

The Grapevine

September 2016

St. Mark Lutheran Church + 2109 College St SE + Lacey, WA 98503 + 360-491-2052



"I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing." – John 15:5

Pastor's Ponderings

Bishop Jaech to visit on Sunday, September 11th!

"God's Work. Our Hands."

On Sunday, September 11th, Bishop Rick Jaech will join us at St. Mark and we will join ELCA congregations around the nation and celebrate "God's Work Our Hands" Sunday. We know that as the church, as the body of Christ, we are blessed with the privilege of being the heart and hands of Christ in our world today. We reveal the presence of Christ as we act with mercy and justice, reaching out to others with love and compassion.

This special day celebrates who we are as the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America — one church, freed in Christ to love and serve our neighbor. On this day, we will renew the gift of our baptism and that each and every one of us is commissioned for ministry in Christ's name. As people of faith, we not only GO to church, but we ARE the church and are called to BE the church in the world today.

Sunday, September 11 also marks our return to two worship services at St. Mark. **Bishop Jaech will be our guest preacher** as we gather for Holy Communion at **8:30 and 11:00am**. In between these services, we will join together for a POTLUCK brunch, beginning at 9:45 and finishing with the clean up by 10:45. Please bring some "brunch" type of food to share! Kitchen help is still needed – please sign up on the sheet located on the bulletin board across from the picture wall.

We will also celebrate our newest ministry, "Clean Kids." At 10:30 we will bless the new laundry facility in our educational wing. This laundry room is designated for homeless students in our school district. Brenda McAfferty, the McKinney-Vento Homeless Liaison for the North Thurston Public Schools, will oversee the scheduling of students/families for appointments to use the Clean Kids Room. Volunteers from St. Mark and the community will staff the facility and accompany these families for these specific appointments. It is a project that has been completed with the assistance of MANY in the community! It is something to celebrate!

After the blessing of the Clean Kids Room, we will go outside to dedicate GUS — our new Garden Utility Shed. This new building safely and securely houses our garden equipment. Each year, the St.

Mark Community Garden provides thousands of pounds of fresh produce for the Thurston County Food Bank and garden space for members in our community to grow their own food.

The following week, Sunday, September 18th is Rally Sunday, where we begin our Sunday School year for adults and children. Adult classes are taking shape and are listed in this newsletter. Teachers are lined up for our preschool, elementary, and junior high/high school aged students. We are still in need of an assistant for the elementary class and a list of substitute teachers. Please prayerfully consider helping with Sunday School!

Many good and important things are happening at St. Mark. Let us go in peace and be the church in the world today! God bless you!

+ Pastor Beth

MUSIC NOTES

I am really excited to get going with the Chancel Choir in a few weeks. A few dates to note ... **Wednesday, September 7** will be our first choir rehearsal from **7-8:30pm**. All are welcome!

If you are interested in ringing with the PraisRing bell choir, they will be rehearsing on Thursday nights from **7-8:30pm** starting **September 8** under the direction of Leah Wilson. Leah is a great director.

If you have any questions about any of the music at St. Mark, feel free to contact me anytime at SMLCmusic@outlook.com.

– Terry Shaw, Music Director



RING OUT THE GOOD NEWS!

PraisRing, the Handbell Choir of St. Mark, begins rehearsals on **Thursday, September 8 at 7:00pm**. The handbell choir is open to everyone, youth and adults, with or without prior ringing or other music experience. If you're interested but unsure, please come check us out. Our rehearsals are open, so you are invited to listen and observe anytime. If you have questions or would like a hands-on tutorial, give me a "ring!"

– Leah Wilson

NEW MEMBERS

When we are connected with our faith community we pledge to support the church through our prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness. It's an opportunity to serve God with a loving church family.

If you would like to learn more about our congregation and what it means to be a member, please speak with Pastor Beth or Pastor Eric. We would love to have you join St. Mark as a member!

On **Sunday, October 30**, we will receive new members. If you would like to make St. Mark your church home, please speak with Pastor Beth.



THERE'S A NEW (BIG) KID IN OUR FAMILY!

