

St. Mark's Episcopal Church

weekly news & updates

May 5, 2022

Upcoming Events.

Mother's Day

5/8 Sun

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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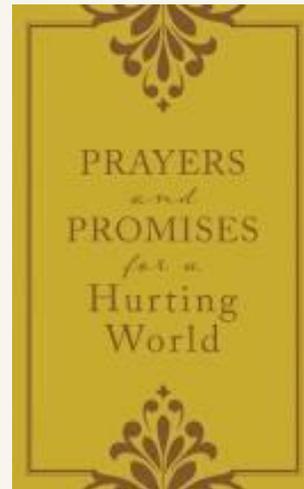
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Sunday Worship Service:

10:00 a.m.--Morning Prayer--Sanctuary

God's Promises



An excerpt taken from
***Prayers and Promises
for a Hurting World***
written by Laura Freudig

"I will extol the Lord at all times; his praise will always be on my lips. I will glory in the Lord; let the afflicted hear and rejoice. Glorify the Lord with me; let us exalt his name together."

Psalm 34:1-3

Dear Lord, I want to boast in You alone, to tell of Your beauty and goodness to all who will listen, to remind myself of Your faithfulness. It is good to praise You, for You are good. I praise You for music, mountains, grass, streams, moss, birds, trees, and flowers. *You are loving.* I praise You for babies, kisses, and all things with fur. *You are righteous.* I praise You for both requiring and enabling perfection through the perfect sacrifice of Your Son. *You are eternal.* I praise You that there was never a time when You weren't brooding over the world and loving it. *You are all-knowing.* I praise You that there is nothing outside of Your awareness. You see every anxious thought, every evil deed, every act of love. *You are all-powerful.* I praise You that You have already won the battle and are

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just waiting for the last captives of the enemy to be returned home before the eternal celebrations begin. I could sing and shout of Your name, Your praise, Your salvation!

It is good to praise You, Lord. Thank You for the joy of reorienting my mind to You. Remind me often to lift my hands in awe and wonder. Amen!

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

Mother's Day

**Mother's Day is
this Sunday!
Wishing all Moms a very
blessed day.**

The loose offering and any designated gifts will go to support a ministry called Wood for Elders through the Diocese of South Dakota. They supply firewood during the coldest time of the year to those who live on Rosebud Reservation West. Our diocese wants to supply a year's worth of wood, which costs \$20,000, for this ministry.



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.



Vacation Bible School

VBS Planning Meeting Sunday, 5/22

We will be hosting a Vacation Bible School once again this summer. The program has been selected; it is Zoomerang. Now the dates need to be set, and the planning needs to begin. Molly Wandel has agreed to oversee the program and wants to get the ball rolling by meeting with everyone who would like to help. This important meeting is set for Sunday, May 22 after the worship service. If you'd like to assist, be sure to mark your calendar and make plans to attend.



Swim Party

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

To celebrate the end of the school and 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,

The search continues! Please keep the process, the candidates, and the committee in your prayers!

Thank you, John d

Scripture for the week: Romans 15:5

May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you the same attitude of mind toward each other that Christ Jesus had.

1 Corinthians 1:4-9

I always thank my God for you because of his grace given you in Christ Jesus. For in him you have been enriched in every way—with all kinds of speech and with all knowledge— God thus confirming our testimony about Christ among you. Therefore you do not lack any spiritual gift as you eagerly wait for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed. He will also keep you firm to the end, so that you will be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful, who has called you into fellowship with his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.



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 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@stmarksgc.org. She'll give you the details.



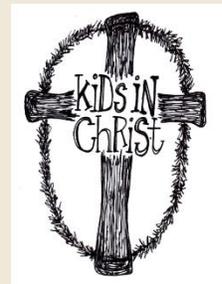
Youth and Children's Ministry

SEEK Youth Group and Kids in Christ

Kids in Christ

Just a Reminder! Kids in Christ won't meet this Sunday so that families can spend Mother's Day together.

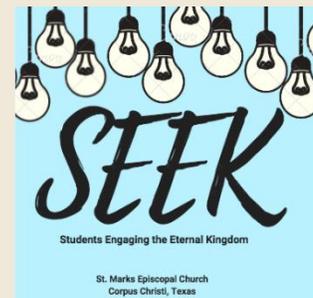
The last regular Kids in Christ meeting before summer will be May 15th. However, there will be outings and events planned throughout the summer to stay connected. Molly Wandel will send out information as those things are put on the calendar, and the ENews will be updated weekly. So stay tuned!



SEEK Youth Group

We won't meet for Youth Group this Sunday so families can spend time with moms for Mother's Day.

The last regular Youth Group meeting before summer will be May 15th. However, we will have outings and events throughout the summer to stay connected. Molly will send out information as those things are put on the calendar, and the ENews will be updated weekly. So stay tuned!



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 worshipping 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 8 - Sunday--Mother's Day

10:00 a.m. - Morning Prayer Service--Sanctuary

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

NO Kids in Christ or SEEK Youth Group TODAY.

May 10 - 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 11- Wednesday

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

Helpful Links

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

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