

The Grapevine

March 2017

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

St. Mark Lenten Mid-Week Services for 2017

As we move from the beginning of the church year, which started in Advent four weeks before Christmas, our path is always about seeking Jesus and what he did and means for us. We are always preparing for resurrection and Easter. This is the final destination. But, there is always this final road, as well, which we call Lent, which really means spring. It is like the daffodils breaking through the snowy, hard, earth outside the church building of St. Mark. Every year, you have to break through the ground to get to full bloom, to find and experience the place of promise of new hope and life and rebirth.

For the 2017 Lenten season, we will be breaking through by means of the Lord's Prayer for our midweek Lenten services. The theme is "Teach Us to Pray," based on the Lord's Prayer in the Gospel of Matthew.

Our Wednesdays will follow the 5:45pm Soup Supper format, with worship following at 6:30. Below you will find an outline of the weeks ahead:

March 8 – Pray then in this way ... Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.

The direction of prayer...to whom do we pray?

March 15 – Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

The content of prayer ... for what are we to pray?

March 22 – Give us this day our daily bread.

Giving thanks and having enough. Giving continual thanks. How much is enough for my daily bread ... and for us as the people of God?

March 29 – And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.

The daily grind, and central message of Jesus ... forgive. Forgiven forgivers ... the double blessing of freedom that comes from God's grace.

April 5 – And do not bring us to the time of trial, but rescue us from the evil one.

Temptation, failure, redemption and freedom. The Devil is real. God is real-er!

Each week will focus on a particular petition and you will come away with a focus for prayer life for that week. I hope to see you all there, as we are reminded to pray as Jesus taught, to help us bloom to the world, in service, love, and joy.

+ Pastor Eric

CHURCH COUNCIL NEWS

FINANCIAL UPDATE

MONTH	MONTHLY			YEAR TO DATE		
	Income	Expenses	Income Less Expenses	Income	Expenses	Income Less Expenses
November	\$32,895	\$33,595	\$-700	\$357,147	\$367,210	\$-10,063
December	\$46,806	\$34,914	\$11,892	\$403,953	\$403,305	\$647 ☺
January	\$29,623	\$33,645	\$-4,022	\$29,623	\$33,645	\$-4,022



WEATHER-RELATED OFFICE CLOSURES

Hopefully our questionable weather days are behind us for the season! However, just an FYI, the church office will generally follow the North Thurston Public Schools weather-related delays and closures. Therefore, if school is canceled, the office typically will not be open. Or, if school has a delay start, the office will open later. As your staff, we will do our best to minimize the time the office is closed while also ensuring our safety. We apologize if this causes any inconvenience to you. If you have an urgent need during times that the office is closed, you are welcome to contact Pastor Beth (360-591-5533) or Pastor Eric (360-591-9949) directly.

SYNOD NEWS

EARLY APPLICATION DISCOUNT FOR LUTHERAN SUMMER MUSIC 2017

Each summer, talented young people from across the United States come together to be part of the Lutheran Summer Music (LSM) community. What they discover is a four-week home where musical excellence is achieved, lifelong friendships are born, faith is deepened, and the spark to serve is ignited.

WHO: Students completing grades 8-12. Join the 30+ world-class faculty artists and team of dedicated counselors and staff in our supportive, intentional community.

WHAT: Four weeks of residential training and performance program in Band, Choir, Orchestra, Composition and Organ

WHERE: hosted on the campus of Valparaiso University in Indiana

Make your summer plans early! [Apply now](#) to receive \$300 off of your 2017 LSM Tuition!

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, no fees, 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!

THERE ARE NEW KIDS 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. We welcome the following people to the family! Thanks be to God!

- ❖ MacKenzie K.
- ❖ Emma C., daughter of Scott and Amanda C., granddaughter of Jo W. and Vicki P.

CONFIRMATION NEWS

Confirmation classes are in full swing!

All 7th and 8th grade students are invited to attend Confirmation at St. Mark. Confirmation is an opportunity for you to grow in your faith and to have fun together!

Classes are held from **6:30 – 8:00pm** on the **second and fourth Monday of every month**. Pastor Beth teaches the confirmation program; questions, suggestions, and comments can be directed to her. Dan Bruner assists. Thank you, Dan!

