



SAINT MARK
LUTHERAN CHURCH

MAKING OUR MARK

April 2019

Special points of interest:

- Message from Pastor Keller
- Holy Week schedule
- Calendar
- Thank you's
- Easter Memorial Garden
- Gertens Plant Fundraiser
- Ecumenical Women's Luncheon



St. Mark & St. Luke Call Committees



A Journey of the Heart

In our American culture, Holy Week, and especially Easter, is not celebrated the same as Christmas. Our secular society embraces the Christmas story and the pageantry around it. The story of the Mary, Joseph, shepherds, angels, stable and baby Jesus is one that many understand and enjoy. Nearly everyone celebrates the birth of a baby.

Holy Week has a totally different vibe. First there is the strange parade as Jesus rides into Jerusalem on a donkey. Couldn't he at least have chosen a white stallion? Then there is the cleansing of the temple, confrontation with the temple officials, the washing of his disciples feet (would you wash your friends feet before dinner?) and the shocking words, "This cup is my blood, shed for you." Many of us have heard these words so often that they no longer grab our attention and force us to ask, "What is going on?"

Good Friday pushes us to the depths as Jesus is arrested, mocked, whipped, crucified and buried. Such a story is beyond our daily comprehension.

Then comes Easter with its challenges. Easter morning with the empty tomb and the various accounts in the four Gospels as to who was where when can be most confusing. Each of the Gospels has a different perspective. St. Mark has only the women and no Jesus. St. Luke has Jesus appearing to two disciples on the road to Emmaus and then disappearing. St. John has Peter and John racing the empty tomb, but they find only burial clothes. Other than the empty tomb, the stories shift like dreams into different patterns.

A humble birth makes sense; a resurrection from the dead does not.

Frederick Buechner has written a helpful word on Easter in his book

Beyond Words.

Easter is not a major production at all and the minor attractions we have created around it — the bunnies and baskets and bonnets, the dyed eggs — have so little to do with what it's all about that they neither add to it nor subtract from it. It's not really even much of a story when you come right down to it, and that is of course the power of it. It doesn't have the ring of great drama. It has the ring of truth. If the Gospel writers had wanted to tell it in a way to convince the world that Jesus indeed rose from the dead, they would presumably have done it with all the skill and fanfare they could muster. Here there is no skill, no fanfare. They seem to be telling it simply the way it was. The narrative is as fragmented, shadowy, incomplete as life itself. When it comes to just what happened, there can be no certainty. That something unimaginable happened, there can be no doubt. (p.91)

The unimaginable has happened. Jesus has risen from the dead. We may never fully comprehend all that this means, but we can be messengers of this truth for the world. Like the women at the tomb, we may be confused, unsure, even afraid. Yet we continue to have the same task, to go and tell, even as we wonder at the mystery.

How has the message of Holy Week changed your perspective or life? Which part challenges your faith and which part gives you strength?

Prayer: Lord God, though my mind may never fully comprehend the depth and height of your death and resurrection, continue to fill my heart with the awe and power of Easter. —Pastor John Keller (*Interim*)

Shared ministry Holy Week/Easter schedule

You are encouraged to worship at the time and location that works best for you. May your walk with Christ deepen during Holy Week and the Easter season.

Palm Sunday 4/14	Maundy Thursday 4/18	Good Friday 4/19	Easter Sunday 4/21
8:30 am Worship at St. Luke	12 pm Communion Worship at St. Mark	12 pm Cross Walk for St. Mark & others, <i>begins at Salvation Army</i>	8:00 am Communion Worship at St. Luke
8:30 am Pancake Breakfast at St. Mark	12:30 pm Lunch- eon for Shut-ins and families at St. Mark		9:00 am Easter Breakfast and Egg Hunt at St. Luke
10:00 am Worship at St. Mark	7:00 pm Communion Worship at St. Luke	7:00 pm Worship at St. Luke	10:00 am Communion Worship at St. Mark

St. Mark Evangelical Lutheran Church

*A Congregation of the Evangelical
Lutheran Church of America*

Interim Pastor

John Keller

(612) 201-6625

550 West Seventh St.

St. Paul, Minnesota 55102

(651) 224-0228

secretary@saintmark.info

Website www.saintmark.info

Sunday Worship 10:00 am

*Holy Communion is celebrated the
1st & 3rd Sundays*

Fellowship / Education
Hour

following service

Executive Committee

President	Eric Michelson	651-726-4927
Secretary	Mary Miller	651-483-0671
Treasurer	Nancy Redlin	612-270-7127
Cong Liaison	Candy Petersen	651-249-1981

Committee Chairs

Property	Donald Clark	651-357-0370
Worship	Larry Raasch	651-238-3531

Church Staff

Bonnie Jellinek	Organist
Julia Jackson	Bookkeeper
Martin Brueggemann	Choir Director
Johnny Hammond	Custodian



Easter Memorial Garden

Easter Lilies and Spring Flowers are being planned to enhance Easter Morning Services.