[Jesus said] "Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs." – Mark 10:14

We give God thanks that through water and the Holy Spirit we are given new birth, cleansed from sin, and raised to eternal life. Baptized on August 14, we welcome *Amanda W* to the family of God!

WORSHIP LEADERSHIP

Want to be part of worship leadership???

We sure hope so! We love having lots of people involved in worship leadership. If you would like to serve as lector, liturgist, usher, and/or communion server, please speak to one of the pastors.

Here's an explanation of each of the ministries that make worship happen. Yes, you are welcome to assist in any or all ways! And we would love to have people of ALL AGES participate in worship leadership so encourage the children (and children, encourage the adults). Training is provided!

- ❖ **Usher:** Opens the church on Sunday, hands out bulletins, assists people to find seating, collects offering, brings communion elements forward, tidies up Sanctuary after service, and secures narthex doors at the end of worship day.
- ❖ **Welcome Host:** Hosts the Welcome Table, greets visitors, and answers questions about St. Mark.
- ❖ **Lector:** Reads the scripture lessons.
- ❖ **Liturgist:** Assists pastors in reading the prayers.
- ❖ **Communion Assistant:** Assists in serving the bread and wine/grape juice (by individual cup or chalice) during communion.
- ❖ **Altar Guild:** Sets up and cleans up the elements for communion.
- ❖ **Hospitality Hosts:** Sets up (and cleans up) coffee and refreshments in the Parish Hall between services.

ST. MARK SUNDAY SCHOOL

We are VERY excited for a new year of Sunday School at St. Mark! We offer classes for all ages. Read on to learn about several exciting developments for our children and youth.

We are eager to begin Sunday School classes again on **Sunday, September 18!** The children will meet in the sanctuary for our very first opening. Parents are asked to come to the sanctuary with their students so we can get updated information (addresses, phone numbers, birthdates, etc.). We will have music, singing, prayers, and collect an offering with John M and Kristina T-F.

This year we are thrilled to have our Sunday School offering go to “God’s Global Barnyard” through the ELCA Good Gifts program. We will collect an offering each week. At the end of our Sunday School year, students will gather for our opening and decide which animals we are purchasing for people in need around the world. Animals can make a world of difference by providing food, fertilizer, and offspring to help end poverty and hunger.

Our Preschool-Kindergarten class will be taught by Gerry and Sachi H. They will use the Spark rotation to learn stories from the Bible and fundamental truths about God — God loves us; God forgives us; God is always with us. Our youngest children will also have a new classroom that will be better suited for their needs!

Our Elementary School class will be taught by Luna S. This class will also use the Spark rotation to explore Bible stories through art, drama, games, cooking, science, and lots of fun!! Luna really needs a helper/assistant ... Please prayerfully consider helping this enthusiastic, faithful, creative, loving group of students learn more about God’s love. Our elementary students will now meet in the larger, former Preschool-Kindergarten room. This will give our ever-expanding group of students plenty of room to grow!

Our Youth class for 6th-12th grades will be taught by Darrin L and Cathy C. They will continue to meet in the youth room for an engaging video-based curriculum that inspires conversation as our older students delve into what it means to live as God’s people today!

Also, NEW TO ST. MARK, for all students!!!! ... The **first Sunday of the month** will be Service Sunday for our children! Amanda and Casey C are planning meaningful service opportunities for all our students. These projects will be things our students can do at St. Mark. There will be more about this amazing adventure in next month’s newsletter!

Many thanks to Amy B for volunteering to be our Sunday School Superintendent! If you have questions about our Sunday School program for children, or want to know how you can help, please speak to Amy or Pastor Beth.



CONFIRMATION NEWS

Confirmation is an intentional and fun time of faith formation for our youth. Confirmation will typically begin for students in 7th and 8th grades, but any student in Junior High or High School who has not participated in the Rite of Confirmation is welcome to attend (or other arrangements can be made with Pastor Beth).



Confirmation classes meet the second and fourth Monday of each month. Classes will begin on **Monday, October 24 at 6:00pm** with dinner. Parents are invited to return at 7:30 for a brief meeting. We will finish by 8:00pm. If your student is in this age group and is interested in participating in Confirmation, please speak with Pastor Beth. More information about the Mentor Program will be available soon.

EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sundays, 10:00am – Lounge

Leader: Brian S

Brian Smith will again lead this Sunday morning class and facilitate the discussions. This class will begin with a DVD-based series called *Living the Questions*. These videos give us a chance to explore a variety of topics related to our Christian faith through the voices of a diverse group of theologians, scholars, and popular leaders in the church. It should be a great way to start the fall! Come and join the conversation. Drop in whenever you can.

WOMEN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

Sundays, 10:00am – Room #9

Leader: Betty R

Women of all ages are welcome to join us on **September 18 at 10:00am** as we begin reading *Joshua – A Parable for Today* by Joseph F. Girzone. Although it is not necessary to purchase the book to attend the class (there are always plenty available), if you do be sure to check the title carefully – this author has written two books with Joshua in the title. Enjoy your summer! Hope to see you this fall!

THE GATHERING

Mondays – Lounge

Leader: Various Women

We have two Women of the ELCA Bible Studies at St. Mark – one during the day and one in the evening. This study group uses the *Gather* study from the WELCA *Gather* Magazine. Consider yourself invited, even if you do not receive the publication.

- ❖ **September 14 – Day** (second Monday/month) at 11:30am in the lounge (bring your own lunch)
- ❖ **October 3 – Evening** (first Monday/month) at 6:30pm in the lounge. Dinner is provided.

TUESDAY PASTOR’S BIBLE STUDY

Tuesdays, 10:00am – Lounge

Leader: Pastor Eric

Every **Tuesday morning at 10am** in the church lounge, a group of faithful learners, led by Pastor Eric, gathers to learn and study the Bible. We are currently exploring the Gospel of John, using a book from a series, written by N. T. Wright, called *The Bible for Everyone*. The book contains both this exceptional New Testament scholar's translation of the text, and commentary to follow each section that he covers. His work and scholarship are always engaging, thought-provoking, and insightful. All are invited to come. This is an on-going study, with no homework, so you can simply step right in, and join us.

THE BRITISH INVASION, ST. MARK STYLE!

The Beatles are coming! The Beatles are coming! On **Sunday, October 16**, we will have another Rock Star/Pop Sunday. All of the music in the service will be from the Beatles. It turns out, they had a lot of hit music, music we all know, and which is infused within all aspects of our culture.

The service will use the format of *Lessons and Carols*, one that you might see for Advent or Christmas. Come and enjoy music we all know, as we praise our God together! This would be a great service to invite a friend, as well. Our next round of this occasional Pop Service Sunday will be all Country Music. Stay tuned for details!

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS – OCTOBER 2

Born into the family of a wealthy merchant, Francis gave up his inheritance to serve poor people. He formed the Order of Friars Minor (called Franciscans), who took on poverty and the task of preaching “using words if necessary.” Francis had a spirit of gratitude for all of God’s creation.

We will celebrate St. Francis and the blessing of all creation – including God’s creatures! – on **Sunday, October 2nd**. Smaller pets will be blessed during both worship services. Larger animals (horse-sized) will be blessed in the parking lot between services.

Also on this day, we will gather pet supplies for “Concern for Animals,” a local non-profit organization that offers animal welfare services in Thurston, Mason, and Lewis Counties. Their animal food bank needs include: dog/puppy food and treats, cat/kitten food and treats, domestic bird food, non-clumping cat litter (smaller bags preferred), pet beds or blankets in good condition, dog and cat toys, leashes and collars, carriers and crates, and rabbit or guinea pig food.

Mark this date, **October 2nd**, on your calendars and watch your bulletin and emails for more information as we get closer.

BRANCHING OUT

The mission of *Branching Out* is to fulfill the needs of homeless families and unaccompanied youth in the North Thurston School District. We will be working closely with Homeless Education Liaison for North Thurston Public Schools, Brenda McAferty, to identify these needs, the majority of which will include items such as shoes, coats, backpacks, sleeping bags, and blankets.

School will be starting soon and your Branching Out Team is having a drive to supply homeless families and older unaccompanied youth in our district with backpacks, blankets, and sleeping bags. Unaccompanied youth (UY) are identified as not living with a custodial or legal guardian. Although this definition includes even a kindergartener living with a non-custodial family member, this particular drive will be for the benefit of those older, usually high school age, unaccompanied youth.