Dinner will be served to the students at 6:30pm and the meal starts off with "table talk." Class activities follow. We close in prayer at 7:50pm. Parents can pick up their students at 8:00pm.

CLASSES ARE AS FOLLOWS: (An "*" indicates it is a Mentor Night)

March 13* – Dinner: Lisha

March 27 – Dinner: Aaron

April 10* – **No class - Holy Week**

April 24 – Dinner: Alex

May 8* – Dinner: Hunter

May 22 – Dinner: Adam

Confirmation Sunday is **Pentecost, June 4th** at the 10:00 service.

ST. MARK ENDOWMENT FUND

Every year the congregation of St. Mark offers grants from its Endowment Fund to local, national, regional and international nonprofits and for special maintenance or capital projects at St. Mark. Last year six organizations benefited from this fund. The Endowment Fund has helped:

- ♦ students in Africa with meals,
- ♦ local students earn their high school degrees,
- ♦ prison congregations be established in a women's correction center,
- ♦ local kids in juvenile detention get services,
- ♦ partially fund GUS (the garden utility shed), and
- ♦ the Clean Kids laundry program.

These funds directly help a wide variety of people in all walks of life.

With your help, a monthly donation, yearly gift, or planned gift in your will would ensure that these gifts can continue to change people's lives. A whole lot of little bits can add up to a great service.

The Endowment Fund committee is currently accepting applications for grants. If you represent or know of a charitable organization in need of funds, please submit a proposal to the Endowment Committee of St. Mark Lutheran Church by **March 17, 2017** for consideration. As a reminder, only organizations with an IRS 501c3 designation are eligible to receive a grant. Grants will be made in April and the approved recipients will be contacted as to the date and procedure.

Thank you to all who have faithfully contributed to the Endowment Fund. Without your continued support this mission of our church would not be possible.

Endowment Committee Members:

Milt O., Bob B., Dan B., Dave S. and Juliana A.

LIVING GENEROUSLY

Through Thrivent Choice, members can recommend where some of Thrivent Financial's charitable outreach funds go. St. Mark received \$3,025 in 2016 Choice Dollars, and council approved the distribution as follows:

- \$220 Thurston County Food Bank Birthday Bag Program*
- \$440 Lacey Parks Summer Lunch Program*
- \$660 North Thurston School District Homeless Children Clothing Program*
- \$825 St. Mark Community Garden*
- \$880 St. Mark Neighbors Fund*



A huge thanks to St. Mark members who directed Thrivent Choice Dollars to St. Mark, and to the members who applied for funds and work with programs to meet local needs. If you have questions about Thrivent Financial or the Choice Dollars program, please visit with Robert A.

EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sundays, 10:00am – Lounge

Leader: Brian S.

This class follows 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. 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! We are reading *Joshua – A Parable for Today* by Joseph F. Girzone. It is not necessary to purchase the book to attend the class – there are always plenty available.

THE GATHERING

Mondays – Lounge

Leader: Various Women

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

- ❖ **March 6** at 6:30pm in the lounge. Dinner is provided.
- ❖ **March 13** at 11:30am in the lounge. Bring your own lunch.

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 follows each section that he covers. This is an on-going study, with no homework, so you can simply step right in. Join us!

SAFI SCHOOL PROJECT

Fantastic News ... All 57 Safi-sponsored students are at Bishop Durning High School!

It is a miracle that the transfers all got done in the right timeline for the start of school. Thank you sponsors for your continued support and trusting that your students would be enrolled in the new school. We owe Baraka a HUGE thank you for all the support he has given to Safi and the students. Now, on with learning. The future looks bright.

The Form 2, second year students, test results have just arrived. Congratulations to our students for their hard work, to Safi and teachers for the support they gave in ensuring they gained their best possible grades.

There are many outstanding individual achievements, a huge number of students achieving the highest B's and A's grades, showing what can be achieved through dedication, commitment and maximum effort. This demonstrates the powerful blend of great teaching and hard work on the part of staff and the students.

Of the 41 students who tested:

12 earned Division 1 = A of Tanzania Education – **Very Rare**

9 earned Division 2 = B or B+

11 earned Division 3 = C or C+

8 earned Division 4 = D and passing

Bob and Ruth B. and their family left for Arusha, Tanzania on January 22, 2017. They visited the new school, Bishop Durning, and the Mosha family. Their son climbed Mt. Kilimanjaro as well. The B. family experienced traveling mercies.

