

THE GRAPEVINE

Greetings Faithful Disciples of Jesus,

I pray this note finds you all doing well. We've been blessed with wonderful August weather and I pray that you've had the opportunity to enjoy it. As we prepare for another great school year I'd like to invite you to share three focal points with me.

Rally Day will be September 10 which is always an exciting Sunday for us. On "Rally Day" we will have our preschool singing at the first service, we will bless the opening of our Sunday school and Preschool programs, we will have a bounce house for the children during middle hour and we will have hotdogs and chips during middle hour as well as right after second service. So please come and join us.

Rally Day is a great Sunday to invite a friend, but truly every Sunday is a great Sunday to bring a friend. This is our second focal point I am inviting you to share with me. Disciples of Jesus, God instructs us to go in His name and invite people to hear the "Good News," Jesus loves them. Let us invite others with a joyous heart knowing that as their relationship grows with Christ their life will be enriched as they experience God's love. Please take one of my cards from the table in the Narthex and use it as a tool to invite people to come and join us. Make it a personal goal to hand out one a month. The most effective way to grow God's house is through personal invitation.

Finally, I am excited to announce that we are right on the cusp of contacting our builder to move forward on enclosing the Atrium. I would love to make that call in the next week or so. We need \$9,000 to meet our 75% goal to move forward on this project. If it is possible to turn in part of your commitment early that would be great or if you've not made a commitment and feel God is calling you to do so please do. Friends, I know God is at work here at St. Mark's because we continue to accomplish great things in His name.

St. Mark's family I look forward to another wonderful year together as we continue to help people find and follow Jesus Christ. This is what disciples of Jesus do!

Blessings+
Pastor Don



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Scripts

Scrip orders are due **September 10**. *Scripts cards are a great way to earn money for St. Mark's by purchasing cards for places you already shop.* Please see Carole Ross to order or with any questions. Thank you!

CPR/First Aid Certification Class

First On Scene, LLC is offering a CPR/First Aid course at St. Mark's on **Friday, September 1 and again September 8 from 7am-12pm**. Cost is \$50 and covers first aid, CPR and AED certification. **There is an additional Blood Borne Pathogen course offered each of those days from 12-2pm** Please call the church office to RSVP.



Preschool T-shirts

St. Mark's Preschool is having new t-shirts printed for students and teachers. If you would like your business advertised on the back, *please contact Denise at 812-476-3018 by September 6*. Thank you!

Rally Day

Rally Day will be on **September 10**. Join us as we begin the Sunday School year with a lot of fun for the kids, special activities during middle hour, and a fantastic message. St. Mark's Preschool children will be singing during first service. This will be a great Sunday to invite a friend to join you at St. Mark's!

2018 ELCA Youth Gathering

Registration for the 2018 Youth Gathering which will be held in *Houston, TX from June 27-July 1, 2018* opens Sept. 15, 2017, and closes May 15, 2018. Youth eligible to attend the Gathering are in 8th-12th grade at the time of registration. Registration costs are dependent on when you register. **Early bird registration, September 15 - November 15, 2017**, is \$350. If you have youth who would like to attend this Gathering, please contact the office as soon as possible so we can take advantage of the best rates.



Save the Date—500th Anniversary of the Reformation

ELCA churches in the area are planning a Joint Celebration of the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation on Saturday, October 28, 2017 at 3:00 pm. It will be held at the Evansville National Guard Armory on 3000 E Division St with guest speaker Bishop Bill Gafkjen. Please watch for more details.



River City FaithFest

We will have a booth at the River City FaithFest, which will be held at *First Baptist Church at 320 Cherry St.* in Evansville on **Saturday, September 23 from 2-9 pm**. We will need volunteers to help man the table in 2-hour shifts to give information about St. Mark's to the public. Please sign up on the

Movie Night on the Lawn

Bring a lawn chair or blanket and join us to watch Moana on the front lawn on Friday, **September 15 at 7:30 pm**. *Bring a friend!*



MISSIONAL SERVICES

Ronald McDonald House

This summer, our congregation has been collecting hotel shampoo, conditioner and soap to be donated to the Ronald McDonald House. We will be serving breakfast and hosting a brunch at the house, located at 3540 Washington Ave, on September 18. Breakfast is at 8am and will consist of muffins and juice. The Brunch is at 10am and we will be serving scrambled eggs, muffins, fruit and juice. We expect to serve 15-20 people. To help, sign-up on the sheet on the bulletin board in the common area, call the office, or call Karen at 476-6800.



9/1— Jim Schade
9/7—Anita Conapinski
9/9—Joe Kelly
9/19—Gary Briesch

9/23—Angela Koewler
9/28—LaVon Niehaus
9/28—Kaitlynn Koewler
9/29—Diane Braun





There's a place for you!

