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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)

Faith Dialogues THIS WEEKEND! Join us!

We are pleased to announce that Dr. Barbara Lundblad will be with us at Saint Mark the weekend of November 16-18.

Friday, Nov. 16th, at 7:00 p. m.:

"Jesus Would Bake the Cake: A Christian Case for Sexual Justice"

Saturday, Nov. 17th, at 9:00 a.m.: *"Preaching in a Polarized Society"*

and at 11:00 a.m.: *"What Do I Expect from A Sermon?"*

Dr. Lundblad will also be with us Sunday, Nov. 18th, for the Forum at 9:45 a.m. and at both our 8:30 and 11:00 worship services.

The Faith Dialogues brochures have been printed. You likely have friends and neighbors that you would like to invite to join you for all or part of the weekend.

Pastor's ReMarks ...

Our nation has for many years set aside a day in November to urge its citizens to give thanks for the freedoms we enjoy, for the many blessings we have been provided and for relationships which give us strength and support. We, as Christians and those in many faith traditions, take this as a time to give thanks to God for God's grace upon ourselves and upon our land. A nation made up of a people with hearts of gratitude is truly a blessed land. I hope you can join me on Wednesday, November 21st, at 7:00 PM for our Thanksgiving Eve Service. It will be a time to listen and participate in some great music and to offer prayers of gratitude for the lives we have been given. Plus you don't want to miss the pie social afterwards.

Yet as we have witnessed in the last weeks, many hearts are not turned to gratitude but to hatred. The massacre at the synagogue in Pittsburgh revealed just how deeply this fear and hatred has shaped some people. The paranoia exhibited by some of our leaders only encourages such behavior.

That is why we as people of faith from our many communities must come together and stand in solidarity for our Jewish brothers and sisters and for all people who fear acts of violence or discrimination in our society.

I invite you to an event sponsored by the Oneness Coalition. It is to be held at Temple Beth Shalom (1274 Cunningham Ln. SE) this Sunday, November 18, at 6:30 PM. This will be an Interfaith Worship Service Offering Mutual Support in Times of Indiscriminate Violence. Rabbi Eli Herb will address the Jewish perspective on racial and culturally motivated hate crimes and anti-Semitism.

We as faith communities are called to deepen our commitment to the value of radical welcome to all. We need to speak with one voice against fear, hate and exclusion.

I am deeply thankful for the democracy that I and my family enjoy. It is a democracy that we cannot take for granted. Out of grateful hearts, may we be led into actions for deeper justice and reconciliation for all the peoples of this land.

Shalom,
Pastor Charles



Christmas Giving Tree

Once again this year, Saint Mark is partnering with Hoover Elementary School to provide Christmas gifts for the 72 children in the Backpack Buddies program. These are the children from low-income families who receive food for lunches on the weekends throughout the year, in part because of support from Saint Mark.

Beginning Sunday, November 25th, you can select a tag from the Christmas tree in the west narthex, purchase a gift (not to exceed \$30), and return the wrapped gift under the tree by Sunday, December 16th. Staff at Hoover School will make sure that the families receive the gifts you purchased for their children. This is our opportunity to do something special for our little "buddies" in addition to the food we provide during the school year.

Hands of Comfort

THANKS to everyone that has donated and helped with our Lutheran World Relief Project. We are happy to announce that we are sending: 91 Quilts, 94 School Kits, 23 Baby Care Kits and 23 Baby Care Kits. Also a special Thanks to Chris Bjork for taking all the boxes to Portland. And all the help on Sunday to box all the Quilts. A huge thanks to all the ladies for the hours

you gave to have such a big shipment. We invite you to join us each Friday morning at 9:30 a.m. in Room 107 (downstairs).

On Friday, November 9th Chris Bjork had some help loading the boxes of items being taken for the Fall shipment to Lutheran World Relief. And it was full!

Thank you Chris for delivering the boxes to St. Andrew's Lutheran Church in Beaverton for us!





2019 Commitments

Commitments for 2019 are being received. If you need a commitment card, please call the church office or pick one up on Sunday morning. We are grateful for your commitment to the ministry at Saint Mark.

Forums Set for November

Forums are generally held in the lounge at 9:45 am. Here's what's up for October.

Nov. 18: The Rev. Dr. Barbara Lundblad, Faith Dialogues guest presenter.

