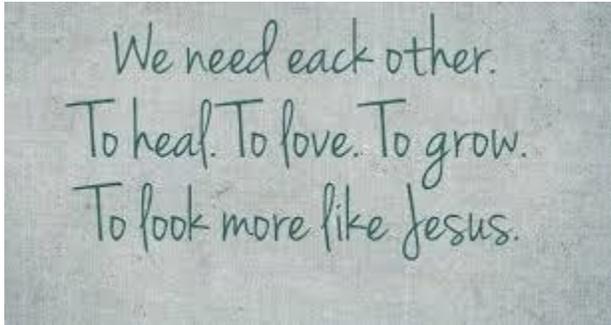


St. Mark's Lutheran Church
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Community is powerful!

The power of a faith community is evident throughout scripture. We read in the stories of our ancestors the truth about how God works in and through the community of believers to accomplish God's mission in our world.

It is easy to forget just how much we need the faith community in our lives. Yes, we come together to worship and remember the Word of grace that sustains us. Yes, we reach out into our neighborhood to provide for the needs of God's children. And, yes, we touch the lives of individual members in more ways than you can imagine.

During these last six weeks I have been touched and humbled and the outpouring of love and support by the faithful ones at St. Mark's. The visits, the flowers, cards, calls, prayers have sustained me in a very difficult time. Am I surprised? No. I have seen it happen for so many others so many times. I, like all of you, have been on the giving end of supporting people in times of trouble. Yet, this time the love and support has been for me – and that is both humbling and touching. We live our lives so independently that we forget what it is like to be cared for and loved through words and actions. We even resist letting others help us out. We often sound like a two-year old – “I do it *myself*” I know I do. We think somehow, we are stronger if we don't let others in. Yet, in truth it is when we let others in that we are strengthened beyond compare.

St. Paul knew that his strength alone was never enough. He reminds us of the darkest times in his life – imprisoned and ailing; he counted on the faithful ones to support him – not because he asked or demanded it but because they cared. This is community. This is who we are as God's people – blessed, forgiven and sent into a world of people who need our love and support.

Words will never be enough to thank all of you for surrounding me with love and care. You are truly God's hands and feet gifted and called to be about the business of sharing the Word. After thanking the people of Philippi for their support, St. Paul writes:

⁴Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. ⁶Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. (Philippians 4:4-7)

May you rejoice in your calling today and always.

With a grateful heart,

Karen Statins, Pastor

Pastor Karen

November 2019

*In Our
Thoughts
and Prayers*



We are praying for...

Our members:

Kedrin Armenta, Victoria Armenta, Pat Broschard, V- Anne Chernock, Judith Eckhart, Lynn Hallahan, Sarajane Hakenen, Jim Hanser and family, Karen Mullin, Larry Nelson, Cheryl Rasmussen, Pastor Karen Stetins and Josephine Traugher.

Our homebound:

Sylvia Buringrud, Bev Duncan, Anita East, Bob Evans, Alice Freeman, Margaret Heins, Lillian Manning, Barbara Patterson, Nina Pfiefer, Roger & Shirley Quinn, Doris Sams, Norm Skoglund, Doris Trean.

Our friends and loved ones:

Erik Andrin, Sue Aperans, Karen Digman, Beverly & Randy Elrod, Rhonda Francis, Tori Francis, Brian Hanson, Becky Hirschhorn, Pam Houghton, Ida Volk, Aidan Volk, Robert Williamson and family, Tom Wood.

Those who are mourning:

The family of Marcia McKem
Rose Hanser and family

*Please help us keep our prayer list up to date.
Especially the friends list.*

If you asked us to put a friend on the list, please update the church office as soon as possible. If a someone is doing well, please let us know. If you would like to add someone, please call the office (707) 422-4741 or email office@stmarksfairfield.org.



For all the saints who from their
labors rest..."

Sunday, November 3 we celebrate all those who have gone before us as leaders, mentors, and examples of faith. Join us for worship as we ring a bell in honor of our loved ones who have died in the last year. If you would like your loved one to be included, please email the church office.

You are also invited to bring a picture of your loved one and display it on the table in the sanctuary.