Haba nah aba, hujaza kibaba (little by little fills the pot),
– Kristina T-F

AROUND ST. MARK

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

MARCH 8 – SOUP SUPPER AND LENT WORSHIP SERVICE

5:45 – 6:25pm Soup and bread supper

6:30 – 7:10pm Worship

Please sign up if you are able to bring soup, bread, or assist with setup/cleanup. A signup sheet is posted on the bulletin board across from the restrooms (next to Pastor Eric's office). Thank you!

MARCH 12 – DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME STARTS

We're FINALLY about to enjoy more light in the evening! Daylight Savings Time starts at 2:00am on **March 12**. Remember to turn your clocks **forward** an hour before you go to bed Saturday night!



MARCH 15 – SOUP SUPPER AND LENT WORSHIP SERVICE

5:45 – 6:25pm Soup and bread supper

6:30 – 7:10pm Worship

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MARCH 22 – SOUP SUPPER AND LENT WORSHIP SERVICE

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6:30 – 7:10pm Worship

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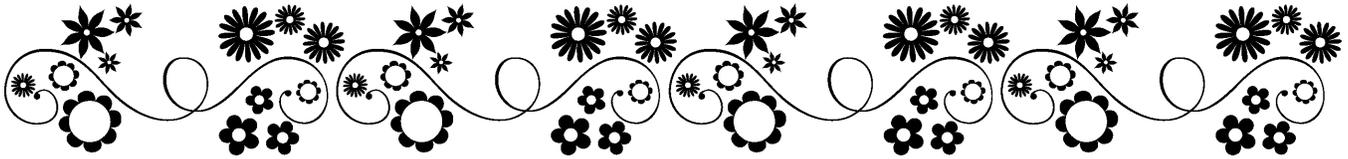
MARCH 29 – SOUP SUPPER AND LENT WORSHIP SERVICE

5:45 – 6:25pm Soup and bread supper
6:30 – 7:10pm Worship

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MARCH 27 – CRAFT NIGHT

Crafters gather one night a month for an evening of fellowship, a good meal, and time to work on our individual crafts or learn a new craft. All crafters (and anyone who wants to craft) are invited to join us on **Monday, March 27 at 6:00pm** in the parish hall. Dinner is provided.



APRIL 2 – 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.

APRIL 5 – SENIORS TOGETHER

At the April gathering on **April 5 at 10:00am**, Seniors Together will be assembling Easter baskets for the children of St. Mark. During the month of March, they are looking for donations of Easter candy. You can give your candy to Diane M. or drop it by the church during regular office hours (9-5, Monday-Thursday). We would love to have you join us to assemble the baskets!

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APRIL 8 – CHURCH CLEAN UP

It's Spring Cleaning time around St. Mark! Mark your calendar for **Saturday, April 8 starting at 9:00am**. Many hands make light work – so bring the kids and teens – we always have a good time beautifying the church and grounds. Bring your special cleaner and favorite work tools and join in the fun! Refreshments and a tasty lunch will be provided.



Palm Sunday (April 9) – 8:30 and 11:00am services

Maundy Thursday (April 13) – 7:00pm service

Good Friday (April 14) – 12:00 noon and 7:00pm services

Easter Sunday (April 16) – 8:30 and 11:00am services (serving breakfast between services; no Sunday School or education classes this day)

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 seasonal 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. There is always a need for more volunteers for this ministry.

CIC – CHURCH INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE

Thank you to the CIC committee and assistants for the work they continue to do around the church scrubbing rooms, tidying closets, and disposing of excess clutter! Please extend a welcome to CIC's newest members: Casey C. and Jeff P. To learn more about St. Mark's infrastructure, visit www.stmarklacey.org and click on *From the Trellis*.

CLEAN KIDS

Our "Clean Kids" program is underway and looks to be successful. As we continue forward, glitches that pop up (pipes during freezing temperatures ☹️) are being taken care of. A sincere thank you to our volunteers and for suggestions offered. If you would like to be a part of this ministry, please call Nancy G. or Marilyn A.

