

THE GRAPEVINE

Greetings Faithful Disciples of Jesus,

I am excited to bring you "Good News, Exciting News," Jesus is doing wonderful things among us. Jesus continues to bless us with visitors and great ideas from many of you. I'd like to share a couple of those ideas so that you will begin to pray about making them become a reality.

A member suggested that we take it upon ourselves to "Buddy Up" with someone here at church and when you don't see them you take it upon yourself to give them a call. This is a great idea and a wonderful way to let folks know that we care about them and miss them when they are not here. So I pray that over the next several weeks you will reach out to someone and let them know that you would like to be their "Church Buddy." One of the most important things we can do as God's children is let one another know how much we care.

Secondly as I've had the opportunity to spend time with Joe Trost it is exciting to hear the wonderful projects his team is working on to beautify the church. Let me just plant some seeds and you will hear a lot more about each of these projects at the June 5th meeting. Please put that date on your calendar and if you are in town please be here for this very important meeting.

Here are some of things Joe's team is working on: Resurfacing the parking-lot, a Cry-room in the sanctuary, Room #3 becoming the nursery, putting in a handicap bathroom, redoing the atrium area, these are exciting projects. I know there is a risk in even mentioning these projects because I know conjecture may run rampant. Please don't do that. Please feel free to grab Joe, Julie Weyer, or myself and we would be glad to visit with you about what Joe's team is proposing.

With these exciting times I will ask you to begin to pray about how you will help support these projects spiritually and financially. After the meeting on June 5th you will receive more information about how you and your family will have the opportunity to make a financial commitment to help accomplish projects that will beautify our building and grounds, make us more energy efficient and make our building more user friendly for our guests.

These are exciting times and I am really looking forward to our meeting on June 5th. Thank you for all that each of you do and we will continue to do all we can to reach people for Jesus.

Blessings+
Pastor Don



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Easter Series: Finding New Life in Christ

May 1, 2016 "A Peaceful Mind"
May 8, 2016 "When Jesus Prays"

*Please join us for
Sunday services
each week at 9am
and 11am with
Sunday School and
Coffee Hour at
10am.*



Coffee Hour

Please check the sign-up sheet in the Gathering Area to sign up to serve Coffee Hour. This is such an important ministry and doesn't take much to do. If you're in a pinch, there are always cookies and juice in the cabinet you may use. **Grab a friend and plan to serve one Sunday in May or June.** Thank you!



Spring has been a wonderful season for our Preschool and we are excited for all of the summer fun that is about to begin! June 6th will mark the start of our summer program and we have many activities planned for those children who will be participating.

Preschool graduation and end of the school year celebration will be held on Friday, June 3rd at 6:30pm. All are welcome to attend!

In addition, we have been keeping our rooms at capacity and are officially full for the coming fall!

Everyone is welcome to come visit the Preschool, meet our teachers, and see all of the fun things we do every day! If anyone is interested in volunteering to read or would like to host an activity with our Preschool children, please contact me.

Keep Looking Up!
Denise – Preschool Director



Confirmation Sunday

Kaitlyn Porter will be Confirmed on May 15. Please come and help her celebrate this important milestone in her faith journey. Congratulations Kaitlyn!



Last Day of Sunday School

The last day of Sunday School for the 2015-2016 school year will be May 15. Have a great summer and we look forward to starting up again in the fall!

Graduation Sunday

We will be honoring our High School and College graduates on **Sunday, May 15**. We have the following people graduating this year:

High School—Mary Blanke, Nick Forche, Gabe Gardner, Morgan Goebel, & Devon Lejman

College—Emily Forche & John Wahoski

Grad School—Leslie Hagedorn

We want to make sure we include everyone, so ***please let the office know if you have a student who is not listed graduating with the class of 2016.*** Thank you!