Here are our members and friends who we will celebrate:

Carol Alston
Carol Anne Davis
Ramona Felch
John Spencer
Wanda Spencer
Bill Spencer
George Wright



- Sean Kennedy - Veteran
- Dennis Digman - US Navy
- Dan DiSano - USAF
- Art Duncan - USAF
- Judith Eckhart - US Army
- Richard Ehman - USAF
- Charles Hettlinger - USMC
- Al Hurd - Veteran
- Stewart Irwin - USAF
- Les Johnsen - US Navy
- Art Lipke – USAF
- Chris Lindauer - US Navy
- Geoff Dashner - USAF
- David R. Caldwell - Veteran
- Willis Carlman - Veteran
- Scott Mall - USAF
- Barry McKillips - USAF
- Dan Looney - US Army
- Victor Metz - US Navy
- Mike Michaelis - USAF
- Sam Mullin - USAF
- Adrian Reece - US Army
- Stu Reid - USAF
- Tim Scarrott - US Army National Guard
- Chris Swanson - US Navy
- Mike Sweatt - USAF
- Jeff Thoma - USAF
- Bob Maclay - Veteran
- Chuck Doty – US Navy

We thank you for your service.



Wednesdays – 6:30 p.m.
Digerud Room

Tuesdays – 10:30 a.m.
Pastor’s office
Beginning November 12, 2019

Adult Education Forum



Join the lively conversations happening every Sunday in November at 11:15 a.m. in the Digerud Room as we contemplate becoming a Reconciling in Christ Congregation. We are partway through our Welcoming Journey and everyone is encouraged to join us. For November we will discuss Challenges Faces by the LGBTQ community, hear from those in the community and discuss how St. Mark’s can become more welcoming and affirming. For more information email Ann at dr_annhg@sbcglobal.net or see <https://www.reconcilingworks.org/about/>



"The prophet declares a child will be born ..." Isaiah 9:2,

Hanging of the Greens Worship Service

Sunday, December 1, 2019 9:45 a.m.

Everyone is invited to participate in this adventure! During the worship the 9:45 a.m. worship service we will kick-off the holiday season by blessing each item that enhances our worship space. This is a participatory event! There will be something for everyone to do.

You are invited to bring your favorite wreath from home to be a part of the blessing. Then bring the wreath and the blessings into your own home. Join us!

Advent Worship Opportunities



"Unto You"
A Worship Series for Advent

Sunday mornings
9:45 a.m. and
11:45 a.m.

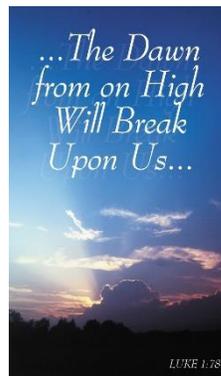
This series of worship services for the Sundays of Advent, Christmas Eve and Christmas Day walks through the key verses of Luke 2 that remind us that Christ has come to each one of us. We remember in this series that we are registered as children of God, we are part of God's lineage, we have great

joy because of God's firstborn Son and we find glory and good news in the Christ Child.

Join us each Sunday morning and Christmas Eve and Christmas Day to hear the amazing story of our Savior coming to us as a vulnerable, helpless child.

Midweek Worship Songs of the Season

Join us every Wednesday evening at 7:00 p.m. for worship. We will talk about the songs in scripture that tell the story of God's love incarnate.



Wednesday, December 4
Luke 1:57-79
A Father's Song (Zechariah)

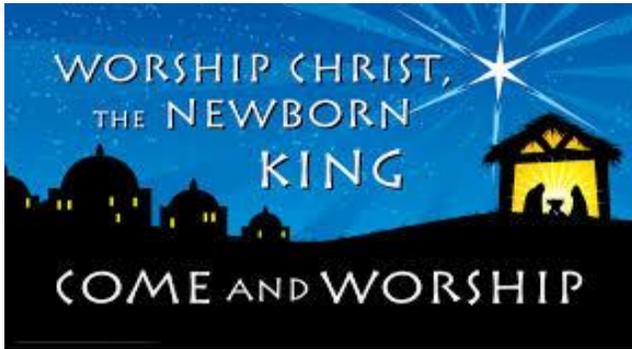
"My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior."
Luke 1:46-47, NRSV



Wednesday, December 11
Luke 1:39-56
A Mother's Song (Mary)



Wednesday, December 18
Luke 2:8-20
The Angels' Song



Christmas Worship

Join us as we celebrate the birth of the Christ Child!

