



St. Mark Lutheran Church (ELCA) of Charlottesville, VA

# NOVEMBER 2017 CROSMARKS

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## The Season of Generosity

November is a month of enjoying the bounty of the harvest and marveling at the beauty of creation with the Fall leaves turning millions of colors. I try to spend as much time as I can outside. Many come to Virginia to drive on Skyline Drive or to pick apples. Often when I talk to people, they speak in religious terms to describe the beauty and peacefulness of creation, such as walking through the forest and climbing hills. We see, experience and enjoy remembering that everything comes from our creator God. We find peace and healing when we step out from our stressful life, from the feeling of isolation, and see how we are part of something larger than ourselves.

Generosity and giving comes from this very experience of thankfulness and connectedness. Generosity is a spiritual value and practice for Christians. It comes from recognizing each moment that we are dependent on God's love and generosity, and we are also dependent on sharing this love and generosity with others. We live with the profound trust in God's generosity of grace, and we live with love toward others in response to that grace.

*"Faith is an expression of the fact that we exist so that the infinite God can dwell in us and work through us for the well-being of the whole creation. If faith denies anything, it denies that we are tiny, self-obsessed specks of matter who are reaching for the stars but remain hopelessly nailed to the earth stuck in our own self-absorption. Faith is the first part of the bridge from self-centeredness to generosity." — Free of Charge: Giving and Forgiving in a Culture Stripped of Grace (2006)*

During November you will hear about our call to practice generosity and use our gifts by practicing stewardship and love at St. Mark. Generous giving and living is how we respond to Jesus' incredible love.

As I drive by the turning leaves and beautiful mountains, I marvel at God's bountiful creation. As I step into the sanctuary of St. Mark, I marvel at God's beautiful gift in the diversity of gifts we have as a community. Let us give thanks and, as we practice generosity, let us make our community marvel at God's bountiful gift of grace and love through our ministries.

Pastor Viktoria

*St. Mark Lutheran Church, with Christ Jesus as the cornerstone, is a people called by God to be servants of all people; to experience God's saving grace through faith; to come together as the body of Christ in worship and celebration of the gifts of God; and to reach out to those outside the church with witness to the loving grace of God through Christ Jesus. To answer this call, our mission will include reaching out to and beyond the members of St. Mark.*

## Evangelism in C'ville – Council President Duane Osheim

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Luther's reform movement was a form of evangelism. Here is what he said: "I did nothing; the Word did everything." To many of us that is all we need—if the gospel is truly preached and the sacraments rightly administered, the church will be filled. Well,... yes and no.

Luther is correct that all does depend on God's Grace, but how do people learn that God's Grace abounds in the World? We **do** need to spread the Good News. But how do we do it? By what we do and how we live, and reaching out in ways we have not in the past. Many people no longer feel the need listen to the Church's message. In the wake of our celebration of Luther's Reformation and Lutheran contributions to Christianity, our next step is to figure out how to help people understand that God's Grace abounds in our world today.



## EVENING SERVICE UPDATE

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Please note that there will be **no evening service on Sunday, November 19**, as Pastor Viktoria will be out of town.

Starting in December, the evening service will move to Wednesdays. During Advent, soup supper and Advent devotionals will begin at 5:30pm with worship at 6:15pm (see page 5 for details), then in January, the service will be at 6pm.

## WORSHIP HIGHLIGHTS

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**November 5 – All Saints Sunday:** Micah declares God's condemnation of those who abhor justice. Jesus warns against hypocrisy. Paul urges the Thessalonians to lead a life worthy of God. Called to be humble servants, we gather for worship, seeking justice and welcoming all people to share the banquet of life.

Micah 3:5-12 • Psalm 43 • 1 Thessalonians 2:9-13 • Matthew 23:1-12



**November 12 – 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost:** Today the prophet Amos calls for justice to roll down like waters. Paul urges us to encourage one another with the promised coming of the Lord. Jesus tells the parable of the wise and foolish bridesmaids. Surrounded by the faithful of every time and place, we celebrate Christ's coming in our midst in the word of life and the feast of victory—the marriage feast of the lamb.