Congregational Meeting

We are excited about all the feedback we're getting about the building plans for St. Mark's. We hear you and welcome your continued responses and opinions. We're getting lots of new families with young children coming to St. Mark's and we're trying to plan for the future to make sure we have plenty of room for our expanding needs. Before we can move forward with any of the plans or renovations though, we need congregational approval. Please plan on attending the Congregational Meeting for **Sunday, June 5 between services**. If you have any comments or concerns between now and then about what's being planned, please reach out to Joe Trost, Julie Weyer, or Pastor Don.





Wednesday Night After School Program

Kids in grades K-8 are invited to join us for our After-School Tutoring Program. *Thank you to everyone who has helped make this another successful year!*

3:00—3:30—Check-In/Snack

3:30—4:30—Homework Help

4:30—5:00—Recreation

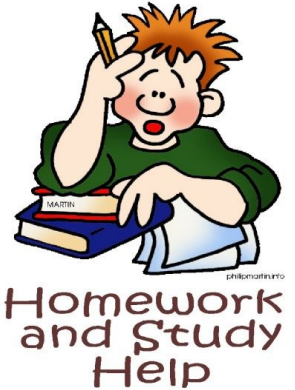
5:15—6:00—Dinner

****All students must be picked up by 6:15 p.m.****

We will be ending the After-School Tutoring Program year with an End Of School Luau on May 18. Kids and their families are invited to come have some fun with us!

Vacation Bible School

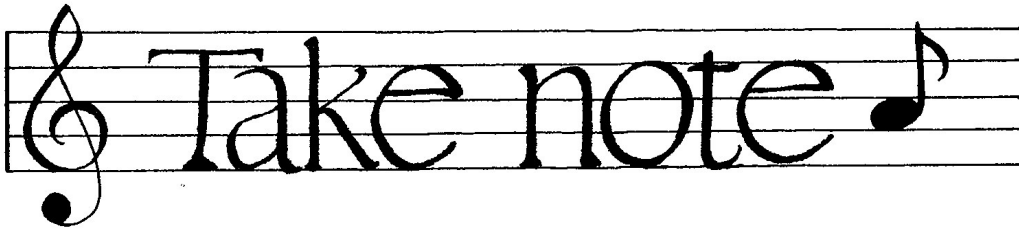
VBS is scheduled for **June 20-24, 5-8PM**. This year will be a Rock & Roll theme called "Rock the World." **We are currently recruiting Preschool "Band Leaders"** who will take the preschool groups around to the different stations. **We are also in need of a "Game Leader"** who will be in charge of the game station. This person will be in charge of leading the games for each group who comes to your station. If you are able to assist, please contact Heather Miller. *It will be a rockin' fun week!*



Welcome!

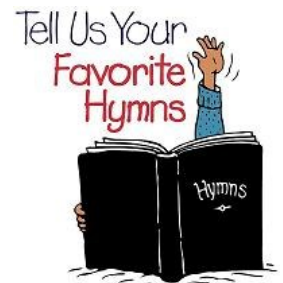
We would like to welcome two new additions to the St. Mark's family. **Miguel Ryne (Ryan) Trevino was born April 18** to Juan & Jayme Trevino and **Violet Tanner Nelson was born April 26** to Andrew & Robyn Nelson. Congratulations!





The choir will be on a much deserved “summer break” beginning Sunday, May 29, and will resume in August (date to be determined). Thank you, choir, for all your hard work and dedication! And a big “thank you” to all who have played/sung special music since I began my music position at St. Mark’s in September 2015. Your support is greatly appreciated.

In the choir’s absence, I would like to have special music on as many Sundays as possible during the choir’s summer hiatus. I can’t accomplish this on my own – I need your help. If you have any “favorite” hymns/songs you would like to hear/sing during our 11:00 Sunday worship service this summer, please write them down on the “Summer Music Request” sheet on the music bulletin board in the narthex or email me your requests. Be sure to include your name and contact information so you will know when your songs will be used. And, if you would like to share your gift of music (vocal or instrumental), or know someone or a music group who would come to enhance our worship services, please let me know. Together, let’s make music extra special during the choir break!



