



# The Marker

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## SUNDAYS AT SAINT MARK

**8:30AM**

Celebration Service  
(Lounge)

**9:45AM**

Forum, Sunday School  
& Godly Play

**11:00AM**

Traditional Service  
(Sanctuary)



**Thank you** to each and every person that came to Holy Week and Easter Services! We had a great journey to a fabulous Easter Day!!!

### **A Big THANK YOU**

Special thanks to the choir who not only provided amazing music for Easter, but also provided much of the Easter breakfast as well as the coffee hour treats. It was fun to have c. 60 people gathered

during the hour for breakfast prior to the festive service. There was lots of great fellowship happening and even a birth announcement for a set of grandparents- new life indeed!

## Pastor's ReMarks ...

Christ is Risen! *He is Risen indeed! Alleluia!*

From the forty days of Lent, we have now entered in the great fifty days of Easter. It is the season of rejoicing for the one we thought dead is now alive. The one laid in a tomb is now risen.

The theme of the hero dying and coming back to life taps into something that we often encounter in popular fantasy books and movies. In *The Lord of the Rings*, the wizard Gandalf the Grey returns from the netherworld as Gandalf the White, a powerful wielder of light. In *Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows*, when Harry sacrifices himself to save his friends, an avenue opens for him to resume his life and defeat his nemesis Lord Voldemort.

When the hero dies we are dismayed. When the hero unexpectedly returns to life, we exult at the surprising return. These kind of archetypal stories stir something deep in our consciousness. But these are imaginative stories. What about the real world?

We think of Nelson Mandela who struggled against apartheid in South Africa. The hopes of the oppressed people rested on him until he was arrested and imprisoned for life. He languished in prison for twenty-seven years. But then, against all odds, he was released in 1990 and the people were ecstatic. Mandela steered South Africa toward peace rather than violence receiving the Nobel Peace Prize in 1993.

When it comes to Jesus, it is a different story. His death was real. His return to life was resurrection, not resuscitation. Jesus' followers saw their leader die and were deeply disheartened. Despite what Jesus had told them, they were not expecting him to return to life. The Gospel readings during the Easter season attest to the surprise and disbelief of Jesus' followers at his appearance. Joy eventually overcame disbelief. It was the kind of joy that brings tears.

As we journey through the Easter season 2000 years after Jesus' resurrection, is there that kind of joy for us still? With all that goes on in our world, we can easily become deeply disheartened. Can we yet experience the sheer ecstasy those first disciples must have felt?

## Pastor's ReMarks continued ...

The risen Christ is present to us in the reality of the water of baptism and in the bread and wine of the Eucharist. Eyes of faith can see this. As our eyes are often clouded by the heartlessness of humanity around us and our own wandering eyes, we return to Christ each Sunday morning no matter the season of the year, to be renewed, forgiven and strengthened for our calling. Along the way, as C.S. Lewis once said, we are "surprised by joy" when, unexpectedly, Christ presence is revealed and we get a foretaste of the feast to come.

May your Easter journey find moments of Easter joy.

Shalom,  
Pastor Charles

## Last MARKER in Print

We are not quite ready to go completely digital! This is probably your last printed edition.

If you have not contacted Theresa in the church office, we still **need** to know if you prefer the newsletter Marker in print! A few of each edition will be prints for the narthex areas in the church where you can pick up a printed copy.

## Women's Retreat, 2018 April

**We are now accepting reservations for the women's retreat!**

The annual Saint Mark Women's Retreat will be April 27 - 29, 2018, at Bella Beach on the Oregon Coast. Outreach Coordinator Deb Mantey will be our facilitator, and this year's theme will be "**Creating Balance in the Midst of Life's**

**Challenge's**". We always have such a great time; so be sure to mark your calendars!

**Deadline for registrations is April 22nd.**



## Spring Cleaning, 2018

Please notice in our church home, during this season of renewal: that the sills are shiny, the pews are dust-free, the windows sparkle, the leaves have retreated, and the entry flagstones have regained their original colors. You can thank the following: Margaret and Dick Brust, Geri and Mike Conley, Vern Deplois, Rob Lundblad, Joass Lyatuu, Glenn Olmstead, and Chris Woods for their diligent efforts.



## BookMarkers

Are you ready for some good books? The Saint Mark book group has been meeting again since September to discuss the book selection for the month, share some light refreshments, and enjoy each other's company. You're encouraged to join us each month or whenever you can. We meet from 3:30 – 4:30 p.m. on the second Sunday of each month in the church Library.

