

THIS WEEK ^{at} GLANCE



Sunday, April 25, 2021, The Fourth Sunday of Easter St. Mark the Evangelist		
	8:30	Worship ~ In Person
	10:00	Worship ~ Facebook Live & In Person
	11:00	New Member Class ~ FLC
Monday	3:00-7:30	Blood Drive
Tuesday		
Wednesday	10:00	PD Bible Study ~ Zoom, "Mark"
	6:30	Your Turn with Pastor Vern ~ Zoom
Thursday		
Friday		
Saturday		
Sunday, May 2, 2021, The Fifth Sunday of Easter		
	8:30	Worship ~ In Person, Sanctuary
	10:00	Worship ~ Facebook Live & In Person
	11:15	Worship, In Person, Outside of the FLC



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 & Dalton Leik grandsons of Janet & Mike Smeltz; Aaron Whitlow, Drew Jones, Erik Crowder, Matthew Barone.

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

Friends & Family: All Covid-19 victims; Bobbie Rudisill (step-mother of Diana Keck); 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); 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 – Gail Walther.

SYMPATHY - We extend our Christian Sympathy to the family of Chris Grace. His father Jerry Grace died April 7. Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.

THANK YOU - *Thank you Saint Mark's family and Saint Mark's Preschool teachers for your prayers and cards for the family of Charleston Knox who passed away January 12. Charlie's brothers -Wyatt and Holden - have been blessed by St. Mark's wonderful and caring Preschool teachers. God bless you all. With love, Jason & Jennifer Knox, and grandparents, Kurt & Cathy Quade.*



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.

+ **Pastor Vern and Mandy are on vacation today.** Pastor Vern will return to the church office tomorrow.

+ **Every year on the fourth Sunday of Easter,** the Bible passages for the day include a gospel account that emphasizes Jesus as the good shepherd; thus the designation as “Good Shepherd Sunday.” In both the Old and New Testaments, God is frequently identified as a faithful shepherd to his people. Like a good shepherd, Jesus knows and loves his flock with persistence and devotion.

+ **Today, April 25 is the commemoration of Mark the Evangelist.** Mark was a companion of Peter and Paul mentioned in Acts 12:12, 15:37-39, and 2nd Timothy 4:11. Mark is thought to have written his gospel account from Rome during the 60s. In so doing, Mark may have been the first to assemble the various oral and written stories that were being told about Jesus. Mark’s Gospel is structured around 3 key scenes: Jesus’ baptism (chapter 1), transfiguration (9), and crucifixion (15). This book of the Bible is the only one to clearly label itself as a “gospel” (good news, 1:1). It is written to share information about Jesus; to create and strengthen faith in Jesus; and to develop true disciples of Jesus.

+ **Next Sunday, May 2, St. Mark’s will receive New Members** at each worship service through Affirmation of Baptism.



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

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). Class will be held at 10 a.m. For a Zoom link, contact dave@saintmarkslutheran.com.

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



May 2 The 5th Sunday of Easter with Affirmation of Baptism and New Members.

8:30am Sanctuary in-person.

10:00am Sanctuary in-person and Streamed Live.

11:15am Outside in front of the Family Life Center

May 9 The 6th Sunday of Easter and Mother's Day

8:30am Sanctuary in-person

10:00am Sanctuary in-person and Streamed Live

May 16 The 7th Sunday of Easter

8:30am Sanctuary in-person

10:00am Sanctuary in-person and Streamed Live

6:30pm OUTSIDE in front of the FLC. Evening worship service celebrating the Ascension of our Lord (40 days after the Resurrection).

May 23 The Day of Pentecost

8:30am Sanctuary in-person

10:00am Sanctuary in-person and Streamed Live

11:15am ~ potential celebration for the Feast of Pentecost!

May 30 Holy Trinity Sunday and Memorial Day weekend

8:30am OUTSIDE

10:00am Sanctuary in-person and Streamed Live

LUTHERAN MEN IN MISSION – SAVE THE DATE! It is 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!



LAY VISITATION TRAINING - The pandemic has changed so much, but it has not changed our need to care for one another in compassionate, Christ-like ways. Perhaps you already visit with others; or perhaps you are interested in doing this as an “official lay visitor” from St. Mark’s. Perhaps you would visit someone who has recently had surgery or is homebound, perhaps your visit or visits comes after a birth or following a death of a loved one. Perhaps you take communion out from St. Mark’s to them or a welcome packet if they have recently attended St. Mark’s. This May (and a day in June), the NC Synod will begin a 5-week training on visitation for lay leaders. Topics will include:

- What Not to Say and Invitations for Silence
- Logistics of Visits
- Home Communion
- Praying with Others
- Hospital Visitation

Classes will be held May 3, 10, 17, 24, and June 7 via Zoom and led by Pastor Danielle Denise. Each class will run for 1 hour and 30 minutes and will include Scripture, teaching, and small groups. Up to 5 people from each congregation may attend. Contact Pastor Dave or go to: <https://www.nclutheran.org/event/lay-visitation-training/>

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.

PORT-A-PIT FUNDRAISER – To benefit Fusion Teen Center and Food for Days.
Please place your order and pay in advance. To place an order:
Scan the QR code below
Go online to: foodfordays.org/events
Call: 704-663-7156



BBQ CHICKEN FUNDRAISER

TUESDAY, MAY 11TH 11:00AM - 1:00PM
691 BROOKWOOD DR, MOORESVILLE, NC 28115

**COMBINED FUNDRAISER FOR THE
FUZION TEEN CENTER AND FOOD FOR DAYS**

PLATES \$10 EACH

DELIVERY AVAILABLE ON ORDERS OF 10 PLATES OR MORE



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