ORDER OF WORSHIP
THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST, AUGUST 30, 2020
Based on Evangelical Lutheran Worship (ELW) Service of the Word

St. Mark’s Vision & Mission Statements

Vision: Called by God into local, national, and global community, St. Mark’s is one Lutheran parish with many cultural voices and room for everyone to be at home.

Mission: Founded in faith, growing in grace, we are called to love and serve God, one another, and the world.
GATHERING

SPECIAL THANKS
Thanks to Karen Randall for serving as organist this morning in Chris Michaelsen's absence, and to Alice Real for enhancing our worship with handbell music.

PRELUDE

Hymns of Steadfastness

Compositions of Walther, Merkel, Rheinberger, Zachau, Pachelbel

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

“It is Well With My Soul”

arr. Jason W. Krug

See Next Page
GATHERING HYMN

O Jesus, I Have Promised

ELW #810

1 O Jesus, I have promised to serve you to the end;

remain forever near me, my master and my friend.
I see the sights that dazzle, the tempting sounds I hear.
above the storms of passion, the murmurs of self-will.

2 Oh, let me feel you near me; the world is ever near.

And Jesus, I have promised to serve you to the end;
now speak and make me listen, O Guardian of my soul.
oh, give me grace to follow, my master and my friend.

3 Oh, let me hear you speaking in accents clear and still

I shall not fear the battle if you are by my side,
My foes are ever near me, around me and within;
And Jesus, I have promised to serve you to the end;

4 O Jesus, you have promised to all who follow you
GREETING
P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
C And also with you.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS
P In the name of the Father, + and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P Most merciful God,
C we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

P Beloved of God, by the radical abundance of divine mercy we have peace with God through ✝ Christ Jesus, through whom we have obtained grace upon grace. Our sins are forgiven. Let us live now in hope. For hope does not disappoint, because God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

KYRIE

Kyrie eleison: Lord, have mercy.

Lord, . . . have mercy:

Christe eleison: Christ, have mercy.

Christ, . . . have mercy:

Kyrie eleison: Lord, have mercy.

Lord, . . . have mercy:
CANTICLE OF PRAISE

Refrain

Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high-est;

glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, and peace to God’s peo-ple on earth.

1 Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al-might-y God and Fa-ther, we

wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.

Refrain

Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high-est;

glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, and peace to God’s peo-ple on earth.

2 Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther,

Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the

world: have mer-cy on us; you are seat-ed at the
right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

Refrain

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest;
glory to God, glory to God, and peace to God’s people on earth.

3 For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Final refrain

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest;
glory to God, glory to God, and peace to God’s people on earth, and peace to God’s people on earth.
PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.  C And also with you.

P Let us pray... O God, we thank you for your Son, who chose the path of suffering for the sake of the world. Humble us by his example, point us to the path of obedience, and give us strength to follow your commands, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

WORD

FIRST READING, Psalm 26: 1-8

1Give judgment for me, O LORD, for I have lived | with integrity;
   I have trusted in the LORD and | have not faltered.
2Test me, O | LORD, and try me;
   examine my heart | and my mind.
3For your steadfast love is be- | fore my eyes;
   I have walked faithful- | ly with you.
4I have not sat | with the worthless,
   nor do I consort with | the deceitful. R
5I have hated the company of | evildoers;
   I will not sit down | with the wicked.
6I will wash my hands in inno- | cence, O LORD,
   that I may go in procession | round your altar,
7singing aloud a song | of thanksgiving
   and recounting all your won- | derful deeds.
8LORD, I love the house in | which you dwell
   and the place where your glo- | ry abides. R

SECOND READING, Romans 12:9-21

9Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; 10love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. 11Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. 12Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. 13Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers. 14Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. 15Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. 16Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. 17Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. 18If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. 19Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, “Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.” 20No, “if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads.” 21Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.
21 From that time on, [after Peter confessed that Jesus was the Messiah,] Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. 22 And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, “God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you.” 23 But he turned and said to Peter, “Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.” 24 Then Jesus told his disciples, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. 25 For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. 26 For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life? 27 For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. 28 Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.”