Any children/youth kindergarten age on up are invited to participate in our summer music program for the 11:00 traditional worship service. Hand bells are ready to be used! Let’s have a youth choir! Let’s have special instrumental or vocal music! This cannot happen without you! A sign-up sheet for this is also in the narthex.



Pentecost is just around the corner – May 15. Come, Holy Spirit, and set your church on fire! We’re going to have awesome special music during our 11:00 traditional worship with (hopefully) a tenor saxophone, clarinet, drum set and bass guitar! Invite your friends! You don’t want to miss this!!!



Be sure to check out the pictures on the Music Department Bulletin Board.

Deb Ordner – email: debordner@yahoo.com



We Remember In Our Prayers

Carole Ross
Mary Blanke
Kim Parker
Braylee Mills
Mary Lou Thayer
Katie Willis
Jeanne Kelly
Larry & Joanie
Gajderowicz
Marianne Wenzel

Wesley Lynn
Bryan Hartke
Michelle Schmitt
Dennis & Doris Fisher
Sally & June Coslett,
Ken & Jan Heugel
Todd Anderson
Olive Polley
June Sharp
Clay Gascoigne

Dolores Zahm
Tom Champion
Linda Weitzel
Laura Wiegand Brown
Eve Corlew
Brittany Siddons
Patrick Mahon
Jay Augustus & family



Let Us Pray...

Almighty God, Everlasting Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, greatly is your name to be praised. With humility and with honor in our hearts we bow before you in thanksgiving for all the grace, mercy, and wonders you have performed for us and our salvation.

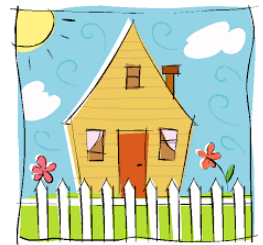
Teach us to pray, not only for ourselves, but also for others that we may all be united in love for you and in love for one another. Help us to make you known to those around us. Fill all our hearts and minds with love for you. Let our actions speak to others of that love so they will know of our love for you and that we are your disciples.

Forgive us our failures and strengthen our obedience to your will.

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Please Remember Our Shut-Ins and Homebound Members

Norma Cobb—*Home*
Larry Gajderowicz—*Home*
Jan Heugel—*Protestant Home*
Dolores Zahm—*Protestant Home*





There's a place for you!

Third Friday Group

Meets on the 3rd Friday of each month at a member's home, September through May. **The Third Friday Group will meet again on May 20** —mark your calendars! Please check the bulletins for more details. All are welcome!

Women's Bible Study

The Women's Bible Study will meet on **May 17 & 24**. *There will be no Women's Bible Study this Tuesday, May 3.* Please make the appropriate changes to your calendar. Thank you! They are currently studying Twelve Extraordinary Women: How God Shaped Women of the Bible, and What He Wants to Do with You. Women do not have to be members of the church to be a part of the group. If you are interested in joining, please let Diane Meier know.



Monday Morning Bible Study

We meet on the first **Monday of the month at 10:00 a.m. through the summer at St. Mark's**. Please contact Carol Courter if you would like more information.

Lunch Crew

This group meets for lunch and fellowship on the 3rd Monday of each month at various restaurants around town. **Lunch crew will meet at Shyler's BBQ at their new location near Gander Mountain on May 16 at 11:45 a.m.** All are welcome! Please come join us for fellowship and a great meal.





Serving God

Everyone is busy these days and the last thing many people want to do is commit to something else. However, when we commit to helping with the operation of the church, we are not simply committing time, we are in fact strengthening our commitment to God. St. Mark's is blessed to have so many wonderful volunteers, but we have a few areas that could use a few more. Please consider volunteering for one of the following ministries if you are not already doing so:

- **Altar Guild (1 hour commitment)**
- **Communion Assistant (15 minute commitment)**
- **Nursery Attendant for second service (1 hour commitment)**
- **Assisting Minister (1 hour commitment)**
- **Kids' Church is in need of leaders for both services (material will be provided) (1 hour commitment)**
- **Coffee Hour (1 hour commitment)**
- **Media for first and second services (1 hour commitment)**

Make a commitment to God and pledge an hour a month to serving him at church. Thank you to those that are already volunteering and to those that will be soon!



