



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

Celebrate & Share Cultural Heritage with Neighbors at World Beat!

Saint Mark will be holding GLOBAL SUNDAY, June 25th. (in conjunction with World Beat) -- **Bring** your favorite food from another culture for coffee hour. Dress in colorful or ethnic clothing--no matter what your background!

You are also encouraged to join the celebration of the 20th annual **World Beat Festival** on June 24th and 25th at Riverfront Park. This year, on Friday night there will be an event to celebrate our 20th birthday on June 23rd from 5-10 pm in the Amphitheater. There will be live music, salsa lessons, fire dancing, and food! The World Beat Festival features a non-stop program of international music and dance presented by our local cultural communities. You can sample foods from around the world, watch dragon boat races, or enjoy cultural performances. The World Beat Festival is a free event, but it is suggested you make a \$5 donation at the entry gates. A portion of the proceeds will benefit Sprague High School Dance Team, Friends of Pimpollo, and Family Building Blocks. See you there!

Welcoming all, Journeying together, Reaching out

In business I have been presented with several mission statements, most have failed because they were either too long to remember or missed the mark of where the organization was truly taking action. Our new mission statement avoids both pitfalls.

Welcoming
ALL IN CHRIST

Journeying
TOGETHER IN FAITH

Reaching
OUT IN SERVICE

Recently Kay Mitchell reviewed the redesigned Sunday worship bulletin. I would like to point out how “The Marker” lives this mission.

Welcoming all: Not only is this mailed out to membership but there is also an extended list of recipients that receive this welcoming update of the activities of Saint Mark. The Marker is also available on our web site for all to see and read as they get to know us using current technology. We are transparent in what we are doing and when events will take place.

Journeying together: The time when we worship is the first thing you see as to read The Marker; it is the core of what Saint Mark is all about. Planned activities, meetings, Pastor’s remarks are key elements of what we are doing and where we are going. The Marker is here to be sure that we communicate this to all who are interested. The Marker gives all of us an outline of current events and upcoming activities; with this we are able to move forward together.

Reaching out: The publication of The Marker assures that we are open and transparent to what we are doing. It shows in a real way that the service that Saint Mark is involved with here reaches into the community of Salem and is part of the greater church.

This new statement is not a new mission for Saint Mark; what it is represents a very current concise statement of how we are moving forward as a congregation. I hope that each of you will take a moment to reflect on how you are part of this work.

John Anderson, Council Vice-President



Wine, Wisdom, and Song 2017

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!

Financial Report

	May	Year to Date
Income	\$24,426.01	\$140,990.63
Expenses	<u>\$29,532.77</u>	<u>\$161,560.44</u>
Total Gain / (loss)	(\$4,106.76)	(\$20,569.81)

Caring Ministry Start Up

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 9th and July 16th our congregation we be taking the Congregational Vitality Survey. This survey will 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.

Summer Picnic in the Park

Last year about 30 of us had a delightful time after an August Sunday service picnicking in Bush Park, playing volleyball and getting to know other members better. It was suggested that we aim for July this year. Please put July 30th on your calendar and plan to bring a dish to share. Volleyball anyone?

Special Thanks

Special Thanks to the crew of ladies that come to help with the Quilts, and Kits:

Total items shipped from Portland are:

3,607 Quilts	404 School Kits
1,887 Personal Care Kits	91 Blankets
267 Fabric Kits	444 Baby Care Kits

Thanks to all who have helped and donated items for us to send. We will be sending the pillowcase dresses to Haiti this summer along with boys shorts. We will meet on the 23rd of June to pack these items. If anyone has a duffel bag or light-weight suitcase that they no longer want please let Ruth Reu know right away. Students from Redeemer Lutheran Church will be taking these dresses to Haiti for us.

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.

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. July 8th will have an Environmental focus. 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 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!

LCNW - Refugee Update

An update on resettlement efforts in the Salem area,

We have a new family!

In the midst of all the immigration-related confusion, the temporary ban has been lifted for now, and families are starting trickle in again.

Reza (husband), Kubra (wife), and Melad (son, 2 yrs) Mohammadi arrived Wednesday night and are staying with a host family here in Salem until we can find them housing. Having come from a very impoverished and tumultuous part of Afghanistan, they are so happy to be here. They do not speak English, so one of our immediate tasks will be enrolling them in ESL classes as soon as possible. They are very excited about this, and finding Reza a job.

Because they are not in their own home yet, their current needs are being met by their host family. However, they will need RESTART kits for their future apartment. If you would like to help the family by assembling a kit, that would be so welcome! We are in need of kits for every room of the house.

If you are interested in volunteering with future families or hosting them while they wait for a home, please contact Marie Howard by email at marie@salemforrefugees.org. Marie is one of the wonderful members of the organization **Salem for Refugees**. Of the many great things they do, this organization has taken on the coordination of volunteers for our agency (LCSNW).

Update on the Iqbals:

The Iqbal family is in dire need of finding a daycare center which offers summer care to school-age children with developmental disabilities. Currently, Muhammad is having to stay home to care for his daughter, because we have not been able to find summer care for her. If you know of any Salem/Keizer center that is accepting DHS, and offers care to school-age children with special needs, please contact me as soon as possible - awest@lcsnw.org Thank you for your help!

I would also like to take a moment to thank all of those individuals acting alone, or involved in local groups, businesses, or organizations which have been involved in assisting refugees, as well as others in need in the community. Thank you for your good works.

-Allie West, Resettlement Services Coordinator, LCSNW



Luther's 500th Anniversary

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Reformation Brochure

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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.)

Worship Information**Worship Attendance:**

Sunday, June 11 - 9:30 a.m.: 102

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Kairos Community Lunch

Sunday, June 11 - 61

Sunday, June 18 - 85

BUS DRIVER - June

Jeanne Innis

BUS DRIVER - July

Leon Wolfe

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