



Parish Life
St. Mark's Ministry Highlights
November 8, 2009
Pentecost

Lessons for November 15:

Daniel 12: 1-3
Psalm 16
Hebrews 10:11-14 [15-18]
19-25
Mark 13: 1-8

Welcome to St. Mark's — If you are a **guest**, please fill out a worship attendance slip with your name and address or other contact information (blue book in pew), and introduce yourself to us so that we may get to know you better! **Members**, please fill out a worship attendance slip (also!) and introduce yourselves to those around you!



“Learn, Serve and Grow” — **Ministry Opportunities Booklets** are on the table in the Narthex. Please take **response forms** as well. Follow the instructions and return as soon as possible. An **on-line** version of the booklet and response form is also available at www.smlutheran.org (*Thanks to all of you who have completed the forms.*)

Sunday Adult Classes (*all meet in Parish Commons Classroom I unless otherwise noted*)

- **8:30 a.m. — People of Faith** — Start your Sunday morning with some of the most colorful characters of the Old Testament in this bible study, hosted by Pastor Otto Tollefson.
- **9:45 a.m. — “Consumerism and the Holidays”**
- **11:00 a.m. — Today, Elementary Parent Connect** —(Rm. #1) If you are the parent of children ages 5 or older, come for a light brunch and to meet and connect with others who are engaged in the joys and challenges of raising young ones. Nursery Care is provided at this time. Questions? Talk with Ingelaurie (ingelaurie@smlutheran.org) or Pastor Shjerven (rebecca@smlutheran.org)

Women's Advent Brunch — **Saturday, December 5.** Tickets available today in the narthex (\$7.00 per person). Bring a friend! Reserve your place today!

Classic Film Night TONIGHT, 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Commons. **“Lilies of the Field”** Bring pillows, popcorn. . . Whatever you'd like to share. See why Sidney Poitier took home an Oscar.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Advent Reflections: *While We Wait* —

This new Book of Faith resource contains reflections for each day of Advent. These include a biblical text and faith connection along with creative ideas to prepare your home, your heart and your community for the coming of Christ. If you would like to order a copy of this resource, please stop by the Welcome Center on Sunday morning. You will need to write a check for \$7.00 (made out to St. Mark's), to be included in the preorder. All orders need to be received by Sunday, **November 8**, in order to assure enough time for shipment before Advent. Questions? Talk to Pastor Shjerven.

Children's Sunday School — A **Family Informational Booklet** is available for parents in the Children's Faith Center. Pick up your copy today. **Sunday School meets** in the Children's Faith Center at 9:30 with a 15 minute song and sharing time followed by age-grouped classes. Each group joins with the congregation for Communion twice each month.

Confirmation Schedule:

- **1st & 2nd yr. Students: 9:30-10:45 a.m.—November 8** —small group class (theme: Food)

6th Grade Sunday School will meet in the Parish Commons Room 2 this week.

High School Sunday School (grades 9-12) will meet in the Fireside Rm. from 9:45-10:45 a.m.

Midweek Adult Classes —

Tuesdays, 5:30 p.m. — **"Fully Alive" Bible Study.** We are studying the Book of Exodus. Please join us!

Weds., 9:30 a.m. (Parish Commons, Rm. 1) — Bible study hosted by Ruth Leistikow.

Weds., noon, Forza @ N. 21st & Pearl — **"Revelation"** — hosted by Pr. Shjerven.

Weds., 6:00 p.m., Fireside Rm. — **"Letter to the Ephesians"**—hosted by Pr. Shjerven.

Weds., 8:00 p.m., Parish Commons Rm. 1—**"Devotional Classics"** — This week's discussion: Francois Fenelon, hosted by Pastor Shjerven.

Women's Bible Study @ Mortvedt Ctr. — the **last Thurs. of each month**, Sept.-May, 1:30 p.m.

"Journey" is a group of young adults— Please pick up a brochure at the Welcome Ctr., or contact Mary Jo Larsen at 686-9604.

Fall Nursery / Childcare Schedule posted in the nursery. **(Please contact Nursery Co-coordinators, Cindy Johnson or Teresa Handy regarding scheduling of additional nursery hours and times. Free will donations are gladly accepted to help subsidize the cost of the youth who work in the nursery during the week.)*

Preschool Parent Coffee—Weds., November 18, 9:15 a.m. in the Parish Commons. Bring younger siblings—there is lots of room to crawl around and play! Stay for preschool chapel at 10:00 a.m., if you are able. Questions? Contact Katie Jones at 503 -0732.

St. Mark's Preschool — is collecting old cell phones. If you have one to donate, please put in the box near the preschool office.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE

Exercise Class for Seniors — 10–11 a.m. (MWF) No floor exercises. All are welcome!

Grief Support Group — will begin **Nov. 9**, from 9:30-11:00 in the Fireside Rm. All persons who have experienced a loss and are having difficulty dealing with their feelings are

invited to attend the sessions led by Pr. Paul Baughman and Nurse Susan Valenti.

OUTREACH

Outreach Ministry seeks **Welcome Center hosts** to work from 9:15 to 11:15 a.m. Sundays. Call or email Kevin Hayes at kevinmhayes@comcast.net or 253-678-2617

ELCA **Prayer Ventures &** copies of **The Viewpoint** are available on the Info. table.

PEACE AND JUSTICE

A new season of tutoring for our Somali students meets each Tuesday. We need: **bread, peanut butter, jam or jelly, juices (not red), graham crackers, cookies, etc. (no chips).** Please put these items in the marked box behind the Information Counter (near the church office).

