



The Parish Post

JUNE 2019

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Sunday, June 2, 2019

One service at 10:30 am
followed by a picnic

Let's all celebrate a great year and welcome summer!

Saturday, June 22, 2019

Chicken & Ribs BBQ

10:30 am till gone!

\$9.00 Chicken Dinner

\$12.00 Ribs Dinner

Reserve your dinner in advance!



MISSION STATEMENT: Nourished by Word and Sacrament, the mission of the members of St. Mark's Evangelical Lutheran Church is to spread God's Word in Jesus Christ through our



29Jesus answered, "The first is, 'Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; 30you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.' 31The second is this, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these." 32Then the scribe said to him, "You are right, Teacher; you have truly said that 'he is one, and besides him there is no other'; 33and 'to love him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the strength,' and 'to love one's neighbor as oneself,' — this is much more important than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices." Mark 12:29-33 NRSV

I recently had a nice week of “staycation”. While I took a week away from the church, we didn’t go away. I spent time with Marian and our family while Marian had pretty much her regular routine of watching grandsons and sewing, housework, etc. We enjoyed a couple special evenings out and I got to work on a few projects around the house and yard that have been pending for some time.

I find that working in the yard and garden, and immersing myself in other projects, gives me a chance to ponder life and ministry. The nature of that kind of “work” can be meditative, and during my week off I got to spend a good amount of time in this meditative activity. While I worked and pondered, the passage above from Mark’s gospel seemed to come to mind often. It led me to consider, and recommit to, a couple things in my life and my ministry.

First, in my ministry, I am making a renewed commitment to visiting and otherwise connecting with members and visitors of St. Mark’s. I realize there are a number of shut-ins and others I have not visited in too long a while. I am sorry for not seeing you more often and hope you’ll forgive me as I make a concerted effort to reconnect. I have asked Council to hold me accountable on this commitment and they have agreed to handle as much of the church’s activities as possible in ministries to allow me the opportunity to spend my time “on the road.”

Hand in hand with the renewed commitment to visitation and communication is a renewed commitment to self-care. As Jesus says to love our neighbors as ourselves, love of neighbor, in visiting, etc., requires love of self to keep things in perspective, and to maintain the health, energy, and enthusiasm to do the ministry Jesus calls us to. As I interpret Jesus’ command, we are to love the Lord with all our emotion (heart) spirit (soul) mind (intellect) and body (strength). It is this complete love of the Lord that requires that we take complete care of the self.

Emotionally, we all experience times of joy, sadness, anger, frustration, etc. The tricky part is to know how we dedicate all these different emotions to the Lord. While some emotions are clinically beyond our control without proper treatment, for the most part we can learn how to truly appreciate the positive emotions as gifts of God and use the less-than-positive as opportunities to work for positive change, both in ourselves and the situations we face.

Spiritually, of course, loving the Lord means worship, study, meditation, and devotion. We are made in the image of God and instilled with the gift of the Holy Spirit at baptism. We should always strive to turn to the Spirit for guidance, hope, and direction.

Intellectually there is always a lot to learn about our faith from the very basics, like the Creed, Lord’s Prayer and Ten Commandments, to more mundane issues like the history, as well as the future, of our denomination. Time spent studying our faith is time devoted to loving the Lord more completely.

And finally, loving the Lord with our bodies means appreciating and caring for this wonderful gift of life we have been given. Careless treatment of this “temple of the Holy Spirit” as St. Paul calls it, reflects a lack of love and appreciation for what is, perhaps, the most amazing creation the Creator has ever created.

As I renew my commitment to loving both neighbor and self, I ask for your continued support, understanding, and love. “This is much more important than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices.”

Pr. Jim Person



Tuesday, June 4 - 9:00 am - Projects Day
Monday, June 10 - 5:00 pm - W/ELCA Unified Meeting/
Covered Dish
Tuesday, June 11 - 10:00 am - Esther Circle
Eve Circle - No Meeting

UNIFIED MEETING - MONDAY, JUNE 10 - 5:00 PM

Bring your favorite picnic food and join us, in Fellowship Hall, for our last Unified Meeting of this program year. This is a covered dish dinner, so bring your appetite. We will be electing board members for 2019-2020. W/ELCA Board will meet after the Unified Meeting.

Place settings and beverages will be provided. Hope to see you there.

