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SUNDAYS AT SAINT MARK

Summer Schedule

Two worship services & education
hour return on September 17th.

9:30AM
Worship Service

Summer Schedule

Saint Mark will begin worshipping on the Summer Schedule beginning **Sunday, May 28th**, with one service at 9:30 a.m.

That morning Quilts of Valor will be distributed to some members of Saint Mark that served in the military that have not yet received one of these special quilts. These quilts are presented in recognition of their service and as a "thank you". Many times these quilts are also part of healing for the people receiving them.



Special events this Summer after Worship

June 4th- Pentecost: Chili Cook Off and Ministry Tours. Bring a pot of your special chili to sample! Milk, lemonade, and chips will be provided.

June 11th- Youth Service with ice cream sundaes following.

June 18th- Meet the Ramon-Gasca family, the Thrivent/Faith Build family for Habitat for Humanity.

June 25th- Global Sunday (in conjunction with World Beat) -- Sign up and bring your favorite food from another culture for coffee hour. Dress in ethnic clothing--no matter what your background!

Pastor's ReMarks . . .

Welcoming all in Christ Journeying together in faith Reaching out in service

As I continue to ponder these words of our new mission statement, I am drawn to the last two words of each phrase: in Christ, in faith, in service. Here are some thoughts on that first phrase.

...in Christ

"In Christ" was one of the code words used by Saint Paul in his writings to describe the new reality of life in Christ. Father Richard Rohr says this:

After conversion, you don't look out at reality; you look out from reality. In other words, God is not "out there":

you are in God and God is in you. You are in the middle of Reality! You're a part of it. It's a mystery of participation.

After his conversion experience, Paul is obsessed with the idea that "I'm participating in something that's bigger than me." In fact, he uses the phrase "in Christ" 164 times to describe this organic unity and participation in Christ. "I live no longer, not I; but Christ lives in me" (Galatians 2:20). "In Christ" is his code phrase for this new participatory life.

So "in Christ" is our code words for who we are as a church rooted and grounded in Christ. It is from this foundation in Christ that we are given the Spirit to welcome all no matter their background. Again Rohr says:

The words "in Christ" seem to be Paul's code for the gracious participatory experience he so urgently wants to share with the world, and it leads him far beyond exclusionary Judaism or exclusionary Christianity.

To be a welcoming church is to know that it is Christ's Spirit who is doing the welcoming, searching out, seeking all those who are moved by the Spirit to be awakened and transformed by Christ's presence.

Our mission then to "welcome all in Christ" is energized by the new reality of Christ in our lives and for the world.

May God grant us grace to live out our mission.
Shalom, Pastor Charles

Welcoming all, Journeying together, Reaching out

Following a year of working diligently on three goals and a new mission statement, the Saint Mark Council has agreed on the following statement that characterizes the inclusive, welcoming nature of our church:

Welcoming all in Christ
Journeying together in Faith
Reaching out in Service

This statement sums up our imperatives: to welcome everyone, including refugees and the homeless in our community (Kairos...); to walk together in faith; to continue reaching out and serving not only members of our congregation but also the Salem community at large – and beyond. We are indeed a church that is inclusive and caring.

This new statement will succinctly identify Saint Mark and its mission; it says much in just a dozen carefully crafted words. In fact, it is a statement easy to memorize, easy to share with others. We hope you like this new mission statement as we continue our journey together, welcoming all, reaching out in service.

I'd like to personally thank Pastor Charles for his guidance, Deb for her leadership at our recent retreat regarding finalizing the mission statement and setting goals for 2017, Hal Boyd for his leadership in the year-long process and the wonderful people who make up our church council.

We are indeed a church that cares, that leads and prospers because of people like all of you. Let's continue this mission together.

Jim Walker, Council President

Forum 2017

Forums are now on Summer break until September after Rally Day, September 10th. Thank you to Dan vanOtten and Bruce Stock for helping Pastor Charles with themes and guest speakers during the education year. They have helped keep Forums timely and interesting.



