

THE GRAPEVINE

Greetings Faithful Disciples of Jesus,

I pray that everyone is having a great summer. August is here and that means that we are getting ready to head back to school. Some are saying "yeah!" and others are saying "I don't want to go back yet." So may I suggest that you make it fun and have an end of the summer bash, celebrating this time of heading back to school and possibly gaining some normalcy to the routine again.

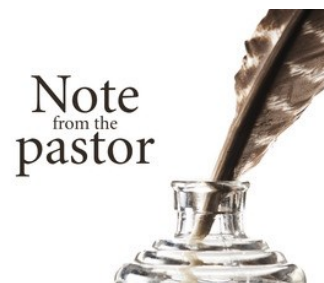
I want to share some exciting news! The Welborn Baptist Foundation has invited us to be a site for their Healthy Communities Partnership. This is a program that focuses on impacting children's lives by teaching them about making healthier choices, that hopefully will lead to healthier lives. The Foundation will provide equipment and training for us to implement the program. They chose St. Mark's because we are centrally located to many of the public schools in the area.

We will do this program on Wednesdays, and I pray that many of you will come and volunteer, even if it is just one Wednesday a month from 3:00pm – 5:00pm. I am excited that we are getting noticed by other organizations as a church that wants to be involved in the communities we serve. I pray that you are excited as well, because it says a lot about who we are and how we choose to reflect God to the world.

I also want to share with you that we had a wonderful event with the Park and Recreation department as well and the Lorraine Park association in July. Our praise band played several hours at Lorraine Park. Many of our members came and passed out balloons, made a musical instrument with the children, and had fun just interacting with the crowd as they enjoyed the music and hotdogs. We even got a little radio time for St. Mark's. Thank you for making this a great event.

Let us continue our focus on serving God and we continue to do our best to help people find and follow Jesus Christ. Have you invited someone to church lately?

Blessings+
Pastor Don



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CHURCH NEWS

Holiday World

We are planning to go to Holiday World and Splashin' Safari on **Saturday, August 19**. **Group Admission Price is \$37.99 per ticket** and includes admission to both parks, unlimited sunscreen and soft drinks. **Please turn in money and reservation using the provided envelopes by Wednesday, August 2**. *Envelopes are located at the back of the sanctuary and in the office for your convenience.* ***PLEASE NOTE THE NEW DUE DATE***



CPR/First Aid Certification Class

First On Scene, LLC will be offering a CPR/First Aid course at St. Mark's on **Monday, August 7 from 10am-2pm**. *Cost is \$50 and covers first aid, CPR and AED certification.* Please call the church office to RSVP.

Life Line Screening

Life Line Screening, a leading provider of community-based preventive health screenings, is pleased to offer a preventive health event at St Mark's Lutheran Church on **August 9, 2017**. *Five screenings will be offered that scan for potential health problems related to:* 1. **blocked arteries** which is a leading cause of stroke; 2. **abdominal aortic aneurysms** which can lead to a ruptured aorta; 3. **hardening of the arteries in the legs** which is a strong predictor of heart disease; 4. **atrial fibrillation or irregular heart beat** which is closely tied to stroke risk; and 5. a **bone density screening**, for men and women, used to assess the risk of osteoporosis.

Register for a Wellness Package which includes 4 vascular tests and osteoporosis screening from \$149 (\$139 with our member discount). All five screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete. There are three ways to register for this event and to receive a \$10 discount off any package priced above \$129, please call toll-free 1-888-653-6441 or visit <http://www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle> or text the word circle to 797979





500th Anniversary of the Reformation

Plans, so far, include the following:

