

April 21, 2024

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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Adopt a Child is Today: We will have volunteers in the atrium after each service to help find your child's form and information. If you would like to adopt a child for the first time, we will be glad to explain the process and share with you the new students who need a sponsor. The sponsorship levels are \$240, \$360, and \$ 420 per year. We have various payment plans including check, and online giving. Extra news from the Refugio: As of June 2023, 10 students graduated from high school, 1 student obtained a certificate in Computer Science which was an extra program, 1 student dropped out of high school and then returned to earn a GED, 4 students are attending the University, and 3 students are now employed and working. Your support and dedication to the students have made these success stories possible. Thank you, *The Ecuadorian Children's Committee*

Celebrating the Festival of St Mark among All the Saints:

Thursday, April 25 marks the church's feast day in remembrance of St Mark, the earliest (even though listed second) of the gospel evangelists. We will celebrate the good news of St Mark our namesake with a divine liturgy of holy communion here at 12:00noon on April 25 in our Chapel of All Saints, in the presence of the saints who rest within the columbarium. All are welcome!

Red Cross Blood Drive: Mark your calendars for our next blood drive on Tuesday, May 7th from 12pm-4pm. You can book an appointment now at redcrossblood.org

St Mark Supports our Local Challenger Little League

Athletes: This 2024 baseball season, a personal donation given in honor of St Mark is supporting the Challenger Little League for the Virginia Peninsula. The Challenger Little League is a division of District 7 Little League teams of Hampton, Newport News, Poquoson and York County. The Challenger division is for boys and girls with physical and mental disabilities, ages 4-16 to enjoy the game of baseball. Teams are set up according to abilities, rather than age, and can include as many as 15-20 players per team. Player participation has doubled this year and support is needed to assist with purchasing new equipment and supplies to serve the growing community. For more information, please visit our website (smlconline.org) and look for "Challenger League" under our ministry menu. As a "Hall of Fame" sponsor, St Mark has received a banner at the league's homefield Deer Park Little League Complex.

An Update on Andy Taming: "In January of 2024, Andy Taming started his final class to complete his Master of Divinity at United Lutheran Seminary. While working on his final class, Andy has been serving as the part-time interim lay campus minister of The Well Lutheran Campus Ministry at Virginia Tech. His service to The Well will conclude on May 15th. Andy begins his ELCA internship year in June. On April 13th, 2024, Caroline Taming was ordained as a Minister of the Gospel at her childhood congregation, College Park Baptist Church, in Danville, Virginia. The Reverend Caroline continues to serve as the Minister of Families at First Baptist Church and Chatham Heights Baptist Church, two Cooperative Baptist (CBF) churches in Martinsville, Virginia. Andy and Caroline share their thoughts, prayers, and love with St Mark across the miles!"

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, Sharon Johnson, Galilee Neubauer, Maribeth Ocock, Amy Schwarz, Kim Schweizer, Al Schweizer, Andy Shurtleff, Josey Tomlinson, Sue Verriere

Deployed Military: Alex Koch

Discerning & Learning: Rev Seminarian Andy Taming

Saints at Rest: Sonny Forbes

Friends and Family in our Prayers

Healing & Strength: Anne, Betty, Bill, Debi, Don, Flora, Janelle, Judith, Lindsey Ann, Pamela, Trina

Peace: Jamie

Eternal Rest: Dre, Margit

Congregations in our Prayers

Caroline Furnace Lutheran Camp, Fort Valley;
Saints Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Church;
Reformed Church in America;
St Mark's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Quicksburg

Calendar at a Glance:

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

Sunday 4/21

9:00am Eucharist Worship Service
Coffee Hour and Sunday School for All Ages

11:00am Eucharist Worship Service

Monday 4/22

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 4/23

9:00am Garden Stewards

Wednesday 4/24

8:30am Spirit Walkers (*Yorktown*)
11:00am Acts of the Apostles Bible Study (*Conference Room*)
1:00pm Quilters (*Room 216*)
6:30pm Pack 595 Meeting

Thursday 4/25

9:00am Garden Stewards
10:00am Liturgical Arts Guild
12:00pm Feast of St Mark Service (*Chapel*)
6:00pm Handbell Rehearsal (*Sanctuary*)
7:00pm Choir Rehearsal (*Music Room*)

Friday 4/26

No Scheduled Events

Saturday 4/27

No Scheduled Events

Sunday 4/28

9:00am Eucharist Worship Service
Coffee Hour and Sunday School for All Ages
11:00am Eucharist Worship Service

Readings April 28, 2024

*Acts 8:26-40; Psalm 22:25-31;
1 John 4:7-21; John 15:1-8*

Save the Date:

Feast of St Mark Service

April 25th, 12:00noon

Red Cross Blood Drive

May 7th, 12pm-5pm

Congregational Meeting

June 30th