We are collecting backpacks, blankets, and sleeping bags as these older kids are the ones who likely need to move around and sleep at different homes from night to night.

Backpacks should be large and in solid, dark colors. Blankets should be twin or full-sized and easily foldable/packable. Sleeping bags should also be packable, preferably with a carrying bag. If you would prefer we do your shopping, you can make donations to St. Mark Lutheran Church, being sure to note that it is for “Branching Out”.

If you have questions, please contact any of our team:

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| Juliana A | Kelsey D, Bookkeeper |
| Dalene F | Trudy H, Creative Director |
| Michele N | Jan S, Chair |
| Margit S | Pastor Beth |

ST. MARK ENDOWMENT COMMITTEE

Each year St. Mark’s congregation through its Endowment Fund supports the mission and ministry activities of various international, local, and St. Mark Church needs. Recipients of grants this year are:

World/National Grants

1. SAFI School Project to help support a group of 33 youth who depend on St. Mark and the SAFI School Project for food Support in the amount of: \$850.
2. Prison Congregations of America (PCA) to help support the establishment of a prison congregation inside the Washington Corrections Center for Women in the amount of \$850.

Local Community Based Grants

1. Community Youth Services to support programs for youth in juvenile detention, a homeless shelter program, and other sites in the amount of \$800.

2. GRuB (Garden Raised Bounty) to support a program which re-engages students in school (and teaches to live a healthy life by participating in agriculture-based service learning activities) in the amount of \$900.

St. Mark based Grants:

1. St. Mark Garden Shed (to support building the garden shed) in the amount of \$1,200.
2. Clean Kids Program (to support future costs of the program of the laundry room) in the amount of \$500.

St. Mark's Endowment Funds are from direct contributions to the fund. There are envelopes available in the narthex for use in making a contribution. If paying by check, please denote that this is given for the Endowment Fund.

Five St. Mark members are elected to the Endowment Committee by the congregation at its Spring Congregational meeting. Endowment Committee members serve for a period of three years. They are elected on a staggered basis so as to provide consistency in the efficient duties expected of them.

Thank you for your support for this ministry. For further information, please contact any member of the committee: Milt O, Dan B, Bob B, Juliana A, and David S.

– Dan B

GOD'S WORK. OUR HANDS.

For many of you, we know giving to St. Mark is an important act of faith and a response to God's grace and love in your life. It is through your donations that we are able to carry on God's work here in Lacey and throughout the world.

If you are looking for a convenient way to make recurring contributions, we encourage you to check out these options for giving:

- ❖ Contact your financial institution and request an automatic check be debited from your account and sent to St. Mark. No check writing, no stamps, and no hassle.
- ❖ Visit us online at www.stmarklacey.org and locate the "Online Giving" button. Follow the instructions (if needed, anyone from St. Mark's web team will be happy to assist you).
- ❖ If you are a smartphone user, you can also use this QR code:
(Please be aware there is a 3% charge to St. Mark for each credit card transaction processed.)



No matter how and when you choose to give to St. Mark and its many ministries, we thank you for doing so! **God's work. Our hands.** Thanks be to God!

AROUND ST. MARK

Keep up on all things St. Mark by visiting: www.stmarklacey.org

SEPTEMBER 4 – BLESSING OF BACKPACKS

All students (young and not so young!) and teachers are invited to bring their “backpacks” and school bags filled with their school supplies to church on **Sunday, September 4** for a special blessing during Children’s Time. If you are unable to bring your school bag, come anyway to start your school year off with a blessing.

SEPTEMBER 5 – OFFICE CLOSED (OBSERVANCE OF LABOR DAY)

SEPTEMBER 7 – SENIORS TOGETHER

On **Wednesday, September 7 at 10:00am**, Seniors Together will host a presentation sponsored by the Alzheimer’s Association entitled, “The Basics: Memory Loss, Dementia and Alzheimer’s Disease.” St. Mark member Susan G will be conducting the presentation as part of her certification for the Alzheimer’s Association Speakers Bureau.

