

The Lion's Roar



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**All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit.
—Acts of the Apostles 2:4a**



Pastor's Corner



It was late at night in ancient Palestine when Jesus chatted famously with a friend about the Holy Spirit (among other things). He said, “The Spirit blows where it wishes, and you hear the sound of it, but cannot tell where it comes from and where it goes” (John 3:8). Well, maybe back then Jesus’ friends didn’t know where the Spirit comes from or where it goes — but we do.

The Holy Spirit is moving in and out from you. It’s so plainly evident. Look at the worship you offer God, at the time you take to quiet yourselves and thank God for this miracle of life. Look at the work you offer in compassion to the world, at the time you give in care for neighbors, at the money you invest in the mission of Good News for children around the world. Talk with the youth who confirm their faith and to those who lead us in prayer and in practical service. Talk with the preschool families, the Yorktown chorale singers, the children at Family Focus, the diners at Café St Mark, the audiences of Sine Nomine concerts, the recipients of

Mended Hearts pillows and of warm quilts: the Holy Spirit moves in and out from you to make our community at home in this house of prayer.

Last month as our global communion gathered in Namibia, I shared pocket prayer shawls from St Mark with bishops, pastors, deacons and delegates from around the world: they all gave genuine thanks to know they were held in prayer by a congregation most would never meet face-to-face. But when I shared those same pieces with children from local congregations, the kids smiled and danced and clutched their small shawls close: the gift of the Spirit flowed out from you into their hands and hearts because even the smallest knew it was a sign of being noticed and of being loved. What better can we give? What more can we desire? God the Holy Spirit is alive in you—and through you to the world—and from God’s children in the world back to you. This is what it means to belong to Christ, to love and to share in peace. This is what gathers us as St Mark. This is what blesses us with the gifts of Pentecost to usher in all the world – bring your friends, tell your neighbors – to live in this Holy Spirit of Life!

*In Jesus’ Spirit and in peace,
Pastor Joel*

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Welcome Bowden Family!

St Mark would like to welcome the Bowdens to our church family. Linwood (Ray) and Nancy Bowden come to us from Ware Church in Gloucester. They have four daughters and eleven grandchildren! The Bowdens currently re-

side in Gloucester, Virginia. When asked about joining St Mark Lutheran Church, they say they are "glad we found you all!" We're glad you did too, Ray and Nancy! We look forward to getting to know the Bowden family.



Sine Nomine Series Continues at St Mark

As a part of the 50th anniversary year of celebration the Sine Nomine Series and St Mark Lutheran Church are delighted to partner with the Senior Center of York to present Thomas Pandolfi on July 14, 2017 at 1 PM. Thomas Pandolfi is an exciting piano virtuoso who is sought after by audiences worldwide, and showered with superlatives by critics for his passionate artistry and amazing technique. His programs feature beloved masterpieces such as Tchaikovsky, Rachmaninov, and Liszt, to familiar "pops" compositions such as Rhapsody in Blue, Warsaw Concerto, and the James Bond Concerto.

groups such as the National Philharmonic, The Ohio Valley Symphony, The North Charleston Pops, and The Amadeus Orchestra. This past year took him to 18 states, Europe and China.

A graduate of The Juilliard School, Pandolfi earned both his Bachelor's and Master's degrees as a scholarship student. He is the father of two beautiful children, and resides in Washington, DC.

The program is free and open to the public. Invite your neighbors, your friends, your co-workers, and your relatives. Contributions will be accepted to help with expenses. A reception following the program will provide an opportunity to meet and talk with the Mr. Pandolfi, and purchase recordings. Call 898-4395 for additional information.

Thomas has appeared around the country with



It is with heavy hearts we said goodbye to Cathy Caffacus, our Church Communications Facilitator. She has started full time work with benefits. We thank Cathy for all that she has brought to St Mark. Her professionalism, design skills, and cheerful attitude will be missed.



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**PJ's Faith Fable:
The Wheatears and the Rhinoceros**

The tiny wheatears traveled farther than any other songbird, flying from Alaska's frozen autumn to the warmer regions of equatorial Uganda. When the teeny wheatears landed in Africa, they were welcomed by a strange and giant beast: its lips were strong and square; its head held two great growths; its neck was high and humped; its shoulders were as tall as the head of a full-grown man; it wandered through the woods and waters, eating up plants as it passed. And the wheatears thought of every animal they'd ever seen and tried to decide what this new beast could possibly be.

“We don't know your name, but we can deduce
from all we have known that you must be a *moose*,”

sang the songbird wheatears – but the beast replied,

“Oh? What is a *moose*? Who's called by that name?
Could I and this thing called a moose be the same?”

