

OCTOBER 11, 2020

Sunday, October 11, 2020		
	8:30	Outdoor Worship
	10:00	Live Streamed Worship
	7:00	Zoom Meeting Proposed Constitution
Monday		
Tuesday	10:00	Zoom Bible Study
Wednesday		
Thursday		
Friday		
Saturday		
Sunday, October 18, 2020		
	10:00	Live Streamed Worship
	11:00	Outdoor Worship
	4:00	Confirmation Meeting ~ FLC



PRAYER CONCERNS: We change the prayer list each month with updates and name changes from Pastor Dave and office staff. To be faithful, prayers should be fresh and active, and so we remind you to keep us informed of health situation changes at least every 30 days. Please notify the office of any changes or updates to the prayer list; carol@saintmarkslutheran.com or 704-664-5474.

Please remember all our homebound and nursing home residents; caregivers of those who are ill; those searching for employment; and all who serve in the military: Wyatt Leik (Barksdale, LA) & Dalton Leik (Kuwait) grandsons of Janet & Mike Smeltz; Aaron Whitlow, Drew Jones, Erik Crowder, Matthew Barone, Chad Teske (brother of Bonnie Goethals, serving in Iraq).

Members: Gail Walther (tests); Judy Sachs (tests, cancer); Jeremy Kraft (tests); John Lacci (heart attack, stent surgery); Milbert Kurtz (treatment, prostate cancer); John Roseman (knee surgery, 9-3); Sara Breinich (surgery to remove oral/sinus tumor); Elaine Stevens (Hospice); Jimmy Arthurs (ALS); Ken Koehler; Duncan McDuffie; Charleston Knox (2 years old, terminal illness).

Friends & Family: All Covid-19 victims, medical workers, researchers for a vaccine and all who have lost jobs; Robin Blaney (COVID); Don Bowman (brain cancer surgery, friend of the Westmoreland's); Katie Abrams (pancreatic cancer, friend of the Elkin's & Gill's); Scott Abrams (ALS, friend of the Elkin's & Gill's); Jason Kruk (motorcycle accident, cousin of Linda Melin & Donna Enroth); Sarah Jewel & Kennie Smith (kidney transplant & kidney donor, niece of Sharon Horiszny); Debbie Kiser (cancer treatment); Buddy Fridy (pancreatic cancer, cousin of Stan Suther); Kealy (eating disorder, friend of Amy Elkin); Savannah Wright (brain tumor, friend of Katie Elkin); Rebecca Miller (cancer, neighbor of the Abraham's); Janey Layton (cancer, neighbor of the Abraham's); Dylan Tilles (stage 4 pancreatic cancer, friend of the Van Horn family).

SHEPHERD OF THE WEEK – Judith Fletcher.

GOD'S BLESSINGS TO Ashley Allison Gray and Christian Seth Bourke who will be united in marriage Saturday, October 17th. Ashley is the daughter of Robert & Allison Gray and the granddaughter of Troy & Wilma Scoggins.

SYMPATHY – We extend our Christian compassion to Ron Boardman in the death of his nephew, Lonny Janes, on Friday, October 2nd.

OFFICE HOURS – The church office is staffed Monday – Thursday from 9-5. The office is closed on Fridays. If you would like to bring an offering by, please drop it in our secure mailbox. We are also available by phone, email or direct message on Facebook. Please let us know of any prayer concerns or assistance you may need. 704-664-5474, office@saintmarkslutheran.com.

OFFERING ENVELOPES - If you receive Offering Envelopes in the mail but no longer use them because you are now contributing through online giving, or if you have a college student who isn't using envelopes, please call or email the church office to request you be removed from the envelope list. This would be greatly appreciated and will help us save money on the envelopes and postage. Office@saintmarkslutheran.com or 704-664-5474.



ATTENTION PARENTS OF COLLEGE STUDENTS - Please let the church office know your child's address at school or if they are living at home this semester and taking online classes. This information is needed for our Church Mouse program this year. 704-664-5474 or office@saintmarkslutheran.com.

MONTHLY & YEAR TO DATE FINANCES

	Month of September	YTD September 2020
Budgeted	\$56,880	\$511,921
Giving (Offering)	\$40,796	\$417,534
Expenses	\$49,989	\$374,524
Giving Less Expenses	\$(9,193)	\$43,010



SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES IN OCTOBER

10:00 a.m. ~ Livestream Each Sunday
 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. (see below)

Outdoor services will be held, weather permitting, 50 people maximum, including worship leaders. Please bring a lawn chair or blanket to sit on.

Sign-up by going to the St. Mark's webpage, www.saintmarkslutheran.com, and clicking on the link or calling the church office at 704-664-5474. Reservations are first come, first served. Careful screening including taking your temperature, maintaining physical distancing and wearing a mask will be in place.

- October 11 ~ Only 8:30 Outside with Communion
- October 18 ~ Only 11:00 Outside with Communion
- October 25 ~ Reformation Sunday
 - 8:30 Outside with Communion
 - 9:00 Budget Question and Answer
 - 11:00 Outside with Communion

CONSTITUTION - Periodically the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) updates the model constitution for member churches of the ELCA to adopt to comply with ELCA requirements and recommendations, and federal and state laws. Congregations must update required provisions and consider recommended provisions in the model relative to the sections in their current constitution.

The Congregation Council appointed David Wagoner, Bill West and Lisa Harwell to review our current Constitution and the current model from the ELCA to provide recommendations for needed updates. The Congregation Council has reviewed the changes and has agreed to proceed with presentation of the proposed update for this Congregation's consideration and vote. Contact the office, office@saintmarkslutheran.com, for a copy of the proposed Constitution.