What will be covered:

- ❖ Overview of Alzheimer’s disease and other types of dementia
- ❖ How Alzheimer’s affects the brain
- ❖ Causes and risk factors
- ❖ Steps to diagnosis
- ❖ Stages of Alzheimer’s
- ❖ Treating the disease
- ❖ Hope and help

You may know someone with Alzheimer’s or someone you think may be demonstrating signs. You may even be a caretaker for someone living with Alzheimer’s or another form of dementia. Come and learn more about this disease that effects more than 5 million Americans. Please bring a snack to share if you can.

SEPTEMBER 7 – CHANCEL CHOIR REHEARSALS BEGIN

SEPTEMBER 8 – PRAISING BELL HANDBELL CHOIR REHEARSALS BEGIN

SEPTEMBER 11 – RETURN TO FALL WORSHIP TIMES – VISIT FROM BISHOP JAECH

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| 8:30am | Worship (communion served) – Bishop Jaech preaching |
| 9:30am | Potluck Brunch (help is needed!) |
| 10:30am | Clean Kids Laundry Blessing in the education wing |
| 10:30am | GUS (Garden Utility Shed) Blessing outside |
| 11:00am | Worship (communion served) – Bishop Jaech preaching |

SEPTEMBER 12 – GATHER STUDY (11:30am)

SEPTEMBER 14 – ST. MARK QUILTERS

Are you interested in quilting but just don’t know where to start? Consider this your invitation to learn from some of the best! St. Mark has an active quilting group, and regardless of your

sewing/quilting skills, there is room for you at the quilting table. Quilters meet **weekly on Wednesdays at 10:00am** in Room #8 of the education building.

SEPTEMBER 17 – HIKE

Plans for where we will hike are still in the works. Watch for more information, or talk to Pam S.

SEPTEMBER 18 – RALLY DAY

8:30am Worship (communion served)
9:45am Sunday School
10:00am Adult Education
11:00am Worship (communion served)

SEPTEMBER 24 – CHURCH CLEAN UP

St. Mark's Fall Cleanup is **Saturday, September 24 at 9:00am**. There is something for everyone – indoors and outside. Bring the family and your favorite cleaning tools/supplies and lend a hand. Snacks and a delicious lunch will be provided.

SEPTEMBER 26 – CRAFT NIGHT

Craft Night began a few years ago when a couple of St. Mark crafters thought it would be fun to gather for an evening to work on our handwork projects together. It has blossomed into a wonderful evening of dinner followed by sharing projects – and lots of laughter.

All crafters – and anyone who might want to learn a craft – are invited to join us at **6:00pm on the fourth Monday of each month** (except November and December) in the parish hall. It's always a nice dinner, pleasant company, and a chance to work on a project as well.

OCTOBER 2 – BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

OCTOBER 16 – ROCK STAR/POP SUNDAY



FOOD BANK SUNDAY

St. Mark sets aside the **first Sunday of each month** to acknowledge gifts to the Thurston County Food Bank. Please place your non-perishable food gifts on the cart just inside the parish hall doors. Money gifts can be given through St. Mark – just note “Food Bank” on the memo line.

TRANSPORTATION MINISTRY

St. Mark has a growing need for a transportation ministry. If you can provide rides to/from church for people who no longer drive (even if it's just once in a while), please contact the office.

LIVING STONES PRISON MINISTRY

Living Stones has a quarterly newsletter. If you would like to be added to their mailing list, let the church office know and we will share your email address. This is a great way to keep in touch with what is happening in this prison ministry. Check out their latest newsletter at www.livingstonesprisoncongregation.com and “like” them on Facebook at Living Stones Ministries, Southwest Washington.

CIC – CHURCH INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE

Thank you to the CIC committee and assistants for the fantastic work they have done around the church scrubbing rooms, tidying closets, and disposing of excess clutter! If you would like to be part of the CIC, talk with Margi M, Jan H, or Kate D.

CIC’s newest article about hot water heaters is posted on the St. Mark website as part of the *From the Trellis* column. Check it out at <http://www.stmarklacey.org/2016/08/infrastructure-committee-water-heaters/>.