Tuesday, December 24, 2019 – Christmas Eve
6:00 p.m. Family Worship
8:00 p.m. Candlelight Service

Wednesday, December 25, 2019 – Christmas Day
10:00 a.m.



Ending Homelessness. For Good.

SPS Second Mile Giving
November 2019

*Helping Individuals of All
Ages Rebuild Their Lives*

Our November “Second Mile Giving” recipient is LSS of Northern California. See their website to learn more about the amazing work they are doing for those in need in Northern California. To support their efforts, please place our gift in the offering plate marked “Second Mile Giving.” Thank you for your support of ministry outside our walls.



11/13 Lulu & Don Eager



We wish you a Happy Birthday!!!

- 11/03 Pat Broschard*
- 11/05 June Johnsen*
- 11/06 David McCallum*
- 11/06 Lillian Manning*
- 11/07 Gordene Pienovi*
- 11/07 Barbara Tenorio*
- 11/11 Colleen Rivers*
- 11/15 Robert Evans*
- 11/18 Nina Pfeifer*
- 11/27 David Danzeisen*
- 11/27 Garret Gravink*
- 11/28 Aura Hansen*
- 11/28 Richard Ehman*



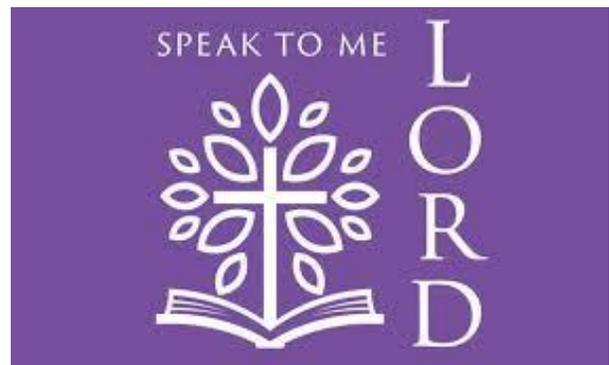
The Healthy Start team met on Wednesday, October 16 for the last in our series of the program. We reviewed and celebrate all the accomplishments of the team.

The team is working for find people willing to go out to other churches and find out what they are doing to enhance their worship life and reach those outside their walls. Please contact Pastor Karen if you are will to be a "scout" for St. Mark's.



Monday, November 11, 2019
Veterans Day
PRESCHOOL CLOSED

Monday – Friday
November 25 through 29
PRESCHOOL CLOSED
for Thanksgiving Break
Monday, December 2, 2019
Preschool Resumes



Upcoming Scripture readings

November 3 – All Saints Sunday

Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18

Psalm 149

Ephesian 1:11-23

Luke 6:20-31

November 10 – Lectionary 32 (Pent 22)

Job 19:23-27a

Psalm 17:1-9

2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17

Luke 20:27-38

November 17 – Lectionary 33 (Pent 23)

Malachi 4:1-2a

Psalm 98

2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

Luke 21:5-19

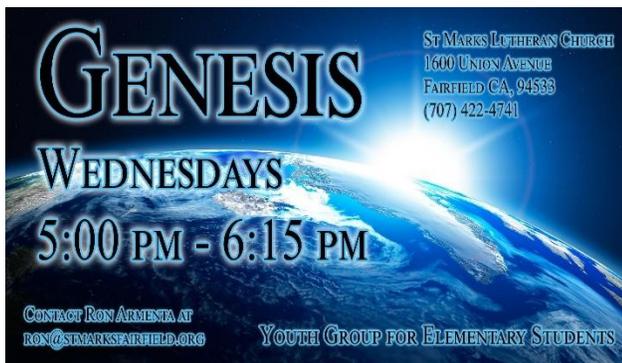
November 24– Christ the King

Jeremiah 23:1-6

Psalm 46

Colossians 1:11-20

Luke 23:33-43



Elementary Retreat

November 8-10, 2019

You can still register for this retreat!

This retreat is for kids

in grades 3-6

Friday @7pm - Sunday @12pm

Our Speaker for the Elementary Retreat:

Drew Ajer

Originally from San Diego, CA, Drew has traveled a lot since childhood. He graduated from Gustavus Adolphus College (an ELCA affiliated school in St. Peter, MN) with a B.A. in Political Science and Philosophy.

