

# THE MARKER

St. Mark's Lutheran Church  
3051 Putnam Blvd. Pleasant Hill, CA 94523

May 2018

Dear Friends of St. Mark's,

Synod Assembly is nearly upon us this year. It is that time of year when people across our state and northern Nevada come together to address the needs of the church. A special thanks to Mona Varner and Tom Bell who will be representing St. Mark's this year. Convening as a church body plays an important role in our organizational structure.

There are times, however, when our best attempts to clarify one issue seem to add confusion to five new issues. We want sure and certain, not only in our faith, but in how we live our faith. But we must remember we are trying to form structure around the great mystery and diversity of the body of Christ and a holy love for God and neighbor expressed in daring, different ways. Add in the passionate, unpredictable movement of the Holy Spirit, and we can see the soil for conflict. That does not mean we exist without any structure, without any order. But it might mean we realize that our insights, our deliberations, and our mandates, guidelines and rules about Christianity must be nestled in humility because they might be wrong.

Maya Angelou has a wonderful quote, "Do the best you can until you know better. Then when you know better, do better." Too often in the church we do the best we can, then when those among our community invite us to know better, we ignore them while clutching our decrees of the past.

We are, instead, invited by God to open our minds and hearts, selves and souls, to knowing better and doing better. Peter, Paul, and the early followers had distinct ideas about what being a Christian meant – and they didn't agree. So they made some decisions, some helpful, others not. Then time went forward, and we made more decisions. Some of those decisions have stood the test of time; others have not.

We pray for the moving of  
the Holy Spirit in this year's  
synod assembly and in our  
church,  
Pastor Bekah



## **Council News:** *Highlights from the April meeting*

Discussion of opening the Nursery on Sunday and scheduling teachers for Sunday School. Preparations for the Youth Spaghetti Fundraiser, Pastor Bekah and Rob's Wedding Celebration, Klara Elizabeth Harlow's Baptism and Don Hickson's Celebration of Life.



## **March Financials**

	<u>Monthly</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>YTD Actual</u>	<u>YTD Budget</u>
Offering	12,536	17,988	52,295	215,856
Monthly Outreach Giving	515		2318	
Total Expenses	20,928	17,988	64,324	215,856

**Current financial statements and council minutes are available in the binder on the shelf in the back of the sanctuary.**

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Dear St. Mark's congregation members:

We have hired a nursery attendant!

Her name is Christina Aiello and she has extensive experience working with small children and is a mom herself. She currently works as a preschool teacher for The Child Day School in Lafayette, and is trained in CPR and First Aid.

Christina will start working this Sunday. She will staff the nursery starting at 10:00 AM each Sunday to receive children before the start of the 10:30 AM service and until all children are retrieved by their families after the service ends. The nursery will serve infant through preschool aged children.

Come stop by the nursery on Sunday morning and say hello to Christina. I think everyone, especially the children, will really like her.

Chris Farnitano  
St. Mark's Council President



## Nursery

# MAY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## Sunday

8:30 am Worship (Traditional with Choir & Organ or Piano)

Social 9:30 am in Saint Mark's Center

10:30 am Worship (Contemporary with Guitars & Drums)

10:30 am Sunday School

11:40 am Confirmation Class

## This Month

May 12th, 3:00 pm, Peg Brown's Celebration of Life

May 12th , 7:30 pm, Eagle Court of Honor for David Bachofer

1st Tuesday of the Month Martha Circle 1:30 pm MR

2nd Tuesday of the Month Social Ministry Meeting 10:00 am MR

Wednesday Crafty Ladies 10:00-2:00 SMC

Thursday Night Choir Practice 7:30 pm in SAN

Friday Morning Adult Bible Study 10:00 am SMC

Saturday Worship Band practices at 10:00 am in the SAN

## Upcoming Events

June 1st- 3rd, Sierra Pacific Synod Assembly, Sacramento, CA

June 24th- July 1st, ELCA Youth Gathering, Houston, TX





## MAY BIRTHDAYS

### DATE

5	DAVID	ENGLUND
5	MATTHEW	FARNITANO
5	AMANDA	ZULGIS
8	SHERRIS	HOWARD
11	MARILYN	ERICKSON
15	SUSAN	WAID
20	JANICE	COGGIOLA
24	MITZI	BERG
25	JIM	CUNNISON
28	ROBERT	ALBRIGHT JR.
29	PATTI	HEIN
30	VICTOR	ALM
30	BUZZ	MARIANI

## MAY ANNIVERSARIES

9	ALAN & KAREN KLINGELHAER
16	TIM & SYDNEY JONES
30	STEVE & MARIAN BACHOFER



## ANNOUNCEMENT

### EAGLE COURT OF HONOR FOR DAVID BACHOFER

DATE: MAY 12, 2018 7:30 PM - 9:00 PM

LOCATION: SAINT MARK'S LUTHERAN CHURCH, 3051  
PUTNAM BLVD., PLEASANT HILL, CA



TROOP 239 MEMBERS, FAMILY, AND OTHER FRIENDS ARE INVITED TO COME AND ENJOY THIS EAGLE COURT OF HONOR CELEBRATING DAVID'S ACCOMPLISHMENT OF EARNING THE EAGLE SCOUT RANK. THIS EAGLE COURT CEREMONY WILL TAKE APPROXIMATELY ONE HOUR AND A RECEPTION WILL FOLLOW THE CEREMONY.

