1st and 2nd graders which is less than one week.
- ◆ The total amount per camper to be given once per year is \$150.
- ◆ For a full week of camp, the church will pay \$150. For those that attend a half week session, the church will pay up to \$150 but the total, when combined with the Alec Calvin Sigmon Memorial Camp Scholarship will not exceed the cost of the camp.
- ◆ The funds will be awarded after the camper is registered.
- ◆ Families will need to contact www.novusway.com for information on camping opportunities and their registration process.
- ◆ Please contact the church office for more details.

If there are extraordinary circumstances related to finances in sending your child or children to camp, please speak with Pastor Haddock. St. Mark's will work to see that finances are not a hindrance to attending camp.

Alec Calvin Sigmon Memorial Camp Scholarship



In October 2014, we tragically lost Alec Sigmon in a car accident. We still miss him, and invite you to continue to pray for the family. Alec loved camp – particularly Lutherock. The family has designated that memorial funds given, and those that continue to be given in his memory, be specifically given as camping scholarships to those who attend Lutheran camps. The following guidelines have been developed:

- ◆ The funds are available for those in grades 1 – 12.
- ◆ The funds are given to those who attend one of the Lutheran camps for a full week. An exception to this is camp for 1st and 2nd graders which is less than one week.
- ◆ The total amount per camper to be given once per year is \$150.
- ◆ The funds will be awarded after the camper's participation at camp. This protects the fund from those who might change their plans.
- ◆ Contact www.novusway.com for information on camping opportunities and their registration process.
- ◆ Please contact the church office for more details about the scholarship.

Scholarship Form

Date _____ Camper's Name _____
Parents' Names _____
Cell Phone _____ Email _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Which Church Camp _____ Lutheridge _____ Lutherock _____ Agape _____ Kure Beach
Dates Attending _____

Please attach a copy of the registration form.

Day Camp at Trinity Village in Hickory

Lutheroad Day Camp at Trinity Village in Hickory June 18—June 22 for ages 5-12 \$85 Scholarships for Day Campers

Lutheroad Day camp will be led by counselors from Camp Lutheridge, together with staff members and volunteers from Trinity Village. Camp will be intergenerational and campers will participate in music, arts and crafts, games, Bible study, and nature programs.

St. Mark's is offering \$85 scholarships for members' children to be able to attend Lutheroad Day Camp, Monday, June 18—June 22. Cost of the camp is \$110. (This scholarship does not affect those who wish to apply for a scholarship for other Lutheran camps.)

Lutheroad Day Camp is for youth ages 5-12 and seniors at Trinity Village. The camp takes place at Trinity Village, 1265 21st St, NE, Hickory. Brochures are available at the entrances to the sanctuary. Please contact the church office or Marcheta Campbell for details.

Children at Christ's Table



On Saturday, March 24, Easton and Tenley Sigmon joined Pastor Gary and Rebecca Haddock at Children at Christ's Table. They learned about the scriptural basis of Holy Communion, and why we take communion every week. They also made communion bread and crushed grapes to learn about where wine comes from.

Property Team Calls for Church Clean Up Day on Saturday, May 12!



The basement of the church has been declared as a fire hazard and a safety hazard and needs to be cleaned up asap. The Property Team is proposing to clean up this area by disposing of all material that has collected over several years from various programs that no longer exist at St. Marks or items that are no longer used. Therefore, the Property Team is proposing to do the following:

- ◆ **Schedule a clean up date of May 12.** All items will be removed that are no longer needed by St. Marks and its current programs. We will be asking for other volunteers to work that Saturday to move items from the basement and to load onto a truck for disposal.
- ◆ **Give current members the opportunity to remove items** that they may have a personal interest in that may be used by them or a team, organization, or the church **before May 5.**

Some items will be tagged by the Property Team that will be kept by the church. (I.e. Christmas Tree Stand and Manger Scene). There will not be anything held back due to "possible" usage in the future. The basement is a damp musty area and needs to be rid of this "junk" as to the health and safety of possible mold and mildew contamination. The items in the basement have not been used for at least two years or longer, except for Christmas items.

Please consider helping on Saturday, May 12, starting at 8:30am. Call the office, email or contact Kelly Nash or Nicky Setzer to sign up to help.

Leadership

Congregation Council Minutes

(February 19)

Call to Order

Opening Prayer

Roll Call

Present: Pastor Haddock, Edie Connor, Gigi Sigmon, Tanya Stephenson, Marcheta Campbell, Nicky Setzer, Carol Schafer, David Tucker, Terry Hefner, Barry Bumgarner, Tiffany Caudill, Angela Brown

Excused: Scott Ramsey

Approval of January minutes

Pastors Report: written

Action Items:

- ◆ Motion to compensate Nicky Setzer for 150 hours of work as stepping in as financial secretary. Motion passed
- ◆ Motion made to withdraw Karen Hunt's name from bank authorization and to add Edie Connor's name. Motion passed.

Team Reports

Old business: none

New business:

Ministry Site Profile Team: Dale Sherrill, Gigi Sigmon, Carol Schafer
Leadership Convocation Dates: March 18 and August 19 after 10:30 service.



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Absent: Carol Schaefer, Barry Bumgarner, Tiffany Caudle, Scott Ramsey, Marcheta Campbell

Approval of February minutes

Action Items:

- ◆ Motion to have one service on the following dates: May 27, June 10, June 24, July 29, August 26 (Rally Day). Motion approved.
- ◆ Motion to purchase a picnic table for the use of the St. Mark's Preschool from the Memorial Fund. Purchase price was discussed and decided upon. Motion approved.
- ◆ Motion to increase Lisa Underwood's salary and incurring the following paid holidays: Easter Monday, Independence Day, Thanksgiving, and Christmas for 2018. These benefits will be reviewed and approved by the personnel team and council annually. Motion approved.
- ◆ Motion to update bank authorization. Motion approved.