May 20

**The Nightingale** by Kristen Hannah  
Discussion Leader, Maureen Caudill

## Family Promise Fundraiser

Thursday, April 26<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 p.m. at the Reed Opera House is the date & time for Family Promise's annual dessert fundraiser. Miriam Haugen is "filling a table" and making sure that the St. Mark family is well represented. Call or text Miriam at 503-910-1517 if you can come!

## Communication Committee

Interested in how Saint Mark communicates with its members? Want to help make Saint Mark have a stronger presence and balance being more digital? Then Saint Mark's new communication committee is for you! We will be tackling issues of how Saint Mark sends out information, our social media presence, and how we can best meet the needs and preferences of all our members. Please contact Brandis Piper if you are interested or if you have any questions. Email: [bpiper1489@gmail.com](mailto:bpiper1489@gmail.com) Phone: [503-367-7331](tel:503-367-7331)

## 1st Quarter Statements

In continued spirit of saving expenses where it is easier than not, your quarterly statement for the first quarter will be available to pick up between the services and/or after the 11 a.m. service from Carol Keefer, Financial Secretary, in the west narthex. The envelopes will not be left unattended. Those statements not picked up will be mailed out at the end of the month.



## LifePax Sales

On Sunday mornings if you want to purchase LifePax items (\$2.00 each, food & informational packets for homeless people) please look for: 8:30 a.m. Janeet Opdahl or Dee Passmore and at 11:00 a.m. Alisa Higgins. They will be glad to help you!

## Regional Synod Gathering ... And You are invited!

In place of a three-day Oregon Synod Assembly this year, multiple regional gatherings are happening throughout the state following Easter and prior to a one day Assembly which will be held in Portland on May 19. The gathering for our area will be held . . . **Saturday, April 28<sup>th</sup>, 9:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. at Grace Lutheran Church, Corvallis.**

It will feature:

- A Bible study led by Bishop Dave Brauer-Rieke
- Reports on the Fall 2017 Synod Visitation Process
- Lunch hosted by Grace's Hospitality Team
- Focus sessions on the topics:
  - 1) the Mid-Willamette Valley Latino Ministry,
  - 2) Networking with others attending the Churchwide Youth Gathering in Houston,
  - 3) Welcoming People of all Sexual Orientations and Gender Identities,
  - 4) Partnering and collaborating with other congregations
- A closing worship service in which our Bishop will preach

No registration fee is required but please register your intent to participate with the church office. A suggested \$5 per person donation for lunch will gladly be received the day of the Gathering.

## Holy Frijoles!!

Pentecost Sunday is May 20<sup>th</sup> this year. Time for another Chili Cook Off! We will plan to start off the summer schedule of one service on this day, followed by chili in the Fellowship Hall. Please let Deb know if you want to join in the fun and provide a pot of chili. Prizes and happy tasters are provided!

## Driver Needed for Delivery

We are looking for someone to take our Lutheran World Relief boxes to St. Andrew Lutheran Church, 12405 SW Butner Road, Beaverton, on May 4 or 5. If you are interested in doing this for us, please contact Ruth Reu at 503-390-1725.



## Who Is My Neighbor?

Join others on Wednesday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>, at 7:00 p.m. at Christ the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 4440 State Street, for a **Listening Post** on Who Is My Neighbor? Mikah Meyer will share his story of being a Christian gay man and son of a Lutheran Pastor. Mikah is sharing his story through out the United States while completing a 3-year road trip to all 417 National Park Services sites. A free will offering will be taken and light refreshments will follow.

## For a Better, Safer Tomorrow:

### Nuclear disarmament better than nuclear non-proliferation

You are invited to a lecture by Dr. A.H. Nayyar on **Tuesday, May 29<sup>th</sup>**, at **7:30 p.m.** at Saint Mark Lutheran Church entitled "For a Better, Safer Tomorrow: nuclear disarmament better than nuclear non-proliferation." Dr. Nayyar is a prominent physicist from Pakistan. He retired, in 2004, from Quaid-i-Azam University, Islamabad, after teaching there for over 30 years. He was educated in Karachi, Islamabad, and London and held visiting academic positions in the USA, Canada and Italy. This lecture is sponsored by the Association of Communal Harmony in Asia under the leadership of Dr. Pritam Rohila.

## Habitat for Humanity News

Saint Mark is signed up to work at the 2018 Habitat for Humanity Faith Build, 5739 Samaritan Lane., SE (off Mildred/Sunnyside Rd.). So now you can register to help out on April 21, and/or June 16. Please remember to use this link: <http://vhub.at/17S8GYU> to register. And feel free to bring a friend (they will need to register too)! If you cannot help at the worksite, we also have a need for coffee and mid-morning snacks for the work crew of 12. Let Trudy Eisenbeis know by phone (503-370-8843) or email ([bteisenbeis@gmail.com](mailto:bteisenbeis@gmail.com)).