Wine, Wisdom, 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.

This year Wine, Wisdom & Song will be a bit different in that we have a new location. 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. We thank the Devine's and Westby's for their gracious support for many years of joy at the Witness Tree Vineyard. (Witness Tree was sold and is no longer available for our use.)

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!

2017 Directories

New directories for the parish with names, phone numbers, addresses, and some e-mails will be published in June. Please call the church office and let us know if you need any changes to your home or e-mail address(es), or phone number(s). If you need a new directory, please call the church office and request one. Thank you to volunteers Laura Hildebrandt, Alisa Higgins, and Carol Maier for helping with the proofreading!

LCNW - Refugee Help Needed

Your help is always needed for the following at Lutheran Community Services - NW. See - Allie West, Resettlement Services Coordinator for the Salem Area, Monday - Wednesday for more information:

- Assembling RESTART Kits
- Purchasing bus passes for refugees
- Making donations to our agency to help with our work here in Salem

Camp Lutherwood

There is still time to register for summer camp at Camp Lutherwood Oregon! We have a variety of camps for people of all ages and abilities. Check out our website, www.lutherwoodoregon.org, for more information, or call the Camp Lutherwood office at 541-998-6444.

Looking for Loving Caregivers

For a while last year, Saint Mark was able to offer families of young children a nursery between the children's sermon and communion. These parents really appreciated it! We would again like to offer a nursery and so are looking for at least eight volunteers who can rotate Sundays (two needed each week). Volunteers will need to have a current background check (we will help you with this). And, we also need someone to coordinate the schedule. This ministry will allow Saint Mark to be more appealing to young families who are looking for a congregation to attend regularly. Our goal is to be able to start offering this during the 9:30 service in June. If this is something you are interested in, please let Deb know.

End of an Era

Thank you to Jim Schackel for his devotion to this ministry at Saint Mark in selling Fair Trade goods. We have enjoyed the coffee and chocolates as well as learned how to make a difference by purchasing these items. We appreciated your ministry. If anyone else in the parish is interested in carrying on the torch to support farmers abroad and sell fair trade items so that this ministry does not end, please contact Pastor Charles, Deb, or Theresa in the church office. Thank you!



Celebrate & Share Cultural Heritage with Neighbors at World Beat 2017!

Saint Mark will be holding GLOBAL SUNDAY, June 25th. You are encouraged to once again wear clothing and bring indigenously appropriate attire. 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!

Pr Jim Norlie's Retirement Party at Luther House

On Sunday, June 4, 2:00 - 4:00 p.m., join friends of Luther House to thank and bid farewell to Pr. Jim for his 22 years of service to Lutheran Campus Ministry at Oregon State University. The reception and festivities will be in the Grace Lutheran Church, Ronnenkamp Hall. You'll find plenty of parking available in the church parking lot at the corner of Kings and Harrison, Corvallis. We hope to see you there! (Pastor Norlie has been to Saint Mark many times as guest preacher and Forum speaker.)

Financial Report - April

	April	Year to Date
Income	\$29,506	\$115,565
Expenses	<u>(\$29,469)</u>	<u>(\$132,028)</u>
Gain / (Loss)	\$37	(\$ 16,463)

We have only transferred the Koontz Education Fund earnings this year to the General Fund which the Fund guidelines require annually: \$5,820.40. No other dedicated funds that were approved by the congregation to support the 2017 General Fund budget have been transferred to date. That amount is \$3,751 per month. If we had transferred those funds: \$3751 x 4 months (January-April) = \$15,004 would leave a deficit of (\$1,559). We do not transfer the funds unless we need those funds. At present our checkbook is healthy enough to sustain our expenditures. If you would like a copy of Saint Mark's financial reports, they are available in Theresa's office at any time.



Camp Lutherwood Work Days

Camp Lutherwood had a fantastic Work Day on Saturday, May 20! They uncovered and cleaned the pool, set up the archery range, installed new camp signage, planted the straw bale garden and more! Thanks to everyone who came out to help, we appreciate all your support! And, Saint Marker Bill Thompson went down to Camp Lutherwood and had a great time with others helping too (back row, left side)

Saint Mark Workday Success!

