Good Advice for Making 2019 A Good Year

Do you want to have a great year? Here’s some good advice that will help make 2019 the a satisfying and successful year:

1) Start Each Day by Reading the Bible
What food is for the body, the Bible is for the soul. You will be amazed at the immense amount of guidance and practical advice the Bible will give you for everyday living. And, of course, the Bible is the “Power of God unto salvation.” If you can, at a prescribed time, morning or night, spend time each day in God’s Word. As we begin this new year, we enter into a 10-week Bible study series on spiritual practices of Jesus. We want to become like Him. So we recommend you read the BELIEVE topical Bible as a daily practice.

2) Cultivate the Habit of Daily Prayer
Prayer is a time of personal communion with God. It is a time of conversation and heart-to-heart words. Try to include praise of God, confession, thanksgiving, and intercession. Also, join your fellow church family members praying for ourselves and others. We want to be, at St Mark, a church that prays first about everything.

3) Resolve to Help Someone Each Day
Let your light shine. “Do good unto others, especially unto them which are of the household of faith.” Join Jesus in His great mission of sharing His redemptive and restorative love with all people by sharing a little bit of what He has already given you in abundance with those who have little or nothing.

4) Count Your Blessings
Thank God for your loved ones, home, income, your church family, the Bible, health, Christ, faith, eternal life.

5) And Don’t Be Afraid to Be Happy
We are the very children of God and heirs of eternal life. Heaven is our home. God loves us. His people love us. Be joyful, full of hope, patient and kind to others, at peace with all. Enjoy life.

Adapted from Moody Monthly by Pastor Jim

WORSHIP

Sunday, January 6, 2019—8:15 & 11:00am
The Festival of the Epiphany of Our Lord
BELIEVE—Becoming a New Person in Christ
Practice # 11—Worship
“I Worship God because of Who He Is and What He Has Done for Me in Christ”
8:15 am - Worship with Praise Music
11:00 am - Festival Worship (Traditional Music)
This day’s church year theme recalls the visitation of the Wise Men who brought their gifts and worshipped our new-born Lord Jesus Christ. Pastor Durham will preach a message based on the Scripture readings from the BELIEVE topical Bible on WORSHIP. Pastor Jim will lead worship and share a Kid’s Chat. Operation Blood Pressure follows the early worship service.

Sunday, January 20, 2019—8:15 & 11:00am
BELIEVE—Becoming a New Person in Christ
Practice # 13—Bible Study
8:15 am - Worship with Praise Music
11:00 am - Festival Worship (Traditional Music)

Sunday, January 27, 2019—8:15 & 11:00am
BELIEVE—Becoming a New Person in Christ
Practice # 14—Singlemindedness
8:15 am - Worship with Communion (Praise)
11:00 am - Worship w/Communion (Traditional)
Operation Blood Pressure  
**Sunday, Jan 6**

St Mark RNs (registered nurses) offer free blood pressure readings on the first Sun. of each month, in Pastor Jim’s office (Rm 103). The nurses keep records of your readings so you can follow changes or fluctuations. Take advantage of this wonderful benefit provided by your church family!

LWML Meeting  
**Lutheran Women in Mission**  
**Saturday, Jan 12**

All women of St. Mark are invited to the LWML business & fellowship meeting Sat. Jan 12, 10am-Noon at St. Mark in Rooms 102-104.

Laps O’ Love Quilters Open House  
**Saturday, Jan 26**

Please join us for a few hours or a full day of fellowship, sewing and a bite of lunch on **Sat January 26 from 9am-3pm in the donut rooms at St Mark**. Our day will include many things such as:

- Sorting fabric by size and color
- Ironing/pressing fabric
- Cutting fabric
- Design simple/easy quilt plans
- Sewing

We have been blessed with loads of fabric and many talented people. But, we could always use more people, both men and women. Don’t be shy. Whether you sew only straight lines or are more experienced, come and join us!

Depending on what area you might work with, things to bring would include; sewing machine, thread, straight pins, scissors, extension cord, extra sewing machine needles OR Cutting mat, rotary cutter, rotary ruler/square OR Ironing cloth, iron.

If you are unsure of what you’d like to do, what to bring, or have any other questions, please call Kathy Murrin, 526-6549.

