We are praying for...

Our members:

Kedrin Armenta, Judith Eckhart, Lynn Hallahan, Sarajane Hakenen, Jim Hanser and family, Pamela Lyons, Karen Mullin, Cheryl Rasmussen, and Josephine Lord-Traughber.

Our homebound:

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

Our friends and loved ones:

Erik Andrin, Jerry Aperans, Victoria and Ron Armenta Sr., Gul Banoo, Adrian Butler, Karen Digman, Marianne Falkner, Rhonda Francis, Tori Francis, Brian Hanson, Pam Houghton, Danielle Neuner, Wayne Poulsen, John Scarrott, Florence Stuart, John Syhlman, Erica Toste, Ron Vang, Mary Vigliezone, Robert Williamson and family, Tom Wood.

Those who are mourning:

Pray for Devin, Gina and Lilith Wright for the death of Damien Earl Wright, Pamela Lyons great grandson.

The Henderson Family (Alicia's mother-in-law passed)

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

Additional announcements May 3, 2020

Faithful Giving

Please remember to submit your offerings to the extent possible during this time. You may give online at https://www.stmarksfairfield.org/. You may also mail your checks to the church at 1600 Union Ave., Fairfield, CA 94533. The mail is checked three times each week. If you are in the neighborhood, you may drop it in the mail slot in the door to the right of main office entrance. Thank you for your faithfulness to our ministry.

Coronavirus Implications

We will continue live streaming worship at 9:45 a.m. each Sunday morning until further notice.

Offering of letters for hunger for this week

Here's how you can help millions of people going hungry in the Covid-19 epidemic: take 15 minutes at home this week to write Congress to increase Food Stamps! St. Marks is gathering an Offering of Letters to be dedicated at worship next Sunday May 3. For a kit with complete instructions including addresses and sample letters, call or email Paul Theiss at 510-909-5754 or theiss.paul@gmail.com.

LSS at work during pandemic

As an essential, frontline service, LSS of Northern California is committed to guiding our communities' most vulnerable residents through this difficult time. For most of **the employees of LSS**, that means they cannot completely shelter-in-place. There are **3,800+** formerly homeless women, children, young adults and older adults depending on them for such basic needs as food, cleaning and paper products so they can remain safe and sound as they shelter in place. **How can** *you* **make a difference during this time?** A *charitable gift*. Email LSS at communication@lssnorcal.org for more details.

Youth Director Search Team Update

The Committee has been working hard (meeting by Zoom) to review the resumes received, contact applicants and talk with viable candidates. As of this writing, not offer of employment has been made. The team will keep you posted via email as this process continues.

Tuesday morning Bible Study
Jesus: Divine and Human
On hold until further notice.

Wednesday Bible Study

Due to the corona virus isolation we have started up the Wednesday Evening Adult Bible Study by video online using Zoom. If you are interested in joining us, please e mail Jim Hanser at hanserjames@comcast.net and he will explain how to do it! It is a simple process on computer, iPad, or mobile device.

Youth Bible Study

Due to social distancing and other guidance Wednesday's at 4:05 pm we live stream our Youth Group video podcast. There is a lesson, discussion, weekly check in, a trivia game, home scavenger hunt and more. We also have guests drop in to share their thoughts on the week's scripture selection. Past guests have included: Justin Devine, Elizabeth Mall, Ryan Crone and Roland Lubin. Upcoming guests include Matt Baird (lead singer of the Christian band Spoken) and TJ Matthews. We virtually come to the youth live each week on YouTube. If you are interested in being a guest contact me at (707) 290-0233. If you want to check out the show here is the link to my channel...

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCrZDkVBAq8QgnmR1aRJKAzA

Seeker's Circle

Seekers Circle at 10:00 a.m. on the second Thursday of the month via Zoom. Contact Diane Metz if you'd like to join the group by emailing DLMetz6@gmail.com.

Download the April and May issues of Gather magazine (it's free). That's the Bible Study we'll use.

Manna Food Pantry

Manna Food Pantry is a ministry of St. Mark's Lutheran Church and Preschool. Food pantry hours are every Tuesday from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. There are no requirements for receiving food. All are welcome!

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



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Dear church,

In this time of uncertainty, a fundamental truth gives us hope — that together, through Christ, we can do extraordinary things.

Today is #GivingTuesdayNow, a global day of giving and unity as an emergency response to the unprecedented need caused by COVID-19. Will you show your support with a gift today?

With congregations and ministries across the country, and a network of companion churches and partners in over 70 countries around the world, we know that this crisis will affect us all. We must continue to minister to each other, to those hurting and searching for peace, and to those in need.

But we can't do it without you. GIVE NOW

Your gifts to the ELCA's COVID-19 Response Fund will support local and churchwide ministries of the ELCA, including our congregations, that are most in need and best positioned to help others. These gifts will support:

- Congregations and local ministries serving communities that are disproportionately at risk from the pandemic, especially as it relates to health concerns, exposure risk and/or economic status
- · The health, safety and well-being of leaders and church employees who are critical to carrying out the mission of this church
- Ministries around the world that provide people in poverty with health care, sanitation and hygiene supplies, clean water, food and shelter - resources critical to slowing the spread of this virus

No matter how you choose to do God's work with your hands today, every act of love counts. Whether you're helping a neighbor, sharing a skill or giving to your congregation or the ELCA's COVID-19 Response Fund, your acts of generosity are a way to share your faith during this pandemic. If you've already made a gift in support of these efforts – thank you.

Stay grounded in courage, dear church, and thank you for being part of this movement. Remember that Christ is with us now and always.

In Christ.

The Rev. Elizabeth A. Eaton

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Presiding Bishop, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America