FUTURE MEETING

Friday & Saturday, August 16th and 17th - Lower Susquehanna Synod Women's Convention, St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Lititz.

SENIORS, HELP REDUCE YOUR TAXES BEFORE YEAR-END

If you are 70 ½ plus years old and have an IRA or 401k you need to think about taking required minimum distributions (RMD's.) In 2015 Congress made permanent a rule letting direct donations from your IRA to a charity count as your RMD, which will lower your tax bill. Simply contact your financial advisor to make a distribution to a charity such as St. Marks Evangelical Lutheran Church. Several members already do this and it makes a welcome difference here at St. Marks as well as saves taxes for you

COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

WE are St. Mark's Evangelical Lutheran Church! Every member, every guest, every neighbor — here to serve and to spread the good news of Christ. Opportunities continue to be present in the life of St. Mark's and I would encourage everyone to participate in one or multiple ways.

June 2 at 10:30 we have our first outdoor worship service. This is an opportunity to see other members who you don't normally see because they go to "the other" service. It will be followed by a picnic which is a wonderful time for fellowship and for meeting people you don't know well or for spending time with friends. Please feel free to share your favorite dish or if you didn't have time to make something, just come because we would love to have great participation and there is always an abundance of food!

June 9th is Pentecost. You will have three opportunities to come worship that day at traditional services where you will hear and feel the Holy Spirit alive at St. Mark's or the contemporary service featuring the Spirit And Truth Band and a timely message.

Looking ahead to July 28th we will be hosting Vacation Bible School. There is a need for volunteers for all types of roles: teachers, meal setup and cleanup or to assist with crafts! Please look at your schedule and try to plan now to participate in some way - whether it is spreading the word to people who could attend or giving some of your time and talent to volunteer.

There are on-going opportunities to participate at St. Mark's. Please watch your Parish Post and be sure to mark things on your personal calendar so you do not miss those events. Remember that worship continues throughout the summer with our regular two services. We look forward to seeing you in church!

In Christian love,
Stephanie



9 - LYF Last Meeting - 5 to 9 pm
16 — 22 Confirmation Camp
29 & 30 Magical Mystery Tour





To My St. Mark's Family,

Thank you for the many cards, prayers, consoling words, and visitations both before and after my mother's death. Although we dearly miss her, we are comforted knowing she has left her pain here and has been welcomed into God's eternal kingdom where there is no more pain and suffering and that she is at peace along with those who have gone before her.

Thank you for your kindness to mom and our entire family.

In Christian Love,
Janice Alloway

To Congregation of St. Mark's,

I want to thank everyone who was praying for my son Terry. He is doing very well. I also want to thank Pastor Jim for his prayers and for his visit while Terry was in the hospital.

Thank you all,
Donna Woodrow & Family

St. Mark's Members,

The Social Services Ministry would like to thank all of you who donated to the 2019 Lenten Project. We collected \$830 to purchase fruit tree nurseries for those in developing countries. This is the largest amount collected for any Lenten project; your generosity means the world to us.

God Bless,
Molly Stanton
Chairperson

- 2 Beth Evans
- 3 Jackson Adams
Anita Fleegal
- 4 Paul Deibler
- 5 Doris Atkinson
Bill Van Nieuwkuyk
- 6 Ashley Sultzaberger
Rebekah Varga
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- 9 Lincoln Miller
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- 13 William Dullen
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- 18 Jo-Ann Wahl
- 21 Kailyn Edwards
- 23 Charles Judd
- 24 Grace Harr
- 25 Jacob Sholder
Connor Smith
- 26 Loraine Mariner
- 27 Luann Johns
- 28 Tanya Betz
- 29 Janice Alloway
- 30 Amy Simpler

If your birthday is in June and we missed it, please let us know. We hope you have a happy birthday anyway.

The **ST. MARK'S BOOK CLUB** has some interesting books to talk about in the next few months. If you enjoy reading, perhaps you would like to read one of the books and join us in the parlor at 10 am for a discussion of the following books:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Book</u>	<u>Author</u>
June 25	Varina	Charles Frazier

?? Bible Quiz ??

Which follower of Jesus preached to the crowds after receiving the Holy Spirit on Pentecost?

- A. John
- B. Peter
- C. Mary Magdalene
- D. Paul



Answer: B (See Acts 2:14ff.)