Team Reports

Support: Written

Congregation Care: Written

Old Business

Dale Sherrill updated status of the call process for Associate Pastor

New Business—none

Adjournment

Lord's Prayer

Congregation Care

This week we will gather at the foot of the cross and then at the tomb to celebrate our Lord's resurrection. In those great events, Jesus shows and pours out his love for us. As God's people, who are recipients of God's love and benefits, we are privileged and called to share that love with others – near and far.

The Congregation Care Team invites your participation in the sharing of God's love through caring, encouraging, supporting, and serving others. Please review the Congregation Care List published on March 11 (bulletin insert) and March 14 (newsletter). We ask you to reach out to those who are, or have recently been through a time of challenge or loss. Through us, and with us, God can and will bring comfort and peace to others.

We invite you to pray and to live this prayer:

Prayer of St. Francis

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace:

Where there is hatred, let me sow love;

Where there is injury, pardon;

Where there is doubt, faith;

Where there is despair, hope;

Where there is darkness, light;

Where there is sadness, joy.

O divine Master,

Grant that I may not so much seek

To be consoled as to console,

To be understood as to understand,

To be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive,

It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,

And it is in dying

That we are born to eternal life.

~ Rocky Miller & Pastor Gary Haddock

Celebrating a Birth!

Peyton Reese Brown was born on March 20. She is the daughter of Patrick & Brittany Brown. Brothers are Sky, Cole, and Kendall Hayes. Grandparents are Doug & Jill Brown, Keith & Teri Crowe.



Congratulations to the Brown family!

Celebrating Long Life!



Christine Stewart

September 20, 1919

Mary Frances Busbee

January 9, 1921

Ernestine Morrow

April 14, 1921

Mabel Little

December 25, 1923

Glenna Mae Pope

June 5, 1925

Margie Whitener

August 30, 1925

Mary Kornegay

December 3, 1926

Marie Cline Deal

March 27, 1927

Jack Whitener

April 14, 1927

Norman Morrow

July 2, 1927

Hazel Setzer

October 5, 1927

Jim Carpenter

September 14, 1928

Harold Byrd

January 30, 1928

Hal Sigmon

May 19, 1928

Bill Gilbert

July 17, 1928

Louie Williams

September 5, 1928

Betty Cloninger

October 2, 1929

Ron Cox

November 29, 1928

Carolyn Pendergrass

January 29, 1929

Georgie Mae Deal

May 16, 1929

J.D. Little

December 31, 1929

Congregation Care

Please Remember in Prayer Families Who Have Recently Lost a Loved One

- ◆ Richard Williams (March 23), son of Louie and Betty Williams
- ◆ Mavis Bumgarner (March 22), grandmother of Kristen and Andrew Bumgarner, sister of Homer Self, Larry (Denelta) Self, Kenneth (Debbie) Self, Joann (Ray) Elmore, Diane Loftin; sister-in-law of Trudy Self, Judy Self
- ◆ 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
- ◆ Youthalene Nifong Adderholt (March 2), mother of Mark Adderholt and Miriam Adderholt

With Heartfelt
Sympathy

Financial Update

Memorial Gifts to St. Mark's Preschool

In Memory of

Charles Pope by Ronald Turk
Charles Pope by Kathleen & Kyle Sigmon
Charles Pope by Patricia Bumgarner Pope
Charles Pope by William & Pat Powell
Charles Pope by Camilla Wilson
Charles Pope by Barry & Kathy Whisnant
Charles Pope by Whisnant & Company
Charles Pope by Ginger Carpenter
Charles Pope by Bob & Camille Patrick
Charles Pope by Gilbert & Susan Bolick
Charles Pope by Kevin & Amy Winebarger

Memorial Gift to St. Mark's Organ Fund

In Memory of

Dr. & Mrs. Marcus Smith by Kathleen & Kyle Sigmon

Worship Attendance

March 18: 152 March 25:160

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

All bills are paid.

Calendar Highlights

Please check monthly/weekly calendars for times.

Maundy Thursday **(March 29)**

Good Friday Service **(March 30)**

Holy Saturday Easter Vigil **(March 31)**

Easter Sunday **(April 1)**

Church office closed **(April 2)**

Church Work Day **(May 12)**

Mothers Day **(May 13)**

Memorial Day Worship **(May 27)**

NC Synod Assembly **(June 1—2)**

Bishop Tim Smith—Homecoming **(June 10)**

Father's Day **(June 17)**

ELCA Youth Gathering **(June 27—July 1)**

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!

ELCA Youth Gathering is June 27—July 1



Ethan Campbell, Korbin Nash, and Kody Nash plan to attend the ELCA Youth Gathering in Houston. Kelly and Kerri Nash will chaperone.

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Congregation Council

2018	2019	2020
Terry Hefner	Angela Brown	Barry Bumgarner
Scott Ramsey	Edie Connor	Tiffany Caudill
Carol Schaefer	Gigi Sigmon	Marcheta Campbell
Nicky Setzer	Tanya Stephenson	David Tucker

Congregation Council Meeting

Council meets on April 16.

Newsletter Mailing

The next mailing will be on April 11

Church Office Hours

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

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