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SUNDAYS AT SAINT MARK

Summer Schedule

Two worship services & education
hour return on September 16th.

9:30AM
Worship Service

Connect 7 Again?

There is an interest in a new round of "Connect 7". This dinner together event is a way to get to know members in a more casual way, in people's homes while breaking bread together. If you are interested in attending or in hosting, please watch for the sign up or check in with Deb.



Wine, Wisdom & Song-Faith Dialogues: SAVE THE DATE

Dr. Barbara Lundblad will be our Faith Dialogues speaker the weekend of September 28-30th. Put it on your calendar now; you won't want to miss this one!

We have secured the 4-H Center again for this year's Wine, Wisdom and Song. **Sunday, July 29th, 5:00-8:00 p.m.**, will be the date for this special dinner in this spacious location which has accommodations for indoor or outdoor activities. Plan now to attend and join in the fun! Start thinking now about possible Wine, Wisdom and Song auction items. Let Deb know if you have auction items which raise funds for Faith Dialogues special events.



Pastor's ReMaks ...

Wow...what a service last Sunday at the Youth Service! Not only was there a good presence of people who were worshipping together and supporting our children and youth but the gifts of the kids were offered in such a way that everyone could see that the Spirit was present.



It is truly a delight to watch and see how the gifts of the children and youth develop. I wish to offer my thanks to everyone who participated and who helped behind the scenes. This was truly a group effort that was a deep blessing to me. We had a family in worship visiting from California whose little girl was so excited about the children leading worship and when she heard there was ice cream afterwards, led the family downstairs.

I am thankful also that the children and youth of our congregation not only help with worship on Youth Sunday, but many are involved in various ways throughout the year. Even the children playing on the Prayground in the chapel at the back of the sanctuary are doing their part by their very presence and activity to prompt the Spirit's presence among us.

Thank you also to all who contributed in the noisy offering toward Backpack Buddies. Backpack Buddies received total gifts last Sunday of \$823.47! Every penny was counted.



Saint Mark is a place where we encourage one another in faith no matter the age. Saint Paul says in his first letter to the Thessalonians, "Therefore encourage one another and build up each other..." That is what we do in our worship, in our learning and in our service. May you be encouraged this summer by the Spirit at play among us.

Shalom,
Pastor Charles



Youth Sunday Success

Thank you to all the youth and children who led us in worship on Sunday, June 10th. It was a special day topped off with a delicious ice cream social. Thank you too to all our Sunday School leaders this year: Sonja Westby, Dee-dee Walters, Larissa Dozier, Peter & Jenny Hoelter, Jackie Haugen & Miriam Haugen.

Spring Youth Music Festival

This Saturday, June 16th, is the first Spring Youth Music Festival at 3:00 p.m. Youth from the surrounding Salem area are being given the opportunity to show everyone their talents!

Come enjoy an afternoon of good music provided by some gifted youth. Thank you to our own Glory Lyatuu for organizing this event. We are very proud of you and your talents!

Reduce & Reuse

In an attempt to save paper, the Music and Worship Committee has requested that we print our Sunday bulletins in a more condensed format. Also, during the month of July, we will experiment with a reusable bulletin, with a weekly insert with hymns and announcements. We pride ourselves in being a "green" church and want to be aware of the amount of paper we use on a regular basis. Thank you for giving this a try - we welcome your comments!

Salem for Refugees Clothing Drive

Drop off your donated clothing: June 21. 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
565 Hood Street NE - building with bright Green Door!



Kairos Community Lunch

Saint Mark is signed up for Sunday, June 17th, from 12:30 to 4:00 p.m. We will need at least 8 to 10 persons to help prepare the meal before our guests arrive. It is Father's Day however, and this would be a great opportunity for fathers and children to serve the community together!

Sign up in the west narthex at the church or call the church office and they will add your name to the sign up sheet.

Hands of Comfort

The Hands of Comfort group is making some changes for the summer schedule. We will be meeting every Friday at 9:30 a.m. during the summer except for July 13th when the Family Promise (formerly SIHN) will be using the room. For those of you that are not available during the school year, you can join us any Friday you are available. We work from 9:30 a.m. to about 11:30 a.m. No experience is needed, you will be tying knots and pinning the border to quilts. Or, you can cut squares or iron. We have a lot of quilt tops ready to put together and tie. Come join us in this worthwhile project!



Global Sunday

Salem's World Beat is quickly approaching! Sunday, July 1st, in conjunction with this festival, we invite you to wear ethnic clothing, try delicious foods from other countries, and sing out to a new beat...maybe even in another language! Please let Deb know if you can "willingly and joyfully" offer a tasty treat for the coffee hour.

