



St. Mark's  
LUTHERAN CHURCH

## NEW NEWS AND UPDATES—JULY 2020

### July Scripture:

July 5<sup>th</sup>: Zechariah 9:9-12; Psalm 145:8-14; Romans 7:15-25a; Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30



July 12<sup>th</sup>: Isaiah 55:10-13; Psalm 65:[1-8] 9-13; Romans 8:1-11; Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

July 19<sup>th</sup>: Isaiah 44:6-8; Psalm 86:11-17; Romans 8:12-25; Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

July 26<sup>th</sup>: 1 Kings 3:5-12; Psalm 119:129-136; Romans 8:26-39; Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

### July Faith Formation Class:

Creation Care: Stewardship & Your Food Choices. How what you eat impacts your health, the well-being of fellow creatures, human and other animals, and the viability of the Earth as a human habitat.



They why's and how's of Plant-Based Living, taught by Bonnie Wheeler via Zoom, Sunday at 9am.

### Summer Concert Series—July:

The Academy for the Arts at First Baptist in Asheville presents a summer concert series every Sunday in July at 6 pm. Be sure to tune in this Sunday, July 12, to hear a performance by St. Mark's member **Gloria Sainio!**



Each program raises money by donation for the AFTA Scholarship Fund which gives opportunities for arts education to students in financial need. <http://academyforthearts.org/summerconcertseries/>

### Spirit Snap—VBS 2020:

This year, as we can't be together for VBS, you are invited to participate in **Spirit Snap**, a photo scavenger hunt, from July 26-30.



The Holy Spirit is on the move in the lives of the people of St. Mark's. Through photo prompts of fun faith formation activities and service to our community while we remain socially distanced, **Spirit Snap** will help us remember the covenant God made with us in Baptism, and live out those promises together. **All** are invited and encouraged to participate! (Yes, that means you!) Submitted pictures of the Holy Spirit working and moving in the people of St. Mark's will be used in the sermon on August 2.

A **Spirit Snap** booklet will be accessible online, and booklets and resource bags will be available to pick up at St. Mark's on Saturday, July 25 from 10:00am-2:00pm. Stay tuned for more information!

# ST. MARK'S IS ACTIVE IN THE COMMUNITY

## Volunteers Needed:

ABCCM is seeking volunteers to fill the following positions and times: Training will be provided as required.

AM times are 8:30 – 12:30. PM times are 12:30 – 4:30.



**VOLUNTEERS  
NEEDED**

Clothing Room: Wednesday PM  
Thursday AM and PM  
Friday AM

Kitchen: Monday PM  
Tuesday AM  
Wednesday PM  
Thursday PM

Pantry: Monday PM  
Tuesday PM  
Thursday PM

Counselors: Monday PM  
Tuesday AM and PM  
Thursday PM

Data Entry Tuesday AM  
Wednesday (flex time, temporary)

## CROP "Love Your Neighbor" Walk 2020:

As you can imagine, the 2020 CROP Hunger Walk will have to be different this year! The need is still great (even greater!) with the entire world dealing with COVID-19, but we really cannot do a group walk as in previous years. So, what to do?



**CROP Hunger Walk**

The CROP Hunger Walk committee is planning as best they can and has decided to do a "virtual" walk. That really is not an accurate description, so this Walk is being called a "Love Your Neighbor Walk".

Groups are being asked to plan their own walks, around Sunday, September 27th. Supporters can make a financial pledge online, to their team. For instance, you can go to [www.CropHungerWalk.org/ashevillenc/StMarksLutheran](http://www.CropHungerWalk.org/ashevillenc/StMarksLutheran) and donate to our St. Mark's Church team.

If you decide to walk, please use one of your Crop Walk T-shirts from a previous year. No new shirts will be printed this year, so we can raise more funds. If you do not have a shirt already, we do have some stored in the church attic that you are welcome to. More information will come available as we get closer to September 27.

## Towels & Washcloths

**Needed:** CAT is on the prowl for new washcloths and new or clean, gently used (still in good condition) bath towels for Western Carolina Rescue Ministries. During Covid-19, this downtown Asheville organization is still providing overnight shelter and daily showers for the homeless.



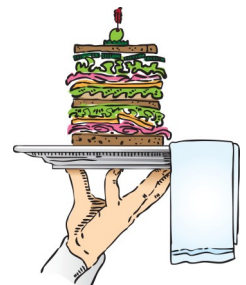
**We will gladly accept your donation at church July 30 - August 1 from 3-5pm and then August 3 & 4 from 8:30 - 10:30am.**

If you have any questions, please call , Lorraine Hayleck, cell phone (301) 633-3791. Thank you. Christian Action Team

## 6000 Sandwiches (Estimated)!

St. Mark's continues to provide sandwiches for the ABCCM Crisis Ministry lunches and will continue to do so as long as COVID-19 rages on. Mary Mazzarra, the director, expressed to us how grateful she is to receive our donations every Tuesday and Wednesday. We estimate that our St. Mark's teams have made 6000 sandwiches and some great chili, since we started doing this! Thank you for your support!

Christian Action Team (CAT)



# NEWS AND UPDATES

## January—June 2020 Financial Statements:

Mid-Year Statements are being mailed out this week. If you have any questions regarding any of your contributions, please contact Scottie at 980.474.6726 (her cell) or [scottiemiller@stmarkslutheran.net](mailto:scottiemiller@stmarkslutheran.net)



## Finance Update:

St. Mark's applied and received the Government Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) Loan in May for a total of \$62,800. This has gone to cover the cost of payroll, utilities, and mortgage loan interest. As of June 30th, we have used \$57,373 of this money, with \$5,427 remaining. We do not anticipate having to pay back this loan, as we have followed all appropriate guideline.



