

St. Mark's Episcopal Church

weekly news & updates

March 17, 2022

Upcoming Events.

Access Plus Ramp Build

3/19 Sat, 8:00 a.m.

Ladies' Luncheon

3/26 Sat, 12 noon

Campus Cleanup Day

4/2 Sat, 9:00 p.m.

Confirmation Sunday

4/10 Sun, 10:00 a.m.

Easter Resurrection Sunday

4/17 Sun, 10:00 a.m.

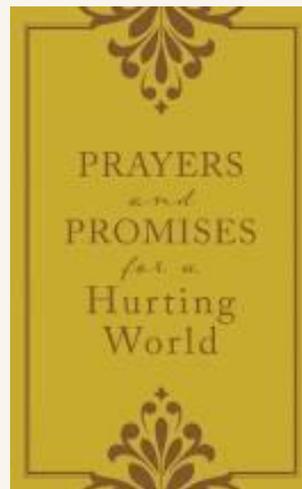
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Sunday Worship Service:

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

God's Promises



An excerpt taken from
*Prayers and Promises
for a Hurting World,*
a devotional by Laura Freudig.

*"In peace I will both lie down and sleep,
for You, Lord, alone make me dwell in safety
and confident trust."
Psalm 4:8*

Dear Lord, when I opened my eyes this morning to a new day with a bright sun shining in a blue sky, I was reminded what a gift rest is to us. Of course, You neither slumber nor sleep; even though You gave us the example of a Sabbath rest, You don't need to rest. But we do. Our bodies, minds, and souls require it. Thank You for the quiet hours when we can be at peace, silent, still.

Yet often I chafe at my body's need to stop: I want to keep working, I want to stay up late, I want to get it all *done*. Forgive me for neglecting this gift of rest, which is both a command and a blessing. Forgive me for forgetting that resting is an act of faith, a statement about my belief in Your ability to provide for me without my tired striving. And I pray today for those to whom rest

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does not come easily. I lift those who worry. Teach them to trust. I lift those whose bodies hurt. Bless them with an easing of pain. I lift those who have been dislocated from their homes by war or poverty. Give them shelter. Yet we are truly at peace only under Your almighty wings. Amen.

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

Access Plus Ramp Build

Ramp Build at 4653 Franklin Dr. Saturday, 3/19, at 8:00 a.m.

We tithed 10% of all gifts given to the Operating Fund to our Outreach Fund to be used for ministry outside the walls of St. Mark's. One of the ministries funded is the Access Plus Ramp Building Ministry.



If you enjoy working with your hands and power tools, even if you don't have any experience, you are qualified. The March ramp build will be for Josephine next Saturday. For more information, please contact Doug Wayland at (361) 813-1781, or show up at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday the 19th, and he'll gladly put you to work.

Ladies' Luncheon

Calling All Ladies

The Ladies' Spring Soup and Salad Luncheon is **Saturday, March 26th** beginning at noon in the Fellowship Hall. Bring a friend and your favorite soup or salad to be shared with everyone. It promises to be a fun event with wonderful fellowship.

For questions, please call Lori Jones at (361)-903-5060.

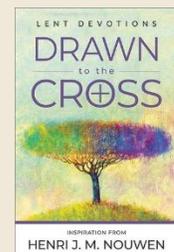
*Ladies' Spring
Luncheon*



Lenten Group Discussion

Lenten Devotional Discussion

If you are using the Lenten devotional *Drawn to the Cross* during Lent, consider joining the discussion group Sunday mornings during coffee hour each week. Just grab a cup of coffee and take a seat at the designated table.



Campus Cleanup Day

Church Work Day
Saturday, April 2nd,
Beginning at 9:00 a.m.



Our Junior Warden John Wandel and Doug Wayland our volunteer Sexton are organizing a list of tasks that need to be done around our property to make it look lovely for Bishop Reed's visit April 10th and for Easter Sunday, April 17th. Please consider coming to lend a hand to beautify our church home.

