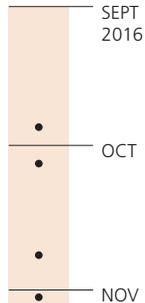
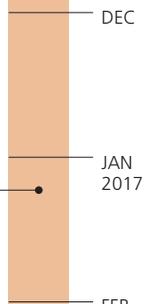


# Calendar

**A Time to Come and See**  
SEPT 25, OCT 2 & 23, NOV 6



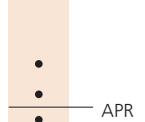
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NOV 27 – FEB 26



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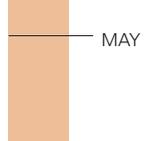
Rite of Enrollment  
MAR 5

**A Time to Find  
New Life in Christ**  
Rites of Blessing Throughout Lent  
MAR 19 & 26, APR 2



Baptism & Affirmation of Baptism  
THE GREAT VIGIL OF EASTER – APR 15

**A Time to Live  
Out Your Calling**  
APR 23 – MAY 28



Affirmation of the Vocation of the  
Baptized in the World  
PENTECOST – JUNE 4

“And what does the Lord require  
of you but to do justice and  
to love kindness and to walk  
humbly with your God?”  
—MICAH 6.8

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# JOURNEY OF FAITH

FAITH & FELLOWSHIP



*A process of spiritual  
growth & renewal*

**2016–2017**

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*All, Each, Together in Christ*



**Journey of Faith** is a process of spiritual growth and renewal where we gather around the word of God and reflect on our relationship with Jesus Christ.

Our journey follows an ancient process of welcoming adult believers to the faith.

Your questions, your doubts, and your wonderings are all welcome here as we look for answers together.

Please join us in the *Journey of Faith* if you are considering baptism, or if you desire to renew your baptism, become a member of Saint Mark Lutheran Church, or simply want to know more about God and life in Christ.

*Read inside to see how the journey unfolds...*



# 1 A Time to Come and See

Come and See is an open-ended time to ask questions and explore the many facets of Christian faith. This is a relaxed time of sharing stories and talking about Christian life. These gatherings will take place on **September 25<sup>th</sup>, October 2<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>, and November 6<sup>th</sup>**, during the Sunday School hour beginning at 9:45AM in the Library.

Childcare is available. Please call ahead to confirm so we can make arrangements.

*The culmination of this step comes with the Rite of Welcome in worship on **January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2017** for those who choose to continue their journey.*

# 2 A Time to Study and Pray

Those who continue the journey will be joined by faith partners from the congregation in a time of learning and growth. This step of the journey, known in the early church as the *catechumenate*, focuses on the Bible, worship, prayer, basic teachings of the church, principles of Lutheranism, and what it means to walk in the way of Christ.

*Journey of Faith* will begin the **First Week of Advent, November 27<sup>th</sup>, 2016**, at a time to be chosen by the group.

*This step in the journey is followed by a Rite of Enrollment for Baptism and Affirmation of Baptism at worship on the **First Sunday in Lent, March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2017**.*

# 3 A Time to Find New Life in Christ

This step takes place during the Forty Days of Lent. It is a time in which we lift up the gift of Baptism and its meaning in our lives. The Great Vigil of Easter is the high point of your journey. On this holy night, all those who are ready to be baptized or to affirm their baptism, are invited to come to the water of life.

*The Great Vigil of Easter takes place on **Holy Saturday, the eve of Easter, April 15<sup>th</sup> 2017**. After this special service, the celebration will continue with a party held in honor of the newly baptized and all who have affirmed their baptism.*

# 4 A Time to Live Out Your Calling

During the Fifty Days of Easter, the Journey participants explore what it means to live their baptism in daily life. This step of the journey concludes at the festival of Pentecost on **June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2017** with the Affirmation of the Vocation of the Baptized in the World.

*During the Fifty Days, you will have opportunities to learn and grow as the people of God. Easter is a time to reflect on the sacraments of Baptism and the Eucharist and how these experiences shape our lives as followers of Christ. Spiritual gifts are identified to help participants deepen their lives of service.*