Please see below the June Income & Expense Statement:

Operating Fund	June 2020	YTD
Income budgeted:	\$41,409	\$248,454
Gifts received:	\$24,129	\$258,394
Expenditures:	\$6,237	\$180,942
Difference:	\$17,892	\$77,452

## Mary Hubbard Scholarships Available:

Mary Hubbard scholarships are available for any St. Mark's member who wishes to attend a University, College, Tech School or Trade School. This is a one-time scholarship and forms are available at the Church Office. The deadline for applying is August 1, 2020 for this year. The scholarship committee is Connie Chaplin, George Kroncke and Martha Price. Please contact Scottie Miller if interested: [scottiemiller@stmarkslutheran.net](mailto:scottiemiller@stmarkslutheran.net)



## CHUCKLE CORNER



## ST. MARK'S PRAYER LIST—JULY 2020

MEMBERS SHUT-INS: Polly Book (Mars Hill Retirement Center), Natalia Gohdes

HOSPITALIZED/REHAB:

ILL/RECOVERING:

Deacon Katie's mom, Beth, is undergoing chemo for colon cancer  
Gloria Fritch—had surgery last week and is recovering in the hospital

GRIEVING:

Family & friends of Sally Hollar, who passed away June 2<sup>nd</sup>. Special prayers for Gene, Patty, Jackie & Donna  
Eric, Susan, and the entire Van Tassel Family, Eric's mother passed away this last week.  
Friends and family of Ms. Edna Ashley, Rev Robbie's mother (WNC Baptist), who passed away this week.

SPECIAL REQUESTS:

Holland Pulley, Scottie's sister, who is experiencing pregnancy complications  
Ed & Dorene Lassiter – Ed fell and has been moved to Universal Healthcare. Dorene is not able to see him or have visitors  
Bob & Becky Sachsenmaier – Bob is recovering nicely from open heart surgery and should be able to come home soon.  
Laura Stone – health concerns

DEPLOYED: IN UNDERGRADUATE/GRADUATE SCHOOL:

Nicholas Dudde, Julia Rhodes, Katherine Webb, Jamie Rhodes, Max Schmidt, Wolfie Layne, Sierra Kindley- Graduate School

JOYS / CELEBRATIONS: Grace Schmidt on graduating high school!

RELATIVES

Vic Allwein's sister, Linda

FRIENDS



### Prayer Requests:

If you have any special prayer requests, please send them to Scottie at [scottiemiller@stmarkslutheran.net](mailto:scottiemiller@stmarkslutheran.net) to be included in the weekly Prayer emails.

If you do not receive the prayers each week and would like to, please let Scottie know and she will add you to the email list.

### Special Prayer Request—

The family of Sally Hollar is asking for additional prayers during this difficult time. They shared with Pastor Matt Sally's obituary and that can be found here: [SallyHollarObituary](#).

## WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES AT ST. MARK'S

Please know all links to classes, fellowship, meeting, and worship opportunities can be found on our church calendar. Please visit [www.stmarkslutheran.net](http://www.stmarkslutheran.net)—at the top left, click on Calendar of Events. Each event on the calendar is a clickable link with the information needed.

### Sunday Service will continue on Facebook in July—10am

Thank you all for continuing to join us on Facebook for our Sunday Worship Services. We look forward to seeing you this Sunday at 10am, with music a few minutes beforehand.

St. Mark's Facebook page: [www.facebook.com/stmarksasheville](http://www.facebook.com/stmarksasheville)

Worship Booklet will be posted on our website and Facebook on Saturday prior to the Sunday service. [www.stmarkslutheran.net](http://www.stmarkslutheran.net)



### Wednesday Evening Services in July—

Please join us on Facebook for Wednesday evening prayer services @ 7pm.

The worship booklet can be found on our website—[www.stmarkslutheran.org](http://www.stmarkslutheran.org)

[Click here to go to our Facebook page—www.facebook.com/stmarksasheville](https://www.facebook.com/stmarksasheville)



**Faith and Fellowship - Weekly Video Conferencing - Monday @ 10am & Thursdays @ 6pm** These are ongoing opportunities for us to gather. Each call is through Zoom. Below are the links, or you can find the information on the St. Mark's calendar.

Mondays at 10:00am - [Click here on Monday to join the conversation](#)

Thursdays at 6pm - [Click here on Thursday to join the conversation](#)

**Adult Faith Formation Class—Join on Sundays for Adult Faith Formation 9:00am.**

This class will be taught via Zoom. Use the following link to join, or access the link through the St. Mark's calendar.

Click here: [Faith Formation Zoom Link](#)



**St. Mark's Kids Fellowship Friday's @ 10am—**Deacon Katie gathers with all the kids each week to read and sing. This is a Zoom call. [Click here for the link to Friday gathering.](#)

**Contributions - Simply Giving and Mailed in checks** Thank you all for your continued donations at this time. Wanted to make sure it was clear on Online Donations - if you put in a credit or debit card, **there is a processing charge that gets taken out of your contribution.**

HOWEVER, if you set up an account using your routing number and checking account, then the fee is not taken out. If you are mailing in checks, please know we are making deposits every other week at this point. If you have any questions about your contributions, please contact Scottie @ 980.474.6726.

### Zoom - What is it? How do I use it?



[Click here for a document with information on how to use Zoom.](#)

If you need any technical assistance, please contact Scottie and she will walk through the steps. (#980.474.6726).