Drew early career started with Lutheran Volunteer Corps in Milwaukee, WI. Being placed at an inner city school with at-risk youth which ignited a passion for working with youth and creating and implementing systems of simplicity, sustainability, and justice. He spent a total of years teaching English and working with community leaders towards improving the segregation and inequality issues that plague Milwaukee.

After seven winters in the Midwest, Drew returned home to California. He has spent the last 4 years working for at two ELCA Camps in Southern California: El Camino Pines and Luther Glen. There Drew worked as Program Director of both camps, overseeing Summer Camp, Winter Retreats, weeks of Environmental Education, and creating service-learning opportunities for inter-generational

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ministries. Now in the Bay Area for the first time, Drew is thrilled to be part of the Prince of Peace family. He is excited to be able to share his love of community, sustainability, and social justice with the youth and congregation as a whole as Director of Youth and Service Ministry. When not working, Drew can normally be found telling amazing jokes, playing with his two cats, or exploring the Bay Area.

Middle School Retreat

November 8-10, 2019

This retreat is for students in grades 6-8

Friday @7:30pm --

Sunday @11:30am

Cost: \$175 per person

Early-bird price \$140

On October 22, 2019 the cost per person goes up to \$175.

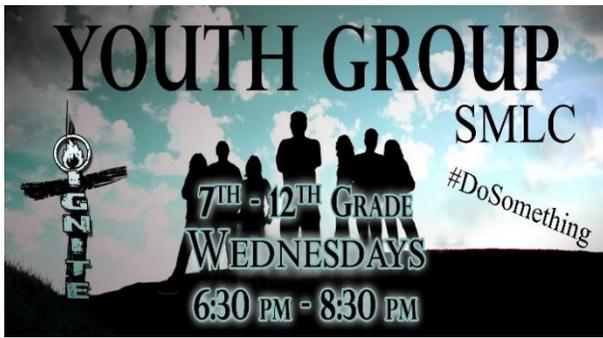
Registration CLOSES at 11:59pm November 1, 2019

Our theme this year is love + trust over fear equals faith. We are excited to share stories of great faith, talk about our fears that hold us back and how God's love & our trust in God helps us be brave!

Middle School Retreat Speaker:

Christina Espegren

spent long stretches of her formative years at Mt. Cross as a camper, counselor in training, SPSYC member/president, counselor and leadership staff. She graduated from California Lutheran University with majors in Biology and Studies of Women and Gender [SWAG] and earned a Master of Science in Public Health [MSPH] from Johns Hopkins. She served one year as a Young Adult in Global Mission [YAGM] with the ELCA in Madagascar and two years with the Peace Corps in Rwanda with her husband Joel. They now live in Sacramento where she works for the state and spends her free time volunteering as an adult leader for the St. John's high school youth group, gardening, pet-sitting, knitting, and drinking lots of coffee.



Neighbors Helping Neighbors

Reach out through Faith in Action to make a difference in the life of an isolated senior in Solano County. Advance registration is requested. To register, or for additional information, please call (707) 469-6675 or send an e-mail to: VolunteerRecruiter2@FaithInActionSolano.org.

Volunteers Needed to Assist the Homebound Elderly

Faith in Action is hosting a volunteer orientation training on Saturday, November 2, 2019, from 9:00am-3:00pm, for caring individual interested in assisting homebound seniors throughout Solano County. Volunteers are needed to make phone calls, home visits, run errands, assist with grocery shopping, or provide Senior Peer Counseling or transportation to medical appointment and pharmacies.

VOLUNTEER DRIVERS are of greatest need, as transportation is our most frequent request!

Our next Orientation Training will be held at St. Mark's Lutheran Church, 1600 Union Avenue in Fairfield.



American Red Cross

Adult and Pediatric CPR, AED and First Aid Training Available:
on November 23rd, 2019
Class Begins at 9:00 am (8 hr Course)

Training provided at no cost and American Red Cross National Certification is \$30. Payment is due on the day of the class and only cash or checks are accepted. (Please make checks out to St Mark's Lutheran Church and note CPR).
The class size is restricted to 10 students.
To sign up today please email Ron Armenta at ron@stmarksfairfield.org



Join the **NEXT GENERATION** of Red Cross Training
CPR - AED - FIRST AID

Protect your community from ICE!

