

St. Mark's Episcopal Church

weekly news & updates

May 19, 2022

Upcoming Events.

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.

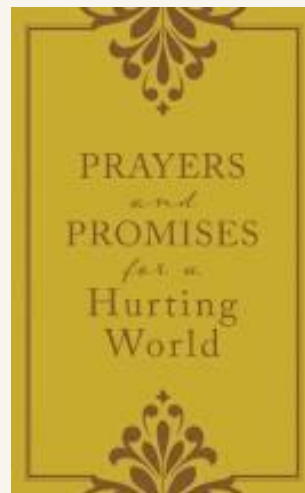
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Sunday Worship Service:

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

God's Promises



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

"God created everything through him, and nothing was created except through him. The Word gave life to everything that was created, and his life brought light to everyone."

John 1:3-4

Dear Father, I see people everywhere who speak whatever they want, whenever they want. I hear a world full of noise. People are falling into the pits their own words have created, with others tumbling in after them. I should be different, but I'm not. It's so hard to control my tongue. I pray for patience and wisdom, and I study Your Word, but when I get up off my knees or close my Bible, it's as if I had learned nothing, as if You have never changed me. The words I spew to the first person I see are so often harsh, critical, cynical.

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Lord, forgive me. Forgive me. But I feel hopeless sometimes. Am I really being sanctified? Why doesn't it show more? Give me the faith to believe what You have promised is happening. Give me faith to believe You are working in me. Give me faith to believe my sins--even the ones I have just this moment committed--are forgiven. I see the way my unconsidered words rob others of joy. Like You, I want to bring life and light to the people around me. Help me, if not to speak, then to be silent. Amen.

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

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!



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.



Vacation Bible School

VBS Planning Meeting THIS 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 this Sunday, May 22, to see where you can help! There’s something for everyone!



Swim Party

All Are Invited to a Swim Party Wandels' House, 44 Hewit THIS 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 up their home for a swim party for the entire parish. There will be games, snacks, fun in the pool, and fellowship.



Bring a snack to share and a towel, if you want to swim.
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.

The logo for the Search Committee News is a blue rectangular box. On the left, the words "SEARCH" and "COMMITTEE" are stacked vertically in white, bold, sans-serif font. A magnifying glass icon is positioned over the letter 'O' in "COMMITTEE". To the right of this, the word "NEWS" is written in a larger, white, bold, sans-serif font.

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

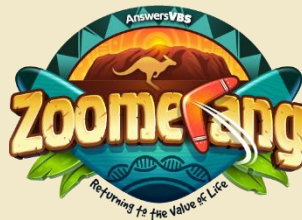
Can You Speak a Foreign Language?

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@stmarksc.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!

Kids in Christ will not meet during the summer.

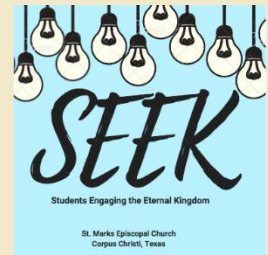


SEEK Youth Group

SEEK Youth Group will not meet during the summer.

Plan to come to the Wandels' house from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. this Sunday, May 22nd, for the swim party!

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



Diocesan Training Opportunity

Join the Episcopal Diocese of West Texas's Christian Formation Committee for a one-day, in-person Bible Study Facilitator training. Taking place at All Saints' Episcopal Church, Corpus Christi on Saturday, June 11 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., the training is open to anyone interested in facilitating a Bible study, Sunday school, small group or other formation classes for adults. Whether you are brand new to facilitating or have years of experience, this class will give you new tools and ideas to bring to your group.

The registration fee is \$20 and includes lunch. [Click here](#) to register.



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 21 - Saturday

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

May 22 - Sunday

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

11:15 a.m. - Coffee Hour--Fellowship Hall
11:15 a.m. -Vacation Bible School Planning Meeting--Fellowship Hall
NO Kids in Christ or SEEK Youth Group
3:00 p.m. - Swim Party at the Wandels' Home--44 Hewit

May 24 - 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 25 - Wednesday

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

May 26 - Thursday

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

Helpful Links

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

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[Diocese of West Texas](#)

[Diocesan Newsletter and Reflection Magazine](#)

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