Amos 5:18-24 • Psalm 70 • 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 • Matthew 25:1-13



**November 19 – 24<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost:** Our readings during November speak of the end times. Zephaniah proclaims that the coming day of the Lord will be filled with wrath and distress. Paul says it will come like a thief in the night and urges us to be awake and sober. Jesus tells the parable of the talents, calling us to use our gifts, while we still have time, for the greater and common good. In a world filled with violence and despair, we gather around signs of hope—word, water, bread and wine—eager to welcome the good news of Christ's coming among us.

Zephaniah 1:7,12-18 • Psalm 90:1-9[9-11]12 • 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 • Matthew 25:14-30



**November 26 – Christ the King Sunday:** On this final Sunday of the church year our gospel is Jesus' great story of judgment. In the end, the faithful are those who served Christ by ministering to those who are poor, hungry, naked, sick, or estranged. In the first reading God is the shepherd who seeks the lost, weak, and injured and feeds them with justice. We gather this day to celebrate the reign of Christ and his victory over death, yet awaiting the consummation of all things yet to come. Acknowledging Christ as our merciful ruler, we go forth that his reign may be known in our loving words and deeds.

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24 • Psalm 95:1-7a • Ephesians 1:15-23 • Matthew 25:31-46

# CONGREGATIONAL NEWS

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We are **grieving** with **Lee Leahy** on the death of her sister Joan on October 28 and with the **Jacoby family** on the death of Bert's grandmother.



**Jack Milligan** and **Clairiece Humphrey** have been added to our prayer list for health concerns. The Milligan family wishes to receive no calls, but cards and prayers are most welcome: 2465 Williston Drive, Charlottesville 22901. Cards and prayers for Clairiece may be sent to 1533 Broad Avenue, Charlottesville 22903.



Please note the **new address** for **Ann Charlton**, and a **new email** address for **Grant and Erin Burks**: Ann Charlton, The Colonnades, 2600 Barracks Road, Apt. 396, Charlottesville 22903. Grant and Erin Burks: [mgbeeb77@gmail.com](mailto:mgbeeb77@gmail.com).



We are **rejoicing as a church family** as we welcome **11 new full members**: Bert, KC, Henry and Sam Jacoby; Nano Masters; Sue Ann McCarty; Alice McKenna; Paul and Patricia Simpson; and Bill and Linda Roberts. We are happy that they will join with us in our mission and to call this place home. We are all part of St. Mark where we find healing, hope and follow our calling for ministry. We welcome these new brothers and sisters with open arms. Please lift all their names up in prayer so that they will experience the love of Christ at St. Mark and find their gifts and purpose from God.



**On November 12, at 6:00 p.m.** (after 5:00 p.m. worship), come watch "**Luther**" on the big screen. See Joseph Fiennes, Alfred Molina, Peter Ustinov and more in the award-winning 2003 biopic about the man who started it all. Pretzels and popcorn will be provided. (PG-13; not suitable for children).

Please join us **Monday, November 13, from 7-8pm** at Trinity Irish Pub on the Corner for **Beer & Hymns**! We will meet on the **second Monday of each month** for singing and fellowship with members of our church, members of other area churches, and of course, the UVA community. Hope to see you there!



For many years Marianne and Arnold Jensen coordinated a Christmas collection at St. Mark for patients at Western State Hospital. Our participation with Western State Hospital Volunteer Services is part of ensuring that every Western State Hospital resident (about 250 patients with severe mental illness) receives a gift on Christmas morning. This year we are collecting **composition books**. Please place these in the container marked Western State Hospital Gifts by **November 26<sup>th</sup>**. Questions? Contact Laurel McClurken at [laurel.mcclurken@gmail.com](mailto:laurel.mcclurken@gmail.com)



Karen Love and Christa Escobar have agreed to serve on the **Nominating Committee** with outgoing members Lewis Horton and Lois Shepherd. They will be prayerfully considering two new members for Mission council. Please keep them and their ministry in your prayers.



The **Women's Book club** will meet on **Monday, Nov. 27, at 7:00** in the church library to discuss ***Isaac's Storm*** by **Erik Larson**. This is a book about the deadly hurricane which hit Galveston, Texas in 1900. Since we have had some awful hurricanes this season, we thought it might be the right time to read this book. All women of the church and their friends are invited to come and discuss this book with us on the 27th of November.



# ADVENT together

Please **mark your calendars** and plan to join us each Wednesday in Advent as we **study**, have **supper**, attend **service** and **sing**!