After the reading:
P The Gospel of the Lord.
C Praise to you, O Christ.
HYMN OF THE DAY

Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song

ELW # 808

1 Jé - sus, je vou - drais te chan - ter sur ma rou - te;
Lord Je - sus, you shall be my song as I jour - ney;

2 Lord Je - sus, I’ll praise you as long as I jour - ney.

3 As long as I live, Je - sus, make me your ser - vant,

4 I fear in the dark and the doubt of my jour - ney;

Jé - sus, je vou - drais t’an-non - cer à mes voi - sins par - tout,
I’ll tell ev - ry - bod - y a - bout you wher - ev - er I go:

May all of my joy be a faith - ful re - flec - tion of you.
to car - ry your cross and to share all your bur - dens and
tears.

but cour - age will come with the sound of your steps by my side.

car toi seul es la vie et la paix et l’a - mour:
you a - lone are our life and our peace and our love.

May the earth and the sea and the sky join my song.
For you saved me by giv - ing your bod - y and blood.

And with all of the fam - ily you saved by your love,

Jé - sus, je vou - drais te chan - ter sur ma rou - te.
Lord Je - sus, you shall be my song as I jour - ney.

Lord Je - sus, I’ll praise you as long as I jour - ney.

As long as I live, Je - sus, make me your ser - vant.

we’ll sing to your dawn at the end of our jour - ney.

Text: Les Petites Soeurs de Jésus and L’Arche Community; tr. Stephen Somerville, b. 1931
Music: LES PETITES SOEURS, Les Petites Soeurs de Jésus and L’Arche Community


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APOSTLES’ CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE PEACE

P  The peace of Christ be with you always.
C  And also with you.

Please share the peace with one another at home, on Facebook, or on YouTube.

OFFERING, NOTE: Offerings may be made online through Vanco or mailed to the church office. We continue to receive the mail and dedicate offerings during Sunday worship. We appreciate your continued faithfulness and support of God's work at and through St. Mark’s.

https://www.stmarks-elca.org/vanco-donations

or mail checks to: St. Mark’s Lutheran Church
5800 Backlick Road, Springfield, VA 22150

MUSIC AS THE OFFERINGS ARE MADE

Be Still, My Soul                        arr. Christine D. Anderson and Anna Laura Page
Alice Real, Handbells

Be still, my soul: the Lord is on your side.
Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain;
leave to your God to order and provide;
in every change God faithful will remain.
Be still, my soul: your best, your heavenly friend
through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.

Be still, my soul: your God will undertake
to guide the future, as in ages past.
Your hope, your confidence let nothing shake;
all now mysterious shall be bright at last.
Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know
the Christ who ruled them while he dwelt below.

Kathrina von Schlegel, trans. Jane Borthwick
OFFERTORY PRAYER
A Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
C Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION
Each petition concludes:
P Lord, in your mercy, OR P Hear us, O God.
C Hear our prayer. C Your mercy is great.
Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Lord’s Prayer
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Sending
O God, you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Blessing
Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus. God, the creator, Jesus, the Christ, and the Holy Spirit, the comforter, bless you and keep you in eternal love. Amen.

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SENDING HYMN
Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

ELW #836

Text: Henry Van Dyke, 1852–1922
Music: HYMN TO JOY, Ludwig van Beethoven, 1770–1827, adapt.
DISMISSAL
A Go in peace! Christ is with you
C Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE
Fugue in C Major “The Jig”