Monday Morning Bible Study

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

Women's Bible Study

The Women's Bible Study meets on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month at **6:30 pm September through May**. Women's Bible Study will meet **Tuesday, September 5 at 6:30** at the church. *All women are invited and do not need to be members of St. Mark's to attend.*

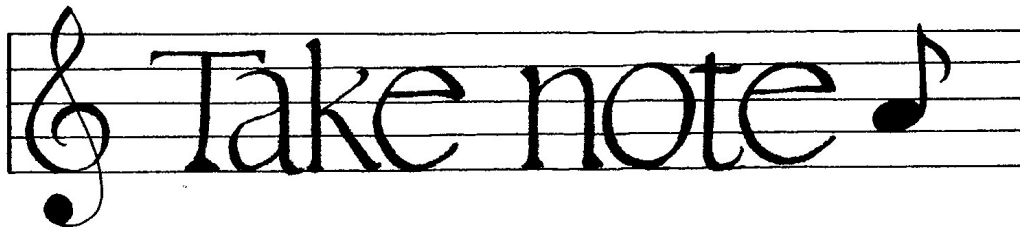


Ladies' Night Out

Ladies Night Out will be held **September 8 at 6:00 pm**. The cost is \$5 and includes dinner and dessert. Please sign up on the sheet in the Gathering Area if interested. Thank you!

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 on September 18 at 11:45 a.m.** More information to follow. All are welcome! Please join us for fellowship and a great meal.



Choir summer break is over.....now to get ready for Rally Day, Reformation Sunday, Advent, and Christmas Eve!

Our choir will continue to practice every Thursday night, beginning September 7, at 6:00 until 7:00 pm in the sanctuary. If you can read fluently, can carry a tune and enjoy singing, please consider trying us for at least one practice. You might like it! All ages are welcome. No prior choral experience is necessary.

Many thanks to everyone who contributed to our summer music. And a special thanks to choir members who came and help lead congregational music and played handbells.

If you would like to play handbells on Christmas Eve at the traditional service, please see me.

Deb



We Remember In Our Prayers

Thelma Brown,
the family of Rita
Briesch,
the family of Sharon
Neukam,
Caleb Krodel,
Carole Ross,
Mary Robinson,
Barb and Dave
Jacobsen,
Debra Ordner,

Michael Myers,
Lyman Roll,
Joanie Gajderowicz,
Joe Koewler & family,
Judy Hodoval,
Kimberlee Grimm,
Michael Cavasos,
Bryce Pitlick,
Arlene Sellers,
Tom Savage,
Sharon Bieber,

Sharon Cota,
Michael Lawson,
Terry Lampton,
Charles Paine, Sr.,
Mary Lou Thayer,
Sally & June Coslett,
Ken & Jan Heugel,
Clay Gascoigne,
Dolores Zahm,
Laura Wiegand Brown,
& Eve Corlew



Let Us Pray...

Gracious God,

Forgive us, for our lives are blessed through the simple act of prayer, and yet so often we hesitate as if afraid to ask. Grant us the faith and certainty to know that what we seek in faith, will be answered through your great love and in your good time. Thank you, for our lives are blessed through the simple act of prayer.

Amen.

—Birch, John. The Act of Prayer: Praying through the Lectionary, Bible Reading Fellowship.

Please Remember Our Shut-Ins and Homebound Members

Arthur Aarstad—*Newburgh Healthcare*
Norma Cobb—*Home*
Jan Heugel—*Protestant Home*
Dottie Peteritas—*Oasis Dementia Care*
Dolores Zahm—*Protestant Home*



September Ministry Schedule

	9/3	9/10	9/17	9/24
Altar Guild	J— Deb Schade T— Jason & Christy Borg			
Usher	Scott & Linda Larsen	Eugene & Barbara Hamlow	Tom Pfender & Jim Weitzel	Mike & Judi Chase
Greeter	J— Carole Ross & Wanda Krodle T— Scott & Linda Larsen	J— Jim & Deb Schade T— Eugene & Barbara Hamlow	J— Arlene Sellers & Sharon Arvidson T— Kathy Ewing & Bob Gerst	J— Jon & Sara Watson T— Mike & Judi Chase
Communion Assistant	J— T— LaVon Niehaus	J— T—	J— T— LaVon Niehaus	J— T—
Nursery Attendant	J— Margaret Boyles T—	J— Sharon Arvidson T— Sharon Arvidson	J— Maria Dennis T—	J— Julie Weyer T— Linda Larsen
Lector	Larry Gajderowicz	LaVon Niehaus	Eugene Hamlow	LaVon Niehaus
Assisting Minister	Mark Zeller	Sherri Zeller	Larry Gajderowicz	Jeff Braun
Coffee Hour	Anita Conapinski Kelsie Tarter	Birthday Sunday Larsen	Herreras	West/Bryant
Kids' Church	J— Heather Miller T— Susan Gray	J— Susan Gray & Heather Miller T— Susan Gray	J— Susan Gray & Heather Miller T— Susan Gray	J— Susan Gray & Heather Miller T— Susan Gray
Media Ministry	J— T— Carol Courter			



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FOR BY **GRACE** YOU HAVE BEEN SAVED THROUGH FAITH, AND
THIS IS NOT YOUR OWN DOING; IT IS THE GIFT OF GOD. - EPHESIANS 2:8

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Please join us for worship each Sunday

9 am Contemporary Service,

11 am Traditional Service

10 am Coffee Hour