

St. Mark's Episcopal Church

weekly news & updates

March 11, 2022

Upcoming Events.

Ladies' Luncheon
3/26 Sat, 12 noon

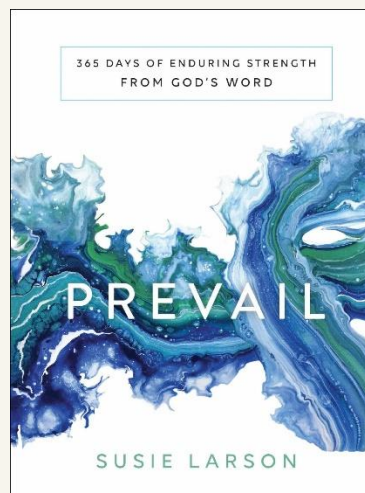
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Sunday Worship Service:
10:00 a.m.--Holy Eucharist--Sanctuary

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God's Promises



**An excerpt taken from
Prevail,
a devotional by Susie Larson.**

"Then he added, 'Son of man, let all my words to sink deep into your own heart first. Listen to them carefully for yourself.'"
Ezekiel 3:10

How often do we listen to sermons, read books, and take notes for everybody else? We hear a good point and we want to remember it for a friend. Or we hear a word of correction and wish so-and-so could hear it. But when we listen for others and not for ourselves, we skim the surface of what God is saying, and we miss the potency of God's living, breathing word to us. It's easy to view God as a content machine from whom we get tidbits of wisdom and meme-able phrases. He is the living God who spoke the world into existence. He gave us His living, active Word to teach us and train us so we could truly know Him. We need God's consistent voice in our lives like we need oxygen. And He does indeed want to speak through us, but He'll do so only to the extent that we allow Him to speak first to us. Some words will be just for us, not for public consumption. Others, God wants to season with time before we share them. And

still others, well, they must be shouted from the rooftops. How do we discern the difference? The more secure we are in Him, the easier it'll be to know when to hold our words and when to share them.

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

Daylight Savings Time

Move Your Clocks Forward

Daylight savings starts this Saturday, so don't forget to reset your clocks.



Access Plus Ramp Build

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

We tithe 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

We will have a Ladies' Luncheon Saturday, March 26th at noon in the Fellowship Hall. Bring a friend along with your favorite soup or salad to be shared with everyone. There will be more details to follow.

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

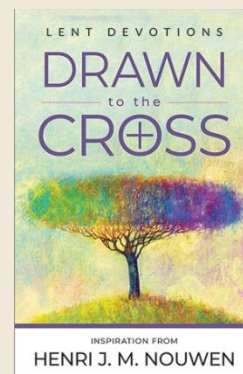


Lenten Group Discussion

Lenten Devotional Discussion

Choosing a discipline to utilize during the season of Lent can be challenging because there are so many options. One of our St. Mark's families wanted to make that choice a little easier, so they ordered a Lenten devotional for each of us. It is written by well known Christian author Henri J. M. Nouwen and is titled *Drawn to the Cross*. We'd like to encourage everyone to pick up a copy to use.

To add to the experience, each Sunday during coffee hour we're going to have a group discussion of the readings from the week before. The discussions will be facilitated by various people. So, after the service, come over to the fellowship hall, grab some refreshments, look for the table that has a display of the title pictured here, and join the group.



Search Process

Links for Search Process Resources

Hello St. Mark's. Just a note to tell you that the search committee is continuing to move forward with the mission and commission you charged us with. Please continue to pray for us and for the candidate that God has chosen for St. Mark's.



Rather than suggesting a normal Bible reading, I am putting forth a poem by the Christian apologist Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn.

*"How easy it is to live with You, O Lord.
How easy to believe in You.
When my spirit is overwhelmed within me,
when even the keenest see no further than the night,
and know not what to do tomorrow,
You bestow on me the certitude
that You exist and are mindful of me,
that all the paths of righteousness are not barred.
As I ascend in to the hill of earthly glory,
I turn back and gaze, astonished, on the road
that led me here beyond despair,
where I too may reflect Your radiance upon mankind.
All that I may reflect, You shall accord me,
and appoint others where I shall fail."*

In 1972, Solzhenitsyn publicly declared his faith and released a poem written some ten years earlier in prison. It tells us much about this man who is surely a modern hero even in a hyper-cynical world... Regardless of our individual beliefs, such devoted testimony and dedication behooves each of us to reflect again on our unique calling, our special mission on this earth.

Alonso L. McDonald, Founding Chairman of the Trinity Forum.

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 enjoyed a short lesson about Noah and obedience, then headed to the playground for some fun with our friends. Join us this week at our regular time after the service!



We'll take the day off on Sunday, March 20 as many of us wrap up Spring Break, but chapel will still meet during the service, as usual.

SEEK Youth Group

Several of our youth began confirmation class last Sunday with Fr. Rick and Mrs. Prowse. We pray for this to be a wonderful time of learning, growing in faith, and fellowship.



Youth group will NOT meet this Sunday at 4:00 p.m., but if you're not in confirmation class, stay after the service to share highs and lows with other youth, and feel free to join Kids in Christ if you'd like. We will meet on Sunday, March 20th at 4:00 p.m. for a Lenten prayer walk.

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 13 - 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 15 - 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 16 - Wednesday

12:00 p.m. - Noon Prayer Group--Fellowship Hall
5:30 p.m. - Search Committee Meeting--Fellowship Hall

March 19 - Saturday

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

Helpful Links

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

[St. Mark's Episcopal Church](#)

[Donate to St. Mark's Church](#)

[St. Mark's Church Facebook Page](#)

[Diocese of West Texas](#)

[Diocesan Newsletter and Reflection Magazine](#)

[Denison Forum--News Discerned Differently](#)

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