

St. Mark's Lutheran Church
1600 Union Avenue
Fairfield, California



Experiencing the Joy of Generosity!

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Starting in October, we will begin a three-week stewardship emphasis titled *Experiencing the Joy of Generosity*. This will be an exciting and beneficial three weeks of sermon messages and lay presentations. We believe this program will be a blessing to those who already are experiencing the joy of being generous with the gifts God has given to them, and we hope and pray that this effort will help many more experience the joy that comes from giving faithfully and generously. Here is the stewardship emphasis plan:

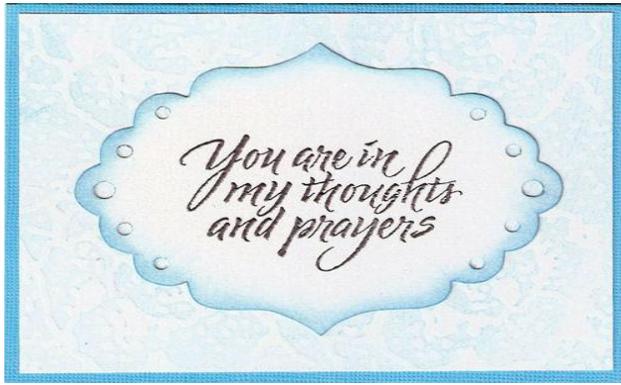
- Next week - you will receive a mailing from the church which “kicks off” the event.
- Sunday Oct. 6 – Temple Talk introducing and explaining the event.
- Sunday Oct. 13 – Temple Talk “Why do we even have a Stewardship event”?
- Sunday Oct. 20 – Temple Talk “So why do YOU to give to the church”?
- Sunday Oct. 26 – Consecration Sunday – the blessing of our Faith Commitments.

When we give to God through giving to our church and others, we experience one of the true joys of being Christians. Jesus said, “*It is more blessed to give than to receive*” (Acts 20:35). God doesn't need our gifts, but he asks us to give them. God accepts and uses them and gives us joy in sharing them. As we respond to God's love for us by giving back to him part of what he's given to us, he reacts by giving us even more. “*Give, and it will be given to you. Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For with the measure you use it will be measured back to you*” (Luke 6:38). Although we don't give so that we will receive God's blessings, God's Word promises us that, when we give faithfully and willingly, we will receive an abundance of spiritual blessings and, for some, material blessings as well.

Have you ever wondered why you are left with such a joyful feeling when you are able to give a gift to your church or to help a person in need? The answer to that question may be rooted in us as Christians who are being recreated in the image of God. To be made in God's image means we are made to be like him whose nature is to give. Giving helps us feel fulfilled as we reflect God's nature. Although the image of God was lost by sin, as those converted by faith in Jesus, we “*have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator*” (Colossians 3:10). Our Creator empowers us to give joyfully to our church and others according to his will. With this attitude of joyful gratitude, God keeps us close to him, and others see his image through us.

Our pursuit for fulfillment and joy culminates in the discovery that we receive those things when, by God's grace, we respond with eagerness to God's directive to give. Like David, we exclaim, “*But who [are we] ...that we should be able thus to offer willingly? For all things come from you, and of your own have we give you*” (1 Chronicles 29; 14).

We hope and pray that the emphasis *Experiencing the Joy of Generosity* will be a blessing to you and your family!



We are praying for...

Our members:

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

Our homebound:

Sylvia Buringrud, Anita East, Alice Freeman, Margaret Heins, Lillian Manning, Nina Pfiefer, Roger & Shirley Quinn, Doris Sams, Norm Skoglund, Doris Trean.

Our friends and loved ones:

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

Those who are mourning:

The family of Marcia McKem

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.



It was with mixed feelings that we bid farewell and Godspeed to Sarah and Buddy Hooks last Sunday (September 15). It has been a joy to have them as part of our congregation and entrust the next stage of their life to God's promises.



Thank you for all the prayers, love and support on behalf of Pastor Karen Stetins.



10/14 Rose & Jim Hanser
10/18 Shirley & Roger Quinn
10/31 Kedrin & Ron Armenta



We wish you a Happy Birthday!!!

10/03 Marilyn Kilian
10/03 Toni McCallum
10/11 Virginia Chernock
10/13 Dennis Digman
10/13 David McCallum
10/15 Al Bergoust
10/15 Kimberly Thoma
10/17 Mike Michaelis
10/19 Karen Mullin
10/26 Helen Bergoust
10/26 Molly Bowers
10/30 Gerda Reid
10/30 Loretta Rockwell



Symphony Alert!!!