On **Wednesday evenings** during December (**December 6, 13, 20 and 27**), we will gather together at **5:30pm** for a soup supper and Advent devotionals, followed by worship at **6:15pm**. This is a great opportunity to take a break from the holiday rush and create space for the presence of God in the midst of the sacred season. It is also an opportunity to spend time with the wonderful folks of St. Mark! Choir practice will be held at 7pm as usual.

An RSVP for supper is helpful if you plan ahead— please email [office@stmarklutheran.org](mailto:office@stmarklutheran.org) if you plan to attend, or would like to help with the soup supper. If you would like to contribute toward the cost of the Devotional materials, the suggested donation is \$6.00.

## REFORMATION RECAP

**Thank you** to all who planned and participated in the Reformation concert held at St. Mark with Peace, Grace and Glory and Immanuel Lutheran churches. It was a wonderful celebration of our shared heritage and also our unity in Christ. Thanks to the generosity of those in attendance, we were able to send \$477 to Lutheran Disaster response.

The St. Mark congregation also enjoyed the return of the **Marty Party** in October, Martin Luther visited the Children's Moment, and the Sunday School made a **paper chain** with 500 links in celebration of the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Reformation!



# CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

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There will be a **special congregational meeting November 12** right after worship in the sanctuary to approve the preschool's 2018 budget. This must be done now since the proposed budget includes the addition of health insurance for full-time employees, effective January 1, 2018. This is a benefit that we have not been able to offer in prior years as the school was growing, but as we are in a position to do so now, we think it is the right thing to do for our teachers and administrators.

The proposed budget, which includes the proposed cost of \$68,562, is on the following page. This covers 75% of the cost of the premium of an Anthem Gold plan for full-time employees, but not dependents. Employees are responsible for the remaining 25% or may choose to apply the Preschool's premium support to purchase the lower cost, higher-deductible Anthem Silver plan. Employees may purchase health insurance for their dependents through the plan, but are responsible for the entire premium. Dental and Vision insurance is covered at 100% for employees and includes dependents. (This is the way the plan is packaged to offer the best pricing.)

To help offset the cost of the insurance, the Preschool committee has approved the following, which are incorporated into the budget:

- Registration fees for new students will be raised from \$200 to \$275
- Tuition will be increased from \$230 to \$240 a week
- Enrollment will be increased by 5 full-time equivalent (FTE) children (we can do this without adding a teacher and still be well within our desired student/teacher ratio.
- Annual raises will be limited to 2-2.5% in the aggregate (based on merit).

Each year the Preschool committee will review the feasibility of offering health, dental, and vision insurance at the same level and determine if changes (in plan, coverage amount, level, etc.) need to be made. Employees will be cautioned that there is no guarantee of future coverage.

Please note the following about the proposed budget:

Assets as of September 30, 2017

St. Mark Lutheran Church Scholarship Fund

\$16,202 - This will leave the fund with approximately \$14,942 (if no further contributions are made) heading into 2018. In 2018 the Preschool will pay in \$798 a month and will withdraw \$2063 a month. We will need to raise at least \$242 to meet scholarship needs for 2018.

St. Mark Lutheran Preschool Reserve Fund (formerly the Operating Fund)

The Preschool Reserve Fund helps ensure that we have funds for a "rainy day" and provides reserves to cover the 2 months per year that include 3 pay periods (The church pays salaries every 2 weeks for a total of 26 paychecks per year.) Therefore, the balance in the fund fluctuates over the course of the year. At its highest, at the beginning of 2017, it was at \$44,168. At the end of the 1st quarter the fund balance was \$27,387. At the end of the 2nd quarter, the fund rose back up to \$37,634 and at the end of the 3rd quarter, the fund stands at \$28,691. Our goal is to end fiscal year 2017 with close to \$30,000 in the reserve fund.