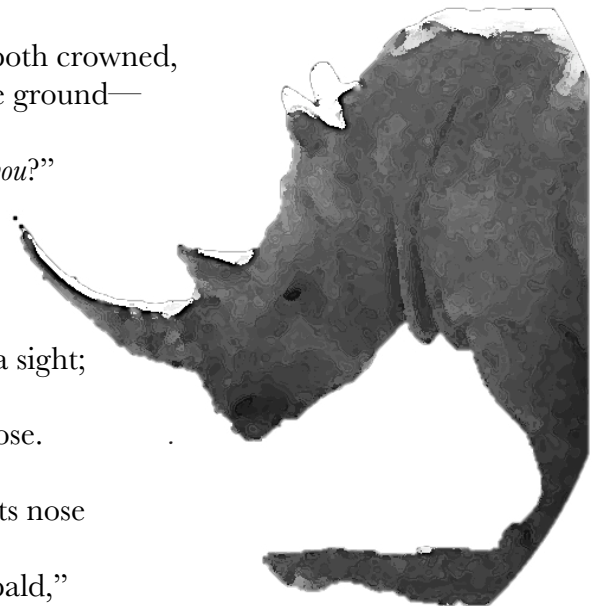
The little wheatears sang again,

“Your lips are both squared, your heads are both crowned,
your necks are both humped up high over the ground—
you wander alike and eat alike too.
You must be a moose, or what else could be *you*?”

The strange and giant beast sighed:

“I must be a moose. The birds must be right;
they've flown here and there and seen many a sight;
they've seen more than I, so I can deduce
I must be this beast that these birds call a moose.

A moose's squared face must grow horns on its nose
and walk like I walk on my feet of three toes
with tree trunks for legs, with skin thick and bald,”
— Rhinoceros thought — “if by ‘MOOSE’ I am called.”



*The LORD does not see as mortals see;
they look on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart.*
(1 Samuel 16:7b)

Financial Snapshot for April

	Apr 2017 Actual	Apr 17 Budget	Difference		2017 YTD Actual	2017 YTD Budget	Difference
Income	\$49,632	\$45,224	\$4,408		\$130,776	\$135,672	(\$4,896)
Expenses	\$44,165	\$45,224	(\$1,059)		\$133,654	\$135,672	(\$2,018)
Difference	\$5,467	\$0	\$5,467		(\$2,878)	\$0	(\$2,878)

- Income for April was above our budget by \$4,408.
- Expenses for April were below our budget by \$1,059.
- For the month of April we are in the black by \$5,467, thanks to careful spending and generous giving. Year-to-date, we have a slight deficit of \$2,878.
- Your generosity in giving continues to support our vision and mission and has given us a surplus for the month. As Paul states in 2 Corinthians 8:3: "For they gave according to their means, as I can testify, and beyond their means, of their own accord." Thank you all!

Stewardship for the month of June

Day of Pentecost June 4		
8AM Holy Communion		11AM Holy Communion
	Acolytes	
	Communion/Jr.	
Judy Theodosakis	Lectors	Art Pedersen
Tom & Tammy Williams	Tellers	Tom & Tammy Williams
	Sacristy	

June 18		
8AM Holy Communion		11AM Holy Communion
	Acolytes	
	Communion/Jr.	Dan & Pat Silvis
	Lectors	
Dan & Pat Silvis	Tellers	Dan & Pat Silvis
	Sacristy	

Bulletins: John & Anne Booze

June 11		
8AM Holy Communion		11AM Holy Communion
	Acolytes	
	Communion/Jr.	
	Lectors	Catherine Luinetti
Monte & Audrey Correll	Tellers	Monte & Audrey Correll
	Sacristy	

Communion Elements: Jerry & Betty Hefner in honor of their 52nd wedding anniversary

June 25		
8AM Holy Communion		11AM Holy Communion
	Acolytes	
	Communion/Jr.	
	Lectors	
Gail Tegeler / Charles Rossi	Tellers	Gail Tegeler / Charles Rossi
	Sacristy	

Bulletins: Jim & Cindy MacPherson in honor of their 48th wedding anniversary

Communion Elements: Pat & Dan Silvis in honor of son-in-law Kevin Lee's birthday

If you would like to participate in Worship as a Lector, Acolyte, Communion Assistant/Junior Communion Assistant, Sacristy Duty, or Usher, please talk with Pastor Joel or contact the church office: 898-4395.

Announcements

Thank you to everyone at St Mark, who helped to make May Friendship Day a great success. Church Women were truly united in shredding chicken and cheese and the assembly line production of lunch, united in setting and decorating the tables and the Sanctuary for our program. United in worshiping the One God, and celebrating together how we serve Him in our communities. As I said in the program, we do not give awards for I feel we are all award winners. We have all already been given the greatest award, from God in the presence of his Son Jesus.