Solano Symphony opens its 33rd concert season on Sunday **October 6** at the Vacaville Theatre at 3:00 p.m. Pre-concert social starts at 2:00 p.m. Information about the program and tickets purchase is available on our website and on the Symphony poster and cards at the narthex. Please visit www.solanosymphony.org.

Thank you **ALL** for supporting our Symphony!



Upcoming Scripture readings

October 6 – 17th Sunday after Pentecost

Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4

Psalms 37:1-9

2 Timothy 1:1-14

Luke 17:5-10

October 13 – 18th Sunday after Pentecost

2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c

Psalms 111

2 Timothy 2:8-15

Luke 17:11-19

October 20 – 19th Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 32:22-31

Psalms 121

2 Timothy 3:14-4:5

Luke 18:1-8

October 27 – 15th Sunday after Pentecost

Amos 8:4-7

Psalms 113

1 Timothy 2:1-7

Luke 16:1-13

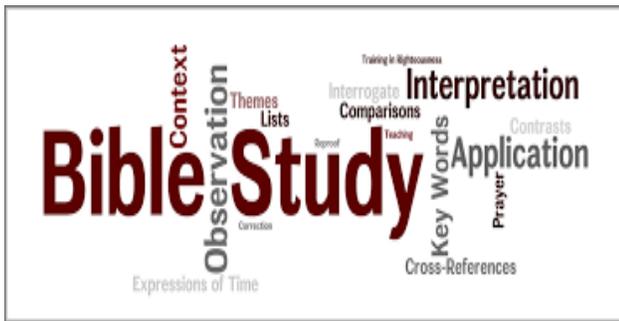
September 29 – 16th Sunday after Pentecost

Amos 6:1a, 4-7

Psalms 146

1 Timothy 6:6-19

Luke 16:19-31



Adult Education Opportunities

Wednesday evening Bible Study continues

Join Jim Hanser at 6:30 p.m. each Wednesday (usually in the Digerud Room) for an in-depth discuss of the scripture readings from the previous week.

Sunday morning forums

Becoming a Reconciling in Christ Congregation. What does it mean? Do we want to do it? Join Ann Hefner-Gravink for an important conversation.



The Healthy Start team met on Thursday, August 22. We reviewed and celebrate all the accomplishments of the team. Our last meeting for this process will be on October 16. Watch for more signs of this groups work.



SPS Second Mile Giving October 2019

Lutheran Disaster Response brings God's hope, healing and renewal to those whose lives have been disrupted by disasters, in the United States and around the world. When the dust settles and the headlines change, we stay to provide ongoing assistance to those in need. Internationally and throughout the United States, Lutheran Disaster Response makes sure that each community receives the physical, mental and emotional care needed to recover from a disaster. In the United States, Lutheran Disaster Response works through 39 local affiliates across the country to respond to a disaster from a local level. This is a crucial element of our work because each affiliate has the partnerships, the connections, and the history with the community to help determine what is needed for the recovery work – these organizations provide help to affected homeowners and communities by helping them muck out, clean-up and rebuild. Internationally, we work through the long-standing relationships of the ELCA with global companions and partners. These relationships allow, Lutheran Disaster Response to take into account not only the immediate needs of the moment but the long-term goals of the communities in which we engage. Through your generous gifts we have the staying power to be there as long as needed. Thanks to you, Lutheran Disaster Response is in it for the long haul.

You may place your Second Mile Giving in the offering plate made payable to St. Mark's Lutheran Church with "Second Mile Giving" in the memo.



Dirty Pumpkin Pour

Dirty Pour at St Marks Fireside Room on [October 13th at 12:30 p.m.](#) The Dirty Pour team will arrive about [11:45 a.m.](#) to set up. The party is open to 35 people and this Pumpkin Pour technique is perfect for any age or ability.

Here is the link for you and friends to register <https://www.dirtypourdesigns.com/book-online/dirty-pour-at-st-marks>

You will be provided with a 6 inch pumpkin. If you'd like to pour a larger pumpkin, you can purchase them at Michael's. We still have 10 slots left. Bring your kids and/or grandkids. It will be fun for all.

If you have any problem registering or if you have any questions, please call Tina Swift 707-345-1397.



Ministry Faire

Sunday October 13th after service...

Come one, Come all to our Ministry Faire!

Your opportunity to come learn about each of our ministries at St. Marks. Booths will be set up for each one so you can visit with each ministry pick up information about each ministry, learn how you can either join in and help out.

Will have a special gift for those who visit and collect information cards from 5 of the 8 ministries. Food Pantry will be collecting non-perishables for the Christmas Basket distribution in December.

Food and drinks and games/activities for the kids.