Nov. 25: Nancy Carlisle: Backpack Buddies program --- We will be packing BPB during the forum time and welcome any and all hands to help!



BookMarkers

If you enjoy reading and discussing books with others, there is a group for you at Saint Mark. We meet the 2nd Sunday of the month (Sept. - May) in the Library from 3:30 - 4:30 p.m. to share snacks and discuss the book.

December 9th: Book Picking Party

FILL YOUR PURSE ... And then give it away!

If you have a gently used purse that you will never use again, Anna, from our Homeless Coalition, has a good use for it. She fills gently used purses, the bigger the better, with items for women. She then gives them to the unsheltered women she meets along Lancaster Ave., Market St., downtown Salem or wherever she sees them.



You can help Anna by leaving your gently used purses in the basket labeled "Anna's Purses" in the closet near the east narthex entrance. To be even more helpful, first fill the purse with feminine hygiene products, chap stick, unused make-up samples, hand warmers, gloves, scarves, hats, socks, chap stick, Kleenex - just anything an unsheltered woman would be happy to receive. FIFTY PERCENT OF SALEM'S HOMELESS ARE WOMEN! Please bring these items before the end of 2018, and I will see that Anna gets them to distribute.

Communion Assistants NEEDED

Want to participate in worship but don't want to read? We need Communion Assistants. We try to only schedule you for one or two Sundays per month (not every week). Not sure what or how to do it? Pastor Charles will make sure you have some instruction. Call

Theresa in the church office to get put on the schedule if you are interested.



Quilts of Valor

Two more Saint Mark veterans received Quilts of Valor. They received their quilts on Sunday, November 11th, after the 11 o'clock service during a coffee hour reception. They are: Donald Masson and Maurice Anderson.

Advent Fair / Time to Prune that Cedar?

Beautiful Advent wreaths have been leaving Saint Mark in the few years. We will once again invite your household to make a wreath as a family/individual on Sunday, December 2nd. This is an activity of the larger intergenerational Advent Fair which will be happening from 9:45-10:45 am., see below for a list of activities of which you will want to be a part. Fun for all!

Because some of you have been willing to bring in clippings from your property we are able to supply other materials (including base and blue tapers) for a \$5-10 suggested donation. We hope we will again have a variety of greens: cedar, juniper, holly, etc. If you have some of these to share, please bring them to the courtyard and place on the benches that Sunday morning prior to 9:45.



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The **Advent Fair** will include an opportunity to pick up your household Advent devotionals and Alternative gift tags, create an Advent chain craft (children and families), enjoy special refreshments and fellowship, create your own wreath, and more!

Godly Play children will also be invited to practice some songs from 10:30-10:45, as we prepare for the Christmas Eve 5:30 service.

Luther Rose ornaments will also be available for purchase. These ornaments were designed and created locally are \$10 each; proceeds support youth ministries at Saint Mark.

Thanksgiving Eve Worship
Wednesday, November 21, 2018
7:00 p.m.

Pie Social to follow in the lounge!-- Bring your favorite pie to share!

Taizé Prayer

You are invited to pray for your needs and the needs of our troubled world at a Taizé Prayer Service held on November 18th at 7:00 p.m. in the Benedictine Sisters' Monastery Chapel at 840 S. Main Street, Mt. Angel. Taizé is a contemplative experience and welcomes people from all faiths to come together in prayer, silence, music and scripture. Please join us for this time of prayer and praise. Questions, call Sister Maureen at 503-845-6141.

Survey Results

Earlier this year, the congregation was invited to participate in an anonymous survey to assist the Music and Worship committee with their discussions regarding worship practices at Saint Mark. The Committee reviewed the survey responses in detail.

The 8:30 a.m. service had 29 respondents. They indicated an appreciation for the music and the earlier service time, and also enjoyed the seating arrangement where worshipers face each other, engendering a stronger sense of community. The 11:00 a.m. service had 48 respondents who indicated a particular appreciation for the music, organ, and choir. They also expressed more interest in moving to one service of a blended style.

Our upcoming discussions will focus on what, if any, action we should take regarding these comments from the congregation. Early discussions included a congregational conversation about worship space, perhaps in a Sunday forum. We also will be looking at the number of services, service times, liturgical styles, and church architecture. Thank you for your participation in this survey. Your comments are welcome as we delve into the future of worship at Saint Mark.