Nomadic Shelter/Entertaining Angels  
**2019 Hosting Dates**  
**Thurs January 31 & Sun April 7**

New Era ~  
**All Congregation Summit #2 with Ted Hartman**  
*Forum on Renewal & Revitalization*  
**Sat January 26, 2019**  
**9:00am - 12:00 pm**  
*Good Shepherd Hall*

Revitalizing for the Next Generation

St Mark Knitting Ministry  
**Saturday, Jan 19**

Do you knit or crochet? The ladies of the St Mark Knitting Ministry invites you to join them as they knit & crochet lap robes for residents of convalescent homes, scarves & caps for the homeless, & baby blankets for children baptized at St Mark. Join them on the 3rd Sat of the month, 10:30am, at the home of Linda Marks, 546-7307.

HOUR OF PRAYER  
*JOIN THE MOVEMENT*  
**Sunday, January 27, 5:00pm**  
In the St Mark Church Sanctuary  
*Join Us!*

Focused on prayer, not chit chat. Informal with a little structure. Guided and led, but open for all to pray. Open to pray about anything and everything. Planned for 60 minutes or less.

2019 College/Young Adult Winter Retreat  
**February 8-11**

Working with Sina and the Bd of Youth, for the first time in a long time, we are facilitating a Spiritual Winter Retreat this February for the college-age young adults! To that end, we have four young adults who are resurrecting HAYA (Hire-A-Young-Adult) to raise money to reduce the cost of the trip by doing odd-jobs for members & friends of the congregation. If you have projects or chores that you want to get done, but can never find the time, see the inside of these announcements to hire one of our college students to do it for you! Questions? Contact Leah Warren; leah@stmarklc.org or Sina Williams, sina@stmarklc.org, or call them at the church, 545-1230.
Believe ~ The Story
Living the Story of the Bible to Become Like Jesus
January 6 ~ March 10, 2019
What I Do. What I Practice.
Come along on another ten-week discovery journey

Personal Bible Reading
Begins the week of Dec 30
Materials available

Small Group Mid-Week Bible Study
Begins the week of Jan 6
Study Guides available

Sunday Sermons, Sunday Adult,
Teen & Young Adult Bible Classes
Begins Sunday, Jan 6
Children’s Sunday School
Ages 3 years old through 6th grade
Every Sunday Morning ~ 9:45am
Teachers share God’s Word through Bible stories

“What do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one gets the prize? Run in such a way as to get the prize. Everyone who competes in the games goes into strict training. They do it to get a crown that will not last, but we do it to get a crown that will last forever. Therefore I do not run like someone running aimlessly; I do not fight like a boxer beating the air. No, I strike a blow to my body and make it my slave so that after I have preached to others, I myself will not be disqualified for the prize.”
1 Corinthians 9:24-27

We read & studied The Story ~ now we will learn to LIVE The Story.
We studied the characters of HiStory during The Story ~ now we will become His character so God can once again tell His Story through each of US!

All Sunday Morning Bible Study Offerings
9:45-10:45am at St Mark

Believe Adult Classes:
Pastor Jim ~ Rms 102-104
Al Kruger ~ Rms 106-108
Pastor Dennis ~ Good Shepherd Hall
Brian & Buffi Frazier ~ Rm 206

Gospel of Matthew Adult Class:
Gary Warren ~ Rm 207

Believe Jr High Youth Class:
Wickenburgs, Falkenburgs, Lancinas ~ Rm 210

Believe Sr High Youth Class:
Sina Williams, Marla Vickery, Andy Kiehl ~ Rm 208

Book of Romans Young Adult Class:
Leah Warren & Chris Jones ~ Rm 202

What has God been teaching you in HIS WORD?
“Continue to grow in the grace and knowledge of our Savior, Jesus Christ.”
2 Peter 3:18

What does God's grace mean to you?
ALL MID-WEEK SMALL GROUP BIBLE STUDY OFFERINGS

MONDAY EVE Classes:
Ladies Only ~ Debi Lancina

TUESDAY AM Classes:
Men Only ~ Tom McGinnity
Ladies Only - Marianne Campbell
Ladies Only - Michelle Ule

TUESDAY EVE Classes:
Ladies Only - Mary Beyer
Mixed Men/Women - Bob Matthews

WEDNESDAY EVE Classes:
Mixed Men/Women - Robert Ule/Pastor Jim
Mixed Men/Women - Gregg Tooze

For details about each small group listing see the information below!