- Patty Marbury and Lois Shepherd, co-chairs of St. Mark Lutheran Preschool committee

	2017 Budget	2017 YTD	2018 Budget	Notes
		as of 9/30		
Total Operating Weeks	52		52	
Total Pay Periods	26		26	
<b>INCOME</b>				
Total Tuition	586040	429615	673,920	Based on FTE (Full Time attendance Equivalent-includes full time & part time students) of 54 x 240 x52
Registrations @ \$275	5000	5600	9075	Based on 33 expected registrations at \$275 - This number fluctuates from year to year
Cont from St Mark Scholarship Fund	14560	10185	24752	The scholarship fund includes contributions from individuals, the Jill Carey Scholarship Fund and the preschool itself. (See line 38 for this expense.)
Other Revenue		682		Credits from returned purchases, returned bank fees, misc contributions
<b>Income Before Discounts &amp; Scholarships</b>	<b>605600</b>	<b>446082</b>	<b>707,747</b>	
<b>Discounts &amp; Scholarships</b>				
Family Discount	5252	0	9,984	10% for families with more than one child at SMLP. Budget is for 8 families x \$24 x 52 weeks. Family discount is budgeted for separately but accounted for in actual tuition.
Employee Discount	4830	0	0	Employee discount is budgeted for separately but accounted for in actual tuition.
Scholarships	14560	10185	24752	This includes 1 partial scholarship of 15% and 2 scholarships of 92%
<b>Total Discounts &amp; Scholarships</b>	<b>24642</b>	<b>10185</b>	<b>34,736</b>	
<b>TOTAL INCOME after discounts/scholarships</b>	<b>580958</b>	<b>435897</b>	<b>673011</b>	
<b>EXPENSES:</b>				
Salaries	388727	283898	406920	This includes the addition of a full time assistant teacher and merit increases of 2-2.5%.
Payroll tax for non-sub	33547	27060	35118	
Substitutes, incl payroll tax	7500	15257	13500	Sub hours are reduced by addition of full-time assistant/floater teacher
Health Insurance for Full Time Employees	0	0	68562	Health, Dental and Vision for Full-Time employees.
Janitorial & Floor Maintenance	26500	15591	26000	
CPP Training & Background checks	300	300	300	
Specialized Programs	11025	9965	16178	This includes a weekly music program, Spanish instruction, and Chapel
Snacks	16800	12489	17915	1.30 per day per child
Postage	100	100	150	

Credit Card Fees	8000	6800	10200	We will be working to reduce this number in 2018
Communication & Technology	5063	3822	6000	Includes "Tadpoles," the online program we use to communicate with parents
Office Supplies	2000	1973	2500	
Maintenance/Janitorial Supplies	5000	3928	6000	Includes consumables such as toilet paper, paper towels, cleaning products, etc...
Training	5000	2482	5600	
Classroom Supplies	12000	15583	6000	5 classrooms at \$100 a month
Playground Maint/Landscaping	10550	12951	5000	Includes monthly playground maint, sand, mulch and equip
General Maint & Improvements	7000	5457	2500	Includes any cap improvements
Miscellaneous	1350	3877	500	Teacher birthdays, mileage, food for meetings, etc... (for 2017, includes workshops we hosted)
Contribution towards shared expenses	19396	11925	17500	Payment to church for utilities, asset maintenance, trash, insurance.
Payment towards construction loan	12000	9000	12000	
Contribution to Scholarship Fund from SMLP	9100	7245	9568	
Contribution to Preschool Reserve Fund	0	0	5000	Reserve fund at beginning of 2017 was \$25,000; we may end 2017 with balance closer to \$30,000.
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>580958</b>	<b>449703</b>	<b>673011</b>	
<b>NET INCOME:</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-13807</b>	<b>0</b>	<i>*Negative balance for 2017 reflects expenditures allocated but not spent during 2016.</i>

## PRESCHOOL

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*"And make us ever mindful of the wants and needs of others."*

I can still hear my father, in his deep booming baritone, offering this blessing before every Thanksgiving meal and daily meals shared together. One of the things I loved about my Dad and one of the things I love about the people of St. Mark Lutheran Church, is the sincerity and acceptance of this mission, as followers of Christ, to be mindful of the "wants and needs of others."

When people ask me about St. Mark Lutheran Church, I always respond with this: "They are who they say they are. They truly and sincerely welcome everyone to their church and the ministries of the church reflect their commitment to show love, care and compassion for people in Charlottesville and beyond." As a ministry of St. Mark Lutheran Church, we strive every day to answer the call of the church to welcome all children, families and teachers with love, compassion and respect.