NOTE: Clean Kids is running low on the following supplies:

- ❖ HE (high efficiency) liquid laundry soap
- ❖ Fabric softener
- ❖ Bounce dryer sheets
- ❖ Individually packaged food snacks
- ❖ NEW socks (boys, girls, women, and men)



You can leave your donations in the Clean Kids laundry room or place them in the white bucket outside the church office door. Thank you!

CRAFT NIGHT

All crafters – and anyone who might want to learn a craft – are invited to join us on the **forth Monday of each month** (except November and December) as we gather to work on our handwork projects together. This is a wonderful evening of fellowship and dinner (provided) followed by sharing projects and ideas.

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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.

St. Mark is visiting Living Stones on **Saturday, March 4**. Thank you for your clothing, toiletries, and monetary donations to the Living Stones 180 Project Transition Program. These items will provide the newly released men with a simple sign of care by providing a few necessities as they return to society.

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.

QUARTER CIRCLE BOOK GROUP

Quarter Circle is more than just dinner and chatter – it’s a reading group experience! If you enjoy books and talking about what you have read, join us! We meet quarterly (next meeting is in May – book choice to be announced).

SMOGs

St. Mark Old Guys (SMOGs) are a group of St. Mark men who enjoy fellowship, preparing and sharing breakfast, and tending to fix-it projects around the church. You DON’T have to be a senior to be part of this group! SMOGs meet weekly on **Thursdays at 8:30am** in the parish hall.

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 9:30am** in Room #8 of the education building.

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 on their Facebook page (SW WA Women of the ELCA). Mark your calendars for these 2017 events:

- ❖ **Olympic Cluster Spring Celebration** – March 25 at Silverdale Lutheran Church
- ❖ Southwest Washington Synod **Spring Retreat** – May 19-21 at Dumas Bay Centre, Federal Way
- ❖ **Rummage Sale** – July (dates TBA) at Peninsula Lutheran Church in Gig Harbor
Fundraiser for [Empowering Life](#).
- ❖ **All Anew Women of the ELCA 10th Triennial Gathering** – July 13-16 in Minneapolis, MN
Registration is \$350; register at <http://www.welcatg.org/registration-2017>.

FRED MEYER REWARDS

The Kroger Family of Stores (Fred Meyer) is committed to bringing hope and help to local communities. They do this through a variety of activities, including charitable giving, sponsorships, and the unique *Community Rewards Program of Fred Meyer*.

For more information about this program or to link your Fred Meyer Reward Card to St. Mark (our number is #86193), go to www.fredmeyer.com/communityrewards. The more supporters that shop with Fred Meyer, the more money St. Mark will earn!

GLIMPSES OF GRACE

A man and a woman look at each other on their wedding day and realize they have more love to give than they ever imagined.

A new mother looks at her just born child and wonders how could I not have more love to give to this precious baby.

A father thinks as he plays with children, these kids need not worry because I will always have more love to give them.

When we look at our friends and neighbors do we remember that no matter the circumstances we have more love to give.

God looked down on His Son and He was led to the cross and said, "Yes, I do have more love to give."

– Ken L.

SUNDAYS & FESTIVALS READINGS

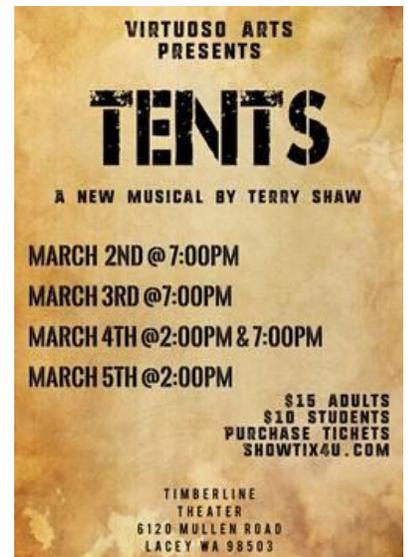
Sunday – Festival	First Reading	Psalm	Second Reading	Gospel
Mar 1 – Ash Wednesday	Joel 2:1-2, 12-17	Ps 51:1-17	2 Cor 5:20b – 6:10	Matt 6:1-6, 16-21
Mar 5 – 1 Lent	Gen 2:15-17; 3:1-7	Ps 32	Rom 5:12-19	Matt 4:1-11
Mar 12 – 2 Lent	Gen 12:1-4a	Ps 121	Rom 4:1-5, 13-17	John 3:1-17
Mar 19 – 3 Lent	Exod 17:1-7	Ps 95	Rom 5:1-11	John 4:5-42
Mar 26 – 4 Lent	1 Sam 16:1-13	Ps 23	Eph 5:8-14	John 9:1-41

