

February 11, 2018

St Mark Lutheran Church, Yorktown
Weekly News and Prayer Concerns



“Get Mark and bring him with you, for he is useful in my ministry.”
—2 Timothy 4:11b

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Today is **\$1 Sunday** to benefit the **York County Food Closet**. Collected canned goods and Food Lion debit cards are given to more than 2,000 yearly clients of the York County Church Women United Food Closet. Cash donations are urgently needed to keep this ministry open. Please place \$1 (or more) in the envelope provided and include it with your offering or in the basket in the Narthex. Your donations **MAKE** a difference!

Youth Choir: Thank you for the music these last 5 weeks Bekah and Zhen Haskin, Samantha and Kendra Stanley, Maggie Annett and Maria Walker. Your participation in worship and your beautiful voices have blessed us!

A Lenten Offering: Each Sunday, in partnership with York-Poquoson Social Services, we will gather an offering of full-size personal care items for our neighbors as these items are not provided under SNAP (food stamps). We will have collection baskets in the Narthex and will bless everything on Maundy Thursday Worship. Week 1 begins next Sunday, Feb. 18th and we are asking for full-size **bars of soap**.

St Mark will host The Heart Pillow Project on Saturday, Feb. 17, 9:00 AM – 12:00 noon. Our goal this year is to cut, stamp, and sew as many heart pillows as we can. The pillows will be donated to Riverside Regional Medical Center’s Open Heart CSICU. Sign-up sheet is available at the kiosk.

50th Anniversary: Do you have a favorite poem? Do you write poetry? St Mark will host an open microphone for karaoke-poetry. Share a special poem with friends and neighbors on February 18th at 2 PM. Sign up will be posted on the kiosk shortly.

Shrove Tuesday: The Men’s group will host Shrove Tuesday again this year. Feb. 13th at 5 PM. Tickets will go on sale in the next couple weeks (\$7: adults, \$4:16 and under)

Ash Wednesday: We will hold 3 services for Ash Wednesday; 7 AM and 12 NOON in the Chapel and 7 PM in the Sanctuary.

Congregational Directories are IN! If you still have yet to pick up your directory, see Megan in the Office during normal hours. We have ordered a few extra for folks to purchase who did not get a photo taken for the directory.

St Mark Voting Members to the 2018 Virginia Synod Assembly — At our annual business meeting on Jan. 28th, we did not select voting members to represent us at the Synod Assembly (Jun 8-10). On review, our by-laws do place the selection of these voting members in a congregational meeting, so a brief special meeting will therefore be called on Feb. 25th at 10:45 AM to carry out this important task. If you are interested in representing the congregation, please speak with me or a council member. Thank you for your commitment to the work of Christ’s gospel. Peace, Pastor Joel

Please remember these recent St Mark prayer requests (Prayer requests will generally be listed for 2 weeks at a time. Please re-add names after two weeks, if needed):

Members in our Prayers

Healing: Nancy Head, Sandy, Karen Schrader, Tammy Williams and David Lent

Discernment: Associate Pastor Call Committee

Safe Travels: Bill Courtemanche

Friends and Family in our Prayers

Healing: Delbert, Joanne, Barbara, Roy, Frances, Lynn, Rick, Paul, Steve, Chris, and Margie

Christian Hope: Arthur

Strength and Healing: Kya, Carol, and Frances K.

Congregations in our Prayers

St Paul’s, Hampton; St Joan of Arc Roman Catholic Church; United Methodist Church

Calendar at a Glance:

Sunday 02/11

8:00 AM Holy Communion with Sung Liturgy (Sanctuary)
9:00 AM Café Full Breakfast (Narthex)
9:30 AM Holy Communion with Narrative Lect. (Sanctuary)
9:30 AM Sunday School
11:00 AM Holy Communion with Sung Liturgy (Sanctuary)
12:30 PM Council Meeting (Library)
12:30 PM Second Sunday Home Communion (Offsite)
4:00 PM Youth Bells Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
5:00 PM Confirmation Class (Room 216)

Monday 02/12

10:30 AM Knitting Group (Library)
1:00 PM GPS Bible Study (Library)
7:00 PM Catechumen Night (Library)

Tuesday 02/13

7:30 AM Men’s Breakfast and Bible Study (Narthex)
9:30 AM Dorcas Circle (Library)
10:50 AM Preschool Valentine’s Party
1:00 PM Lady Lutherans (Room 216)
2:00 PM Office Staff Meeting (Library)
5:00 Shrove Tuesday (Narthex)
5:30 PM Yorktown Chorale (Music Room)

Wednesday 02/14

7:00 AM Service (Chapel)
10:50 AM Preschool Valentine’s Party
12:00 PM Service (Chapel)
2:00 PM Quilts of Honor (Room 216)
7:00 PM Service (Sanctuary)

Thursday 02/15

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE
10:00 AM LAG (Room 216)
7:00 PM Koinonia Group (Library)

Friday 02/16

5:00 PM Lunar New Year (TBD)

Saturday 02/17

9:00 AM Mended Heart Pillow Project

Sunday 02/18

8:00 AM Holy Communion with Sung Liturgy (Sanctuary)
9:00 AM Café Full Breakfast (Narthex)
9:30 AM Holy Communion with Narrative Lect. (Sanctuary)
9:30 AM Sunday School
11:00 AM Holy Communion with Sung Liturgy (Sanctuary)
2:00 PM Poets Afternoon Delight (Narthex)
4:00 PM Youth Bells Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
5:00 PM Confirmation Class (Room 216)

To sponsor communion elements, altar flowers, or bulletins, please sign up in binder on Megan’s Desk in the office.

*Today’s **Flowers** are given by Dale and Pr. Art Pedersen in loving memory of Dale’s Parents, Harold and Doris Flory*

*Today’s **Communion Elements** are given by Pat and Dan Silvis in honor of Kim and Jerry Moore’s 17th Wedding Anniversary*

Readings for February 18, 2018

8:00 and 11:00: Genesis 9:8-17; 1 Peter 3:18-22

9:30: Unless otherwise noted, same as 8 & 11

All: Psalm 25:1-10; Mark 1:9-15