ALTAR GUILD

Altar Guild members set up communion for Sunday mornings worship services and for special services, clean up the communion supplies after each service, and launder and maintain the regular and season altar linens. Intrigued? Talk to Diane M if you have questions about Altar Guild, would like to embroider crosses on baptism napkins, or would like to assist with set up or cleanup of communion.

PRAYING HANDS MINISTRY

St. Mark’s Praying Hands Ministry ministers through the gift of knitted or crocheted prayer shawls to people in need of comfort, strength, peace, patience, and so much more. The shawl gives a tangible example of God’s love and care as the recipient wraps up in the soft fibers of the yarn – feeling God’s arms around him or her. A prayer shawl is made with prayer; the maker of the shawl prays before, during, and after they work on the shawl.

The Praying Hands Ministry is intended to be a community ministry, one that reaches outside the walls of St. Mark. If you know someone who might benefit from a prayer shawl or if you would like to be part of this ministry team, please contact the church office.

WOMEN OF THE ELCA

Looking for opportunities to meet with other Christian women to celebrate and regenerate? An informative *SWATCH* newsletter is posted on the bulletin board in the hallway, or you can learn more at www.womenoftheelca.org or Facebook (SW WA Women of the ELCA).

EVERYDAY GRACE

Water’s Edge

When you need time alone, come to the Water’s Edge.

When troubles weigh you down, come to the Water’s Edge.

In times of happiness and blessings, give thanks at the Water’s Edge.

Give your life to God at the Water's Edge.
Don't be afraid to look for answers at the Water's Edge.
Jesus said, "Come to the water, you won't be denied."
The fulfilling water of life can be found at the Water's Edge.
The uncertainties of life can be smoothed thru Christ at the Water's Edge.
Let the grace and peace of God wash over you at the Water's Edge.

– Ken L

IN OUR COMMUNITY

MEMORY LOSS SUPPORT GROUP

Caring for someone with memory loss? Alzheimer's Association caregiver support groups provide a consistent and caring place for people to learn, share, and gain emotional support from others who are also on a unique journey of providing care to a person with memory loss.

A free information and support group for unpaid care partners, family members, and friends is held the 1st Thursday of each month from 6-8pm at the Olympia Senior Center (222 Columbia Street NW, Olympia); and the 4th Friday of each month from 1-3pm here at St. Mark. Contact Alzheimer's Association at 800-848-7097 or www.alzwa.org for more information or to find other support groups in our area.

INTERFAITH WORKS

Interfaith Works promotes interfaith understanding and serves the community through charitable, social, and education endeavors. To learn more about Interfaith Works or to read their newsletter, *Interfaith Connection*, visit their website at <http://interfaith-works.org>.

FOR THIS WE GIVE THANKS!

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: ourselves, our time, and our possessions.

- + Congratulations and God's blessings to Amie F and Stephen K, who were married at St. Mark on August 13th.
- + Jesus says, "Blessed are those who mourn, they shall be comforted." We hold in prayer all who are mourning the loss of loved ones. We pray especially for all who loved and grieve the loss of George W, husband of Mavis J. We pray for his family and friends.

As we mourn, we also give thanks for our hope in Jesus Christ, that Jesus is indeed the resurrection and the life, and that through him, we have the promise of new life! In the midst of our sorrow, we rejoice that George is experiencing the fullness of God's love for him. Thanks be to God!

+ Dear St. Mark family: Thank you for supporting me going to the 2016 Wartburg Band Camp in Iowa. Some of the classes I took included improv, instrument repair, conducting, and world drumming. I also played in the jazz band and concert band. Besides classes, I did some fun activities and made lots of new friends. It was a great experience and something I would definitely do again, so thank you in helping me go to the camp this summer!

– Ben M

+ “I want to express my gratitude for the generous donations for the book I made available to members of St. Mark. I am grateful for your kindness and continued love and support. *Loving, Losing, and Learning to Live with Loss* was (I think you would agree) a labor of love for me. I have been encouraged by the many who have written to me to share how this book has touched them. Many have expressed kind words of tender love and shared faith. I wish to thank Ken L for his work in making this distribution possible. I continue to work through my own grieving process and I know that I share that with so many of you. And yet, we learn that God’s grace is sufficient and it binds us together in a Hope that surpasses all human understanding.”