In other preschool news, the children and families had great fun at our annual Halloween Costume Parade which was held on Friday, Oct 27<sup>th</sup>. The teachers are busy preparing for parent/teacher conferences which are to be held the week of Nov 13<sup>th</sup> and we're eagerly awaiting the installation of the new fence, which should go up early this month. We're also looking forward to our first "Family Feast" potluck, which is to be held the day before Thanksgiving break.

We have much to be grateful for and as always, I am extremely grateful for your continued support of the preschool program! Many blessings to each of you as you celebrate this season of gratitude with your family.

Carla

### 4<sup>th</sup> Annual St. Nicholas Pancake Breakfast!

On **Saturday, December 9<sup>th</sup>**, the children and families from our preschool are invited to join us for the St. Nicholas Pancake Breakfast and Shoe Drive! The children will bring new and gently used shoes as their ticket for admission. We serve up a yummy, hot, pancake breakfast and St. Nicholas visits with the children during breakfast. This is a fun event and a great opportunity to meet and welcome families from the preschool. We need donations of pancake mix, bacon, sausage, orange juice and veggie sausage. We also need a couple of breakfast makers, servers and cleaner-uppers! Please contact Carla at [director@stmarkpreschool.net](mailto:director@stmarkpreschool.net) if you would like to donate a breakfast item or volunteer to help with the breakfast.

## NOTES FROM THE GARDEN

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Hope that you enjoyed these lovely rose-pink flowers that bloomed so beautifully in September and even into October as well. These fall-blooming anemones are native throughout Asia, but are usually just called **Japanese anemones**. This cultivar is called "September Charm" and is 24-36 inches in height; they were planted in the garden a couple of years ago and have spread nicely to create quite a good sized showy clump more than 24 inches wide. The name for the genus *Anemone* comes from anemos, the Greek word for wind, so they are sometimes called windflowers and live up to their name as they gracefully bend in the wind.

As you walk by the garden now take special note of all the beautiful red berries on the three **Foster Hollies** (*Ilex x attenauta* "Fosteri"). The berries are very prolific and much loved by the birds, and are quite attractive, providing great color all winter long! Look for more about this wonderful holly in next month's newsletter. Right now I would just like to close with a reminder for you to **keep all those wonderful leaves** that you will be spending so much time raking up very soon! Run over them with a lawn mower a couple of times to break them up and then store them in the back corner of your yard. Next summer they will be perfect to use as a mulch around the plants in your garden. Mulching is so important in order to (1) help conserve soil moisture, (2) help keep the soil cooler and the roots happier, (3) help cut down on precious time spent weeding, and (4) help improve the quality of your soil as they decay. Composted leaves will help keep your garden happy!

- Helen Ida Moyer, Piedmont Virginia Master Gardener volunteer with Albemarle County Extension

## A COMMUNITY EVENT

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Rev. Xavier Jackson, Pastor of Chapman Grove Baptist here in Charlottesville asked me to pass this announcement on to you.

Chad Lawson Cooper's live production of "**Justice on Trial: The Play**" will at showing on **December 8, 2017, 7:30 p.m.**, at the **Martin Luther King. Jr. Performing Arts Center**, 1400 Melbourne Rd., Charlottesville, VA.

This production is centered around two civil rights attorneys suing the U.S. Justice Department for reparations for African Americans in a courtroom setting, bringing back expert witnesses such as Harriett Tubman, Emmett Till, and Medgar Evers to tell their stories. Rev. Xavier Jackson, Pastor of Chapman Grove Baptist, has a role in the play.

This play is sponsored by the Piedmont District Baptist Association, of which Rev. Xavier Jackson is currently the moderator. For more information and to purchase discounted tickets, please contact Rev. Xavier Jackson 434 977-5080 or [Jacksonxv@aol.com](mailto:Jacksonxv@aol.com).

## MISSION COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS – October meetings

- Approved the 2018 preschool budget and voted to call a special congregational meeting on November 12<sup>th</sup> after church for the congregation to approve it so that health care enrollment for full-time employees can take place by January 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Formed a nominating committee for Mission Council composed of 2 outgoing council members (Lewis Horton and Lois Shepherd) and up to 4 congregational members.
- Formed a committee to consider questions related to the relationship between the preschool and church especially as related to finance and liability. This is composed of Tom Hecmanczuk (council); Linda Roberts (treasurer); 2 members selected by the preschool committee and one other member of the congregation.



