Update on New Era Revitalization
Transforming Lives by Connecting People Deeply with Jesus and One Another

It has been several months since our last New Era Summit meeting on vision fulfillment and revitalization. So, I thought it would be of great interest to all to receive a brief update about things going on behind the scenes that are next steps birthed out of the recent Summit meeting.

For the last six weeks we have been taking steps to develop teams of leaders who can begin giving thought to developing pathways and strategies toward accomplishing some of our biggest plans for revitalization, renewal, health and growth. The teams are to be tasked to figure out steps toward specific mission and ministry objectives which have arisen out of all of our New Era Summit dialogs, conversations and workshops over the past year and a half. Six Strategic Planning Task Forces are being appointed by members of the Planning Council, New Era Leadership, Board of Elders and the Office & Ministry Staff. They are:

> New Comer Engagement
> Children’s & Teen Ministry
> Relationship Building & Small Groups
> Contemporary Worship
> Lead Pastor Search Team
> Technology and Information System

These Task Forces are now being staffed with a few key lay leaders, Planning Council members, Elders and staff. One Task Force, the one focusing on the objective of bringing a new lead Pastor on board is the one Task Force that has begin their work. At least two others will begin their strategic planning work within the next two weeks.; and many conversations have taken place in the meanwhile on just about every area of ministry and mission effort we do at St Mark Lutheran Church. Marksman briefings and updates will be coming your way in every upcoming issue. In the next issue, we will tell you a little more about the “Lead Pastor Search Team’s” work.

If you are interested in serving on one of the teams please contact Doug Gibson, our New Era Key Leader.

WORSHIP

Sunday, July 7, 2019—8:30 & 11:10am
“God Bless America!”
Independence Day Observance
Commission High School Youth for Gathering
8:30 am - Worship (Praise Music Setting)
10:00 am - Sunday School & Bible Studies
11:10 am - Worship (Traditional Music Setting)
We will include an observance of our nation’s Independence Day by way of flags, prayer and a couple of patriotic hymns. Operation Blood Pressure follows the early worship service.

Sunday, July 14, 2019—8:30 & 11:10am
“Love God with All your Heart”
Fifth Sunday after Pentecost – Proper 10
Commissioning of Nicaragua Mission Team
8:30 am - Worship with Communion (Praise) w/ the Commission of the Nicaragua Mission Team
10:00 am - Sunday School & Bible Studies
11:10 am - Worship w/Communion (Traditional)
We will Commission and Consecrate the Nicaragua bound Mission Trip Team in the 8:30 am service. Sunday School Fun Day Pool Party is at 3:00 pm.

Sunday, July 21, 2019—8:30 & 11:10am
“Choosing the Good Portion”
Sixth Sunday after Pentecost - Proper 11
8:30 am - Worship (Praise Music Setting)
10:00 am - Sunday School & Bible Studies
11:10 am - Worship (Traditional Music Setting)
with the Baptisms of Emma and Ella Miller
Sunday Worship Schedule
Sundays, July 7, 14, 21, 28
We continue our Sunday Morning Summer Worship Service schedule
8:30am Worship
(Full Contemporary style)
10:00am - Sunday School, Children, Teen, and Adult Bible Classes
(55 minutes in length ending by 10:55 am)
11:10am Worship
(Classic traditional style)
Holy Communion will be offered in both worship services on the 2nd & 4th Sundays of July

Summer Sunday School!
for kids 3 yrs old through 6th grade
Interactive, fun, with crafts and animated Kid Bible video stories on:
Each Sunday
10:00-10:55am
Rms 102-104
July 7 — Lot & Two Bad Towns
July 14 — Abe & Isaac
July 21 — Jacob & Esau
July 28 — Jacob & Rachel

“Tell Me Your Story”
Testimonies about the Faithfulness of God
Faith & life stories shared by our members & friends
with Author, Michelle Ule interviewing
Sunday, June 30: 10:00 AM – 10:55 AM
Interviewing Gary Warren in Good Shepherd Hall
For Adults, Young Adults and Teens
Faith & life stories will continue to be shared on Sunday mornings during the month of July!
Thank God for America!

July 4 will bring us to our annual celebration of freedom. With tens of millions of fellow countrymen, we too, shall celebrate. We thank God for allowing us to enjoy this freedom. We thank God for the many Americans who gave their (as George Washington put it) “toils, blood, and treasures” to make and keep America free. We thank God for religious freedom in which we can out-rightly profess and practice a faith in Jesus Christ and the freedom from sin, death, and the power of the Devil, which He won for us with His own “toils, blood, and treasures.”

Thank God for America, my friends! Thank God for making America free & for dedicating yourselves to keeping America a free “nation under God.”

Operation Blood Pressure
Sunday, July 7

St Mark RN’s (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!

St Mark Knitting Ministry
Saturday, July 20

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.

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. July 21, Aug 4. 11 & 18

Laps O’Love Quilting Group
Saturday, July 27

The Laps O’ Love quilters would love to have you join them on the 4th Sat of each month from 9am-Noon at St Mark. All sewing levels from beginners to advanced are welcome and there is no requirement to attend every month. Questions? Please contact Kathy Murrin 526-6549.