– (Retired) Pastor Alan B

+ From others:

Global Health Ministries – www.ghm.org – \$100 (July)

Thurston County Food Bank - www.thurstoncountyfoodbank.org – \$577 (June)

Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary – www.PTLS.edu – \$100 (August)

Pacific Lutheran University – www.plu.edu - \$50 (August)

Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.



Reminder: We are in our summer worship schedule with only one service at 10:00am. Our regular worship schedule of 8:30 and 11:00 will resume on **September 11th**.

CHURCH DIRECTORY UPDATES

If you have changed your phone number, email address, mailing address, etc., or would like to be included in our church directory, please contact the office (office@stmarklacey.org).

SUNDAYS & FESTIVALS READINGS

| Sunday – Festival | First Reading | Psalm | Second Reading | Gospel |
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| Sept 4 – Pentecost 16 | Deut 30:15-20 | Ps 1 | Philemon 1-21 | Luke 14:25-33 |
| Sept 11 – Pentecost 17 | Exod 32:7-14 | Ps 51:1-10 | 1 Tim 1:12-17 | Luke 15:1-10 |
| Sept 18 – Pentecost 18 | Amos 8:4-7 | Ps 113 | 1 Tim 2:1-7 | Luke 16:1-13 |
| Sept 25 – Pentecost 19 | Amos 6:1a, 4-7 | Ps 146 | 1 Tim 6:6-19 | Luke 16:19-31 |

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SEPTEMBER WORSHIP ASSISTANT SCHEDULE

Thank you for your desire to serve during worship! If your assigned date does not work for you, *you are asked to find yourself a substitute* (or trade dates with someone). After you have made the change, please let the church office know so that we are sending instructions to the correct person.

| September 4 | 10:00am |
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| Usher/Acolyte | Elaine and Kevin R |
| Communion Servers | Laura S A and Bergel Z Brian S and Violet S |
| Lector | Dan B |
| Liturgist | Rev. Linda M |
| Coffee Host | Women's Sunday School Class |
| Flowers | Gail F |
| Welcome Desk | Linda A |
| Altar Guild | Ellen and Dan A |
| Recycling | Pam and Thierry Family |
| Bulletin Folders | Jan C and Marie R |
| Bread Baker | Carol P |

| September 11 | 8:30am | 11:00am |
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| Usher/Acolyte | Lisa-Ann and Miguel Family | Lenora and Josh's Family |
| Communion Servers | Nancy McG and Connie B Lisha and Carrie Martin | Jan H and Karen G NEEDED |
| Lector | Gail F | Marv M |
| Liturgist | Vicki L | Gerry H |
| Coffee Host | SMOGs and Endowment Committee | |
| Flowers | Nancy and Larry McG | |
| Welcome Desk | Joy and Ken L | Brent C |
| Altar Guild | Laurel S A and Bergel Z | |
| Recycling | Kathy and Brent's Family | |

| September 18 | 8:30am | 11:00am |
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| Usher/Acolyte | Barb and Lloyd S | Kathy and Brent's Family |
| Communion Servers | Joy and Ken L Audrey H and Claudia B | Margot and Marv M Jan H and Judy deB |

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| Lector | Nancy G | Joyce O |
| Liturgist | Kristen G | Karen G |
| Coffee Host | Welcome Table | |
| Flowers | Amy B | |
| Welcome Desk | Jerry C and Linda A | Sachi and Gerry H |
| Altar Guild | Diane and Bob M | |
| Recycling | Laurel S A | |

| September 25 | 8:30am | 11:00am |
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| Usher/Acolyte | Kate and Gary D | Sachi and Gerry H |
| Communion Servers | Mary Ellin and Marlyn S Laurel S and NEEDED | Karen G and Karen K Darrel and Dave S |
| Lector | Lisa-Ann and Aislinn R | Marv M |
| Liturgist | Jo W | Jan H |
| Coffee Host | Adult Sunday School Class (Brian's Class) | |
| Flowers | Jerry C | |
| Welcome Desk | Barb S | Judy deB |
| Altar Guild | Diane and Bob M | |
| Recycling | Lane and Christine Family | |