We had a great group and perfect weather on Saturday, May 20th, working on the Habitat for Humanity homes in Keizer (0 lot line homes at 1012 & 1018 Alexis Lane N). Thanks to Sharon White, Kathleen O'Brien & Clark Smith, Dave Painter, Joass Lyatuu, Miriam Lowrie, Mike & Judy Miller, and Anna from PSU, who joined me at the site. Thank you Diane for providing the delicious cookies and donuts! We were a happy group!



Our next work date is Saturday morning 8:00 a.m. to Noon, July 15th. You can sign up now by following these simple instructions. Be sure to always use the link below to sign up with the Saint Mark group:

1. Click on this link <http://vhub.at/17S8GYU> (or copy and paste into your browser)
2. Sign in using your email address as your username.
3. From there you will be prompted to complete your registration.

4. Click on a construction site shift to "sign up"

Once you have created your account you can just "sign in" to register for future dates.

June will be Habitat for Humanity month at Saint Mark. We are excited that the Ramos-Gasca, this year's Thrivent Faith Build family, will visit Saint Mark on Sunday, June 18th.

They will be at our 9:30 a.m. worship and available to meet during the coffee hour. In addition, pew envelopes will be available during the month of June if you would like to financially support building the home for this family.

Doing Well - Thanks

Joanne Sandhu wishes to thank the congregation for the many prayers, cards, calls and visits sent her way following her recent fall. She is happy to report rapid healing and advises that everyone be attentive to water on the floor, a hazard that has serious consequences. Joanne is so very grateful for the community and family we have at Saint Mark.

SAVE THE DATE

Wine Wisdom and Song

August 13, 2017

5:00 until 8:00 pm

German Dinner • Music • Auction

**Supporting Faith Dialogues
Saint Mark Lutheran Church**

NEW LOCATION

**Oregon 4-H Complex
John D Gray Hall
5390 4-H Road NW
Salem**



Worship Information**Worship Attendance:**

Sunday, May 14 - 8:30 a.m.: 35
 Sunday, May 14 - 11:00 a.m.: 82
 Sunday, May 21 - 8:30 a.m.: 35
 Sunday, May 21 - 11:00 a.m.: 74

Kairos Community Lunch
 Sunday, May 14 - 99
 Sunday, May 21 - 102

YGTF–Dr. Lace’s Web Site

www.orphansfoundationfund.org
 Helping children/orphans in Arusha,
 Tanzania

BUS DRIVER - May

Brent Morace

BUS DRIVER - June

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***Sunday Bulletin* deadline**

8:00 a.m. on the Thursday prior to Sunday.



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Luther's 500th Anniversary

This year is the 500th Celebration of Martin Luther! Saint Mark will be celebrating with the world as we mark this milestone 1517-2017.

Save the dates:

September 29 - October 1 -- Faith Dialogues with Dr. Samuel Torvend.

October 1 - 4:00 p.m. National Lutheran Choir at St. Paul Episcopal Church

Torvend Book-Read

Summer is a great time to get together with other members to discuss a book prior to Faith Dialogues. This year we have two exciting possibilities: "Together by Grace", or "Daily Bread, Holy Meal" written by our fall presenter, Dr. Samuel Torvend. As we prepare, we would like to know how you would like to participate: either a Sunday afternoon group at Saint Mark or a weekday small group in member's home. Please be thinking how you would like to participate: attend only, host, or facilitate the discussion. A sign up will be posted at the Pentecost celebration.

Reformation Brochure

In commemoration of the 500th anniversary of the Reformation, Saint Mark is offering numerous opportunities and events this year to recall God's gracious work throughout history. Be sure to pick up a brochure entitled "The Reformation Continues" which outlines many of these happenings in and around the church. These brochures can be found at the entryways of the church.



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.)