HOUR OF PRAYER
JOIN THE MOVEMENT
Sunday, July 28, 5:00pm
In the St Mark Church Sanctuary
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.

Recycle Aluminum Cans & support JFJ youth at Summer Camp

Recycle YOUR aluminum cans at church and help reduce the cost of next year’s JFJ 2020 week-at-summer camp! It’s really easy ~ save your aluminum cans in a bag and 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 down the process at the recycling center. We appreciate your ongoing support for our youth!
THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING BRIDGES PREGNANCY CLINIC & CARE CENTER THROUGH BABY BOTTLE BLAST FUNDRAISER!!

To All The VBS Children at St. Marks —
Wow! A great big THANK YOU to each and every one of you for your caring hearts! So many new babies (and those whom love them) will be blessed by every gift donated to Bridges through your VBS ministry. May God bless all of you — Affirming Life BRIDGES Pregnancy Clinic & Care Center

JESUS LOVES the little children...
Hire-a-Teen Completed Chores!!
13 teens/adults x 23.5 chore hrs = 305.5 volunteer hrs!
with more chores to complete in the before July 4

For more info on National Youth gathering 2019:
www.lcmsgathering.com
We Extend Our Sympathies to...

Keith Walker in the loss of his beloved wife, Anne on June 16, 2019. Cards and notes of comfort and condolence can be sent to Brookdale Assisted Living Center, 15465 179th Ave SE, Rm 118, Monroe, WA 98272.

Michelle Mager in the loss of her beloved mother, Lois Koldewey on June 21, 2019. Cards and notes of comfort and condolence can be sent to 15 Citadel Ct, Pleasant Hill, CA 94523.

We remember these families 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 Anne & Lois.

Happy July Anniversary!

David & Emily Twitchell 1
Jonathan & Alisha Ule 1
Bill & Yvonne Madson 2
Mark & Therese Zurakowski 2
Christopher & Lisa Buckley 3
Andrew & Rachel Kent 3
Al & Bobbe Kruger 6
Dan & Beth Lindburg 6
Gordon & Traci Barnes 7
Ken & Linda Hodson 10
Eric & Amy Muhly 10
Fred & Bev Perry 10
Justin & Shay Miller 11
Dennis & Eileen Olson 11
Owen & Jan Krueger 12
Jay Ce & Rachel Adams 13
James & Linda Ketelsen 16
Gregg & Chanteet Tooze 16
Mike & Kathy Castro 18
Joel & Stephanie Heldt 20
Casey & Kathy Dunnagan 21
Ben & Jaclyn Katzman 22
Jonas & Tana Bourland 23
Sutton & Christie Reid 23
Paul & Leticia Buckley 24
Scott & Priscilla Eckhardt 26
Michael & Suzi Mieger 26
Michael & Heather Thomson 27
Ryan & Rebecca Houston 28
Neil & Nadia Ahlsten 29
Byron & Beth Borek 29
Sean & Stephanie Garnreiter 29
Pastor Dennis & Rachel Durham 31

Annual August Wedding Anniversaries Dinner

Sunday, August 25
at John & Ardys Jones’ Home

Couples who are members or regular attenders at St Mark & who were married in the month of August will gather for the annual August Wedding Anniversary Dinner Party on Sunday afternoon August 25, at the home of John & Ardys Jones’ home. We anticipate, once again, great food and lots of enjoyable conversation & fellowship. Details are being finalized. If you would like to be alerted with updates, please email Pastor Jim: jim@stmarklc.org. PLEASE notify the church office if your name is not on the list of those who were married in the month of Aug. ~ Pastor Jim & Mary Beyer

Couples Married in Other Months

As always, we greatly encourage all couples of St Mark to consider organizing a dinner party with fellow couples in the congregation married in the same month in order to celebrate God’s gifts and blessings in marriage. Ask Pastor Dennis or Pastor Jim on how you could consider hosting or organizing a Wedding Anniversary Couples Dinner that you would be a part of.

Birthdays & Anniversary Listings

We want to list ALL of the St Mark family birthdays/anniversaries in the first of the month Marksman issue. Check the Fellowship bulletin board or this Marksman issue for July 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.
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**For you have been called to live in freedom. Use your freedom to serve one another in love.**

* Galatians 5:8
Each Sunday
10:00-10:55am
Sunday, July 14
3:00pm to 7:00pm
Hosted by St Mark Lutheran Church at Gregg & Val Campbell’s home
2583 Greenvale Lane
Santa Rosa, CA 95401
Enjoy pool fun & supper!
All Sunday School children & their families are invited.
Hope you can come!
Be sure to RSVP to:
(707) 545-1230

Coming this Summer at St Mark!!!

Neighborhood Family Movie Nite

Friday, July 12
8pm gathering
8:30pm “The Peanuts Movie”

Friday, August 16
7:30pm gathering
8:00pm ~ “Bolt”

Bring a comfy chair or a blanket to sit on!
Invite a friend, a neighbor, grandparent, aunt & uncle, cousins, co-worker!

Popcorn, snacks, beverages provided!

SUNDAY SCHOOL SWIM PARTY

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Children are a gift from the Lord.
They are a reward from Him.
(Psalms 127:3)