

April 28, 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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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.

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

We have prayed for the Koch family as husband/dad Alex was recently deployed for many months. We celebrate their recent safe and happy homecoming! ☺

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!"

VBS at Grace Episcopal Church: St Mark students are invited to join Grace Episcopal Church's VBS this summer! St Mark volunteers are also encouraged and appreciated. The theme will be Abundant Life Garden Project. VBS will be June 24th—June 28th from 9am-12pm. Registration starts on May 3rd on their website, gracechurchofkyorktown.org. More information can be found on a flyer on the kiosk. We are excited to join Grace Episcopal this summer!



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: Sharon Johnson, Galilee Neubauer, Amy Schwarz, Al Schweizer, Andy Shurtleff
Discerning & Learning: Rev Seminarian Andy Taming
Saints at Rest: Sonny Forbes (memorial May 20, 12:30pm)

Friends and Family in our Prayers

Healing & Strength: Bill, Debi, Flora, Judith, Juraj, Kip, Lindsey Ann, Trina
Peace: Jamie
Sympathy and Comfort: McAllister Family
Eternal Rest: Jennifer

Congregations in our Prayers

Apostles, Gloucester;
Crooks Memorial United Methodist Church;
United Methodist 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 4/28

9:00am Eucharist Worship Service
Coffee Hour and Sunday School for All Ages
11:00am Eucharist Worship Service
12:30pm Confirming Connections

Monday 4/29

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 4/30

9:00am Garden Stewards

Wednesday 5/1

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
6:30pm American Indians Activities Meeting

Thursday 5/2

9:00am Garden Stewards
10:00am Liturgical Arts Guild
5:30pm Pack 595 Meeting
6:00pm Handbell Rehearsal (*Sanctuary*)
7:00pm Choir Rehearsal (*Music Room*)

Friday 5/3

No Scheduled Events

Saturday 5/4

9:30am Same Page Book Club

Sunday 5/5

9:00am Eucharist Worship Service
Coffee Hour and Sunday School for All Ages
11:00am Eucharist Worship Service
12:30pm Confirming Connections

Readings May 5, 2024

*Acts 10:44-48; Psalm 98;
1 John 5:1-6; John 15:9-17*

*Today's flowers are given by the Pedersen family
in memory of Ingrid Pedersen.*

Save the Date:

Red Cross Blood Drive
May 7th, 12pm-5pm

Congregational Meeting
June 30th