

THIS WEEK ^{at} GLANCE



Sunday, April 18, 2021, The Third Sunday of Easter/Stewardship of Creation		
	8:30	Worship ~ In Person, Sanctuary
	10:00	Worship ~ Facebook Live & In Person
	11:15	Worship ~ In Person, Outside
	5:00	New Member Class
Monday		
Tuesday	7:00	WELCA ~ Zoom
Wednesday	10:00	PD Bible Study ~ Zoom, "Mark"
	6:30	Your Turn with Pastor Vern ~ Zoom
Thursday	7:00	Beer & Bible ~ Zoom
Friday		
Saturday		
Sunday, April 25, 2021, The Fourth Sunday of Easter		
	8:30	Worship ~ In Person
	10:00	Worship ~ Facebook Live & In Person



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 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: Bev Sarro (Autumn Care); Milbert Kurtz (surgery); Guil Roy (Glioblastoma, surgery 4-5); Jady Johnson (foot surgery 3-26); Joan Rinehardt (strength & healing); Dan Markley (chemo); Gail Walther (lymphoma treatment); Judy Sachs (cancer treatment).

Friends & Family: All Covid-19 victims; Michael Scoles (torn esophagus, neighbor of Ed & Gail Walther); Donald Beck (hernia surgery 4-20, father of Susan Uzarski); Gary Weaver (heart attack, cousin of Karen Bost); Buddy Fridy (pancreatic cancer, cousin of Stan Suther); Wally Myers (cancer treatment, friend of Bill and Ruth Ann Swart), Frank Stook (hospitalized, friend of Barbara Williams); Jerry Grace (pancreatic cancer, father of Chris Grace); Susan Moore (chemo, sister of Liz Maurice); Charles Crocker (kidney cancer surgery 3-26, friend of Steve and Brenda Joyce); Tabitha Overcash (breast cancer, friend of Malinda Little); Kealy (depression, friend of Amy Elkin); Savannah Wright (brain tumor, friend of Katie Elkin); Palmer Goforth (cancer, friend of Carissa Abraham); Dylan Tilles (stage 4 pancreatic cancer, friend of the Van Horn family).

SHEPHERD OF THE WEEK – Susan Suther.



NEW MEMBER CLASSES - Interested in joining St. Mark's in ministry and mission? Interested in learning more about this body of Christ? Classes, via Zoom, Sunday, April 18, 5:00-6:00 p.m. Sunday, April 25, those who can and would like to, we'll meet in person at 11am at the Family Life Center. Refreshments included. Attend 10am worship if you can and then stick

around a bit longer. Contact Pastor Dave or Carol Feiste at the church office for the Zoom link. dave@saintmarkslutheran.com. carol@saintmarkslutheran.com.

LANYARD NAMETAGS - Dear St. Mark's Members – if you have a nametag, and if you are attending in-person worship, either bring your name tag or pick it up from the name tag table and then wear it please. Pastor Vern welcomes getting to connect your name with your face. Thank you! If you need a nametag, contact either pastor or our church office.



NEW ZOOM WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY with Pastor Dave on the Gospel according to Mark. The “Commemoration of Mark the Evangelist” is April 25. Mark’s gospel account is the shortest and the earliest of the 4 (Matthew, Luke, John). Wednesdays 21 (Mark 5-8), 28 (Mark 9-12) and May 5 (Mark 13-16). Two time options: 10am or 7pm. For a Zoom link, contact dave@saintmarkslutheran.com.



RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE - Mark your calendar and plan to attend our semi-annual Red Cross Blood Drive! Monday, April 26th, 3:00—7:30 p.m. in the Family Life Center. Register to give the gift of life at redcrossblood.org.

Blood

LUTHERAN MEN IN MISSION – SAVE THE DATE! It has been great that we are now able to gather in the Sanctuary for services! LMM will hold a coffee and doughnut/bagel meeting with Bible study on **SATURDAY, JUNE 5th at 8:00 a.m.** in the FLC. Let me know if you would be interested in attending, text or e-mail Don Mease at 414-491-9344, measedonald4@gmail.com if you are able to attend. Meeting on a Saturday will give us more time for the business and planning portion of our meeting. I hope to see you there!