IN OUR COMMUNITY

TENTS – AN ORIGINAL MUSICAL

There will be no Olympia Choral Society (OCS) 2017 spring concert, but be sure to take in *TENTS*, a new musical by Terry Shaw, director of St. Mark’s Chancel Choir.

TENTS is a story of stories and gives a glimpse into the lives of eight homeless people. You can buy tickets online at showtix4u.com – just search for *TENTS*. Tickets will be available at the door but as this is a smaller venue, you should purchase your tickets in advance. A portion of the proceeds will benefit the Homeless Backpack Program at Timberline High School.



AN EVENING WITH CHOPIN

In partnership with the Lacey-Minsk Mazowiecki Sister City Association, South Puget Sound Community College welcomes talented Polish pianist Jacek Nazarczuk to perform an ode to 19th century Polish composer Frederic Chopin. Nazarczuk will be joined onstage by two local Chopin competition winners for an evening dedicated to expressing the works of Chopin. The concert is Saturday, March 25 at 7:30pm at the Minnaert Center Main Stage on SPSCC’s campus, 2011 Mottman Road SW, Olympia. (For more info and ticket info, visit www.washingtoncenter.org/event/spscc-chopin/)

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.

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). Please contact the office for recent updates.

BLESSED ARE WE

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.

- + 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 **Jim S.** (died December 9), **Kay J.** (died December 24), **Cal O.** (died December 30), and **Pam T.** (died February 3). We continue to pray for their families 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 Jim, Kay, Cal, and Pam are experiencing the fullness of God’s love for them. Thanks be to God!

- + To all my brothers and sisters in Christ at St. Mark Lutheran Church:
May 1, 2016, was my first Sunday. I sat in the back for a long time, slowly I moved closer to the front. Somewhere in between I talked to Pastor Eric about family problems. Pastor Eric said we will be your family. A new dawn emerged. What Pastor Eric meant is that everyone at St. Mark is my new family! We will love you for just who you are. Everything Pastor Eric said came true. I give the praise and glory to Jesus my redeemer for opening my heart to his love, in turn my heart opened to all your love. God bless to all who raised me in prayer to Jesus. I love all of you! One thing though, I love Jesus more because if not for His grace and mercy Jesus interceded on my behalf because of all your prayers. In the name of Jesus, love all of you.

– Paul P.

- + We would like to thank our church family for the prayers, delicious meals, phone calls, sitting with Karen while Don shopped, cards, and visits during Karen’s surgery, unexpected hospital problems, and long after-surgery recovery period. We also appreciate Pastor Beth sitting with us for many hours during one of the worst days at the hospital. We really appreciate all this and it made this difficult period much easier to cope with. While there are still many months of pain and physical therapy ahead, we think the worst is over. It is certainly nice to be part of a church with so many caring and gracious people.

– Karen and Don G.

- + Thank you “for the use of your facility – the beautiful building and its furnishings; the generosity of members who served as ushers, who presented the lovely reception, who brought the cookies and breads shared at that reception; the participation of Pastor Beth in presenting a beautiful and memorable service for Mom. ... And from both of us, our many thanks for helping us to put together a celebration worthy of a very special lady.

– Becky J. and Julie J.-D.

+ Thank you so much for your donation. It is very much appreciated and will go a long way! Thanks for helping those who cannot help themselves.

– Concern for Animals

+ **From others:**

Global Health Ministries – www.ghm.org – \$75 (February)

Thurston County Food Bank - www.thurstoncountyfoodbank.org – \$1,100 (October - December)

Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary – www.PTLS.edu – \$300 (November, December & January)

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

Living Stones Prison Congregation – \$425 (October thru January)

Lutheran World Relief – www.lwr.org

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.

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