Dietrich Buxtehude
Karen W Randall, organ
Alice Real, handbells

See Next Page for The Weekly Messenger
Dear Friends in God’s Love,

My wife’s favorite hymn is *What a Friend We Have in Jesus*. What kind of friend is Jesus? This can be a good follow up question to Pastor Varinia’s question in her sermon on Sunday: *Who is Jesus to you?* We might think of Jesus as gracious, forgiving, patient, kind, gentle, or meek. He is a loving friend, after all. Each of these descriptions make sense and are accurate in the Gospels. But they do not paint a complete image of the Jesus we find in the Gospels.
I was blessed to participate in a lectionary study with ten other ELCA pastors this week. We reviewed the appointed Gospel readings through the end of the church year in November. All of the upcoming Gospel readings are from the latter part of Matthew’s Gospel. We find in those texts a loving friend who is all of the above, but one who also teaches, guides, challenges, and warns. What a friend we have in Jesus.

Jesus was a particularly challenging friend to the religious leaders. They were, after all, the ones responsible for keeping the faith, being God’s witnesses to the people of Israel and to the surrounding world, and ushering in the Messianic age. All of which many of them either did disingenuously or they did not do at all. So Jesus, the loving friend, warns and challenges them. We know how that works out; they reject him and have him crucified.

My friends, I ask, are you willing to have Jesus challenge you? Are you willing to engage the Gospel texts honestly to see how God might be calling you to some changed thinking or behaviors? (This is what it means to repent …) There is a prayer I have prayed at different times in my life. It can be frightening. I hope you would consider praying it with me. “Lord, show me the person that I have become that I might become the person you want me to be.”

God loves you and so do I,
Pastor Albert+

WE'VE MADE CHANGES to Morning and Evening Prayer, which resumed this week. We are approaching these more like podcasts. There will be an image on the screen, but the focus of the service will be the audio. FURTHERMORE, Pastor Albert will be posting his reflections each day on Facebook and in the description of the YouTube video. In other words, if you only want to read the reflection for the day, you can now do that. We have also reintroduced more chanting in the Evening service. Click here for the St. Mark's YouTube channel.

“Combo” Congregational Meeting this Sunday!
When: Today at 2:00 PM
Where: on Zoom or in the church parking lot in your car
What: Important Votes to be taken on the Constitution and on the Narthex Project

We need a quorum of 50 Voting Members for this meeting—join us and be a part of moving forward with St. Mark’s!

Use the buttons below to access English and Spanish versions of..
Meeting Info: what is and how it is happening at the meeting!
Meeting Access: access code to the Zoom meeting and our temporary FM 87.9 MHz station!
Attendance: how it will be taken by both via Zoom and as you arrive at the parking lot!
Constitution: you’ve previously received all the info on the updated Church Constitution and it is time to vote!
Narthex Project: read what’s going on with the Narthex Project and why it is important to vote on it!
Communion: Pastors will offer communion at the meetings end as you exit the parking lot.
WE NEED YOUR PARTICIPATION—READ ALL ABOUT IT USING THE BUTTONS BELOW!
HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

Informacion en espanol

Important information regarding the Congregational Meeting

Oops! Correction needed …

Last week’s update to our “St. Mark’s Building Use Policy and Fees” document that is currently in use included a one-page addendum to that document is entitled “Policy and Procedure for Building Use during the COVID-19 Pandemic,” which was EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY and will continue in use during the COVID-19 Pandemic.

Unfortunately, the Door Numbers that are to be used to access the church building were incorrect. The correct doors to be used are #1 (wooden church doors), #2 (glass door into the narthex), and #3 (door to the office/stairs with the entrance buzzer) … and the bulleted point regarding this now reads:

- All who enter St. Mark’s must do so using doors #1, 2, or 3 where they shall sign in and out.

Click on the [Building Use during COVID-19, v2] button below to access this corrected one-page addendum. Apologies for any confusion and thanks … let’s all stay safe!