For this constitution update process, the following schedule is presented:

1. Sunday, October 11th - 7:00 PM; Zoom Q&A information session
2. Wednesday, October 21st - 7:00 PM; Zoom Q&A information session
3. Sunday, October 25th - 7:00 PM; Zoom Q&A information session
4. Sunday, November 1st - 11:00 AM; Special Congregational meeting – vote on the proposed update
5. Sunday, November 15th - 11:00 AM Annual Meeting - ratify the updated Constitution (per approval on Nov. 1)

CONFIRMATION CLASSES

Pastor Dave will be meeting with Confirmation students and parents (one per household) next Sunday, October 18, 4-5 p.m. in the Family Life Center at St. Mark's. Contact Pastor Dave for more information.

Synod Confirmation classes

*NC Synod confirmation classes are open to all confirmands and held via Zoom.
All classes begin at 4 p.m. and end by 5:15 p.m.*

- October 11 - Reformation with the Rev. Dr. Martin Lohrmann
- November 8 - Prayer with the Rev. CeCee Mills
- December 6 - Holy Communion with the Rev. Laura Henrik
- January 10 - Baptism with Bishop Tim Smith
- February 10 - Worship with Bishop Kevin Strickland



STEWARDSHIP IN 2021

“All things are possible with God: 2021” is the theme of our fall Stewardship Appeal. This theme points to how we live out our faith in awareness of challenges and with promise that God is always with us.

The possibilities to serve have been all around us during these past months of pandemic. The love of Christ through our financial gifts and service OUT in the community has flowed through the making of masks, cleaning products, food for our community and through an abundance of prayers.

We have 3 initiatives of focus for our stewardship campaign this year. It's about the *possibilities* that God wants for us is to:

1. **promote spiritual growth** in our families, from children and youth to young adults,
2. **grow our service** in the community, and to
3. **sustain our existing ministries.**

Reflecting on goal 1, our focus is to complete the annual salary need for our upcoming new associate pastor. Last year, our goal included salary for 9 months of this year. We are just about ready to *Call* this associate pastor. If St. Mark's makes the Call, we will need a full year's salary in our budget.

The newly called associate pastor will focus on promoting spiritual growth in our youth and families. Think of the possibilities to revitalize our Sunday School programs, both in person and via online Bible studies. How can we create the excitement in Sunday School that we see every year at Vacation Bible School? How can we grow love for learning about God in all of us, regardless of our age? Our vision is to learn and grow stronger, so our faith is abundant, and possibilities are ever-present.

With our increased generosity of \$22,447 (\$432 per week), we will share our abundance, give our best and extend God's love into our church with our newly called associate pastor.

WITH *God* ALL
things are
Possible

Food for **Days**

Even though the school year is starting a little different than normal, we are still preparing to help the in need children at Parkview Elementary School.

The need is as great as or greater than ten years ago when the program began. Social Ministry depends on the caring hearts of our congregation to support **FOOD FOR DAYS** MINISTRY. We have heard many stories of how the children depend on this food to get through the weekend. This problem is not going away. In Iredell County we have over **400 students** that have **NO ADDRESS**.

COST FOR ONE CHILD FOR SCHOOL YEAR **\$250.00** OR
ANY AMOUNT YOUR HEART DICTATES

Please keep this ministry in your hearts and minds and pray for these children and the children all over the nation that need assistance.

Please indicate **FOOD FOR DAYS** on your check or use form below.

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2020-2021

Plases check the option that works best for you:

I am interested in sponsoring a child that needs backpack meals _____

Any donation will be a blessing \$_____

Sponsor a child for the school year @ **\$250.00** \$_____ (can be paid monthly)

Sponsor a child for one month @ **\$25.00** \$_____

I am interested in volunteering to pack food bags _____Yes _____No

If you are interested in volunteering, please add your name and best way to contact you.

Name _____

Phone or email _____

Please return to the office by dropping in our secure mailbox or by mail.

Thank you for your generous support!

FOOD FOR DAYS DONATIONS- FFD continues to help feed in need children during the COVID crisis. Food donations are very important since the grocery stores have stopped all orders and bulk purchasing. Please feel free to donate any food on the list, at any time, this is a great help in deferring the cost of the program. Thanks again for your generosity. To donate food, you may ring the doorbell at the church office entrance, the door will be opened and you may leave your donations in the box provided in the side hallway.

- October ~ Completes Meals
- November ~ Fruit Cups or Applesauce Cups

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- Click the link on the home page of our website www.saintmarkslutheran.com



St. Mark’s Giving Code



Tech Support
for the
Homebound



NEED ASSISTANCE ACCESSING WORSHIP EACH WEEK??? We’re Here to Help!

If you’re unable to access and watch online worship each week please let us know, and we have some additional options to offer. Just tell us which of these will work for you, and we’ll get it to you each week.

- 1) **Worship Service on a Flash Drive**—If you have a computer but no internet or Facebook access you can plug the flash drive into the USB port on your computer and watch the service.
- 2) **Worship Service on a DVD**—If you have a computer with a DVD drive (internal or external) you can load the DVD and watch the service.
- 3) **Worship Service on a CD** (audio only)—If you don’t have a computer but have a CD player, you can listen to the service.



We will also be happy to answer any questions you might have about using any of these options. We want to ensure that everyone has the capability to worship “with” our St. Mark’s community each week. **Contact: Church Office, 704-664-5474**