



Sunday, September 12, 2021, The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost		
God's work. Our hands		
God's work. Our hands.	10:00	Worship, In-Person & Livestream
	11:30	God's work. Our hands Celebration
Monday	6:30	Council
	6:30	Bible's Biggest Ideas Bible Study ~ Library
Tuesday	12:30	HANDS On
	7:00	Luther Ringers
Wednesday	10:00	PD Bible Study ~ Zoom
	6:30	Your Turn with Pastor Vern
	7:00	Creative Writing ~ Conference Room
	7:00	Basketball
	7:15	Chancel Choir
Thursday		
Friday		WELCA Set-up ~ FLC
Saturday		WELCA ~ FLC
Sunday, September 19, 2021, The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost		
	8:30	Worship, In-Person
	9:45	CONNECT Faith Formation for all ages
	10:00	Worship, Livestream
	11:00	Worship, In-Person
	11:00	Rivers Youth Group
	4:00	9 th & 10 th Grade Confirmation
	5:00	Seas Youth Group



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: Martha Scruggs (LNRMC); Liz Whitlow (fall); Charlie Martin; Brenda Joyce (Chemotherapy); Herb Mark (tests); Janet Frazier (cancer treatment); Dovie Beaver (colon cancer); Guil Roy (Glioblastoma, radiation treatment).

Friends & Family: 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); Betty Loadholdt (strength & healing, mother of Cathy Lyons); Matthew Mondek (lung surgery, cousin of Auggie Lagerhausen); Susan Moore (chemo, sister of Liz Maurice).

SHEPHERD OF THE WEEK – Carol Feiste

SYMPATHY – There will be a graveside service for Ruby Kluttz on Saturday, September 18th at 10:00 a.m. The service will take place at Glenwood Memorial Cemetery.

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



WRITING GROUP - We all have our story or stories, and many of them deserve to be shared. One way to do that is to join a writing group where you can share your story, your thoughts, your vision, or whatever, with other writers. Thus, Roger Barbee is facilitating such a group on Wednesday nights beginning September 8th at 7:00 p.m. in the Conference Room. Your writing is to be shared as other members of the group will share with you. It is not an academic class, so no comments on grammar or spelling will be offered or accepted. It is just your chance to share with like-minded folks. And your chance to express yourself in a safe environment. For additional information, contact Roger at rogerbarbee@gmail.com, or 703-499-5948.

SERMON SERIES FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT LETTER OF JAMES

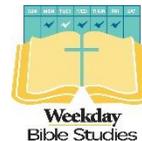
Today continues a series of five consecutive sermons from the Book of James, and today is the third sermon in that series. This is a series of sermons that could be entitled, “practical Christianity.” There were five boys in Jesus’ family and their names were Jesus, James, Joses, Judas and Simon (*Mark 6:3*). James was the second oldest brother on the list. James, the brother of Jesus, was inviting his church to live out the love commandment of Jesus. That is, you are to *love your neighbor as yourself. (from Leviticus 19:18b.)* Of all the chapters, verses and pages of the Old Testament, Jesus selected five words to summarize all thirty-nine books of the Old Testament. Five simple words: *you shall love your neighbor as yourself (Mark 12:31)*. James calls this The Law, the perfect law, the royal law. James, the brother of Jesus and leader of the church in Jerusalem, drew out the practical implications of this royal law. He addressed the question: **what does it mean to love your neighbor as yourself.**

Specifically, **James listed three problems** that his church had as they tried to live out this moral law of love. They were neglecting to take care of widows and orphans. Two, the richer Christians were ignoring the poorer Christians and were not being generous at all to the poor. One Christian said, “I have faith,” and the next Christian said, “Well, I have charitable love.” So James finally said, “Faith without works is dead, just as a body without a soul is dead, so faith without works of love is dead.” You cannot separate faith from charitable love. And third, there was a problem with the tongue. The Christians were name calling, judging others, gossiping, and speaking ill of one another and those around them. Knowing that all of us have this problem, James said that it is very difficult to live out the law of love because of the tongue. This theme is found in chapters one, three and four. It is one of the most dominant themes in the book of James.

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

- September 15 – Obadiah
- September 22 – Jonah
- September 29 – Nahum

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



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

vern@saintmarkslutheran.com

September 23rd ~ Ezra @ Salty Caper, 134 Mooresville Commons Way. (Lowes Foods Shopping Center).

BIBLE STUDY - Starting Monday evening, September 13th at 6:30 p.m.

This unique study of the Bible will focus upon 40 chapters that reveal the Bible's biggest ideas. We will spend approximately 12 weeks digging into the themes and ideas of the Bible, as we grow in our faith and relationship to Jesus Christ. The study includes some excellent videos and a 350+ page user-friendly study guide; all of which will serve to drive our individual studies and group discussions.

As the author, Deron Spoo, proclaims . . . "The best way to experience God, is to read the Book He wrote." This study is for all levels of Biblical experience; that is . . . from the novice to the more-seasoned student. The Bible study will be lead by Tony Arndt. The cost of the study will be \$6.00 per person, which covers the cost of the study guide. Please call the church office to sign-up or Tony directly at 704-677-3915 with your questions.

PEWS AVAILABLE - There are several pews that were removed from the choir loft when it was switched to chairs that are being made available to members. A couple pews are being utilized in classrooms but the others need to be removed as we do not have room for storage. In addition to the pews, we have an extra air hockey table, the Boy Scout bridge (looks like a small garden bridge) and some wheelchairs/walkers that are available. Contact Susan Bostian, sjbostian1@gmail.com or 704-654-7500 by 9/15 to arrange selection and pickup. First come first serve.



LMM MEAT & GREET - St. Mark's Lutheran Men in Mission (LMM) will be hosting their annual "Meat & Greet" Dinner on Sunday, October 3rd beginning at 5:00 p.m. in the Family Life Center (FLC). All Lutheran Men their Sons and Grandsons are extended an invitation to join us for our traditional steak/chicken dinner with all the fixins' including a great homemade desert.

Allen Sloop will be presented with this year's Honorary Lifetime Membership. Allen has served St. Mark's as an usher, Church Council and on the property committee for many years.

Please sign-up on the sheets posted on the side hallway bulletin board or in the FLC or by phone or email to: Don @ measedonald4@gmail.com or 414-491-9344.

A Donation of \$20.00 for Adults \$10.00 for those 18 and under.

LMM GOLF TOURNAMENT – Save the date and plan to attend the Lutheran Men in Mission Golf Tournament Saturday, November 13th.

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE - The critical need for lifesaving blood continues this summer. The American Red Cross urges more donors to give now, as the number of trauma cases, organ transplants and elective surgeries rise – and deplete the nation’s blood inventory. The Red Cross is working around the clock to meet the extraordinary blood needs of hospitals and patients but can’t do it alone. We need your help! Monday, September 27th, 2:00 - 6:30 p.m. In the Family Life Center. Masks are required by the Red Cross. Register online at redcrossblood.org. Give the gift of life!

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.

- September ~ Pop Tarts
- October ~ Completes Meals

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**Immediately following the 10:00 a.m.
Worship Service Today!**

Pulled Pork BBQ and all the Fix'ns!

Join us to celebrate a successful GWOH's workday.
We will be serving a BBQ lunch following the
10:00 a.m. service.

Just bring your appetite because everything else
will be provided



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