Ladies Bible Study ~ BELIEVE - The Story” ~ Mon. Evenings
This ladies group meets on the 2nd & 4th Mon. evenings of the month, 7-8:30pm at Debi Lancina’s home. Questions? Contact Debi, 545-1230 or debi@stmarklc.org. Begins Monday, Jan 14.

Mens Bible Study ~ “Word Alone” ~ Tues. Mornings
All adult men are invited and welcome to join St Mark’s 9:00am Tues. morning Men’s Bible Study Group at Tom McGinnity’s home. The group spends the first half hour or so in sharing, singing hymns, & prayer. With the Holy Spirit’s guidance the group then enjoys robust Bible study. For more details & directions to Tom’s home please contact Tom McGinnity, 535-0887. Ongoing study.

Ladies Bible Study ~ “Scripture Readings” ~ Tues. Mornings
Ladies are invited to drop-in on Tues. mornings, 9:30-11:00am at Marianne Campbell’s home, for a cup of tea & time together in God’s Word. The Scripture selections are taken from each upcoming Sunday’s readings from BELIEVE - The Story. Questions? Contact Marianne, 578-0645. Ongoing study.

Ladies Bible Study ~ ”Servants of the Lord” ~ Tues. Mornings
This ladies group meets on Tues 9:15-10:45am at St Mark, led by Michelle Ule. The group will use an LCMS book, “Servants of the Lord”, to study the lives of six servants of the Lord, affirming forgiveness & salvation, service to God & others, and motivating participants to seek new opportunities to praise & serve God. Books are $10. Questions? Contact Michelle, 537-7066. Begins Tuesday, Jan 8.

Mixed Bible Study ~ BELIEVE - The Story ~ Tues. Evenings
This men & women mixed group meets on Tues. eves 6:30pm at St Mark. Questions? Contact Bob Matthews, 576-7507. Begins Tuesday, Jan 8.

Ladies Bible Study ~ BELIEVE - The Story ~ Tues. Evenings
This ladies group meets on Tues. eves 7:00pm at Mary Beyer’s home. Questions? Contact Mary, 538-3390, maryhbeyer@comcast.net. Begins Tuesday, Jan 8.

Mixed Bible Study ~ BELIEVE - The Story ~ Wed. Evenings
This men & women mixed group meets on Wed. eves 7-8:30pm at Robert Ule’s home. Questions? Contact Robert Ule, 537-7066. Begins Wednesday, Jan 9.

Mixed Bible Study ~ “Jesus in High Definition” ~ Wed. Evenings
This men & women mixed group listens to a Dewey Bertolini podcast and then discusses what they have heard and how God’s Word applies. They meet on Wed. eves 7-8:30pm at Gregg Tooze home. Questions? Contact Gregg, 568-6255. Ongoing study.
Happy January Anniversary!

Marty & Jessica Harris 15 Happy 55th Bob & Myrtle!
Bob & Myrtle Edmiston 17
Jeremy & Katie Kindle 27
Steve & Jennifer Rogers 28

We Extend Our Sympathies to...

The Kemmerle Family in the loss of their beloved father, Arnold Kemmerle on Dec 24, 2018. Cards and notes of comfort and condolence can be sent to Arnold’s son & daughter-in-law, Steven & Karen Kemmerle, 607 Jonas Lane, Petaluma, CA 94953.

The Gaiek Family in the loss of their beloved mother, Stephanie Gaiek on Dec 27, 2018. Cards and notes of comfort and condolence can be sent to Stephanie’s daughter, Gerry French, 3779 Sherbrook Drive, Santa Rosa, CA 95404.

We remember the families of these dear friends and St Mark members in our prayers as they seek God’s peace, comfort & strength during this time of grief and loss. We give thanks to God for the blessings of the long and fruitful lives of Arnold (99 yrs) and Stephanie (98 yrs).

Baptism Blessings!