Fair Trade coffee, tea and chocolate are available for purchase the first Sunday of each month. (*Nov. 29 — Fair Trade Bazaar!*)

Food Bank—suggested donations for **November is cereal (hot or cold).** Place in the basket near the front door of the church.

WORSHIP AND MUSIC

We Need Your Help! — The Youth Music Drama Team is needing fabric to make costumes for our upcoming spring musical, *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*. Please bring any coupons are not using for JoAnn Fabric or Michaels which you receive in the newspaper (usually they are 40% off). We'll be collecting them in a basket at the Welcome Center (basket marked YMDT) or leave in Danielle's box in the main office. Thank you!

YOUTH AND FAMILY

JR ALYVE (grades 6-8)

- **Youth Group (1st & 3rd Weds.), Nov. 18 in the Youth Rm.—6:00-7:15 p.m.** Future dates: Dec. 2 and 16. Contact Linda Wimberley with questions (ljwimb@aol.com).
- **Montana Mission Trip—July 9-16, 2010.** Cost: \$500.00 per person (parent/youth contribution \$250, fundraiser \$250). Informational meeting Sunday, December 6 at 12:15 p.m. in Fireside Rm. For youth 6-8th (completed June of 2010). Applications and a \$50.00 deposit per person will be due by January 3, 2010.
- **Thanksgiving Dinner! Sunday, November 22.** Prep Crew please arrive at 4:00 p.m., Dinner at 5:30 p.m. Don't forget to bring an item or two for the food bank.

SR ALYVE (grades 9-12)

- **SR ALYVE Bible Study and Discussion Group— (2nd & 4th Weds.) December 9, 6:00-7:15 p.m.** In the Youth Room.
- **Thanksgiving Dinner! Sunday, November 22.** Prep Crew please arrive at 4:00 p.m., Dinner at 5:30 p.m. Don't forget to bring an item or two for the food bank.
- **Friday, December 4 — "A Christmas Carol"** — the movie in 3D. Time TBA.

Entertainment Books are on Sale! Get your South Sound book for only \$20.00. (Checks payable to St. Mark's Youth.) We also have 2 Seattle books available!

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Boy Scout Troop 216 will be taking orders for Christmas Wreaths. Wreaths will be delivered around Thanksgiving time. Order your wreaths today!

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK OF November 8-15, 2009

(Please take this Parish Life insert home with you!)

TODAY	8:30, 9:45, 11 a.m. Worship Services —
	8:30 a.m. Bible Study
	9:45 a.m. Adult Forum
	9:30 a.m. Sunday School
	11:00 a.m. Elementary Parent Connect
	6:30 p.m. Film Night —"Lilies of the Field"
MONDAY	9:00 a.m. Quilters
	9:30 a.m. Grief Support Group
	10:00 a.m. Exercise Class for Seniors
	7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts
TUESDAY	noon Staff Meeting
	5:00 p.m. Worship & Music Team
	5:30 p.m. "Fully Alive" Bible Study
	6:00 p.m. Somali Tutoring Program
	6:30 p.m. Stewardship Committee
	6:30 p.m. Support for Families of Incarcerated Persons @ Peace Lutheran Church
	7:00 p.m. Bells of St. Mark's
WEDNESDAY	9:00 a.m. Visitation Team
	9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study
	10:00 a.m. Pastors Fellowship
	10:00 a.m. Exercise Class for Seniors
	Noon Bible Study @ Forza
	Church Night (see below) —
	6:00 p.m. SR ALYVE
THURSDAY	10:00 a.m. Caregivers Meeting
	5:30 p.m. Youth Music Drama Team (YMDT)
	7:00 p.m. Journey (young adults)
	7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir
FRIDAY	10:00 a.m. Exercise Class for Seniors
	Global Mission Event in Olympia (through Saturday, Nov. 7)
SATURDAY	10:00 a.m. New Member Brunch @ Pr. Ruud's home
NEXT SUNDAY	8:30, 9:45, 11 a.m. Worship Services
	9:30 a.m. Sunday School
	8:30 a.m. Bible Study
	9:45 a.m. Adult Forum
	11:00 a.m. Parents of Teens Connect Brunch

A Note from our Parish Nurses:

During this cold and flu season, please be considerate of others if you are feeling ill. Please use your judgment during the "Passing of the Peace" as to whether you want to shake hands or whether you want to avoid doing so. A wave, a bow or just speaking to others is another way to share "God's Peace." And remember we do have hand sanitizers throughout the church for your use.

Parish Nurse office hours are:

- Wednesdays 4:30—7:00 p.m.
- Thursdays 9:00—11:00 a.m.
- Sundays 9:30—11:00 a.m.

Wednesday Church Night Schedule (Dinner will be served continuously from 5:15-7:00 p.m.)

4:45-5:10 p.m. Babies of St. Mark's (ages 0-3)

5:15-5:45 p.m. Joyful Noise Choir (ages 4-1st grade)

5:45-6:30 p.m. Jubilation Choir (grades 2-5)

6:00 p.m. Worship Team / JR or SR ALYVE (alternating wks.) / Adult Bible Study

Faith Journey (w/ Children's path)

6:30-7:15 p.m. Children's Chimes Choir (grades 2-5)

7:15-8:00 p.m. St. Mark's Ringers (grades 6-12)

7:30 p.m. **Prayer Around the Cross**

8:00 p.m. Devotional Classics Discussion

For more information, please see the **Viewpoint**, or the church website (www.smlutheran.org)