Nancy Kliewer	November 9
Adrienne Granitz	November 10
Sydney Giacalone	November 11
Frieda Gibson	November 11
Laurene Nelson	November 11
Addison Shinault	November 12
Lisa Veale	November 13
Lynn Stephenson	November 14
Linda Imhoff	November 17
Todd Humphrey	November 21
Kevin Kellam	November 26
Raymond Hellinger	November 28
Ruth Snyder	November 30



	Offering	Attendance
September 3	\$4,189	83
September 10	3,242	109
September 17	3,204	83
September 24	2,030	80

# ELCA NEWS

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A Statement following the Las Vegas Massacre:

*Lord, how long shall I cry...to you "Violence!" (Habakkuk 1:2)*

Oh Lord... How many senseless acts of cold, calculated murder followed by unimaginable panic, fear and deep, deep grief must your people and world endure?

As we lift our prayers for all affected by the latest examples of horrific violence commanding our attention and headlines, may we remember that such terrible news comes to parents, spouses, and children of hundreds every day around the world – all victims of greed, jealousy, hatred, bigotry, fear and many other expressions of the sin so deeply embedded in us all.

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In the days ahead, let us not only pray for those in Las Vegas and around the world who are suffering, but let us also respond to the grieving and reach out to those who now recall if not relive the horror of other events, such as Charlottesville, the Virginia Tech massacre or their own experiences of combat, domestic violence, or abuse. May we also pursue strategies to prevent, or at least limit, such violence in the future.

—Bishop Bob Humphrey

Looking for additional ELCA resources? Visit [www.livinglutheran.org/2017/10/resources-violence](http://www.livinglutheran.org/2017/10/resources-violence)



Pastor Viktoria has the opportunity to **nominate deserving high school seniors from our congregation** for the Martin Luther Scholar Award, offered by Wittenberg University, a nationally recognized university for the liberal arts and sciences affiliated with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

This award provides an **\$80,000 scholarship** (\$20,000/year for four years) to Lutheran students who are nominated by their pastors or congregational leaders and have at least a 3.5 cumulative GPA. Nomination forms are **due by December 15** and are available online at [www.wittenberg.edu/mls](http://www.wittenberg.edu/mls).

**For more information** about this and other scholarships, including a half-tuition scholarship for dependents of full-time Lutheran rostered leaders and other Lutheran church workers, please visit [www.wittenberg.edu](http://www.wittenberg.edu). Let Pastor Viktoria know if you would like a recommendation!

As always, Wittenberg warmly welcomes you to visit campus. You may contact the Office of Admission to discuss the **campus visit opportunity** and Lutheran scholarships at 877-206-0332 or [admission@wittenberg.edu](mailto:admission@wittenberg.edu).

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**St. Mark Lutheran Preschool: A Ministry of St. Mark**