Atira Larrena Lessnau received the Sacrament of Holy Baptism on Sunday, December 23, 2018, 12:45pm in the sanctuary of St Mark with Rev James Beyer officiating. Atira was born January 15, 2013 & is the daughter of Gretchen (nee Hanke) Lessnau & Beau Lessnau. Blessings can be sent to 532 Spruce St. Santa Rosa, CA 95407.

Syenna Felicia Lessnau received the Sacrament of Holy Baptism on Sunday, December 23, 2018, 12:45pm in the sanctuary of St Mark with Rev James Beyer officiating. Syenna was born April 29, 2018 & is the daughter of Gretchen (nee Hanke) Lessnau & Beau Lessnau. Blessings can be sent to 532 Spruce St. Santa Rosa, CA 95407.

Happy January Birthday!

Michael Gallaher 1
Hannah Kiehl 2
Nathan Kiehl 2
Asier Araya 3
Kathy Dunnagan 3
Elizabeth McDermott 4
Herb Percy 4
Lilliana Steele 4
Janet Appel 5
Brody Mejia 5
Bryson Mejia 5
RoseAnne Powell 6
Buffi Frazier 7
Joyce Hayden 7
Eddie Klein 7
Jan Cheek 9
Dylan Siri 9
Douglas Gray 10
Eric Muhly 10
Lindy Von Dohen 10
Zachary Doyle 11
Pam Muhly 11
Grant Pasch 11
Emma Allen 12
Christie Edwards 12
Felicity Baker 13
Shirley Boden 14
Riley Bond 14
Heath Borch 14
Ryan Bradley 14
Micaela DeGennaro 15
Amanda Gehring 15
Kaylee Korntved 15
Atira Lessnau 15
Jordan Baker 16
David Wilcox 16
William Falls 17
Joshua Hermsmeyer 18
Izzabella Allgire 20
Cathy Ahlborn 21
Peggy Austin 21
Bob Silzle 21
Kelsey Ahlborn 22
Arlen Dethlefsen 22
Taron Mieger 22
Glenn Seymour 22
John DeGennaro 23
Inez Bauman 24
Lilianna Buckley 24
Dan Doyle 24
Sandra Kennedy 24
Heidi Miersemann 25
Dennis Olson 25
Jan Krueger 26
Chase Parker 26
Jennifer Beyer 27
Sandra Kennedy 27
Lynn Fitzpatrick 28
Tracie Gray 28
Austin Miller 28
Harvey Walters 28
Diane Steele 29
Madison Kindle 30
Debbie TenHave 30
Dale Barber 31

Birthdays & Anniversary Listings

We want to list ALL of the St Mark family birthdays/anniversaries in the first of the month Marksmen issue. Check the Fellowship bulletin board or this Marksmen issue for Jan. listings. If your name is not listed please add your name & information on one of the blank spaces on the fellowship bulletin board list or email Debi Lancina - debi@stmarklc.org.

Wedding Anniversary Celebrations

Monthly Anniversary Get-Togethers are happening!! If your anniversary is in the month of Jan. or Feb. & you would like to know more about celebrating God’s blessings with a group of couples who share your anniversary month, call Pastor Dennis, 545-1230.
Attendance............week of December 2, 2018

Group ....................... Participants Teachers
Early Service (8:15) ......................... 115
Late Service (11:00) ......................... 95
Sunday Worship Total ....................... 210
Sunday Offerings ......................... $21,852.56
Online Giving .............................. $760.00
Children’s Sunday School ............... 18........ 10
Jr High Class............................... 3........ 4
Sr High Class............................... 8........ 2
Adult Bible Classes ......................... 30........ 5
Sunday School Total....................... 76
Weekday Bible Classes ...................... 18........ 2
12/12 Advent GSH .......................... 55
12/12 Advent 7pm .......................... 47
12/12 Advent Offerings .................... $801.07

Attendance............week of December 9, 2018

Group ....................... Participants Teachers
Early Service (8:15) ......................... 101
Late Service (11:00) ......................... 86
Sunday Worship Total ....................... 187
Sunday Offerings ......................... $19,617.44
Online Giving .............................. $9,567.00
Children’s Sunday School ............... 14........ 10
Jr High Class............................... 3........ 4
Sr High Class............................... 8........ 2
Adult Bible Classes ......................... 30........ 5
Sunday School Total....................... 76
Weekday Bible Classes ...................... 18........ 2
12/12 Advent GSH .......................... 55
12/12 Advent 7pm .......................... 47
12/12 Advent Offerings .................... $9,991.65

