



“What’s Up Zak” has taken a team! From Pastor support, to family commitments, to kids’ attitudes, from teens to tots, to set building, to choreography, to adult cast, to furniture movers and even to children on the fringes of rehearsals enjoying from afar, we give great thanks! We have enjoyed learning about each other, practicing and getting better at something, and learning more about this story. The spirit of joy and excitement evident on these children’s’ faces these past two Sundays as they share with our congregation really says it all!

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 continue to explore Old Testament hero, Jonah.

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 for Easter. Order forms are on the table outside the sanctuary and an online form in your email today. Each plant is \$20. Deadline to order is March 29th. Please return order forms in the offering plate or to the office. *For those who order plants, if you would like to leave them here at St Mark, our Garden Stewards will plant them on our property to brighten up the gardens.*

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 24th. Thank you and we look forward to celebrating Easter together!

Easter Sunday Goodies: If you would like to bring any sort of brunch item/goodies on Easter Sunday morning please sign up on the kiosk! ☺

Christ and Cherry Blossoms: April 9 Adventure to the National Gallery of Art in Washington, DC. — Friends, please see the kiosk now (or contact Pastor Joel or Christy Lumm) for logistics and details about our adventure, walking among intersections of sacred art and Christian heritage in our nation’s capital.

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; our Scouts will deliver and/or spread mulch for you for a small premium over doing it yourself. See the kiosk or our website for more information.

SAVE THE DATE: On undays April 14 & 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 approx. 20 new students who need a sponsor. Please consider becoming a Padrino and sponsoring one of these students. Details coming soon. Thank you. *Ecuadorian Children's Mission*

St Mark’s Same Page Book Club announces their spring selection: The Chosen: I Have Called You by Name by Jerry B. Jenkins (novel one in the series based upon the movie phenomenon, The Chosen.) Our book discussion will begin with chapter one at 9:30am on March 23rd in the St Mark conference room. For more information see your E-news or contact Christy Lumm. (christywillette@hotmail.com)

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: Anne, Debi, Flora, Harriet, Jenn, Judith, Lindsey Ann, Margit, Pamela, Trina

Eternal Rest: Lana, Teresa

Congregations in our Prayers

Congregations of the Virginia Synod;
Faith for Living World Outreach Center (Natasha House);
The Episcopal Church;
St Mark's Lutheran Church, Springfield (Metro DC Synod)

Calendar at a Glance:

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

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

Monday 3/18

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 3/19

9:00am Garden Stewards

Wednesday 3/20

8:30am Spirit Walkers (*Yorktown*)

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 American Indians Activities Meeting

Thursday 3/21

9:00am Garden Stewards

10:00am Liturgical Arts Guild

6:00pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal (*Sanctuary*)

7:00pm Choir Rehearsal (*Music Room*)

Friday 3/22

No Scheduled Events

Saturday 3/23

9:30am Same Page Book Club

Sunday 3/24 — Palm Sunday

9:00am Divine Service of Holy Communion

Coffee between services

10:00am Sunday School

11:00am Divine Service of Holy Communion

Readings March 24, 2024

*Isaiah 50:4-9a; Psalm 31:9-16;
Philippians 2:5-11; Mark 14:1--15:47*

Holy Week and Easter Worship Schedule

Maundy Thursday (March 28)

7:00pm Holy Communion Service
with washing of feet.

Good Friday (March 29)

12-3:00pm Reading of the Gospel with Organ Meditations
7:00pm Good Friday Worship

Easter Sunday (March 31)

6:46am Easter Sunrise Service in our Chapel of All Saints
9:00am & 11:00am Festive Eucharist Worship Service