I personally want to thank the ladies of Dorcas Circle for their faith and compassion and calmness of spirit in helping me through my anxiety, for their steadfastness is a blessing.

The theme for 2017 is "Kindling New Fires of Love, Hope, and Peace". I invite you to join me in the future celebrations. There is no age limit, no reservations and no financial commitments. Come and worship and Pass it on. Thank you, Nancy Wagner.

June is the last month to sign up for tickets to attend the Virginia Symphony's performance of The Reformation Sypmphony. This performance is November 3, 2017, 7:30 PM, at the CNU Ferguson Center for the Performing Arts. The

group of tickets will be purchased early in July. The program will include one of Felix Mendelssohn's grandest symphonies, one written "to celebrate the Church Revolution," together with the piece that inspired it – Bach's Cantata no. 80. Also programmed are two wonderful keyboard concerti from Bach's hand, performed by the renowned international star and best-selling pianist Simone Dinnerstein in her first performance ever in Hampton Roads.

Virginia Synod

Assembly: June 9 - 11 are the dates for the Synod Assembly. Contact Phil or Sandy Hopkins if you have any input on the election of the new Bishop. Please pray for all the delegates as they make this important decision of electing a Bishop.

Annual Congregational

Meeting: On Sunday, June 25, 2017, we will have one combined service at 10:00 AM, to be followed immediately after by our congregational meeting (approx. 11:00 AM). After the meeting we will enjoy a potluck luncheon together (around Noon). Please bring a dish to share. All are welcome and encouraged to attend this important meeting.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

June Birthdays

2 Erin Krist	17 James MacPherson
2 Pat Meckley	18 Jim Doherty
3 Maggie Annett	19 Sally Cabell
4 Audrey Correll	19 Gabrielle Stevans
4 Declan Doherty	20 Beckett Behel
4 Delaney Stickler	23 Duane Melson
5 Andrew Teigeler	23 Rolene Stewart
6 Danny Forrest II	25 Elizabeth Word
6 Bill Pettigrew	26 Kristen Holden
8 Hanna Borgstrom	26 Annette Nagraj
9 Stan Wagner	26 June Rossi
10 Galilee Neubauer	26 Shannon Stickler
12 Andrew Sabochick	27 Leslie Clark
13 Christy Lumm	29 David Cabaniss
16 Lily Courtemanche	29 Scott Cabaniss
17 Jerry Hansbrough	

June Anniversaries

2 Jessica & Travis Hopkins
5 Bette Faye & Virgil King
6 Darlena & Joshua Gary
9 Sue Peters & Everett Skipper
10 Brenna & Steve Behel
11 Jim Ed & Marie Crouch
12 Betty Hefner & Jerry Hefner, Sr.
19 Danielle & Joel Neubauer
21 Josette & Mike Walker
23 Jason & Nathalie Anderson
26 Jennifer & Michael Graver
28 Sandi & Steve James
28 Cindy & James "Mac" MacPherson
29 Brian & Karen Taminger

Congratulations

Music at St Mark

St Mark Choir is the best!! We have a committed and faithful group of people making music together. We worship, we sing, we laugh, we pray, we practice diligently, and we deepen our faith with our relationships and time spent together. This past year has been another year of offering great music and of expanding our choir ministry. Let this be a public “thank you” from me and the people of St Mark for the weeks of music offered this past church year, for the commitment to the music ministry, for the work of worship planning, for the hearts and minds that have invested in this calling.

To celebrate, we invite all people of St Mark to another...Summer Potluck and Hymn Sing

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 28, 5:30-7PM

Bring a dish, the tables will be set, the piano will be tuned and the voices will gather to sing the most beloved songs of our faith.

Fun, food and music for all! Dessert will be provided.

July and August will be a time of hiatus for the choir. Choir members take a break from the rehearsal routine as rehearsals are suspended until the fall. Music during worship is enriched with the voices in the congregation. The fall of 2017 is already resounding with praise as we look forward to our celebrations of 500th and 50th Anniversaries in the months to come.

Thank you St Mark

St Mark plays an increasingly important role in the lives of the children at the Refugio de Los Suenos in Quito, Ecuador. When the government announced that they would no longer support the Refugio, St Mark rose to the occasion. Closing the Refugio and sending the children back into the streets was not an option. Thanks to your love and concern 172 children continue to know God's love and to have the opportunity for a brighter future.

Highlights of what your sponsorship provided over the past year...

1. A total of 313 children at the Refugio and surrounding community received medical attention.
2. 270 children had lab work done resulting in 144 children being treated for having one or more types of parasites.
3. 228 children received

medical attention requiring a doctor's appointment.

