



The Marker

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SUNDAYS AT SAINT MARK

Summer Schedule

Two worship services & education
hour return on September 17th.

9:30AM
Worship Service



Wine, Wisdom, and Song 2017

Tickets on sale now! The committee is working to create a special Wine, Wisdom and Song this year as part of our Faith Dialogues/ The Reformation Continues commemoration. We will gather at the 4-H John Gray Hall in West Salem on Sunday, **August 13th, from 5 - 8:00 p.m.** The location is spacious and will be a good fit for us. Please let Deb know if you have something to offer for the oral auction, or for the silent auction. We especially hope for vacation home usage, special services, dinners, events. The

German theme this year might also trigger some interesting items!

Contribution Statements

Statements for the first half of 2017 will be in the mail this week! Be sure to look over your Statement for any discrepancies. Please call the church office and talk with Theresa and she will let Carol Keefer, Financial Secretary, investigate. The statements do look a bit different! It is a new style. Questions, just ask us!

Welcoming All, Journeying Together, Reaching Out

I am hoping the congregation looks at our Mission Statement. Reflect on it and consider a way you can serve or how you have served in the past. This Mission Statement has been in the works for over a year; a big hallelujah to Hall Boyd and Pastor Charles for overseeing this process along with our Council and the congregations approval.

Welcoming
ALL IN CHRIST

Journeying
TOGETHER IN FAITH

Reaching
OUT IN SERVICE

Welcoming All

When someone comes to Saint Mark to worship for the first time, it may seem different and overwhelming. We want to be friendly and encouraging so they will come back for future services. We are all God's children no matter what. We all have different talents and gifts. Together we make the whole body of Christ come alive.

Journeying Together

Every day is a journey. When we take the journey together through scripture, we learn and understand the Bible. The Bible shows us all God's promise of love and mercy. As it is written, Jesus said: "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." We need to live our lives in a Christ-like manner each day. Love thy neighbor as ourselves. Our Journey of Faith program was an eye opener for me into understanding scripture and Biblical principles. The fellowship with others and learning this practice has brought Jesus closer to my heart.

Reaching Out

We are all together in the whole community that is Saint Mark Lutheran Church. God has given each of His children different gifts and abilities to help one another. Not only are there opportunities within the church to serve, but many outside the church as well. Some of these are as greeters, ushers, communion assistants, lectors, choir, Social Ministry projects, and Council. Many members are in need of rides to church, various appointments, help with house and or yard work, or a comforting hand while they are in the hospital.

The fellowship at Saint Mark has truly inspired and encouraged me and my household. Each day I come to worship, I see the love of Christ shining more and more inside everyone's eyes.

Alisa Higgins, Council member

Caring Ministry

One of this year's Council goals is to strengthen our ministry to those who have become homebound or who are absent from worship for various reasons. If you know of someone who has the gifts to help in this ministry (caring demeanor, good listener, etc.), or someone who might need occasional contacts, please let Deb or Pastor Charles know. We are developing the shape of this ministry and hope to do a first training in July.

Oregon Synod Visitation Outreach

The Oregon Synod is embarking on a Visitation Outreach project in preparation for a Year of Reformation and Renewal (May 2018 - May 2019). We will be joining in this work with our fellow Lutheran brothers and sisters around the state as we discern our futures together. The first step in this process is the completion of assessment tools designed to give each congregation insight into their life, vitality, and sustainability. On July 16th our congregation will be taking the Congregational Vitality Survey. This survey can also be taken on line or copies may be picked up in the church office. Getting the best and most accurate information depends on having as many of you as possible fill this out, so please be on the look out for when this survey is available and make sure you take part. Thanks to council members Janice Thorpe and Kathleen O'Brien for helping to facilitate this effort.

Everyone Reads

Our hope is that before fall's Faith Dialogues, members will have an opportunity to read and discuss either Daily Bread, Holy Meal by our presenter Dr. Samuel Torvend or a collection of essays on Lutheranism called Together By Grace. A sign up is available now. Please indicate your choice of book, time, and place to meet. These groups will be organized soon. Books are available from Pastor Charles or Deb.

Sprucing Up

As you think about your summer plans, please consider giving of some of your time from August 28 - 31st at church. Every year our CDC takes a week without children present to do a thorough cleaning of their classrooms. We thought it would be great to do something similar as we prepare for fall (and the 500th anniversary!) We will make up 3x5 cards with a task that needs to be done and provide supplies. If you are available, you would "pull" a card/task and take it on during this time frame, eg: lounge fridge, pew wipe down (with some friends), Youth Room pillows airing, etc. We're hoping there will be enough interest in this that we create a "party" atmosphere with refreshments and lots of busy bees.

Care for Creation & Artisan Saturday, St Mark- It! Coming Soon

One way that non-members get to know Saint Mark is through our Saturday, Saint Mark- It! events. These once a month occasions allow us to meet the community as they go to and from the Saturday market across the way. On August 5th, we are hoping to once again offer a display of our artisan member's skills. This year we are considering offering workshops for our members, too. If you have a craft/skill that you are willing to instruct others on during a 1-2 hour workshop, please let Deb know. Examples: Everett Koontz has been demonstrating his carving for the past several years, Margaret Palen has shown how bobbin lace is made, Theresa has demonstrated Native American beading. This year, Amanda Good is planning on teaching Batik. Let Deb know if you want to be in on the fun!

July 30th Congregational Picnic

Come join the fun after service, July 30th. Wear or bring casual clothes to worship, then bring a dish to share to Bush Park, (corner of High & Leffelle), paper plates, napkins and lemonade will be provided. There will be lots of good conversation, table games, and a volleyball game ready to go when you arrive.

Summer Choir Du Jour

We had such a great response to our Choir du Jour anthems this past year, we're going to sing twice this summer! Our next anthem will be Sunday, August 13th. Keep your eyes on the Marker for the anthem selection for that service. Please join us!



Hands of Comfort

Hands of Comfort is sending 130 Pillowcase dresses, 34 Boys shorts, 2 Boys jeans and 2 Boys t Shirts to Haiti with a group from Redeemer Lutheran Salem. Thanks to all who participated with this special project.

Lost Book

Alice Kirk is looking for a book called "The Symbols of the Church" that she uses when hanging art around the church. She is not sure if she misplaced it, or if someone borrowed it. If you have it or know where it might be, please give her a call.

Reformation Ornaments Here!

Ornaments are now available for pickup if you pre-purchased ornaments. Be watching for a table of youth selling these in the near future. Proceeds



will help raise funds for the National Youth Gathering next summer. These will make stunning and memorable Christmas gifts!



Arta-Potty Participation

A few months ago Saint Mark was approached to sponsor an arta-potty that are being put around the Salem area. These artful potties are in support to provide space for homeless and others in need to have a safe and clean place to use the restroom. Saint Mark's Endowment Committee agreed and Council approved the expenditure of an arta potty plus the maintenance for one year. Saint Mark's sponsored arta-potty is located in the Reed Opera House parking lot. This is what the art on our sponsored portable restroom look like!

Music Director at UCC

The First United Congregational Church at 700 Marion Street NE, is seeking to hire a new Music Director. This person will be responsible for providing oversight,

leadership, and coordination for all church music and music events and will serve as the Choir Director for the Chancel Choir and Bell Choir. The Chancel Choir performs on most Sundays and the Bell Choir on special occasions from September – June. Special services include Maundy Thursday, Christmas Eve, two Easter services and others as identified. Other choirs, music groups, and bands perform during the summer and as planned throughout the year. The Music Director initiates, directs, and/or supports special choirs as identified. The Music Director serves as a member of the Ministry Team and Worship Planning Team. Salary: \$13,000 annual salary (non-exempt) for 12 hours per week; 10 months per year from mid-August to mid-June; Salary can be pro-rated over 12 months. Please check the website at uccsalem.org to download a Position Description and an application, or you can contact the church office by email (office@uccsalem.org) or by phone (503-363-3660) to receive both. A completed and signed application and résumé must be returned to the church office for consideration.