Supplies Needed

Remember to watch for school supplies on sale! Needed are 24 box crayons, blunt scissors, 2 1/2 inch pink erasers, 12 inch rulers, ball point pens in black or blue (no gel), pencil sharpener, 70 sheet notebook paper. (Keep this list in your purse or wallet for reference!)

For baby care kits, we need gowns or sleepers (without feet), t-shirts, jackets, sweaters or sweatshirts with hoods or caps, socks, and 4 oz. bars of soap, Ivory preferred, and hand towels.

For Personal care kits, we need bath towels approximately 52 x 27, dark colors preferred, and 4 oz. bars of soap of any brand.

Union Gospel Mission Lunch

RSVP to have lunch and a tour to learn more about the **Hope Has a New Address** capital campaign at the Union Gospel Mission. These lunches are for the public to see how this facility operates, and you will be better able to understand the growing needs of a newer building. To reserve your spot for lunch, call 503.967.6388 and ask for Lacie or visit their website at: ugmsalem.org. Lunch dates are all on Thursdays at 12 noon: July 12, August 23, October 4, November 15 or January 3.



Mondays in Summer

Once again on Mondays you will not find Theresa in her office. She is taking Vacation Time! You will find volunteers Verne Deplois in the morning and Laura Hildebrand in the afternoon in the church office. They can help you or make sure that your needs are met otherwise.



Pray Ground

Have you had a chance to read the article on page 38 of the May Living Lutheran magazine? If not, check it out! Many churches are finding Pray Grounds offering space for families with young children help make their communities more welcoming. Here at Saint Mark we have a group that is in the process of making space in the chapel for parents and children to worship with a little more room for movement and wiggles.



Help us go to the National Youth Gathering (NYG) this June in Houston , TX!!

Logan Morace and Owen Hoelter are planning on attending the NYG this summer. They need to raise, \$4,500 for the trip. There are 4 ways to help with the bottle drive. Take home a blue bag with the Bottle Drop tag on it:

(1) Bring your full blue bag back to church and Logan or Owen will pick them up each Sunday to turn in to Bottle Drop. Even if you don't get a blue bag, bring your bottles back, and we'll bag them for you.

(2) Take your blue bag to Bottle Drop and drop it off either inside or through the outside drop off. The bags have special tags to let them know the money goes to Saint Mark.

(3) Call or text 503.551.7379 (Jennifer) and we'll arrange to pick up the bags.

(4) Transfer money from your bottle drop account into the Saint Mark Lutheran Church account. Go to <https://bottledropcenters.com/Give/View/221370/SaintMark> Lutheran Church, or search for Saint Mark on the Give portion of the Bottle Drop website.



Congratulations on Ordination!

Ariel (Ertsgaard) Williams, an active member of Saint Mark during her childhood, youth and early adulthood, was part of the first graduating class of United Lutheran Seminary (a merger of the Lutheran Theological Seminaries at Gettysburg and Philadelphia.) On May 18th she received her Master of Divinity degree. She awaits a call from Gulf Coast Synod, and will be moving to the Houston area this summer. ***Congratulations Ariel!!!***

Habitat for Humanity Update

We are focusing on Habitat for Humanity at Saint Mark during the month of June. We kicked off the month with the Hernandez family, this year's Faith Build Family, visiting our church on June 3rd. Thank you Saint Markers for the warm welcome they received!

In addition to the pew envelopes that have been set out for the month of June, we also have Habitat for Humanity house banks for your spare change. They are now available in both narthexes for your use over the summer. We will plan to collect these banks on Rally Day. Thrivent Financial has made a grant of \$82,500 to build this home. Your donations in either the pew envelopes in June, or the change banks in September, will be our congregation's contribution to the faith community's share to help build the Hernandez home. The goal is to raise a total of \$180,000 (including the Thrivent grant).

Finally, Saint Mark has the opportunity to help build the Hernandez home the morning of Saturday, June 16th, 8 a.m. - Noon. The home is located at 5739 Samaritan Lane SE, Salem 97317. Please consider helping! It's fun and VERY rewarding! And you don't need building experience - just a willing heart!

If you can help, please register on this link set up for Saint Markers:

<http://vhub.at/17S8GYU>. The website will also give you other dates Saint Mark will be building. Questions? Contact Trudy Eisenbeis at bteisenbeis@gmail.com, or 503 370-8843. Thank you for your continued support!

Worship Information**Worship Attendance:**

Sunday, May 27 - 9:30 a.m.: 71

Sunday, June 3 - 9:30 a.m.: 107

Sunday, June 10 - 9:30 a.m.: 108

Kairos Community Lunch

Sunday, May 27: 61

Sunday, June 3: 39

Sunday, June 10: 40

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