### BRIEF SUMMARY ON DAVID'S SCOUTING

DAVID BEGAN IN TROOP 239 ON FEBRUARY 2011 AFTER PARTICIPATING IN WEBELOS AT PACK 232 AND WENT ON HIS FIRST TROOP CAMPING TRIP THE FOLLOWING WEEKEND AFTER HIS BRIDGING CEREMONY. AFTER ENJOYING A FEW YEARS AT WOLFEBORO AS A SCOUT,

DAVID SIGNED UP TO BE A MOUNTAINEER IN THE SUMMER OF 2014. HE FOLLOWED THAT EXPERIENCE SERVING AS A PAID CAMP STAFF MEMBER IN 2015 AND 2016. PLUS, THIS SUMMER IS AGAIN SERVING ON THE 2018 WOLFEBORO CAMP STAFF, AS AN ADULT. FOR THE SUMMER OF 2017, DAVID WAS THE CREW LEADER OF THE TROOP'S

PHILMONT TREK THAT COVERED 85 MILES IN 11 DAYS. DAVID'S EAGLE SERVICE PROJECT INVOLVED CONSTRUCTING AND INSTALLING OWL BOXES FOR THE CONTRA COSTA COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT PINE CREEK RETENTION BASIN IN WALNUT CREEK. DAVID HAD HIS EAGLE BOARD ON FEBRUARY 2018.





# *Sharing Social Ministry for May*

## Social Ministry Outreach – May 2018

### **Lutheran Bible Translators**

Our special outreach for the month of May is **Lutheran Bible Translators** ([lbt.org](http://lbt.org)), dedicated to sending Lutheran missionaries overseas for the ministry of Bible Translation and Scripture Engagement (currently supporting a field of 28 teams of missionaries), in other words Lutherans who translate the Bible into languages that do not have God's Word available to them. Fewer than 700 of the more than 7,000 languages in the world have translations of the complete Bible and fewer than 1,600 have a translated new testament. Currently work is being done on over 20 Bible translation projects and 60 scripture engagement projects. Brian Marrs will share more about this organization and their work on **Pentecost Sunday, May 20**. Gifts can be specified for this ministry by indicating Lutheran Bible Translators (LBT) on the donation.













## CELEBRATION OF PASTOR BEKAH AND ROB'S WEDDING





# Doo~Wop Wed Widing Hood

Presented by Puppets of Praise Theater Group  
St Mark's Pleasant Hill

**Saturday June 2nd 2:00 4:30 7:00**

Martinez Campbell Theater, 636 Ward Street

General Admission \$10

Children under 13, Seniors and Groups \$7

For Tickets go to: <https://doowop.brownpapertickets.com>

Or email [puppetsofpraisetheater@gmail.com](mailto:puppetsofpraisetheater@gmail.com)

## Doo-Wop Wed Widing Hood

**Don't miss this sharply told, crisply paced, 60 minute, one act musical ride through Ozlandia. This adaptation of a 50's era Little Red Riding Hood, Doo Wop style, with appearances by some of your favorite Wizard of Oz characters will appeal to both children and adults alike.**

**Join the Puppets of Praise life sized black-light puppet characters as they add their own crazy twist to the original musical production. Come dressed in your favorite 50's outfit or just drop in as you are and enjoy the show by clapping and laughing along. Truly fun for all ages.**

Original Book by Charlie Lovett

Music and lyrics by Bill Francoeur

Produced by special arrangement with Pioneer Drama Service, Inc. Englewood, Colorado



# Youth Retreats

2018 ELCA YOUTH GATHERING  
IN HOUSTON, TX

JUNE 24TH ~ JULY 1ST

WE ARE PRAYING FOR  
GARRETT HEIN, CASEY JONES, JASON SNYDER,  
JARED WILSON, TOMAS REYER & PASTOR BEKAH WHO ARE  
ATTENDING THE YOUTH GATHERING THIS SUMMER.



# **ST. MARK'S LUTHERAN CHURCH**

**A Reconciling in Christ Congregation**

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Office Administrator: Cheryl Wight

Directors of 2<sup>nd</sup> Service Music: Sherry & Mike Doyle

Choir Director/Organist: Joyce Porter

## **Weekly Adult Bible Study**

Please join us for a weekly Bible Study at 10 am on Friday mornings, open to all. We have begun studying the Book of Mark, which is also the focus of the current lectionary. Please contact Lisa Farnitano ([lisa.farnitano@gmail.com](mailto:lisa.farnitano@gmail.com)) or Nicole Coggiola for more information.

**Martha Circle Study –Tuesday,**

**May 8, 2018 ~ 1:30 p.m.**

*At such a gathering are multiple opinions.*

**Share yours with the group.**

**Please join us in the meeting room.**

**All are welcome.**

### **For Prayer & Visitation**

We pray for Bob; Glen; Tom; Jan; Sean; Steve's mom Helen; Ann's niece Sherry; Gordon's brother Ted; Patti's friend Yvonne; Ron's friend George; and Geoff's family.

If you would like to be included in the prayer chain or if you have a prayer request, you can email the office at:

**[officeadmin@sm-lc.net](mailto:officeadmin@sm-lc.net)**