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SUNDAYS AT SAINT MARK

8:30AM

Celebration Service
(Lounge; Call Us Home)

9:45AM

Forum, Sunday School
& Young Adults

11:00AM

Liturgical Service
(Sanctuary)

Summer Schedule Comes Early with Youth Sunday

Saint Mark will begin its summer worship schedule as of May 20th with a Youth Sunday Celebration at 9:30 a.m. The youth will present the worship like they have the past couple of years. You will not want to miss this great opportunity to see our youth in action. Worship will be at 9:30 a.m. and continue through the summer. In the fall we will return to two services at 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

Camp Lutherwood Cabin Campaign

Camp Lutherwood needs our help!! And Saint Markers have responded to the Call for Help! A total of \$4,601.08 has been collected as of 9 May. Our goal for one cabin has been exceeded! Thanks for your generosity so that so many will be blessed throughout the years to come!

Pastor's Comment ... Creating Space

Deb and I just came back from a few days at Holden Village. Holden Village is a Lutheran retreat center in the wilderness not far from Lake Chelan in Washington. No cell phone reception or internet was available. The snow was melting fast but it was still quite deep.

The reason we were there was because our son, Nathan, and his fiancé, Rebekah, had arranged that Holden Village would be the perfect place for the in-laws to meet. And indeed it was. We had a delightful time with Rebekah's parents who are from Ontario (Canada). Rebekah and Nathan had created a wonderful space not only for us to get to know each other but also to help with wedding plans.

Creating space is what the church is about. We create a welcoming space – one in which God's Spirit can move among the lives of people. Think about what Saint Mark has been doing over these last months.

- The Reconciling in Christ statement is an open invitation to the community that Saint Mark is an open space that welcomes all.
- Journey of Faith is a process that seeks to create a space for spiritual formation.
- We create space for the needs of people in our community through Salem Interfaith and Kairos Community Lunch.
- Offering the labyrinth to the community created a quiet space for reflection and prayer.
- Offering a second worship service created a space for those seeking an alternative form of worship.

The list could go on and on from receptions at a funeral to opening up our doors to 12 step groups. The challenge is not only for us as a church but also as individuals to find ways in which we can create space for the Spirit's actions. How can we in our everyday lives create welcoming spaces for family, friends, neighbors and strangers around us?

As we approach Mother's Day, I am reminded of how mothers of every time and age have sought to create a loving space for their families. May we as a community of faith be intentional about not only creating space in the church but also creating space in our hearts and lives that God's Spirit might move among us.

Shalom,
Pr. Charles

Welcome New Members

Welcome to Patricia Rivera and Carl & Amy Haynes along with their two daughters, Raquel and Cheyanna. They all joined Saint Mark on Sunday, May 6th.

FORUM

9:45 a.m. - Held in the Fellowship Hall weekly

May 13- Salem Interfaith Hospitality Network

Luther House Celebration Sunday – June 3



On Sunday, June 3rd, friends and fans of Luther House will gather to celebrate campus ministry, participate in creation care events for all ages, share a picnic meal, bid on silent and oral auction items, and preview architectural drawings for a possible Luther House makeover. More details will follow in the coming months. For now, please mark your calendars and plan to be part of the celebration.

Salem Leadership Foundation

Save Friday, June 1st, at 6:45 p.m. for Salem Leadership Foundation's Fancy Dessert Fund Raiser, "Building Bridges in Salem". RSVP to Julie@salem1f.org at Salem Conference Center.

Martha Circle

Martha Circle meets Thursday, May 19th, at 9:30 a.m. in the church lounge. Margaret Brust is hostess. Bible study is in the May issue of Gather. Come join us for study and fellowship. All are welcome – see you.

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

The ELCA is asking us to call or write our senators to urge them to reject harmful cuts to the nutrition funding, and to oppose cuts to the Supplemental Nutrition program (SNAP- formerly Food Stamps) and to Low-income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP). To contact your senators, go to the ELCA website, elca.org. See the bulletin board for more information.

Saint Mark Reads

In preparation for the fall visit of our visiting theologian Dr. Mark Allan Powell, we are organizing small groups to study his book on stewardship, Giving to God. Dr. Powell will be at Saint Mark on September 28-30, 2012. We are asking for approximately 10 volunteers to be hosts and/or discussion leaders for small groups. The discussion groups can meet in homes, at church, or at other locations. Each of the leaders will receive a copy of the book at no cost in advance. We will organize a meeting with leaders prior to the study period to plan the discussion sessions. The hosts will offer locations and times for groups to meet. We plan to sign up group participants when the hosts are in place. The congregation will make books available at no cost to the participant. There will be weekly meetings the first three weeks in September. We are planning a final joint meeting on September 23, 2012, in the fellowship hall for participants to share ideas about the book prior to Dr. Powell's arrival. If you would like to be a host or discussion leader, please complete the bulletin insert or contact the church office. We look forward to hearing from you and hope this information will be helpful to others in planning to participate in the discussion groups.

Maurice Anderson, Chair,
Stewardship Committee

Saint Mark Reads Congregational Book Study

In preparation for the fall visit of Dr. Mark Allan Powell, we will be studying his book, Giving to God. If you would like to host a small group or assist as a discussion leader, please complete this form and place it in the offering plate on Sunday or bring /send it to the church office by May 13.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone No. _____ Cell phone No. _____

e-mail: _____

We will organize a meeting to plan the sessions and arrange locations and times.

Worship Information**Worship Attendance:**

Sunday, April 29 – 8:30: 29

Sunday, April 29 – 11:00: 105

Sunday, May 6 – 8:30: 42

Sunday, May 6 – 11:00: 115

Kairos Community Lunch**Attendance:**

Sunday, April 29: 73

Sunday, May 6: 46

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