Please commit to serving God at church at least one hour per month.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

5/3—Alison Jones

5/4—Susie Craddock

5/6—Bob Carter

5/9—Michael Schade

5/12—Kay Myrick

5/13—Kaitlyn Porter

5/17—Diane Meier

5/17—Larry Krodel

5/17—Lynn Wahoski

5/19—Daniel Cooper

5/20—Leah Trost

5/21—Mary Ferley

5/22—Lee Hodoval

5/22—Jessica Koewler

5/23—Abbygail Ferley

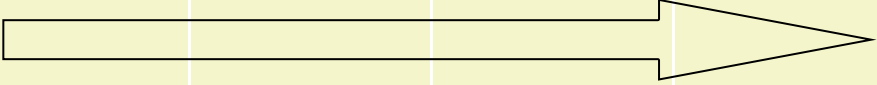
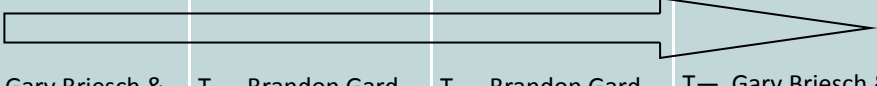
5/25—Sue Stuckemeyer

5/28—Scott Larsen

5/31—Judy Mehne



May Ministry Schedule

	5/1	5/8	5/15	5/22	5/29
Acolyte		Dakota Ferley	Ethan Gray	Nitin Gardner	Olivia Rodd
Altar Guild	J— Karen Corbett T— Jason & Christy Borg, Joe & Sheryll Trost				
Usher	Dan & Lynne Mowery	Joe & Sheryll Trost	Eugene & Barbara Hamlow	Bob & Cheri Kieffner	Mark & Sheri Zeller
Greeter	J— Arlene Sellers & Joy Phillips T— Dan & Lynne Mowery	J— Margaret Boyles & Carole Ross T— Joe & Sheryll Trost	J— Terry & Debbie Garoutte T— Eugene & Barbara Halow	J— Lee & Judy Hodoval T— Bob & Cheri Kieffner	J— Marilee Johnson & Pat Powers T— Pat Baker & Erlus Shatara
Communion Assistant	J— T—	J— T—	J— T—	J— T—	
Nursery Attendant	J— Diane Hawkins T— Sharon Arvidson	J— Alison Jones T—	J— Julie Weyer T—	J— Deb Schade T— Christy Ferley	J— Deb Schade T— Cathy Goller
Lector	Stephanie West	Erlus Shatara	Diane Braun		Diane Braun
Assisting Minister	Jeff Braun	Karen Dunlap	Sherri Zeller	Jeff Braun	Mark Zeller
Coffee Hour	Wanda Krodel	Birthday Sunday (cake)	Confirmation & Graduation Sunday (cake)	Baptism (cake)	
Kids' Church	J— Heather Miller & Susan Gray T— Susan Gray	J— Heather Miller & Susan Gray T— Susan & Ethan Gray	J— Heather Miller & Susan Gray T— Susan Gray	J— Heather Miller & Susan Gray T— Susan Gray	J— Heather Miller T—
Media Ministry	J— Mark Myrick & Nick Forche T— Gary Briesch & Carol Courter				
		T— Gary Briesch & Carol Courter	T— Brandon Gardner & Carol Courter	T— Brandon Gardner & Carol Courter	T— Gary Briesch & Carol Courter



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Please join us for worship each Sunday

9 am Contemporary Service

10 am Coffee Hour/Sunday School

11 am Traditional Service