Attendance............week of December 16, 2018

Group ....................... Participants Teachers
Early Service (8:15) ......................... 116
Late Service (11:00) ......................... 63
Sunday Worship Total ....................... 179
Sunday Offerings ......................... $9,991.65
Online Giving .............................. $9,567.00
Children’s Sunday School ............... 19........ 10
Jr & Sr High Class ......................... 12........ 3
Adult Bible Classes ......................... 51........ 6
Sunday School Total....................... 101
Weekday Bible Classes ...................... 14........ 1
12/19 Advent GSH .......................... 55
12/19 Advent 7pm .......................... 47
12/19 Advent Offerings .................... $10,249.38
12/19 Sing A Long ......................... 73

Attendance............week of December 23, 2018

Group ....................... Participants Teachers
Early Service (8:15) ......................... 130
Late Service (11:00) ......................... 120
Sunday Worship Total ....................... 250
Sunday Offerings ......................... $20,694.90
Online Giving .............................. $5,678.00
Children’s Sunday School ............... 19........ 10
Jr & Sr High Classes (Combined) ....... 11........ 2
Adult Bible Classes ......................... 46........ 6
Sunday School Total ....................... 101
Weekday Bible Classes ...................... 0........ 0
Christmas Eve Worship Total .......... 348
Christmas Eve Offering ................. $15,321.38
Christmas Day Worship Total .......... 67
Christmas Day Offering .................. $2,166.00

Attendance............week of December 30, 2018

Group ....................... Participants Teachers
Early Service (8:15) ......................... 97
Late Service (11:00) ......................... 64
Sunday Worship Total ....................... 161
Sunday Offerings ......................... $64,176.74
Online Giving .............................. $13,108.00
Children’s Sunday School ............... 15........ 10
Jr High Class............................... 2........ 2
Sr High Class............................... 7........ 2
Adult Bible Classes ......................... 46........ 5
Sunday School Total ....................... 89
Weekday Bible Classes ...................... 18........ 2
12/30 Hour of Prayer ....................... 4........ 1
New Year’s Eve Worship Total .......... 45
New Year’s Eve Offering ............... $2,910.00
New Year’s Eve Offering ............... $2,910.00
Recycle Aluminum Cans
& support JFJ youth at Summer Camp

Recycle YOUR aluminum cans at church and help reduce the cost of JFJ 2019 summer camp! It’s really easy — save your aluminum cans in a bag & leave them outside Debi’s office (Rm 107). Remember, we only recycle aluminum cans! Please no tin cans, glass, garbage, or other recyclable items. Items other than aluminum cans slows the process at the recycling center. We appreciate your ongoing support for our youth.

GOD’S LOVE POUR OUT

Giving the Gift of Altar Flowers

The Altar Flower Chart is posted in the hallway near Pastor Dennis’ office. Each Sunday has an opportunity for you to make a love & thanksgiving offering to God and/or commemorate a special occasion. Cost for a flower arrangement is $50.00 and is sometimes shared by two families at a cost of $25 each. Those placing flowers may take the flowers home to enjoy, or share them with a homebound member after Sunday worship services. Questions? Contact Karen Philp, 526-5661.

Upcoming Available Dates: Sun Jan 26 & all of February.

2019 Boxed Offering Envelopes

Last call to pick up your boxed set!

There are still a few 2019 boxed offering envelopes left to be picked up in the table in the donut room near the library. They are displayed in alphabetical order by member’s last name. Please contact the staff or Pastors if you are unable to find your personal box of offering envelopes.

Reminder to those who opted for Online Giving for 2019: per your request, we did not order you a set of boxed envelopes. We do have a limited amount of “specials envelopes” boxed sets (ie SOW, Food Pantry, Lent, Advent, Holidays, etc) available for those giving online. Feel free to pick a set up at the table in the donut room near the library.

Offering Envelopes left after this Sunday will be mailed to your home. Thank you all for picking up your envelopes and helping us to be good stewards by reducing our postage & mailing materials cost.

A Blessed New Year to our St Mark Family!

The Ministry & Office Staff of St Mark Lutheran Church