**SAVE your bottles and cans  
for our youth going to the  
National Youth Gathering in Houston,  
Texas in June!  
More details coming.**

## BackPack Buddy Plant Sale Fundraiser

The BackPack Buddy Plant Sale Fundraiser is coming up in April. Place your plant order by Sunday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>, and plants will be delivered to Saint Mark on Thursday, April 26<sup>th</sup>. Helpers are needed to assist with taking plant orders and on plant delivery day. It is exciting to see all the beautiful flowers and veggies arrive and it's a fun day! **If you are able to help with the plant sale or delivery of totes to Hoover, please email Nancy Carlisle at [carlisle7b@gmail.com](mailto:carlisle7b@gmail.com).**

## CDC Dinner / Auction

Get your tickets now for the St. Mark Child Development Center dinner and auction on Saturday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> from 6:00-8:00 p.m.. Tickets are \$15 each. All proceeds go to the scholarship fund so that needy children can attend our day care. (see attached flyer)

## Former Choir Section Leader to be Ordained

We are pleased to learn that one of our former choir section leaders, Paul Eldred, will be ordained in April as an ELCA Lutheran pastor. Paul served as our Bass Section Leader for 3 years, from the fall of 2007 through spring of 2010. He graduated from Willamette University with a major in politics and religious studies. After various jobs in law and politics, he attended the Lutheran School of Theology in Chicago, and while there, interned at First Lutheran Church in St. Peter, MN. He graduated in the spring of 2017 with a Masters of Divinity. On April 21<sup>st</sup>, Paul will be ordained at University Lutheran Church in Seattle and has been called to serve Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Bellevue, WA. In a recent message from Paul, he said: "Glad to hear the (section leader) program is still going - it had a huge influence on my faith journey during college." We are delighted that a young man who served Saint Mark several years ago has chosen to become a Lutheran pastor! Our prayers and good wishes go with him as he begins his ministry in Bellevue.

## Summer Registration is OPEN!

Register today for one or many of our summer programs offered from June 24<sup>th</sup>- August 12<sup>th</sup>. Our summer theme this year 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."



We've expanded our programming to include Explorer: On the Farm where campers learn about gardening and animal care. Or check out our new High School Leadership Camp that explores what service looks like both at camp and in our communities.

## They're Hiring!

Do you know any young adults who want to grow in their faith and grow their leadership skills? We are still hiring for our 2018 Summer Staff team, and we would love your help in recruiting awesome staff! You can find more information, including the application, on our website: [lutherwoodoregon.org/involvedwithus/summer-employment](http://lutherwoodoregon.org/involvedwithus/summer-employment)

## Upcoming Events at Camp Lutherwood

Work Days: May 12<sup>th</sup> & June 9<sup>th</sup>, 9a.m.-3p.m. -- Help us get our site in shape for summer! Lunch is provided so please RSVP to make sure there is enough food for everyone.  
Call: (541) 998-6444 or email: [office@lutherwoodoregon.org](mailto:office@lutherwoodoregon.org)

# Scholarship Dinner Fundraiser



Where: St. Mark's Fellowship Hall

When: Saturday April 21st

Time: 6pm - 8pm

What: Dinner and Silent Auction

This is an Adult only event

Dinner will be provided by Olive Garden.

Salad, Breadsticks, Spaghetti and Lasagna.

Tickets: \$15 per person for dinner

There will be a dessert table available to buy from.

Please invite your friends and family to help raise money for Scholarships for children.



There will be a Silent Auction that will take place throughout the event. If you would like to donate to the auction please contact Amanda Stenson @ 503.522.5207 or amanda.stenson82@gmail.com

Please watch for information coming soon. Your generosity helps make what we do for our children possible.



Thank You!

For Helping Our School





**Worship Information****Worship Attendance:**

Sunday, March 25 - 8:30 a.m.: 37

Sunday, March 25 -11:00 a.m.: 104

Sunday, April 1 - 11:00 a.m.: 187

Sunday, April 8 - 8:30 a.m.: 37

Sunday, April 8 - 11:00 a.m.: 68

**Kairos Community Lunch**

Sunday, March 25: 104

Sunday, April 1: 40

Sunday, April 8: 46

**BUS DRIVER - March**

Joass Lyatuu

**BUS DRIVER - April**

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