COMMUNION CUPS SPONSOR

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JUNE LECTORS

8:15 AM

11:00 AM

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| 2 Men in Mission (Outdoor one service @10:30 am) | |
| 9 Ruth Cheng | Tom Stohler |
| 16 Laura Young | Youth |
| 23 Nick Zingone | Dennis DeFrank |
| 30 Fred Mast | Judy Horton |

JUNE ALTAR CARE

8:15 AM

11:00 AM

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| 2 Marian Person & Donna Woodrow @ 10:30 am | |
| 9 Laura Young | Marian Person,
Donna Woodrow |
| 16 Sue Bennick | Marian Person,
Donna Woodrow |
| 23 Barb Heym | Marian Person,
Donna Woodrow |
| 30 Barb Heym | Barb Dudek |

JUNE FLOWER DELIVERY

- 2 Tom & Terry Stohler
- 9 Tracy Ingram
- 16 Barb Dudek
- 23 Shirley Johns
- 30 Sandy Dinger

PENTECOST POWER

Ten days after Jesus ascended into heaven, the Holy Spirit descended onto Jesus' disciples. While they were gathered in Jerusalem to celebrate the Jewish festival of Pentecost, the disciples saw flames among and on them, heard a rushing wind and began talking in many languages. As a result, the disciples were able to share the good news of Jesus in the native tongues of all the pilgrims assembled in the city.

Even today, the power of the Holy Spirit fuels the "flame" that ignites Christians' outreach efforts. Only by the Spirit's power can we know Christ and make him known throughout the world.

Poet William Blake (1757-1827), who's been described as a passionate, Pentecost kind of person, wrote this poem about the Spirit's power:

Unless the eye catch fire,
The God will not be seen.
Unless the ear catch fire,
The God will not be heard.
Unless the tongue catch fire,
The God will not be named.
Unless the heart catch fire,
The God will not be loved.
Unless the mind catch fire,
The God will not be known.



SPECIAL DATES

- Pentecost, June 9, 2019
- Flag Day, June 14, 2019
- Trinity Sunday, June 16, 2019
- Father's Day, June 16, 2019
- First day of summer, June 21, 2019

FREE

First Saturday of every
month.

8:00 - 9:30 am

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2019 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
PRESENTS:



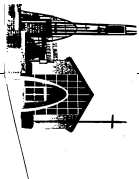
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Come help spread the NEWS about God's Good Creation!
VOLUNTEER at VBS
Contact Sandy, Rebekah, or Pam at stmarkshbg.vbs@gmail.com

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						8:00 am Community Breakfast 1
Day of Pentecost 9 8:15 am Worship 9:15 am Coffee Hour 9:45 am Sunday Church School 11:00 am Worship 4:00 pm ACA Study Group 5:00 pm LYF Last Meeting 7:30 pm AA	10 4:00 pm W/ELCA Board Meeting 6:00 pm CODA 6:00 pm Stewardship Ministry 6:30 pm NA 7:00 pm Lionsess Meeting	11 10:00 am Esther Circle 6:30 pm ALANON 6:30 pm Property Committee 6:30 pm Stephen Ministry	12 10:00 am Bible Study 6:00 pm ACA Study Group 7:30 pm ACA	13 1:00 pm The Craft Artisans 6:00 pm CODA 6:30 pm NA 6:30 pm Evangelism Ministry	Flag Day 14 10:00 am Pam Baranowski (F.H.) 7:30 pm OA	15
10:30 am Outdoor Worship 12:00 pm Luncheon 7:30 pm AA	2 6:00 pm CODA 6:00 pm Fellowship Ministry 6:00 pm Worship/Music/Arts 6:30 pm NA	3 8:30 am Men's Breakfast 9:00 am Projects Day 5:00 pm Hanesel & Greel (F.H.) 6:30 pm ALANON 7:00 pm Social Services Ministry	4 10:00 am Bible Study 5:00 pm Hanesel & Greel (F.H.) 6:00 pm Family Support Group 6:30 pm Christian Education 7:30 pm ACA	5 1:00 pm The Craft Artisans 6:00 pm CODA 6:30 pm NA	6 6:00 pm Girl Scouts 7:30 pm OA	7 8:30 am Queen "g" Project 8
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