Join the Solano County Rapid Response Network!

Do not oppress an immigrant. You know what it is like to be an immigrant, because you were immigrants in the land of Egypt (Exodus 23:9).

Legal Observer Training November 21
6:30 – 8:30 pm Community Room at Dover Mobile Home Park
2121 Walters Road near Air Base Pkwy, Fairfield
Refreshments! Questions?
Call Paul at 510-909-5754



Mark your calendars now!
The St. Mark's Lutheran Church annual meeting will be Sunday, January 19, 2020 immediately following our joint worship service at 10:00 a.m.

Committee Chairs and team leaders are asked to submit their annual report (narrative and financial, if applicable) to the church office no later than Sunday, January 5.

Also, we will have two adult forums to discuss the 2020 budget. Join us in the Digerud Room at 11:15 on January 5 and 12 to ask questions and share your thoughts.



November 28, 2019



Recipe By:
MOSHAMAMA
"This was my grandmother's apple pie recipe. I have never seen another

one quite like it. It will always be my favorite and has won me several first place prizes in local competitions. I hope it becomes one of your favorites as well!"

Ingredients

- 1 recipe pastry for a 9 inch double crust pie
- 1/2 cup unsalted butter
- 3 tablespoons all-purpose flour
- 1/4 cup water
- 1/2 cup white sugar
- 1/2 cup packed brown sugar
- 8 Granny Smith apples - peeled, cored and sliced

Directions

1. Preheat oven to 425 degrees F (220 degrees C). Melt the butter in a saucepan. Stir in flour to form a paste. Add water, white sugar and brown sugar, and bring to a boil. Reduce temperature and let simmer.
2. Place the bottom crust in your pan. Fill with apples, mounded slightly. Cover with a lattice work crust. Gently pour the sugar and butter liquid over the crust. Pour slowly so that it does not run off.
3. Bake 15 minutes in the preheated oven. Reduce the temperature to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C). Continue baking for 35 to 45 minutes, until apples are soft.



The Pantry is in need of paper bags and canned fruit, please feel free to drop off bags during office hours Monday-Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Also looking for 2020 calendars and blank Christmas cards that we can also put in the bags.

The Pantry will be closed:
Tuesday, December 24, 2019
Tuesday, December 31, 2019

Holy Family Old Catholic Church Food Pantry

Every 2nd Saturday
9:30 a.m. -10:30 a.m.
(distributed from the Manna Food Pantry at St.
Mark's)



St. Mark's is pleased to host the Contra Costa & Solano County Food Bank on our campus. Food is distributed from the Manna Food Pantry door on our campus. Here are more details:

Fairfield Senior Food Program Distribution Schedule for 2019 at St. Mark's, Fairfield

1st & 3rd Wednesday
9:30 a.m. -10:30 a.m.

November 6 and 20
December 4 and 18

Food Assistance Program

Second Wednesday
9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
9:45am - Worship @ 11am - Pentecost 11:15am - Adult 11:45am - Worship 27	12pm - Al-Anon @ 3:30pm - Manna 5:30pm - Worship & 9:30am - Solano 10am - Staff 11:30am - Al-Anon 5pm - Genesis @ 6:30pm - Bible 6:30pm - Youth 28	9:30am - Solano 10am - Staff 11:30am - Al-Anon 5pm - Genesis @ 6:30pm - Bible 6:30pm - Youth 29	9:30am - Solano 10am - Staff 11:30am - Al-Anon 5pm - Genesis @ 6:30pm - Bible 6:30pm - Youth 30	9:30am - Seeker's 5pm - Council 7pm - Music Team 8:30am - Holy 5pm - Holy Family 31	7pm - Music Team 9am - Holy Family 10am - Solano 5pm - Holy Family 1	8:30am - Holy 5pm - Holy Family 2
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Join us for worship...

Sundays

9:45 a.m. Traditional Service with Children's Church

10:45 a.m. Fellowship

11:15 Adult Education Hour

11:45 a.m. Contemporary Service



St. Mark's Mission

To Nurture Discipleship, Communicate the Gospel and Serve the Community.

St. Mark's Vision

To transform each church member into Christ-led disciples, nurtured and equipped by God's Word, whose purpose is to build up the Body of Christ in Solano County and the world.

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