

March 10, 2024

St Mark Lutheran Church, Yorktown  
Weekly News and Prayer Concerns



**Easter Lilies:** It’s that time of year to order lilies for Easter! Lilies given in honor or memory of loved ones will decorate our sanctuary on Easter Sunday. We are partnering with Anderson’s in Newport News to provide us their beautiful lily plants. Paper order forms are on the table outside the sanctuary and an online form in your email today. Cost for each plant is \$20. Deadline to order is March 29<sup>th</sup>. You can place return your completed order forms in the offering plate or to the office.

**Easter Sunday Celebrations!** St Mark Sunday School will be hosting an intergenerational celebration on Easter Sunday from 10 – 11am! There will be an Easter egg hunt, crafts, activities and snacks! All are welcome for this joyous event! We would love donations of candy, stickers, and small fun items to place inside Easter eggs. If you are interested in donating items, please place them in the basket outside the office by March 24<sup>th</sup>. Thank you and we look forward to celebrating Easter together!

**Support our Scout Troop 306** by purchasing your Spring Mulch. Proceeds from the sale are used to fund Summer Camps, Leadership and Skill Development, Troop Operations, and Community Service Projects. This spring, let our Scouts do the work for you. See the kiosk or [smlconline.org/scouts/troop-0306](http://smlconline.org/scouts/troop-0306) for more information.

**St Mark — Global Connections:** As a community of faith, St Mark has a strong history of sharing faith across borders and cultures. Our partnership with Ecuador and support for youth in China have helped us link our lives with God’s children in faraway places; our preschool, our relationship with Family Focus, and our support for Natasha House and local schools have done the same to connect us with God’s people in our midst. A few summers ago, our synod’s outdoor ministries at Caroline Furnace brought Pastor Nahum to visit us and share God’s blessing from Namibia in southern Africa. And last autumn, Pastor Joel and the Rev Seminarian Andy Taminger were able to attend the Lutheran World Federation Assembly in Krakow, Poland — sharing prayers with Christians from earth’s every corner. We are honored to share the good news of Christ with this worldwide community! In the coming months we’ll keep the party going/growing! We’ll continue our support for the children we love in South America and Asia! Pastor Nahum plans to visit us again from Namibia this summer, continuing to build our friendly relationship! In August, youth ministers from the Lutheran Church in Slovakia (who welcomed PJ and Andy during the LWF Assembly last September) will join us for worship while they visit the US! There doesn’t seem to be a spot in this beautiful world where Christ isn’t opening a place for us as God’s people to connect!

**SAVE THE DATE:** On Sundays April 14 and 21, 2024 we will have the Adopt a Child Sponsorship Program. Members of St Mark have become "Padrinos," or sponsors, for children at the Refugio in Quito, Ecuador. We have approximately 20 new students who need a sponsor. Please consider becoming a Padrino and sponsoring one of these students. Details will be coming soon. Thank you. *Ecuadorian Children's Mission*

**Wednesday Nights During Lent:** We only have 2 more Wednesday evenings during Lent that we will gather for a simple soup and bread dinner followed by a Holden Evening Prayer. If you would like to bring a crockpot of soup or loaf of bread, please let the office know. ☺

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, Sharon Johnson, Maribeth Ocock, Amy Schwarz, Andy Shurtleff, Kim Walsh  
**Deployed Military:** Alex Koch  
**Discerning & Learning:** Rev Seminarian Andy Taminger

**Friends and Family in our Prayers**

**Healing & Strength:** Ann Marie, Anne, Carol, Courtney, Dean, Debi, Della, Dick, Flora, George, Harriet, Jenn, Judith, Lindsey Ann, Margit, Pamela, Sharon, Trina  
**Hope:** Gina  
**Eternal Rest:** Lana, Nicholas, Teresa

**Congregations in our Prayers**

St Stephen, Williamsburg  
Peninsula Pastoral Counseling Center  
Advent St Nicholas Lutheran Church, Quito  
St Mark's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Quicksburg

**Calendar at a Glance:**

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

**Sunday 3/10**

9:00am Divine Service of Holy Communion  
(with *What's Up Zak?*)  
*Coffee between services*  
10:00am Sunday School  
11:00am Divine Service of Holy Communion  
12:30pm Council Meeting

**Monday 3/11**

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 3/12**

9:00am Garden Stewards  
1:00pm Dorcas Circle (*Conference Room*)  
4:00pm Ecuador Meeting (*Conference Room*)

**Wednesday 3/13**

8:30am Spirit Walkers (*Yorktown*)  
9:30am Peninsula Music Teachers Association Meeting  
11:00am Acts of the Apostles Bible Study (*Conference Room*)  
1:00pm Quilters (*Room 216*)  
6:00pm Simple Soup, Bread & Holden Evening Prayer  
6:30pm Pack 595 Meeting

**Thursday 3/14**

9:00am Garden Stewards  
10:00am Liturgical Arts Guild  
10:00am York County Ministers Gathering  
6:00pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal (*Sanctuary*)  
7:00pm Choir Rehearsal (*Music Room*)

**Friday 3/15**

No Scheduled Events

**Saturday 3/16**

No Scheduled Events

**Sunday 3/17**

9:00am Divine Service of Holy Communion  
*Coffee between services*  
10:00am Sunday School  
11:00am Divine Service of Holy Communion  
(with *What's Up Zak?*)  
12:30pm Confirming Connections

**Readings March 17, 2024**

*Jeremiah 31:31-34; Psalm 51:1-12;  
Hebrews 5:5-10; John 12:20-33*

**Save the Date:**

**Christ & Cherry Blossoms in DC**  
April 9<sup>th</sup>

**Adopt a Child Campaign**  
April 14<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup>