



ST. MARK'S NEWSLETTER THE REMINDER

June 27, 2018



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

God's work. Our hands.

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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July 1

Pentecost 6

Fourth of July
Commemoration

July 8

Pentecost 7

July 15

Pentecost 8

July 22

Pentecost 9

July 29

Pentecost 10

9am Sunday School
10am One Worship Service

Resignation of Pastor Paul Christ, Associate for Pastoral Care

Last day will be Sunday, July 29

Reception after Worship in the Family Life Center

To the people of St. Mark's,

"Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus." (1 Corinthians 1:3-4)

In large measure you have become people who have grown close to my heart. Your support and love have helped me to be a better pastor. Undoubtedly it has been a privilege to work with Pastor Haddock to provide pastoral care for the sake of the Gospel and encouragement for you in times need.

You have surely been aware of my health issues due to balance, neuropathy and COPD; so after much thought and prayerful reflection it seems best for me to resign from my work at St. Mark's. My last day of service will be Sunday, July 29.

In the months ahead you will be adding to staff and expanding your ministry to the community you serve.



"And my God will fully satisfy every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus."

(Philippians 4:19)

Sincerely,

Rev. Paul E. Christ

ELCA Youth Gathering in Houston (June 27—July 1)

Please remember in prayer Ethan Campbell, Korbin Nash, and Kody Nash, as they attend the ELCA Youth Gathering in Houston with chaperones, Kelly and Kerri Nash. The 2018 ELCA Youth Gathering theme is "This Changes Everything" based on Ephesians 2:8 "For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God."



Learning

You are Invited!
Vacation Bible School
“Walking with Jesus”
Saturday, August 11
10—6pm, Family Life Center

This year’s Vacation Bible School will be a one day event for the whole congregation. The VBS theme is “Walking with Jesus” and will depict that time period. The Family Life Center will be set up as a marketplace.

Activities There will be pop up tents with different activities to enjoy. Children will paint wooden fish, make sandals, create scrolls, and weave baskets to hold the wooden fish. They will earn coins with Bible verses on them as they complete each activity. Participants may keep the coins or spend them in the marketplace.

Food & Music In the morning, muffins, juice, and fruit will be served. Lunch will include ham, turkey, and cheese sandwiches heated in the oven and served with chips. At 5pm, everyone is asked to gather for a picnic, accompanied by guitar music and songs.

Swimming & Bowling In the afternoon, there will be a swimming party at the home of Tim & Judy Carpenter. Please bring bathing suits and towels. Some participants will go bowling.

Non-perishable Donations Everyone is asked to bring a canned good or other non-perishable food donation.

Volunteers Needed Please contact Learning Team chair, Judy Carpenter (828-459-7870) if you are available to help. Set up will be on Friday, August 10. Many hands are needed to make this happen.



Global Missions

**Allyson Sestric to go on Mission Trip
with Access Health Africa in August**

In August, Access Health Africa will be sending their biggest medical/dental team to Malawi in the history of the organization! Allyson Sestric will be part of the mission trip. They will provide free medical and dental services that patients are otherwise unable to access. Access Health Africa funds their own way, providing all of their own medical supplies. Any donations are a huge help! The plan for the trip is to spend a day or two seeing patients and then the doctors and nurses will perform small surgeries at a small hospital from Monday to Friday.



Want to help? Here are some options:

- ♦ **Kulolewa Sponsorship: \$25** Gives one patient round trip transportation to receive surgery
- ♦ **Mankhala Sponsorship: \$50** Provides essential surgical instruments & medicines for one surgery
- ♦ **Mchaka Sponsorship: \$125** Provides one Basic Life Support course for 10 rural health providers in Kabudula
- ♦ **Ubwino Sponsorship: \$250** Provides one life-changing surgery
- ♦ **Bwana Sponsorship: \$500** Provides transport fees for all patients for one entire day of medical/surgical cases

Donations may be made to Access Health Africa, PO Box 57, Boone, NC 28607. (Please put Allyson Sestric on memo line.)

Donations may also be made through Crowdrise: www.crowdrise.com/allysonsestic. Then click the link: “Improving health.”

Access Health Africa is a nonprofit organization. All donations are tax deductible For more information: www.accesshealthafrica.org. Thank you for your support!

One Worship Service Sundays on July 29 & August 26



One Worship Service at 10am

During the summer, there will be only one worship service on the last Sunday of each month. These dates are July 29 and August 26. Sunday School will be held at 9am on July 29. A reception for Pastor Paul Christ, Associate for Pastoral Care, will follow worship in the Family Life Center. The August 26 service will be held at Kermit's Park and will include Rally Day events beginning at 10am.

Financial Update

Worship Attendance

June 17: 149

June 24: 115

Ministry Financial Update

<u>Reported as of</u>	<u>May 31</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
General Fund Receipts	\$22,766	\$127,472
Expenses (including payables)	\$26,202	\$140,190

All bills are paid.

Offerings While on Vacation

Away this summer? The church needs your donations year-round. Your regular offerings are especially needed during the summer months when people are on breaks.

Financial Gifts Received

St. Mark's Women of the ELCA

In honor of Ellen Hunt by Sue Karen Falls

St Mark's Preschool

In memory of Charles Pope by Glenna Mae Pope

In memory of Charles Pope by John Pope

In honor of Randy Abernathy's birthday on June 30
by Jo Marilyn Hewitt

Congregation Care

Please remember in prayer the family of Albert Hayden Isenhour who died on June 16. He was the brother of Ken (Dotty) Isenhour.

Calendar Highlights

Please check monthly/weekly calendars for times

June

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

July

Fourth of July—Church Office Closed (**Jul 4**)

One Worship Service at 10am (**Jul 29**)

August

Vacation Bible School (**Aug 11**)

Senior Luncheon (**Aug 17**)

Rally Day, One Service at Kermit's Park (**Aug 26**)

September

ELCA God's Work. Our Hands (**Sep 9**)

"One" derful Wednesdays (**Sep 12—Nov 21**)

Stewardship Emphasis (**Sep 16—Oct 7**)



Attention Ministry Teams!

"God's work. Our hands."

Day of Service Sunday, September 9

On Sunday, September 9, congregations of ELCA will join together for "God's work. Our hands." Sunday. Ministry teams are invited to do something on that day or another date (ELCA.org/dayofservice).

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Congregation Council

2018

Terry Hefner
Scott Ramsey
Carol Schaefer
Nicky Setzer

2019

Angela Brown
Edie Connor
Gigi Sigmon
Tanya Stephenson

2020

Barry Bumgarner
Tiffany Caudill
Marcheta Campbell
David Tucker

Congregation Council meets on June 18 at 6pm.

Next newsletter mailing will be June 27.

Church Office Hours

Monday - Thursday, 8:30am—4pm; Friday, 9am—12pm

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