

St. Mark's Episcopal Church

weekly news & updates

May 12, 2022

Upcoming Events.

Kids in Christ

5/15 Sun, 11:15 a.m.

SEEK Youth Group

5/15 Sun, 4:00 p.m.

Access Plus Ramp Build

5/21 Sat, 8:00 a.m.

Vacation Bible School Planning Meeting

5/22 Sun, 11:15 a.m.

Swim Party

5/22 Sun, 3:00 p.m.

Pentecost Sunday

6/5 Sun, 10:00 a.m.

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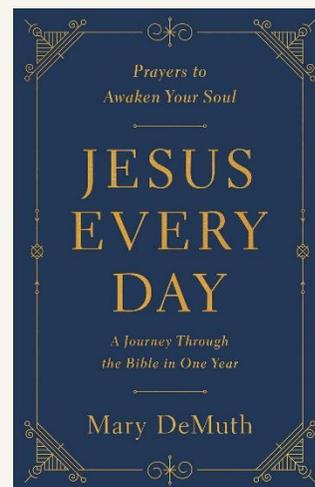
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God's Promises



An excerpt taken from
Jesus Every Day
written by Mary DeMuth

"But even though a person sins a hundred times and still lives a long life, I know that those who fear God will be better off."
Ecclesiastes 8:12

Jesus, it's the age-old question: Why do people who continually sin, spending their lives mocking you, seem to live as if it doesn't matter? And why do bad things seem to happen to good people? It doesn't seem to make sense. The wicked prosper. The righteous suffer. And the world feels topsy-turvy in the aftermath of it all.

So help me reconcile what I see in my daily life with scripture like this. It's hard for me to see your goodness when those I love suffer. It's difficult to understand your love, when I try to do the right thing, but it's either not recognized, or I suffer because of it.

I need to remember your perfect justice, and that it will all make sense someday--maybe not today, maybe not tomorrow, but in eternity. You will set right those who have been wronged.

Sunday Worship Service:

10:00 a.m.--Holy Eucharist--Sanctuary

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You will mete out justice in the most perfect way because you know every single angle of every single story. Help me to rest in that. I don't want to live with a vengeful heart, trying to bring justice when I don't have the whole story.

You are holy and righteous. You will judge fairly. I am thankful that my pain and the injustices I've suffered are held today in your hands. When I try to grab my pain back and fix my problems, remind me that you will take care of me. I simply need to trust. Amen.

**Seek God! Pray!
Give it ALL to Him!**

Recent Scam

Scam Alert

An email was sent Monday to let you know about a scam that was received via a text message by several of our parishioners. Once a response was sent, the sender requested that they purchase gift cards. This is a different take on the email scam we experienced a couple of years ago when the sender asked people to purchase gift cards on behalf of Fr. John.



Please know that Fr. Rick, a staff member or any other clergy, will not send a text or email requesting gift cards. This scam was especially sneaky because the sender didn't ask for the gift cards in the first text. It was designed to lure people in to responding. If you receive a message in any format requesting money or gift cards on behalf of someone in our church, be suspicious. Don't respond, and block the number. Also, please contact Judy, either at the church office (361) 994-0285, or call her cell phone number. It's in the directory.

Thank you to the Hartlaubs for letting us know about this one!

Oruka Family Update

Oruka Family Addition

A new little one has come into the Oruka family. Little Dawn was born Monday, May 2nd. She and her mom Jacinta are doing well.

We're going to do a non-shower baby shower for them. That means there won't actually be a "shower". Instead, we're going to collect gift cards to H.E.B. and Wal-Mart to give to them so they'll be able to buy exactly what they need. If you want to participate, you may bring a gift card Sunday and put it in the offering basket, or drop it off at the church office during the week.



Ramp Build

Access Plus Ramp Build Saturday, 5/21, 8:00 a.m. 4929 Cain Dr.

If working with your hands and power tools appeals to you, consider joining Doug Wayland and his team to help build a ramp for a man named Richard. He will be blessed by having better access to his home, and you will be blessed because of your willingness to serve in this way.

Doug is always willing to train you if you've never built a ramp or worked with tools. He's a great teacher!



Vacation Bible School

VBS Planning Meeting Sunday, 5/22

Youth and adults: do you want to have an “aus-some” time bringing an exciting four days of fun, learning, and spiritual growth to our children? Stay after church on Sunday, May 22, to see where you can help! There’s something for everyone!



Swim Party

All Are Invited to a Swim Party Wandel House, 44 Hewit Sunday, 5/22, 3:00-6:00 p.m.

To celebrate the end of the school year and the beginning of summer, John and Molly Wandel are opening their home up for a swim party for the entire parish. There will be games, snacks, fun in the pool, and fellowship.



Bring a towel, if you want to swim, and a snack to share.
It will be such a fun afternoon!

Search Process

Dear St. Mark's Faithful,

We're making progress and moving forward in our search process; thank you for your continued prayers.