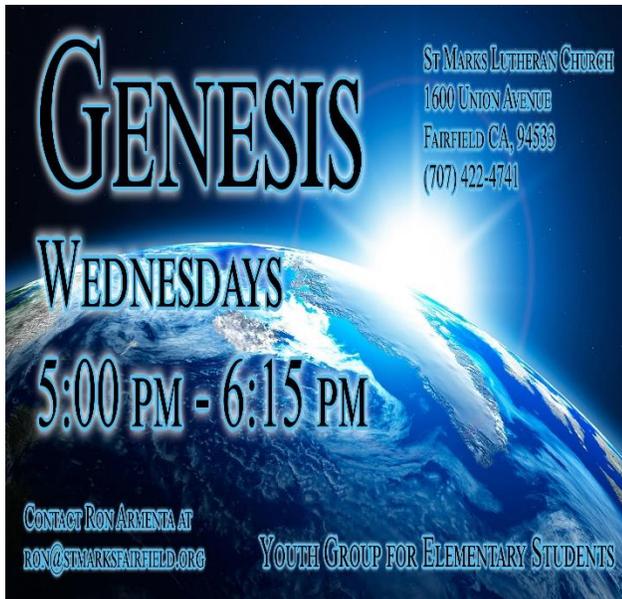
California Lutheran UNIVERSITY

During the month of October our Second Mile offerings will be donated to CLU. Founded in 1959, California Lutheran University is home to more than 2,810 undergraduate and 1,316 graduate students who come from more than 61 countries and represent a wide variety of faiths.

Our dedicated, accomplished faculty works with small classes of students who are open-minded—about ideas, about people, and about faith—and are seeking to grow as individuals. Both in the classroom and outside of it, everyone at Cal Lutheran is committed to helping each student pursue their passions to discover their purpose, and follow that purpose to transform their community—and the world.

Please keep CLU in your prayers this month and consider an additional offering toward their ministries. The Sierra Pacific Synod is blessed to accompany this organization in mutual ministry as we proclaim God's creative, redeeming and sanctifying love in our synod.

Youth Corner



GENESIS
WEDNESDAYS
5:00 PM - 6:15 PM

ST MARKS LUTHERAN CHURCH
1600 UNION AVENUE
FAIRFIELD CA, 94533
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CONTACT RON ARMENTA AT
RON@STMARKSFAIRFIELD.ORG

YOUTH GROUP FOR ELEMENTARY STUDENTS

Genesis every Wednesday

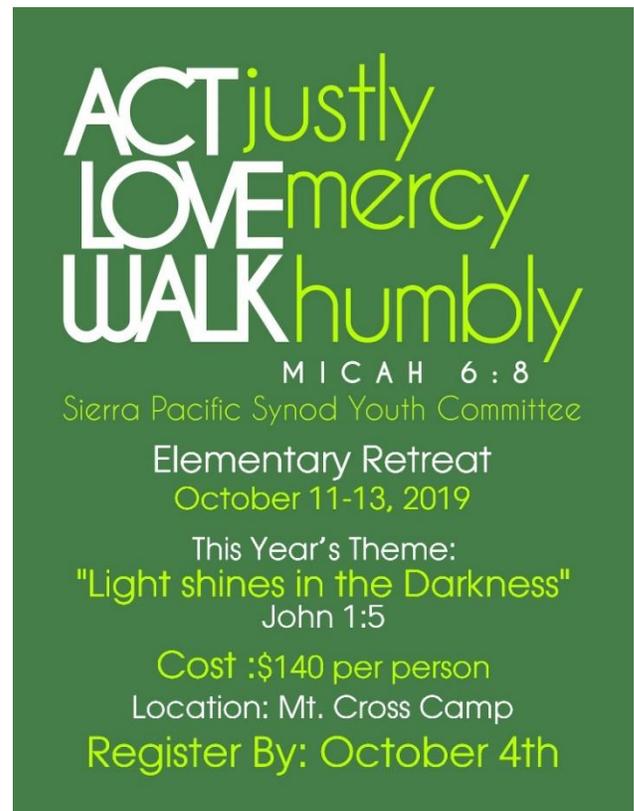
Again, as a reminder, throughout the year in coordination with our parents and guardians we plan events and retreats for Genesis. These events span from camp retreats to baseball games and more.

Our next event is the Sierra Pacific Synod Youth Committee Elementary Retreat taking place at Mt. Cross (near Santa Cruz) October 11-13 for students in grades 3rd - 6th. The current registration cost is \$140 and it will go up to \$175 after September 24). We believe financial status should never prevent a student from attending any of our events. For this reason, please note that scholarships are available for students in need. Contact me directly for more information regarding scholarships.

If you have any questions please feel free to call me at (707) 290-0233.