Preventing Communal Violence in our Communities & Developing Community Action Plan

Temple Beth Shalom is presenting a Symposium on Preventing Communal Violence in our communities and Developing Community Action Plan on Wednesday, July 19th, from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm. at Temple Beth Shalom, 1274 Cunningham Lane S. Facilitator is Peter Bergel from Oregon Peace Works. This is free and open to the public. For more information on the moderator and presenters, please see the flyer on our bulletin board near the church office and/or contact Dr. Pritam Rohila at asiapeace@comcast.net for additional information.

No Hauling Chairs!

We are so grateful that this year we will not need to transport tables and chairs from the church to our Wine, Wisdom and Song venue. We think everyone will enjoy this anniversary of the Reformation gala: German Dinner, German band, special auction items and lots of space indoors and outside. We hope you will pick up your tickets soon (still \$25 each which includes dinner, program and two beverages).

The committee is hoping for some willing hearts to help with a few projects.

Prior: auction items, especially those oral auction items or themed baskets or donations from your favorite businesses.

Day of: help with set up of tables, chairs, and takedown/clean up; director in parking area and maybe a few shuttle drivers up the hill from secondary parking area.

During event: food servers, and one or two to help after the auction, getting items to paying table.

If you can help with any of these, please let Deb or someone on the committee know.

This year's committee: Hal and Judy Boyd, Sonja Westby, Gretchen Flesher Moon, Judy Miller, Pastor Charles. Thank you for all your planning!

Supporting Our Community & Beyond

The Endowment Committee is pleased to report Saint Mark's giving to-date as follows:

Assistance League Auxiliary	\$1,000
BackPack Buddies	\$1,000
Salem Interfaith Hospitality Network	\$4,000
Center for Hope & Safety	\$2,000
St. Francis Shelter	\$3,000
Arta-Potties Project (Homeless relief)	\$1,700
Habitat for Humanity	\$3,000
Shelley House	\$1,000
Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon	\$ 500
Assistance League Salem/Keizer	\$2,500
Camp Lutherwood	\$3,300
Simonka Place / UGM	<u>\$2,000</u>
TOTAL	\$25,000

This total puts us beyond the halfway mark of our 2017 budget of \$40,000.00.

Worship Information**Worship Attendance:**

Sunday, June 25 - 9:30 a.m.: 87

Sunday, July 2 - 9:30 a.m.: 83

Sunday, July 9 - 9:30 a.m.: 85

Kairos Community Lunch

Sunday, June 25 - 62

Sunday, July 2 - 58

Sunday, July 9 - 35

BUS DRIVER - July

Leon Wolfe

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Luther's 500th Anniversary

This year is the 500th Celebration of Martin Luther! Saint Mark will be celebrating with the world as we mark this milestone 1517-2017.

Save the dates:

September 29 - October 1 -- Faith Dialogues with Dr. Samuel Torvend.

October 1 - 4:00 p.m. National Lutheran Choir at St. Paul Episcopal Church

Torvend Book-Read

Summer is a great time to get together with other members to discuss a book prior to Faith Dialogues. This year we have two exciting possibilities: "Together by Grace", or "Daily Bread, Holy Meal" written by our fall presenter, Dr. Samuel Torvend. As we prepare, we would like to know how you would like to participate: either a Sunday afternoon group at Saint Mark or a weekday small group in member's home. Please be thinking how you would like to participate: attend only, host, or facilitate the discussion. A sign up will be posted at the Pentecost celebration.

Reformation Brochure

In commemoration of the 500th anniversary of the Reformation, Saint Mark is offering numerous opportunities and events this year to recall God's gracious work throughout history. Be sure to pick up a brochure entitled "The Reformation Continues" which outlines many of these happenings in and around the church. These brochures can be found at the entryways of the church.



Commemorative Ornament Available for Order

As part of our **500th Anniversary Reformation Commemoration**, we have commissioned a local company, Pure Grace, to create a Luther Rose ornament. These ornaments sell for \$10 each (available early summer).

Proceeds from the sale of the ornaments will raise funds for youth to attend next year's National Youth Gathering.

Name _____ Phone _____

Quantity _____ x \$10 each = _____ Total Due _____

(Thank you to those of you who have turned in their advance order for ornaments. If you only plan to purchase one or two, a preorder is not necessary. Deb would like to have quantity orders with prepayment, so she can package them up and deliver them to you. If you want several, please turn in your order with your check made out to Saint Mark.)