Thank you, John d

Scripture for the week:

2 Corinthians 1:3-7

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God. For just as we share abundantly in the sufferings of Christ, so also our comfort abounds through Christ. If we are distressed, it is for your comfort and salvation; if we are comforted, it is for your comfort, which produces in you patient endurance of the same sufferings we suffer. And our hope for you is firm, because we know that just as you share in our sufferings, so also you share in our comfort.

Here is a list of useful links to use during the search process for our new rector:

Parish Profile on St. Mark's [website](#)

Diocese of West Texas website [churches in transition](#)

Prayers during the search process: [prayers](#)



Pentecost Sunday Celebration

Pentecost Sunday June 5th

Our tradition has been that everyone wear red on Pentecost Sunday. We also celebrate by having cake topped with strawberries and whipped cream during coffee hour.



Please consider bringing a pint of fresh, cut, and sugared strawberries that Sunday to be used to top the cake. We could use your help.

And don't forget to wear something red!

Pentecost Sunday Help

Can You Speak a Foreign Language?

If you can speak a foreign language and would be willing to help with the Pentecost Sunday service on June 5th, please let Judy know at (361) 994-0285 or judy@stmarkscc.org. She'll give you the details.



Youth and Children's Ministry

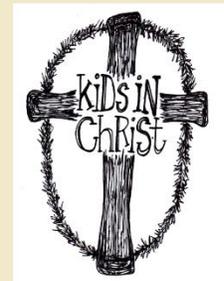
SEEK Youth Group and Kids in Christ



Kids in Christ

Be ready for a trip down under this summer to explore the value and wonder of life at Zoomerang Vacation Bible School. More information coming soon!

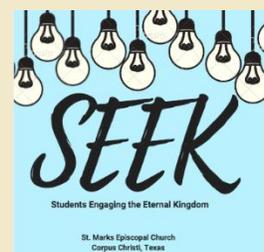
Just a Reminder! Kids in Christ will have their last regular meeting until fall this Sunday, May 15th, after the service.



SEEK Youth Group

Youth group will meet this Sunday, May 15th, at 4:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall for Bible study, snacks, and fun. Maybe we'll even have some singing now that our guitarist is back. Your friends are always invited. Also, plan to come to the Wandel house from 3-6 on Sunday, May 22nd, for the swim party!

Feel free to text prayers requests in our group chat or to Mrs. Molly anytime.



Ways to Support God's Kingdom through St. Mark's

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO SUPPORT ST. MARK'S CHURCH!

Is the Lord blessing you? Are you grateful for what He has done in your life? Remember His Church. Though we have experienced limitations for worshiping together, we still have ministries to support and salaries and bills to pay. Give out of faith, thanksgiving, and generosity, and never out of guilt. If you are blessed to be able to give, here are the four ways to do that:



- Online through our website. There is a blue "Giving" button at the bottom of each page. Just click on that and it will take you to our online EGiving page. You will need to set up a user profile, and then you can set up a one-time gift or recurring gifts. You can also give through the ["Donate to St. Mark's"](#) link.
- **NEW APP**----Through your cell phone using the app, Vanco Mobile. To get the app, go to the app store and search for "Vanco Mobile". The icon background is dark purple with a white circle and a purple letter "V" in the center. Download the app and follow the prompts. You can use it to set up a one-time gift or recurring gifts.
- Mail in your check to: St. Mark's Church, 2727 Airline Rd, CC, TX 78414. We have a drop-in mailbox that is locked at all times. We check the mail every day, so your check will be secure.
- Drop your check off at the church. Just put it in the locked mailbox to the left of the red doors at the fellowship hall.

**THANK YOU for helping spread the Kingdom
through your continuing support
of St. Mark's Church.**

Weekly Calendar

Calendar & Ministry Schedule

Here is the [link](#) to the May schedule for our ministries, which is still a work in progress. Please check each week to see if there are any changes.

May 15 - Sunday

10:00 a.m. - Holy Eucharist Service--Sanctuary

11:15 a.m. - Coffee Hour--Fellowship Hall

11:15 a.m. - Kids in Christ--Fellowship Hall

4:00 p.m. - SEEK Youth Group--Fellowship Hall

May 16 - Monday

6:30 p.m. - Vestry Meeting--Fellowship Hall

May 17 - Tuesday

10:00 a.m. - Staff Meeting--Fellowship Hall

6:00 p.m. - Women's Group--Jason's Deli, 1416 Airline Rd.

6:30 p.m. - Men's Reunion Group--Nolan's Restaurant, 7426 S. Staples St.

7:00 p.m. - Bible Study & Prayer Group--Online via Zoom

May 18 - Wednesday

11:30 a.m. - Lunch with the Old Guys--Silverado Steakhouse, 4522 Weber Rd.

12:00 p.m. - Noonday Prayer Group--Fellowship Hall

5:30 p.m. - Search Committee Meeting--Fellowship Hall

May 21 - Saturday

8:00 a.m. - Access Plus Ramp Build--4929 Cain Dr.

Helpful Links

Below you will find several links to websites or Facebook Pages that you might find helpful.

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