Building Use during COVID-19

Handbell Refurbishment

St. Mark's is fortunate to own four-and-a-half octaves of Malmark handbells. The original three-octave set was purchased in 1981 with additional bells added over the years. This past July, the bells were refurbished at the Malmark factory in Plumsteadville, PA. This maintenance is recommended every 10-15 years and involves cleaning, polishing, adjusting, and revoicing the bells. Our bells returned to St. Mark's looking and sounding like new. Thank you to the Mission
Endowment Fund committee for making this possible. We hope to safely resume ringing in worship in the coming weeks! Contact Alice Real, Handbell Director, at Handbell@stmarks-elca.org for more information about the St. Mark's Handbell Ministry.

**St. Mark’s WELCA Circle Meetings for September.**
Please plan to join us. Circle Leaders will distribute the ZOOM meeting information. It may also be found on the St. Mark’s online calendar or contact WELCA-MIELA@st.marks-elca.org and request the meeting information.

WELCA’s Social Concerns Project for September is monetary donations for Lynbrook Elementary School.

**Tuesday, September 1:**
Martha Circle will meet at 10:00 AM via ZOOM. Julie Brimmer will lead Just Love: In the Family (Jun 2020 issue) from Gather magazine.

**Wednesday, September 2:**
Esther Circle will meet at 9:30 AM via ZOOM. Kathy Kalmar will lead the study of Chapter 7, from Receiving God’s Love.

**Friday, September 4:**
Tabitha Circle will meet at 7:00 PM on Fridays via ZOOM beginning September 4. They will continue a study of Proverbs.

**Wednesday, September 9:**
Deborah Circle will meet at 7:30 PM via ZOOM. Linda Vretos will lead a program that asks the question: Who is your favorite New Testament Bible Person?

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**SHOE DRIVE**

New Shoes for Children

Sept 13th from 1:00 PM-3:00 PM
St. Mark’s Parking Lot—No Contact Drop Off
Donations will go to ECHO for distribution.

**Shoes are an urgent need,** but food will also be accepted.
Please, no used shoes.

Sponsored by St. Mark’s LIFE CENTER
Contact: Jeannine Van Nostrand
LifeCenter@stmarks-elca.org
Military Packages Collection for August 2020

This month, our recipient, Justin Deisch, is deployed with the U.S. Air Force. He is a Chief Master Sergeant, in maintenance, and looks forward to sharing our goodies with his cohorts. They will appreciate whatever we send! I'm afraid we have to go back to pre-packaged items this month unless we hear differently soon, so don't fire up your ovens quite yet. Notice that the title only says “August” and not a particular date—since we are not meeting for worship in person, there is not the usual last-Sunday-of-the-month deadline; feel free to donate any time until the end of the month and even into early September. We will likely mail packages a couple of times—the post office knows us well! If you wish to contribute, you have several options:

- At any time, you may send in a contribution to the church designated for Military Packages—please write that on your checks in the memo section; this could be used either for postage or for purchasing items to send—we do not want you to feel you need to shop when we could do it on your behalf (and one of us loves to shop!).
- At any time, at church, if you are there anyway: There is still a box labeled “Military Packages” in the narthex alcove by the comfy chairs—we will check for items often; if you leave home-made goodies there, then please let us know so we can retrieve them right away—email SocialOutreach@stmarks-elca.org or call Gayle Parsons.
- At any time, you can drop items off at Gayle Parsons’ house in central Springfield; for directions, email her at SocialOutreach@stmarks-elca.org.

Thank you very much—this means a great deal to our deployed military folks, knowing we remember them—especially now when churches are not all meeting in person and therefore they are not receiving care packages from other churches. You have been very generous in the various ways you have responded to our collections during these unusual times; we would love to be able to thank you individually rather than this general "thank you," so if you donate something, we would love to know it was from you—if you wish, feel free to leave a note with any contribution, or call or email us.