Easter Egg Fillers

**Need Easter Egg Fillers for
Easter Egg Hunt**



We need your help with our annual Easter Egg Hunt this year. There are plenty of plastic eggs, so we don't need those. However, we do need trinkets to fill the eggs, like stickers, Easter themed items small enough to put in the eggs, and candy. Of course, the parents probably prefer more non-edible fillers!

Please bring your donations to the church by **Sunday, April 3rd**. There will be boxes in the sanctuary and in the fellowship hall in which you may leave your gifts.

Holy Week

Holy Week Schedule

Holy Week is the most significant week in our liturgical year. It begins with Palm Sunday and concludes with the Easter Resurrection Service. There are services during the week that help us walk through the last week that Jesus was physically on this earth.



The Palm Sunday service and our Confirmation service will be the same Sunday, which makes for a morning full of celebration. This will be the first time, for us, that both liturgies will coincide.

For Easter Sunday, we're asking everyone to bring noise makers to the service, which will be used every time "Alleluia" is said. Kids, young and old, will have fun making "noise" during church. Click here for the [Holy Week Schedule](#).

Search Process

Links for Search Process Resources

Dear St. Mark's Faithful,

The search process is moving forward in God's time. We have no preconceived notions nor expectations on how long the process will take. We have our peaks and valleys, and we appreciate your patience and prayers, especially from those of you who live with us during this process.



I would like to reintroduce our congregation to the Denison Forum at <https://www.denisonforum.org/>. He, his staff and writers bring everyday news issues into the perspective of living a Christian life in this day and time. Yesterday's was quite intriguing to me as an embedded article turned Matthews Beatitudes on its head – the Anti-Beatitudes: "[Blessed are the self-sufficient': How the anti-Beatitudes explain our cultural anxieties.](#)"

"Let us today, prayerfully and humbly, ask the Lord to help us shine brightly in a world that desperately needs the peace and blessing that only God can provide."

God's Peace and Blessings,
John D.

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](#)

Youth and Children's Ministry

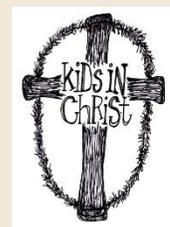
SEEK Youth Group and Kids in Christ

Kids in Christ

Last Sunday, we continued the discussion about the parable of the mother hen as we molded hens and their baby chicks. Isn't it amazing how much Jesus loves us!!!

We'll take this Sunday off for spring break, but Mrs. Sally will lead chapel during the service.

We'll gather at the church Saturday, April 9th at 10:00 a.m. to draw the Hosanna chalk art on the sidewalks around the sanctuary. Terry Wright is also going to teach us how make crosses out of palm fronds.



SEEK Youth Group

Five of our youth group (Libby, Colin, Alise, Kadyenze, and Melody) are currently staying after church on Sundays for confirmation class with Fr. Rick and Mrs. Prowse. Confirmation Sunday is April 10th. Those of you not in the



class are invited to hang out with Kids in Christ until noon, starting 3/27. We will wait until after Easter to resume our 4:00 p.m. Sunday afternoon gatherings.

Keep Colin in your prayers this week as he competes in a big-time welding competition at the Houston rodeo. Go Colin!

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 March schedule for our ministries, which is still a work in progress. Please check each week to see if there are any changes.

March 19 - Saturday

8:00 a.m. - Access Plus Ramp Build--4653 Franklin Dr.

March 20 - Sunday

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

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

11:30 a.m. - Kids in Christ--Fellowship Hall

- Youth Confirmation Class--Fellowship Hall

- *Drawn to the Cross* Group Discussion--Fellowship Hall

4:00 p.m. - SEEK Youth Group **will not meet**

March 21 - Monday

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

March 22 - Tuesday

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

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

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

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

March 23 - Wednesday

11:30 a.m. - Lunch with the Old Guys--Location to be determined.

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

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

March 24 - Thursday

7:00 p.m. - South Texas Amateur Radio Club--Fellowship Hall

March 26 - Saturday

12:00 p.m. - Ladies' Spring Soup and Salad Luncheon--Fellowship Hall

Helpful Links

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

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