


Sunday, October 3, 2021, The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost		
	8:30	Worship In-Person & Livestream
	9:30	CONNECT Faith Formation for all ages
	10:00	Rebroadcast of Livestream
	10:30	Worship In-Person
	11:30	Rivers Youth (middle school)
	4:00	9 th & 10 th Grade Confirmation
	5:00	LMM Meet and Greet
	5:00	Seas Youth Group (high school)
	5:00	Blessing of the Animals
Monday		
Tuesday		
	12:30	HANDS On
	7:00	Luther Ringers
		Election Day – Family Life Center
Wednesday		
	10:00	PD Bible Study ~ Zoom
	6:30	Your Turn with Pastor Vern
	7:00	Creative Writing ~ Conference Room
	7:00	Basketball
	7:00	Chancel Choir
Thursday		
	7:00	Beer & Bible ZOOM
Friday		
Saturday		
Sunday, October 10, 2021, The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost		
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PRAYER CONCERNS: We change the prayer list each month with updates and 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, office@saintmarkslutheran.com or call 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 & Dalton Leik grandsons of Janet & Mike Smeltz; Aaron Whitlow, Drew Jones, Erik Crowder, Matthew Barone.

Members: Ken Koehler; Jim Chelgren (stroke); Martha Scruggs (Autumn Care); Brenda Joyce (cancer treatment and pacemaker); Herb Marks (cancer); Janet Frazier (cancer treatment); Dovie Beaver (colon cancer); Guil Roy (Glioblastoma, radiation treatment);

Friends & Family: McDaniels family (COVID, friends of the Reddens); Bob Lyons (car accident, father of Tommy Lyons); Koen Kull (leukemia, four-year-old great grandson of Gary and Judy Rains); Ken Martz (COVID, brother of Carol Martz); David Martz (cancer, nephew of Carol Martz); Sister-in-law of Carol Martz (broken foot); (Joan Washam (open heart surgery 8-30, friend of Liz Whitlow); Robert Dorroh (cancer, friend of Allen Sloop); John White (heart disease); Andy Dallaire (brain cancer, grandfather of Holly Frankos); Lisa Stowe (cancer, niece of Brenda Joyce); Matthew Mondek (lung surgery, cousin of Auggie Lagerhausen); Susan Moore (chemo, sister of Liz Maurice);

SYMPATHY – we extend our Christian compassion to the Herb Marks upon the death of his sister, Leola Hunt, on Monday, September 27th.

SHEPHERD OF THE WEEK –



NEW WORSHIP TIMES - Beginning Sunday, October 3

8:30 a.m. Worship

9:30 a.m. Faith Formation for all ages

10:30 a.m. Worship

BIBLE STUDY WITH PASTOR DAVE - Wednesday 10:00 a.m. Bible Study in September via Zoom. Minor Prophets of the Old Testament.

- Bible Study on Esther
- October 6, 13, 20 and 27

Contact Pastor Dave or the church office to sign-up and receive a Zoom link. Contact Pastor at 704-664-5474 or dave@saintmarkslutheran.com.

OCTOBER 4th IS THE FEAST DAY OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI, the patron saint of Italy, animals, nature, and campy lawn ornaments, not to mention the current Pope's namesake. He not only cared for impoverished people, he lived as one, *Il Poverello* ("the little poor man"), and founded a movement of monks who live lives of simple poverty out and about in the world. He wrote songs and preached to both birds and people. Over the nearly eight centuries since his death, many have said that in no other human being has the life of Jesus come more vividly, tangibly alive.



This week in honor of Francis – 1) Bless your pets and the animals living around you inside and outside your home; **2) Lift up Biodiversity** – paying attention to the great extinction happening all around us, the likes of which hasn't been seen on Earth since the dinosaurs took their leave, and praying for all creation around where you live – the bushes and trees, grasses and waterways, fall vegetables and now-dormant crops; 3) Finally, Francis engaged with **Scripture as “script” in the sense of being something we should perform and live out.**

One of his key moments of conversion was when he heard Matthew 10:10 read aloud in a little stone chapel in the Tuscan countryside, Jesus' instructions to take “no bag for your journey, or two tunics, or sandals, or a staff.” Francis decided then and there to actually follow these instructions: and so from then on, he went barefoot, living in profound simplicity. Likewise, Francis went on to invent the live Nativity scene at Christmas time, complete with actual farm animals and a real manger. People came from miles around to experience the story in this fresh new way. Some might call this “taking Scripture literally,” but it's more accurate to say that what Francis was doing was taking Scripture as script, as something to be performed, to be done, to be incarnated. He wanted to bring the stories vividly alive, to help people engage God and the Biblical stories with all their senses – not just hearing about a stable in Bethlehem, but also being in the presence of a stable, with a real manger sitting right there between an ox and a horse!

FELLOWSHIP GROUP

October 21st at 12:00 p.m. in the St. Mark's Family Life Center

This is a social event where we can get to know our church members and friends.

Please bring a dish to share and good conversation. Donny & Del Meadows will

present a program on shag dancing. Please RSVP by Tuesday, October 19 to

Ron Boardman at 704-663-7156 or marilyn203@gmail.com.



BEER & BIBLE STUDY - Contact Pastor Vern for additional information:

vern@saintmarkslutheran.com.

October 7 Nehemiah via ZOOM.

October 14 Esther at Salty Caper. Includes a party in celebration of Reformation.

ST. LUKE PHILOPTOCHOS - St. Mark's is again supporting St. Luke in their community support efforts by providing them the use of our kitchen for their fall baking.

LMM GOLF TOURNAMENT - What: Captains Choice Golf Tournament

When: Saturday November 13th, 11:00 a.m. sign in time (first tee time will be at 11:34, 11:42, 11:50, 11:58)

Where: Mallard Head Golf Course- Mooresville

Entry Fee: \$45.00 Mulligans can be purchased at \$5.00 each, limit of 2 per person.

Deadline to enter: Sunday, November 7th

Contact Chris Isetts at 828-320-7254 or chris.isetts@prysmiangroup.com.

Beverages will be provided during the tournament. Don will be driving the beverage cart.

I have reserved 4 foursomes at present. We will see what type of interest we receive to determine if we need to add more groups. Teams will be based on handicap. If they do not have a handicap they can decide if they are an A, B, C or D level player. (Should be stated on the signup sheet).

First and Second place prizes will be awarded to the lowest two team scores. Two closest to the pin par 3 holes and one longest drive par 4 hole will also have prizes. Rule sheet provided.

HANDS ON – will meet each Tuesday at 12:30 p.m. in the Family Life Center. All are welcome, no specific talent needed. Questions, contact Shelby Westmoreland, 704-662-4630 or shelbyw1952@gmail.com.

BOOKS IN THE PEW - Hands On will be collecting children's books during October and November. A fleece blanket will be included with the books for the children. The books and blankets will travel to Living Waters Lutheran Church and given to grandparents for them to give their grandchildren at Christmas. Thank you for your support. Hands On Committee!

FOOD FOR DAYS FOOD DONATIONS- 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.

- October ~ Lg. Chef Boyardee
- November ~ Fruit & Applesauce Cups

SEPTEMBER BLOOD DRIVE RESULTS – Katherine Harrigan from the Red Cross sent St. Mark’s a sincere message thank you so much for being a host for the recent September blood drive. **Our site was able to collect 47 pints of blood, which have saved or sustained 141 lives!** Our next opportunity to donate blood at St. Marks’s for the Red Cross will be Monday, April 25, 2022. May our church continue to be a blessing to our community to those in need.

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