The Organ at 25

Steiner-Reck Opus 100 is a tracker action organ (mostly). In this photo, the panel below the manuals (above the pedals) is removed, revealing just a small cross section of the very large and complex system of levers and teeter-totters that connect the keys to the pipes. Trackers, the long verticals and horizontals that are hinged on either end with rockers or cylinders, are, in the oldest organs, made of wood. Many of ours are metal rods or wires. A key on the keyboard is really a lever. Press it down, and the other end (hidden inside the instrument) goes up, activating a series of mechanisms that eventually, but immediately, open the valve beneath the corresponding pipe, allowing the air to flow through it.
and into the pipe. In this picture, the pedalboard, which is a keyboard played with the feet, is pulled back. You can see the levers at the very bottom, to which the pedals connect, the wires (trackers) extending upward, connecting to horizontal rollers. The tracker at one end of the roller (a cylinder) makes the roller rotate, forcing the tracker at the other end to go the opposite direction, tugging on any number of trackers higher up. Most tracker organs are symmetrical in design. Ours is asymmetrical, which made the design of this instrument a challenge. But it certainly is beautiful to behold (and to listen to). The uppermost manual (Solo division), which operates only the horizontal trumpets, is electric action, not tracker action. There are also two pedal stops on the right side of the manuals, opposite the rest of the pedal stops, which are electric. These are the 32' Subbass and 32' Bourdon, which are not pipes at all but make their sound through three large speakers on the uppermost tier behind the choir. These produce the deepest tones of the organ, which make the church rumble. There are organs that have pipes that are actually 32 feet in length, even 64 feet! Chris Michaelsen

An Open Letter: Where is God working?

The Holy Spirit has been at work in the St. Mark's youth group!

Summer is typically a busy time for youth ministry, but Covid-19 jeopardized all plans for camp, mission trips, and youth group retreats. With cancellations left and right, nothing was normal; but, even when our lives seemed to grind to a halt, God was still at work. While our youth group typically stops meeting around Memorial Day, this year, the youth group continued to meet by Zoom each week through the summer to process the pandemic together and to learn about God. Sure enough, amid the goofy games, highs and lows, and discussions about the Bible in these weekly meetings, God showed up. How do I know? Listen to the story of one youth participant, Sarah Sheridan. Because of COVID-19, "I feel so disconnected from the world. I'm not able to go outside or see friends. [Youth Group and worship at St. Mark's] has been great because I am able to connect with other people and study the Word, even when we can't actually be together. I would be more alone if I wasn't in the youth group." For Sarah, the relationships that she has made in youth group and having a dedicated time to learn about God make all the difference. "It has been great to see that faith survived through adversity."

Admittedly, we are not in the clear of COVID yet, but it is stories like Sarah's story of sustained relationship that should embolden us to search for the places that God is moving in our community and listen to what God would have us do now.

We are taking a one week break from youth group this week—there is no youth group on Wednesday, August 25—but youth group will start again on Tuesday, September 1, 2020 and be held at its new time each Tuesday at 7:00 PM. Excitingly, there are fresh opportunities for youth and families in the coming year. These include monthly digital Spiritual Direction for students in 7-12 grades that will help them piece together and articulate how God is at work in their lives. I am so excited to see how the Lord moves in this community in the coming year.

Please join me in prayer that the youth and families of St. Mark's be empowered to live out their baptismal promises, that God would cultivate strong faith foundations for all young people, and that St. Mark's youth group would be a welcoming space for all youth looking to learn about and love Jesus. If you feel called to do more than just pray for the youth of St. Mark's and would like
to volunteer with this joyful, thriving ministry, please contact Grace Casola at gcasola@stmarks-elca.org.

Peace be with you,
Grace Casola
Director for Youth and Family Ministry

Youth and Family Ministries
Youth Group meets digitally through Zoom every Tuesday at 7:00 PM starting September 1. Please use the link found on the church website calendar.

For the protection of our children, you will need a password to connect to these events. To participate, please contact Grace directly or reach out to the church office at info@stmarks-elca.org for the password.

Our Tween Group will meet as we head into Fall and Winter. Keep watching this space for an announcement about our next meeting!

To participate, please email Education@stmarks-elca.org for the password. Zoom Meeting ID: 865 5123 4726.