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# November 2017

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SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
<b>Preschool reserves the Fellowship Hall Weekdays from 9am – noon, 3 - 5pm</b>						
<b>5 ALL SAINTS SUNDAY</b> 9am Sunday School 10:15am HOLY COMMUNION with new member welcome 5pm Table worship service 6pm CoDA (SR)	6 12:15pm NA (SR) 6:30pm Chess Club (N)	7 Noon-1pm Fellowship of Christian Athletes (L) 12:15pm NA (SR) 5:15pm 12-Step Group (SR) 5:30pm 12-Step for Women (L) 7:30 Mission Council (L) - <b>NOTE DATE CHANGE</b>	1 12:15pm NA (SR) 5:30 12 Step for Women (SR) 7pm <b>Choir Practice (Sanctuary)</b> 7:30pm SAA Group (SR)	2 12:15pm NA (SR) 4pm TM Sindhi (U) <b>ACTS 6-8pm (L)</b> 7:30pm CoDA (SR)	3 11:30am Fellowship of Christian Athletes Prayer Group (U) 12:15pm NA (SR)	4 UVA home football game vs. Georgia Tech 3pm 9pm AA Group (SR)
<b>12 DAY OF GENEROSITY and COMMITMENT</b> 9am Sunday School 10:15am HOLY COMMUNION Congregational meeting after worship 5pm Table worship service 6pm Luther movie 6pm CoDA (SR)	13 12:15pm NA (SR) 6:30pm Beer & Hymns at Trinity Pub on the Corner	14 Noon-1pm Fellowship of Christian Athletes (L) 12:15pm NA (SR) 5:15pm 12-Step Group (SR)	15 12:15pm NA (SR) 5:30 12 Step for Women (SR) <b>7pm Choir Practice for concert (Sanctuary)</b> 7:30pm SAA Group (SR)	16 10am Preschool chapel staff meeting (L) 12:15pm NA (SR) 4pm TM Sindhi (U) 7:30pm CoDA (SR)	17 11:30am Fellowship of Christian Athletes Prayer Group (U) 12:15pm NA (SR)	18 9pm AA Group (SR)
<b>19</b> 9am Sunday School 10:15am HOLY COMMUNION 6pm CoDA (SR)	<b>20 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</b> 12:15pm NA (SR) 5pm <b>Worship &amp; Music (L)</b> 6:30pm Chess Club (N)	21 Noon-1pm Fellowship of Christian Athletes (L) 12:15pm NA (SR) 5:15pm 12-Step Group (SR) <b>ACTS 6-8pm (L)</b>	22 12:15pm NA (SR) 5:30 12 Step for Women (L) <b>7pm Choir Practice (Sanctuary)</b> 7:30pm SAA Group (SR)	23 12:15pm NA (SR) 4pm TM Sindhi (U) 7:30pm CoDA (SR) <b>CHURCH OFFICE AND PRESCHOOL CLOSED</b>	24 11:30am Fellowship of Christian Athletes Prayer Group (U) 12:15pm NA (SR) UVA home football game vs. Virginia Tech time TBA	25 9pm AA Group (SR)
<b>26</b> 9am Sunday School 10:15am HOLY COMMUNION 5pm Table worship service 6pm CoDA (SR)	27 12:15pm NA (SR) 5pm <b>Discipleship (L)</b> 6:30pm Chess Club (N) 7:30pm <b>Women's Book Club (L)</b>	28 Noon-1pm Fellowship of Christian Athletes (L) 12:15pm NA (SR) 5:15pm 12-Step Group (SR) <b>6pm Property (L)</b>	29 12:15pm NA (SR) 5:30 12 Step for Women (L) <b>7pm Choir Practice (Sanctuary)</b> 7:30pm SAA Group (SR)	30 12:15pm NA (SR) 4pm TM Sindhi (U) 7:30pm CoDA (SR)		

Every Sunday – CoDA 6-8pm (SR)  
Every Monday - Chess Club 6:30 pm (N)  
**Every 2nd Monday Sept-May** - Beer & Hymns 7pm Trinity Irish Pub on The Corner  
Every 3rd Monday – Worship & Music 5pm  
Every 4th Monday-Discipleship 5pm (L)  
**Every 4th Monday - Women's Book Club - 7:00 pm - (L)**  
Every Mon thru Fri - Narcotics Anonymous - 12:15 pm - SR  
Every Tuesday – FCA prayer group noon-1pm (L)  
Every Tuesday - 12 Step Group 5:15 pm (SR)  
Every 1st Tuesday – 12 Step for Women 5:30 pm (L)  
Every Saturday - AA Group - 9 pm - (SR)

Every 2nd Tuesday - Mission Council Meeting-7:30pm (L)  
Every Wednesday - 12 Step for Women 5:30pm (SR)  
**Every Wednesday (Sept-Apr) Choir 7pm (Sanctuary)**  
Every 2nd Wednesday - SAA study group 6:30pm (L)  
Every Thursday - TM Sindhi 4 ~ 6pm (U)  
Every Thursday - CoDA 7:30pm (SR)  
**Every 3rd Thursday - Preschool staff meeting 12:15-2:45 (L)**  
Every Friday – FCA Prayer Group 11:30am (U)  
Every Saturday - AA Group - 9 pm - (SR)

## WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

	November 5, 2017	November 12, 2017	November 19, 2017	November 26, 2017
<b>Welcome/Announcements</b>	Laurel McClurken	Lewis Horton	Lois Shepherd	Amanda Nelsen
<b>Crucifer/Acolyte</b>	Anna Bon-Harper	Aidan Carter	Katharina Ravichandran	Crosby Horton
<b>Chalice Bearer</b>	Anna Bon-Harper	Aidan Carter	Katharina Ravichandran	Lewis Horton
<b>Ushers</b>	Richard Sundberg, Lewis Horton	Tom Teisberg, Marco Escobar	Ali Griffith, Lewis Horton	Tom and Will Hecmanczuk
<b>Nursery</b>	Will Hecmanczuk	Nate Kliewer	Sylvie Bon-Harper	Izzy Hecmanczuk
<b>Assisting Minister</b>	Ginny Nelson	Ginny Nelson	Bill Roberts	Helen Ida Moyer
<b>Reader</b>	Nancy Kliewer	Patty Marbury	Laurel McClurken	Laurene Nelson
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Linda Imhoff	Heidi Jones	Patty Marbury	Elaine Oakey
<b>Greeter</b>	Constance Johnson	Anita Jones	Heidi Jones	Kliewer family
<b>Children's Moment</b>	Christa Escobar	Tony Marbury	Tom Hecmanczuk	Pastor Viktoria
<b>Counters</b>	Tom Teisberg, Constance Johnson	Tom Hecmanczuk, Mark Giesecke	Elaine Oakey, Greg Wichelns	Tom Teisberg, Mark Giesecke
<b>Snack</b>	Heidi Jones, David Zentmyer	Sue Pickett, Joyce Garver	Lee Leahy, Karen Love	Gail Milligan, Marcy Wisbauer
<b>Friendship Coffee Set up/Clean up</b>	Charlotte Owen/Kara McClurken	Amanda Nelsen/Bill & Linda Roberts	Yvonne Osheim/Caroline Hecmanczuk	Kara McClurken
<b>Flower Delivery</b>	Bill & Linda Roberts	Laurene Nelson	Sue Pickett	Yvonne & Duane Osheim

	December 3, 2017	December 10, 2017	December 17, 2017
<b>Welcome/Announcements</b>	Sara Bon-Harper	Tony Marbury	Tom Hecmanczuk
<b>Crucifer/Acolyte</b>			
<b>Chalice Bearer</b>			
<b>Ushers</b>	Richard Sundberg, Lewis Horton	Tom Teisberg, Marco Escobar	Ali Griffith, Lewis Horton
<b>Nursery</b>	Nora Giesecke	Will Hecmanczuk	Anna Bon-Harper
<b>Assisting Minister</b>			
<b>Reader</b>			
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Sandy Werner	Linda Imhoff	Elaine Oakey
<b>Greeter</b>			
<b>Children's Moment</b>	Tony Marbury	Tom Hecmanczuk	Christa Escobar
<b>Counters</b>	Jack Milligan, Mark Giesecke	Constance Johnson, Lynn Stephenson	Christa Escobar, Lois Shepherd
<b>Snack</b>	Linda Imhoff, Corinne Courtney	Sue Ann McCarty, Marcy Wisbauer	
<b>Friendship Coffee Set up/Clean up</b>	Lisa Veale/Bill & Linda Roberts	Charlotte Owen/Susan & Crosby Horton	Yvonne Osheim/Kara McClurken
<b>Flower Delivery</b>	Laurene Nelson	Bill & Linda Roberts	Sue Pickett

	December 24, 2017 10:15am	December 24, 2017 5pm	December 24, 2017 11pm	December 31, 2017
<b>Welcome/Announcements</b>	Duane Osheim			Laurel McClurken
<b>Crucifer/Acolyte</b>				
<b>Chalice Bearer</b>				
<b>Ushers</b>	Tom and Will Hecmanczuk			John and Anita Jones
<b>Nursery</b>	Nate Kliewer	N/A	N/A	Rebecca Giesecke
<b>Assisting Minister</b>				
<b>Reader</b>				
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Marcy Wisbauer	Corinne Courtney	Patty Marbury	Heidi Jones
<b>Greeter</b>				
<b>Children's Moment</b>	Tony Marbury	N/A	N/A	Anna Bon-Harper
<b>Counters</b>	Tom Hecmanczuk, Mark Giesecke	N/A	N/A	Mark Giesecke
<b>Snack</b>		N/A	N/A	
<b>Friendship Coffee Set up/Clean up</b>	Amanda Nelsen/Caroline Hecmanczuk	N/A	N/A	Kara McClurken
<b>Flower Delivery</b>	Yvonne & Duane Osheim	N/A	N/A	Congregation