Yours in Christ,

Ron Armenta



ACT justly
LOVE mercy
WALK humbly

MICAH 6:8

Sierra Pacific Synod Youth Committee
Elementary Retreat
October 11-13, 2019

This Year's Theme:
"Light shines in the Darkness"
John 1:5

Cost :\$140 per person
Location: Mt. Cross Camp
Register By: October 4th



YOUTH GROUP
SMLC

7TH - 12TH GRADE
WEDNESDAYS
6:30 PM - 8:30 PM

#DoSomething



A Special Thank you...

Thank you... Pastor Paul Theiss and Pastor Katy Grindberg for your willingness to lead us in worship and praise.



St. Mark's Preschool News

The Fairfield Fire Department is coming with the fire trucks (as long as they don't get an emergency call) on Tuesday, October 8th and Wednesday, October 9th. They will do a fire safety presentation and then the children will get to see the fire truck with their teacher and class. Scholastic book orders will be due on Friday, October 18th. You can either order on-line or hand in the paper flyers to Miss Lucille with a check made out to Scholastic Books.

TRUNK OR TREAT

It is almost time for our annual Trunk or Treat. We will need parent volunteers that can decorate their vehicle trunks and pass out treats to the children on Wednesday, October 30th and Thursday, October 31st. at 11:00 am. Mid October there will be a sign up list on the white board in the preschool hallway for volunteers. We also need treat donations! Candy (**NO NUTS**), pencils, stickers, bugs, rings, bubbles, popcorn balls, or anything kid friendly. If you can volunteer, you can bring your treats that day. If you cannot volunteer but would like to donate please bring your treats in ahead of time and we will give them to someone to pass out.




American Red Cross

Adult and Pediatric CPR, AED and First Aid Training Available:

on October 26th, 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



Manna Food Pantry

Christmas Food Basket – Donations needed:

Please donate non-perishable items for the Christmas Food Baskets.

This is an annual event that helps our community and is a joy

For our congregation to be of service to our community.

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



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)



Phone (925) 771-1303 or (707) 421-9777 x 205

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.

October 2 and 16
November 6 and 20
December 4 and 18

Food Assistance Program
Second Wednesday
9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

St. Mark's - October 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;"> Mount Cross Proper 21 (26) (Year) 9:45am - Worship @ 11am - Pentecost 11:45am - Worship </div>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;"> 3:30pm - Manna 4:30pm - Mandy-Fire </div>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;"> 3:30pm - Bible 3:30pm - Manna 5:30pm - Music & </div>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;"> 9:30am - Solano 11:30am - Al-Anon 6:30pm - Bible 6:30pm - Youth </div>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;"> 5:15pm - Mutual 7pm - Music Team </div>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;"> 7pm - Music Team </div>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;"> 5pm - Holy Family </div>
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;"> Proper 22 (27) (Year) Pumpkin Pour @ 9:45am - Worship @ 11am - Pentecost 11:30am - Dirty 11:45am - Worship </div>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;"> 10:30am - Bible 3:30pm - Manna 5:30pm - Music & </div>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;"> 9:30am - Solano 11:30am - Al-Anon 6:30pm - Bible 6:30pm - Youth 7pm - Solano 7:30pm - Symphony </div>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;"> 9:30am - Seeker's 5pm - Council </div>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;"> 7pm - Music Team </div>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;"> 9am - Holy Family 5pm - Holy Family </div>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;"> 5pm - Holy Family </div>
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;"> ONE SERVICE Proper 23 (28) (Year) 10am - Worship @ 11am - Ministry Fair 11am - Pentecost </div>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;"> Canadian Columbus Day 11am - Solano </div>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;"> 10:30am - Bible 3:30pm - Manna </div>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;"> 9:30am - Solano 11:30am - Al-Anon 6:30pm - Bible 6:30pm - Youth </div>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;"> 7pm - Music Team </div>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;"> 5pm - Holy Family </div>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;"> 5pm - Holy Family </div>
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<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;"> Preschool Sunday Proper 25 (30) (Year) 9:45am - Worship @ 11am - Pentecost 11:45am - Worship </div>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;"> 10:30am - Bible 3:30pm - Manna </div>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;"> 11:30am - Al-Anon 6:30pm - Bible 6:30pm - Youth </div>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;"> Halloween All Saints Day (Year) 7pm - Music Team </div>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;"> 8:30am - Holy 5pm - Holy Family </div>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;"> 8:30am - Holy 5pm - Holy Family </div>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;"> 8:30am - Holy 5pm - Holy Family </div>

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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God's work. Our hands.

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Michelle Aas, SMLC's bookkeeper

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Janelle Jolley (President), Dan DiSano (Vice President), Jeff Thoma (Secretary),
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