4. All the children received vitamins

5. 203 children were diagnosed and treated in the Dental Clinic at the Refugio.

6. A total of 690 dental appointments were completed at 3 or more appointments per child.

7. Children with Special Needs (continue to have their specific needs met

8. The children are now receiving a nutritious meal consisting of a soup, salad, main course, side dish and

fresh juice to drink

9. Instructional workshops were offered to the children on a wide variety of topics such as Abuse, Values, Bullying, and Prevention of drug and alcohol use, to name a few. Attendance averaged 70 +- children per session.

10. Evening workshops

were held on the same topics for adults. An average of 50+- attended.

11. 172 children had the opportunity to go to school receiving uniforms, school shoes, PE uniforms and jackets as well as school supplies when needed.

12. Children continue to receive instruction in Carpentry, Baking, Life Skills, to name a few.

13. 8 former Refugio children went on to higher learning.

14. Mirian Taco, a former Refugio child, graduated with a law degree in order to help children and families in crisis.

These are only a few of the many gifts you have given the children through your sponsorship and prayers. May God continue to bless you and St. Mark for the work you do in his name.

The children at the Refugio de Los Suenos in Quito, Ecuador were thrilled to receive photos of their “Padrinos”.



June Calendar

(Events and meetings are subject to change. Please check our online calendar: smlconline.org for updates).

Date	Day	Event	Time	Place
1	Thursday	Liturgical Arts	10:00 AM	Rm. 216
		Koinonia Group	7:00 PM	Library
3	Saturday	Lady Lutherans	9:30 AM	Offsite
4	Sunday	Worship w/ HC	8:00 AM	Sanctuary
		Café St Mark	9:00 AM	Narthex
		Sunday School	9:30 AM	Classrooms
		Worship w/ HC	9:30 AM	Sanctuary
		Worship w/ HC	11:00 AM	Sanctuary
5	Monday	Knitting Group	10:30 AM	Library
		GPS Bible Study	1:00 PM	Library
6	Tuesday	York County Minister's Prayer Group	11:00 AM	Chapel
		Clergy Cluster	12:00 PM	
7	Wednesday	Men's Bible Study	6:00 PM	Narthex
8	Thursday	Liturgical Arts	10:00 AM	Rm. 216
		Ecuadorian Committee	6:30 PM	Library
9	Friday	VA Synod	-----	Salem VA
10	Saturday	Lady Lutherans	9:30 AM	Offsite
11	Sunday	Worship w/ HC	8:00 AM	Sanctuary
		Café St Mark	9:00 AM	Narthex
		Sunday School	9:30 AM	Classrooms
		Worship w/ HC	9:30 AM	Sanctuary
		Worship w/ HC	11:00 AM	Sanctuary
		Second Sunday Home Communion	12:30 PM	Offsite
12	Monday	Knitting Group	10:30 AM	Library
		GPS Bible Study	1:00 PM	Library
13	Tuesday	Dorcas Circle	9:30 AM	Library
		Office Staff Meeting	2:00 PM	Library
14	Wednesday	Men's Bible Study	6:00 PM	Narthex
15	Thursday	Liturgical Arts	10:00 AM	Rm. 216
		Koinonia Group	7:00 PM	Library
17	Saturday	Lady Lutherans	9:30 AM	Offsite
18	Sunday	Worship w/ HC	8:00 AM	Sanctuary
		Café St Mark	9:00 AM	Narthex
		Worship w/ HC	9:30 AM	Sanctuary
		Worship w/ HC	11:00 AM	Sanctuary
19	Monday	Knitting Group	10:30 AM	Library
		GPS Bible Study	1:00 PM	Library
21	Wednesday	Men's Bible Study	6:00 PM	Narthex
22	Thursday	Liturgical Arts	10:00 AM	Rm. 216
24	Saturday	Lady Lutherans	9:30 AM	Offsite
25	Sunday	Café St Mark	9:00 AM	Narthex
		Combined Worship Service	10:00 AM	Sanctuary
		Congregational Meeting	11:00 AM	Narthex
		Council Meeting	12:30 PM	Library
26	Monday	Knitting Group	10:30 AM	Library
		GPS Bible Study	1:00 PM	Library
28	Wednesday	Potluck and Hymn Sing	5:30 PM	Narthex & Sanctuary
		Men's Bible Study	6:00 PM	Narthex
29	Thursday	Liturgical Arts	10:00 AM	Rm. 216

Sunday Church School September- June

All Classes begin at 9:30 AM

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd	(Pre-school [3 years] – K5)
Rotational Sunday School	(1st – 5th graders)
Quest Class	(6th, 7th and 8th graders)
Senior High Class	(9th – 12th graders)
Adult Sunday School	

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