OUR PRAYER LIST AS OF AUGUST 28th.

Sunday: the grieving family of Norma Stuart, mother of Anna Swann; Kathi O’Brien, friend of Cindy Hausch-Booth; Ott Johnson, father of Debbie Johnson; Milagros Mostacero; Kristal Medina; Paul Teran.

Monday: Joyce Langley; Al Freeman; Linda Freeman Hugo Abanto, brother-in-law of Pr. Varinia; María de la Luz Hernandez, mother of Isidro Espinosa; for the grieving family of Carlos Ruiz, brother-in-law of Patrocinia Reyes; the grieving family of Ruben Molina, husband of Sulma Barraza, cousin of Miriam Barraza.

Tuesday: Jace Stallings (high school athlete with severe case of mono requiring hospitalization), family friend of Cheryl Dwyer; Tom Baldy(cancer diagnosis, beginning chemo), family friend of Cheryl Dwyer; Evelyn Dwyer(returned to hospital with complications from a hip replacement), cousin of Cheryl Dwyer; For the health of Yovani Flores; Sonia Umanzor; Shreen Daniels, mother of Suvidha Daniels; Rocío Velarde and her family; Kelby Whitehill-Eskelund, family of Mary and Gerald Eskelund.

Wednesday: Jonathan, grandson of Julia & Don Hale; Max Cabrejos; Josie de la Tejera, sister of Ismael de la Tejera; Iraida Ramos, mother of Annette de la Tejera; Israel Llosa; Grety Llosa; Maximiliano Blanco, father of Pr. Varinia; Maria Teresa Insua, mother of Pr. Varinia; Pocho
Mora, brother of Pr. Varinia; Rukaya Perry; Juan Ignacio, nephew of Miriam Barraza; Santino, nephew of Miriam Barraza; Julieta, mother of Santino; Ana Tapia, mother of Miriam Barraza.

**Thursday:** The grieving family of Pr. Francisco Perez, *Pr. Varinia’s youth pastor*; Glendi Hidalgo de Lauri; Elena Lamas viuda de Mercado, *mother of Miguel, friend of Pr. Varinia*; the grieving family of Esther Felicia Ortiz Rivas, *friend of Pr. Varinia*; Simona Guillen, *mother of Pr. Anthony Guillen*; Nimia Valladares, *friend of Pr. Varinia*.

**Friday:** Miriam Portocarrero de Herrera, *friend of Pr. Varinia*; Gabriella Sosa, *friend of Isidro & Pr Varinia*; Ana Morales.

**Saturday:** grieving family and friends of Alejandro Gonzales, *friend of Jane Hernandez (COVID-19 victim)*; grieving family and friends of Mary Ann (Donovan) Moran, *friend of Jane Hernandez and Harriet Latta*.

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**THIS WEEK’S CALENDAR**

For the weekly calendar please visit: [https://www.stmarks-elca.org/calendar](https://www.stmarks-elca.org/calendar)

**Ministry Team:** Albert W. Triolo, Senior Pastor; G. Varinia Espinosa, Associate Pastor; Claudia Contreras, Parish Administrator; Julian Lee, Custodian; Grace Casola, Dir. of Youth & Family Ministries; Robert S. Webb, Jr., Dir. of Music & Arts; Christian Michaelsen, Organist; Alice Real, English Handbell Choir; Debbie Griffes, Children’s Vocal Music and Rejoice! Ensemble Music; Harriet Latta, Sunday Church School Dir.

**Congregation Council Officers:** Sean Murphy, President; Bonnie Gauch, Vice-President; Marla Bianchetta, Secretary; Steve Carlson, Treasurer; Ed Barnes, Ass’t Treasurer; Linda Vretos, Registrar. St. Mark’s; Martha Flanagan, Ass’t Registrar.

**Montessori School:** Claudia Wright, Interim Director; Asuncion Oroc, BAC Supervisor.

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