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SUNDAYS AT SAINT MARK

Summer Schedule

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

9:30AM
Worship Service

Thank You SIHN Participants

This is a much belated, but very heart-felt thank you to all the volunteers at the last Salem Interfaith Hospitality Network (SIHN) hosting event here at Saint Mark. You all made our first outing as coordinators enjoyable and easy. Thank you. Bruce & Carolyn Stock

Now it is time to be thinking about our next hosting event which will start September 8th. Yes, that's right, Friday, September 8. We will be covering two extra days, with extra help from SIHN staff and outside volunteers. Still, we are hoping to "up our game" a bit and stretch for a little further help.

Kairos Lunch Help

We are preparing for our next service time at the Kairos Community Lunch on Sunday, September 10th. Please take a minute to find a place where you can help serve and/or clean up on that morning. A sign up sheet is in the west narthex.

Welcoming
ALL IN CHRIST

Journeying
TOGETHER IN FAITH

Reaching
OUT IN SERVICE

Welcoming all in Christ

To welcome is to kindly greet on reception and provide hospitality. At Saint Mark everyone is invited to Holy Communion, a warm greeting is extended to strangers, family guests, and regular members during the opening remarks from the pastor, and a coffee reception is provided after the service where members can visit with each other and greet visitors. The bulletin provides information for a new visitor about facilities and programs at Saint Mark and invitations to Holy Communion and the coffee reception after worship.

Journeying together in Faith

Our journey in Faith is a lifetime journey. Saint Mark offers many avenues for us to continue on our journey. Sunday Worship, Godly Play for the children, Faith Dialogs, the Journey of Faith program, Men's Breakfast Bible Study, and the Women's Retreat are some of the ways for us to journey together and strengthen our faith.

Reaching out in Service

Our faith calls us to reach out in service with compassion. We reach out in service within Saint Mark supporting the Church and our congregation as well as reaching out to help those in need in the surrounding community. Our service at Saint Mark includes being an usher, greeter, communion assistant, working in the office, choir, council, and property maintenance. There are many needs in the surrounding community. Working at the Kairos Community Lunches, Interfaith Hospitality, Helping Hands, Habitat for Humanity Builds, and making quilts are care kits are some of the ways that we can reach out in service to the community outside of Saint Mark.

Janice Thorpe
Council Member

Congratulations!

Scott and Chrissy Anderson (and son, Bode) welcomed the birth of their daughter, Capi Ann on Monday, August 7 at 1:20 p.m., 6 lb - 20z and 19 - 1/2". Everyone in the family is doing well. Proud grandparents are John & Anne Anderson.



Reformation Ornaments Here!

Ornaments are now available for pickup if you pre-purchased ornaments. Be watching for a table of youth selling these in the near future. Proceeds will help raise funds for the National Youth Gathering next summer. These will make stunning and memorable Christmas gifts!

Hands of Comfort

We are asking for your donations of school supplies for Lutheran World Relief. We need the following items:

70 sheet notebooks

Ruler (with centimeters)

Pencil sharpener

Blunt Scissors

ball point pens (no gel type)

24 box crayons

eraser (approx 2 1/2 inches pink)

Summer Choir Du Jour

Thank you to all that came out on July 16th to sing with the Choir Du Jour! Our next anthem will be "O Lord, You Know Me Completey" on Sunday, August 13th. Rehearsal will be at 8:30 a.m. in the sanctuary.

Please join us!



Did you know?

Do you know that Jean Baumann is our coffee hour host coordinator for both services. Yes, she is the one that makes sure that someone has signed up to make and serve coffee. Do you like to make phone calls? Jean would love to have some help with calling on members when the book is blank (like it is right now!). Thanks Jean for making sure we have coffee (and most times goodies to eat, too) after worship for fellowship! Also, if you like to bake, consider bringing an extra loaf of whatever it might be and label it for "Sunday Coffee Hour", date it and its contents.

Saint Mark Reads

The Faith Dialogues weekend will be here before you know it (September 29-October 1st).

The Saint Mark Reads books are in and now we just need to get groups started.

The Tuesday Morning (6:45 a.m.) group is reading Daily Bread, Holy Meal by Samuel Torvend. We are also proposing a Monday afternoon (2 p.m.) group discussing Daily Bread, Holy Meal at Carolyn Devine's home in West Salem, 4455 Deepwood Lane.

For those wanting an opportunity of Lectio Divina along with their book discussion of Together By Grace, plan on a Thursday evening at the church. Lectio from 6:30-7:15, book discussion from 7:15- 8:00. We hope you will find one of these times work for you, watch for "start ups" in the next week or two. There are still a few books available if you haven't signed up yet. If you have questions or concerns, contact Deb or Pastor.

T-Shirt New Order and Reorder

With Rally Day on the horizon, we want to offer members the possibility of getting a new Saint Mark tee shirt. (Some have said theirs are wearing out.)

This year we are offering a long sleeve tee-shirt weight possibility with our new Mission Statement. Peter Hoelter will have a mock up soon. Please let Deb know if you are interested in ordering either/or/and a reprint of the "On Saint Mark" tee.

Sprucing Up

As you think about your summer plans, please consider giving of some of your time from August 28th - 31st at church. Every year our CDC takes a week without children present to do a thorough cleaning of their classrooms. We thought it would be great to do something similar as we prepare for fall (and the 500th anniversary!). We will make up 3x5 cards with a task that needs to be done and provide supplies. If you are available, you would "pull" a card/task and take it on during this time frame, eg: lounge fridge, pew wipe down (with some friends), Youth Room pillows airing, etc. We're hoping there will be enough interest in this that we create a "party" atmosphere with refreshments and lots of busy bees.

WWS Assistance Needed

The Wine Wisdom & Song committee is hoping for some willing hearts to help with a few projects. **Day of:** help with set up of tables, chairs, and takedown/clean up; and greeter the in parking area. If you can help with any of these, please let Deb know. This year's committee: Hal and Judy Boyd, Sonja Westby, Gretchen Flesher Moon, Judy Miller, Pastor Charles. Thank you!

Project UnderWear

Salem Interfaith Hospitality Network (SIHN) families biggest need is underwear!

Please donate brand new, any size, men, women, boys, girls sizes! There is a collection box in the narthex for your donations. Any questions? Call Alisa Higgins at 503.851.7851. Thank you!



Solar Eclipse

Saint Mark church office and St. Mark Child Development Center will be CLOSED on

Monday, August 21st, in anticipation of the many crowds of people on the street. Please enjoy the eclipse and be safe. Regular hours resume on Tuesday!

Worship Information**Worship Attendance:**

Sunday, July 30 - 9:30 a.m.: 77

Sunday, August 6 - 9:30 a.m.: 87

Kairos Community Lunch

Sunday, July 30 - 83

Sunday, August 6 - n/a

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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.)