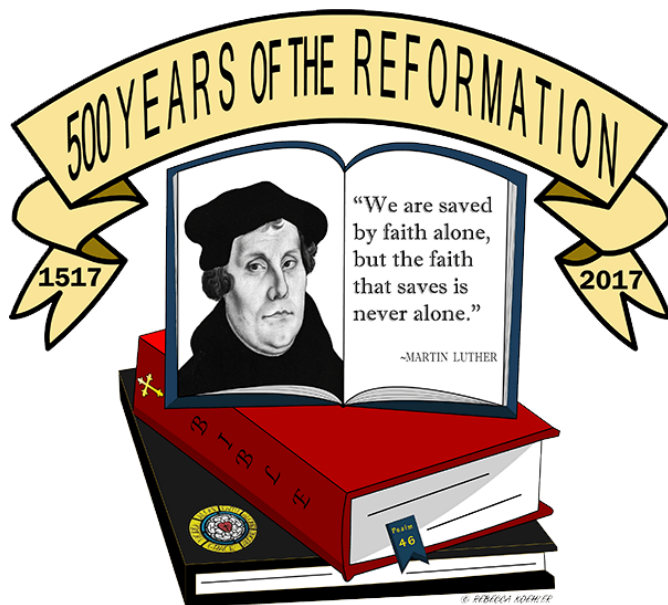
Date: Saturday, October 28, 2017

Time: 3:00 pm. Worship followed by a reception

Guest Speaker: Bishop Bill Gafkjen

Place: Evansville National Guard Armory on 3000 E Division St; Evansville, Indiana.

Committees are now planning the worship service, music, refreshments and publicity. Anyone who would like to be included in planning this special event is invited to the next planning meeting on is on **Thursday, August 2** at Grace and Peace Lutheran Church at **6:00 pm**.



A vibrant collage of various school supplies. In the foreground, there's a green spiral-bound notebook with a pink cover. On top of it lies a pair of bright pink-handled scissors. Next to the scissors is a purple pencil sharpener and a black metal binder clip. A red pencil with a pink eraser is also visible. Below the green notebook is a pink spiral-bound notebook. Several colorful pens and pencils in shades of blue, green, orange, and pink are scattered around. In the top right corner, a portion of a blue calculator is visible. A small, colorful, circular object, possibly a stress ball or a small container, is in the top left corner. The background is a solid light blue.



MISSIONAL SERVICES

A collection of various personal care products from the brand 'Ako' and 'In-Source'. The products include bottles of shampoo, conditioner, and body wash, as well as tubes of lotion or cream. The bottles are in various colors (white, blue, green, yellow, orange) and shapes. Some have pump dispensers, while others have flip caps. The tubes are white with blue or green caps. The products are arranged on a textured, light-colored surface.



There's a place for you!

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 do not need to be members of St. Mark's to participate. Please see Diane Meier for more information.

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.

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 August 21 at 11:45 a.m.** More information to follow. All are welcome! Please join us for fellowship and a great meal.



8/2—Larry Walker

8/7—Jeff Braun

8/7—Larry Gajderowicz

8/11—Rebecca Blanke

8/16—Debbie Garoutte

8/16—Margo Walker

8/17—Norma Cobb

8/20—Christie Martin

8/24—Cheri Kieffner

8/25—Debbie Anderson

8/28—Wanda Krodel

8/31—Carol Courter

8/31—Pastor Don Gray





We Remember In Our Prayers

Jesse Cancel
Barb and Dave
Jacobsen,
Debra Ordner,
Michael Myers,
Lyman Roll,
Joanie Gajderowicz,
Joe Koewler & family,
Ethan Krodell,
Debra Ordner,
Judy Hodoval,

Kimberlee Grimm,
Dusty & Missy Boyd,
Emily Gipson,
Michael Cavasos,
Bryce Pitlick,
Arlene Sellers,
Rita Briesch,
Tom Savage,
Sharon Bieber,
Sharon Cota,
Michael Lawson,

John Jurisa,
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*



August Ministry Schedule

	8/6	8/13	8/20	8/27
Altar Guild	J— Donna Myers T— Linda Larsen & Sue Stuckemeyer			
Usher	Mike & Judi Chase	Scott & Linda Larsen	Dan & Lynne Mowrey	Mark & Sherri Zeller
Greeter	J— Lee & Judy Hodoval T—Mike & Judi Chase	J— Marilee Johnson & Pat Powers T—Scott & Linda Larsen	J— T—Dan & Lynne Mowrey	J— KewBee McDonald & Diane Meier T—Erlus Shatara & Pat Baker
Communion Assistant	J— T—LaVon Niehaus	J— T—	J— T—LaVon Niehaus	J— T—
Nursery Attendant	J— Cathy Goller T—	J— Jayme Trevino T—	J— Kelsie Tarter T—	J—Diane Hawkins T—
Lector	Larry Gajderowicz	LaVon Niehaus		LaVon Niehaus
Assisting Minister	Sherri Zeller	Larry Gajderowicz	Jeff Braun	Karen Dunlap
Coffee Hour	Ferley	Birthday Sunday Larsen	Carole Ross & Susann Betz	Judy Mehne & Marilee Johnson
Kids' Church	J— Susan Gray & 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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Please join us for worship each Sunday
9 am Contemporary Service,
11 am Traditional Service
10 am Coffee Hour