MOORESVILLE AREA BIBLE TEACHERS’ ASSOCIATION, MABTA -

Captains Choice Golf Tournament

Friday, April 30th, Mooresville Golf Course, 1:30 Shot Gun Start
\$70.00 per player, includes greens fee, cart and lunch served at 12:30. Hole sponsorship available for \$100. Email you registration to: mabtagolfreg@yahoo.com or mail to:

MABTA, P.O. Box 1091, Mooresville, NC 28115

For additional information contact: Kathy Black, 704-651-9272 or kathyblack@mgsd.k12.nc.us



FINANCES

	March 2021	Year to Date March 2021
Budgeted	\$56,465	\$169,395
Giving (Offering)	\$39,813	\$151,064
Expenses	\$47,251	\$136,217
Giving Less Expenses	\$(7,438)	\$ 14,847

Special Remembrances this week include:

April 21 is the birthday of naturalist John Muir, born in Dunbar, Scotland, in 1838 — though he grew up on a farm in Wisconsin. **By age 11, he could recite nearly all of the Bible by heart**, and his writings later in life are shot through with theological ideas. An avid inventor and fascinated with God’s creation, he was nearly struck blind by a sawmill accident, and realized how important the beautiful world was to him: **“I bade adieu to all my mechanical inventions, determined to devote the rest of my life to the study of the inventions of God.”** He embarked on a 1,000-mile walk from Indiana to the Gulf of Mexico, and then another from San Francisco to the Sierra Nevada mountain range. He eventually helped found the Sierra Club and tirelessly fought to protect wilderness areas, especially around the Yosemite Valley — and his fateful camping trip with President Theodore Roosevelt resulted in the establishment of the U.S. National Parks.

April 22 is Earth Day, first observed in 1970 — which makes this year the 51st anniversary. Largely inspired by Rachel Carson’s work, among others, **the original Earth Day was a widespread, bipartisan** response to the negative impacts of industrial development — and President Nixon, along with Congress, responded quickly to the popular pressure, establishing the Environmental Protection Agency that same year, and landmark environmental legislation followed close behind. With something like one billion people now participating annually, **Earth Day is considered the largest civic-focused day of action in the world. Jews and Christians, among other religious people, have been involved all the way along in Earth Day’s history** — and no wonder, since Genesis so vividly casts humanity as creation’s steward in the first creation story; as Eden’s gardener in the second creation story; and as custodian of creation’s biodiversity in the Noah story. And this year’s Earth Day theme — “Restore Our Earth” — is both timely and pressing.

April 23 is the Commemoration of Toyohiko Kagawa, (1888, Kobe, Japan). Orphaned, became a Christian through American Christian missionaries. Devoted his life to helping the poor, establishing schools, hospitals, and churches. He worked for peace and established the Anti-War League. He died on this day in 1960. After his death, Kagawa was awarded the second-highest honor of Japan, induction in the [Order of the Sacred Treasure](#).

April 23 is also the (observed) birthday of William Shakespeare, born in Stratford-upon-Avon, England, in 1564. It’s also his death day, in 1616, at the age of 52. **Theology is woven through his many works**, including these gems worth remembering: “God shall be my hope, my stay, my guide and lantern to my feet” (Henry V). “The devil can cite Scripture for his purpose” (The Merchant of Venice). “There are more things in Heaven and Earth, Horatio, than are dreamt of in your philosophy” (Hamlet). “The quality of mercy is not strain’d, It droppeth as the gentle rain from heaven Upon the place beneath: it is twice blest; It blesseth him that gives and him that takes.... **Mercy is an attribute to God himself;** And earthly power doth then show likest God's When mercy seasons justice” (The Merchant of Venice).

FOOD FOR DAYS FOOD 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.

- April ~ Beans & Franks (8 oz, pop top can)
- May ~ Ravioli, flip top cans
- June ~ Oatmeal, variety pack

FOOD FOR DAYS - 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. **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.

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