


OCTOBER 18, 2020

Sunday, October 18, 2020		
	10:00	Live Streamed Worship
	11:00	Outdoor Worship
	4:00	Confirmation Meeting ~ FLC
Monday		
Tuesday	10:00	Zoom Bible Study
Wednesday	7:00	Zoom Constitution Question & Answer
Thursday	7:00	Zoom Evangelism
Friday		
Saturday		
Sunday, October 15, 2020		
Reformation Sunday		
	8:30	Outdoor Worship
	9:00	Zoom Budget Question & Answer
	10:00	Live Streamed Worship
	11:00	Outdoor Worship
	7:00	Zoom Constitution Question & Answer



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.

Members: Gail Walther (tests); Judy Sachs (tests, cancer); Jeremy Kraft (tests); Milbert Kurtz (treatment, prostate cancer); Sara Breinich (surgery to remove oral/sinus tumor); Jimmy Arthurs (ALS); 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 treatment, 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); 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).

ALTAR FLOWERS – The Altar flowers are given to the glory of God and honor of Duncan McDuffie and in memory of Mary McDuffie by the McDuffie Family.

SHEPHERD OF THE WEEK – Susan Haire.

SYMPATHY - We extend our Christian Sympathy to the family of Elaine Stevens. Elaine died Saturday, October 10th at the Gordon Hospice House in Statesville. Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant Elaine. Receive her into the arms of your mercy, into the blessed rest of everlasting peace, and into the glorious company of the saints in light. Amen. Memorials may be made to the St. Mark's Music Fund.

CONGRATULATIONS - Ashley Allison Gray and Christian Seth Bourke were united in marriage Saturday, October 17th. Ashley is the daughter of Robert & Allison Gray and the granddaughter of Troy & Wilma Scoggins.

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.

PASTOR APPRECIATION – October is Pastor Appreciation Month! Show Pastor Dave your appreciation by sending him a card or email to thank him for his dedication to St. Mark’s. Please continue to pray for him and his family.

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 18 ~ 10:00 Livestreamed Worship
11:00 Outside with Communion
- October 25 ~ Reformation Sunday
8:30 Outside with Communion
9:00 Budget Question and Answer
10:00 Livestreamed Worship
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. Wednesday, October 21st - 7:00 PM; Zoom Q&A information session
2. Sunday, October 25th - 7:00 PM; Zoom Q&A information session
3. Sunday, November 1st - 11:00 AM; Special Congregational meeting – vote on the proposed update
4. Sunday, November 15th - 11:00 AM Annual Meeting - ratify the updated Constitution (per approval on Nov. 1)



Oct. 21
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Meeting



Oct. 25
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Meeting

CONFIRMATION CLASSES

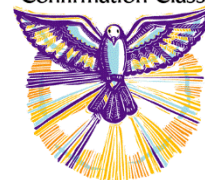
Pastor Dave will be meeting with Confirmation students and parents (one per household) TODAY, Sunday, October 18, 4-5 p.m. in the Family Life Center at St. Mark's. Contact Pastor Dave for more information.

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.*

- 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

Confirmation Class



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 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 sharing of masks, cleaning products, and food for our community. We continue to pray for each other, the community and the world around us.

We have 3 initiatives of focus for our stewardship campaign this year. It's about the *possibilities* that God wants us 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 2, our focus is to touch our community. St. Mark's would like to increase our reach OUT into the community through service and financial support. Our engagement in support through God's Work Our Hands, Hands-On, Christian Mission, Food for Days, NC Feeds (Soup Kitchen), St. Mark's Preschool and our Scouting programs are just some of the ways we serve our community. As needs continue to grow, St. Mark's sees them and plans to grow our contributions to help.

Our vision is to continue making support for local outreach a priority. This is one of the many ways we share our abundant faith and recognize that possibilities are ever-present.

With our increased generosity of \$2,000 (\$38 per week), we will share our abundance, give our best and extend God's love in our community.

Sunday, Oct 25, 2020 - 9:00 AM, SMLC 2021 Budget Q&A - Session 1

<https://zoom.us/j/94649269455?pwd=czlaQjFpN09XcnlNl2hYY2ZXRzBLQT09>

Call-in: (312) 626-6799, Meeting ID: 946 4926 9455#, Passcode: 460357#

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
- December ~ Vienna Sausages

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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**