Judy Linder, chair - Music/Worship Committee



Women's Retreat 2019

Mark your calendars for the next Women's Retreat, to be held the weekend of March 8th-11th. We have reserved the same wonderful blue house we had last year, located in the Bella Beach area just north of Depoe Bay on the Oregon coast. More details to come. Please plan to join us!

SADAO WATANABE Born 7/7/1913, Died 1/8/1996



BALCONY GALLERY NOVEMBER 11 -
DECEMBER 16, 2018
PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH
1525 GLEN CREEK RD. N.W. Salem
EXHIBIT OPEN SUNDAYS, 8:30 AM—NOON
WEEKDAYS

AND EVENINGS UPON REQUEST—
503-362-8500 or 503-917-1326 (voice
text)

West Salem artist Joel Nickel will give Watanabe art talk
----- 3:00 P.M. Neighborhood Walk with Salem Leadership
Foundation.

4:00 P.M. Gallery Tour / Refreshments



Family Promise Thanks Saint Mark

On Behalf of Family Promise and the families in the Interfaith Hospitality Network program we want to thank you for hosting IHN October 14 - 21.

The value of Saint Mark's hosting week is **\$7,385.32**

- 231 Meals were provided for the 4 families at an average cost of \$293.90 per family per week - \$1175.60.
- Lodging cost saved Family Promise an average of \$1430 based on a hotel room of \$65 per night per family.
- Volunteer hours at \$24.14 per hour totaled \$4,779.72.

It is such a blessing to witness St. Mark living out their faith through the support and hospitality of the Interfaith Hospitality Network program, and partnering with other faith communities to do so.

Thank you and many blessings, Family Promise

Habitat for Humanity News

Great news Saint Markers! Contributions from members of St. Mark totaled \$1,457.17! This is in addition to Endowment funds (\$3,000) sent last Spring, or any funds raised at the tables of Saint Markers at the Habitat for Humanity breakfast held October 2nd. Wow! And thank you all so very much! These funds will be used toward finishing up the Faith Build home for the Hernandez family. Their home dedication will be scheduled in the next month or two. All Saint Markers will be invited and encouraged to attend in support and celebration of this family receiving the keys to their new home.

Due to multiple commitments and personal issues, this event will mark the end of Trudy Eisenbeis' tenure as the church coordinator/member of the Faith Relations Committee of Habitat for Humanity. We need your help to be a part of our ongoing partnership and mission as Christians, with the Mid Willamette Habitat for Humanity. If you are interested in taking a role in this important mission...securing affordable home ownership for families in the Mid Willamette area...please let Pastor, Maureen Caudill, Bob Geisler, or Trudy Eisenbeis know. Our hope is that we are able to create a committee to share in some of the work (communication, worksite coordination, fundraising). Begin building hopes, dreams and communities! Your gifts/talents help us provide strength, stability, and self-reliance to low and moderate income families. No gift/talent is too small. Thank you for your support.

Service presented by Temple Beth Sholom and The Oneness Coalition
Sunday, Nov. 18, 6:30 p.m.



"Echad - We are not alone. We stand together"

Please join us for an **interfaith worship service** offering mutual support in times of indiscriminate violence. This is an opportunity for people from several faith traditions to show solidarity, share their grief and even their anger, and pray for ways to move forward together. The service will feature a litany consisting of several short readings by folks representing many faith traditions. **Rabbi Eli Herb** will address the Jewish perspective on racial and culturally motivated hate crimes and antisemitism, noting that combating antisemitism needs to be understood as part of our effort to end hate crimes. Service presented by Temple Beth Sholom and The Oneness Coalition

Sunday, Nov. 18, 6:30 p.m. - Temple Beth Sholom, 1274 Cunningham Ln. SE,
Free admission and parking - All are welcome, and we hope to see you there.

Worship Information

Worship Attendance:

Sunday, October 28 - 8:30 a.m.: 38

Sunday, October 28 -11:00 a.m.: 81

Sunday, November 4 - 8:30 a.m.: 26

Sunday, November 4 -11:00 a.m.:75

Sunday, November 11 - 8:30 a.m.:31

Sunday, November 11-11:00 a.m.:86

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