

February 25, 2024

St Mark Lutheran Church, Yorktown
Weekly News and Prayer Concerns



Confirmation Cohort Meets Today: We gather to make our “Confirming Connections” in our Library conference room from 12:30-2:00pm today. *(Please remember your peanut-free bag lunches.)* We’ll be exploring an Old Testament hero, Jonah.

The Lion’s Roar: Seasonal Newsletter: Our next seasonal edition of the Lion’s Roar newsletter comes out in early March! If you have an article and/or pictures to share please email them to Amanda by Friday, March 1st.

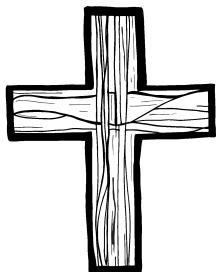
We Welcome You! Friends and visiting neighbors, thank you for joining us! We will not ask you to stand up and introduce yourselves, to honor the quiet desire of many to simply join in worship and prayer. Yet we hope you will sign our guest book under the stained-glass window so we can welcome you and share information about the community we are as St Mark.

Soup or Bread for Wednesday Nights During Lent: We have 4 more Wednesday evenings during Lent (starting at 6pm) that we will gather for a simple soup and bread dinner followed by a Holden Evening Prayer. If you plan on joining us and would like to bring a pot of soup or loaf of bread, please let the office know. ☺

Red Cross Blood Drive: We had another wonderful, successful blood drive last Wednesday! Thank you to all who came to donate and to Beth Griffin and Tom Teigeler for their time as volunteers during the drive. Save the date for our next blood drive on Tuesday, May 7th from 12-5pm.

“They laid hands on him and arrested him” (Mark 14:46). Throughout Lent, we remember that Jesus was arrested, held captive and could not free himself. Our incarcerated Christ calls us to care for God's life wherever people are imprisoned — even ourselves — publicly or privately, by hidden sins or by systems of justice. This Lent we will use prayers and liturgical resources from *Hear My Voice: A Prison Prayer Book* as we seek the Christ whose life and love will set us free.

RIP Medical Debt: Our Joyful Generosity "Pink Envelope" offering throughout Lent is for RIP Medical Debt, a program that raises funds to pay off people’s medical debt (for cents on the dollar) to help keep them out of bankruptcy, offering a new beginning to those imprisoned by debt. We join four other ELCA congregations between Williamsburg and Newport News for this Lenten endeavor to support our neighbors across the Peninsulas Conference.



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

Members in our Prayers

Healing & Strength: Mel Anderson, Sonny Forbes, Ron Howell, Sharon Johnson, Maribeth Ocock, Amy Schwarz, Andy Shurtleff, Sue Vermeire, Kim Walsh
Deployed Military: Alex Koch
Discerning & Learning: Rev Seminarian Andy Taminger

Friends and Family in our Prayers

Healing & Strength: Andrea, Anne, Aubrey, Carl, Dean, Debi, Della, George, Judith, Margit, Norm, Pamela, Sarah, Sharon, Trina

Congregations in our Prayers

Trinity, Newport News;
St Basil The Great Orthodox Church;
Lutheran Active Duty Chaplains
St Mark Evangelical Lutheran Church, Luray

Calendar at a Glance:

St Mark Keeps Open Office Hours: M-F, 10am-3pm

Sunday 2/25
9:00am Divine Service of Holy Communion
Coffee between services
10:00am Sunday School
11:00am Divine Service of Holy Communion
12:00pm “What’s Up Zak” (*w/ Ms Greta & Ms Lin*)
12:30pm Confirming Connections

Monday 2/26
9:30am Women of Faith Bible Study (*Room 115*)
10:00am Office Staff Meeting
10:30am Stitching with Friends (*Conference Room*)
10:30am Monday Morning Matins (*Chapel*)
1:00pm GPS Bible Study (*Conference Room*)
7:00pm Troop 306 Meeting

Tuesday 2/27
9:00am Garden Stewards

Wednesday 2/28
8:30am Spirit Walkers (*Yorktown*)
11:00am Acts of the Apostles Bible Study (*Library*)
1:00pm Quilters (*Room 216*)
6:00pm Simple Soup, Bread & Holden Evening Prayer
6:30pm Pack 595 Meeting

Thursday 2/29
9:00am Garden Stewards
10:00am Liturgical Arts Guild
5:00pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal (*Sanctuary*)
7:00pm Choir Rehearsal (*Music Room*)

Friday 3/1
Space Reserved for a Wedding Rehearsal

Saturday 3/2
2:00pm Space Reserved for a Wedding

Sunday 3/3
9:00am Divine Service of Holy Communion
Coffee between services
10:00am Sunday School
11:00am Divine Service of Holy Communion

Readings March 3, 2024

*Exodus 20:1-17; Psalm 19;
1 Corinthians 1:18-25; John 2:13-22*

Save the Date:

Simple Soup, Bread & Holden Evening Prayer
February 28th, 6:00pm

Christ & Cherry Blossoms in DC
April 9th

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