If you wish to sign up; please fill out the bottom portion of this form and together with your contribution, turn them in with the Offering, place in Office or Mail to the Church Office.

We would appreciate a minimum donation of \$20.00 to pay for the plants.

Palm Sunday (April 14th) will be the deadline for submissions to be included in the Easter Memorial Booklet available on Easter Sunday.

Flowers are placed in memory of:

(Please print name of persons being remembered)

From :

(Please print name of persons sponsoring)

The decorating committee members will be distributing the plants on Easter Morning *after the service.*

I will pick up my plant

I will not pick up my plant

2019 Women's Ecumenical Luncheon

Saturday, April 13th @ 12:00pm



The women of your church are invited to the annual Women's Ecumenical Luncheon. This year we are celebrating 27 years of meeting together.

Who Brings What?

Awaken
Entree

St. Mark
10 dozen Rolls/Bread

St. Peter's
10-15 Salads

St. Francis
St. James
10-15 Desserts

St. Stanislaus
Pickles/Relishes/Fruit

A \$1 donation is requested from each woman attending.

Please bring a non-perishable food item or cash donation. This will be delivered to a food sheld serving the

West 7th Community

A representative from each church will be given 5 minutes to speak about thier church. We'd like for you to consider answering this question:

What has felt most hopeful in your community this year? Announcements for upcoming events can also be made then.

Please contact Jenna by April 9th with approximate number of attendees. You may email jenna@awakencommunity.com or call 763.245.9090

See you April 13th!

<i>Apr</i>	<i>Usber</i>	<i>Reader</i>	<i>Fellowship</i>
7	open	Bonnie Jellinek	
14	open	Fran Hillier	
21	open	Jerry Smith	
28	open	Dianne Testa	

News for our Women:

On Friday and Saturday May 3-4, 2019, the 32nd Annual Saint Paul Area Synodical Women's Convention will be held at Saint John's Lutheran in Lakeville. The theme this year is Hospitality. This is always a wonderful event, full of great information, a time of worship with other women from our Synod and the opportunity to learn from other churches. All of the details for registration, etc. are located on the kiosk in the social hall. Please feel free to register and plan to attend.

Gertens 2019 Spring Plants & Perennials Fundraiser

Brochures and order forms are available. Share them with your friends, relatives and neighbors.

All orders and payment are due by Friday, April 12, 2019. If you can't decide what you want by April 12th, you may purchase Gertens gift cards which can be used to purchase your garden plants at Gertens in Inver Grove Heights any time. They do not expire. The gift cards cannot be used for gift items at Gertens. The gift cards are available for \$25, \$50 or \$100. If you have any questions, please contact Bonnie Jellinek at (612) 270-1770 or at bonniejell@aol.com.

Plants may be picked up on Saturday, May 18th between 2:00 and 4:00 pm. (Pickup Time may change). Gertens is unable to deliver before noon. You may also pick up on Sunday, May 19th between 11 am and 1:00 pm. If you are unable to pick up your plants during these times, please make arrangements with Bonnie (612) 270-1770 to pick up at another time.

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING ST. MARK LUTHERAN CHURCH.

April Birthdays

April 5
Lorraine Dreher

April 19
Marlys Schaefer

April 28
Marty Brueggemann

April 18
Travis Geib

April 24
John Cook

SUN	MON	TUE
	<p>1</p> <p>Square Dancing 7:00-9:00pm</p>	<p>2</p> <p>6:00pm AA</p>
<p>7</p> <p>10:00 Worship Service 11:00 Fellowship 12 The Way Church</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Square Dancing 7:00-9:00pm</p>	<p>9</p> <p>6:00pm AA</p>
<p>14 <i>Palm Sunday</i></p> <p>8:30 Pancake Breakfast 10:00 Worship Service 11:00 Fellowship 12 The Way Church</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Square Dancing 7:00-9:00pm</p>	<p>16</p> <p>6:00pm AA</p>
<p>21 <i>Easter</i></p> <p>10:00 Worship Service 11:00 Fellowship 12 The Way Church</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Square Dancing 7:00-9:00pm</p>	<p>23</p> <p>6:00pm AA</p>
<p>28</p> <p>9:30 Worship Service 10:30 Fellowship 12 The Way Church</p>	<p>29</p> <p>Square Dancing 7:00-9:00pm</p>	<p>30</p> <p>6:00pm AA</p>

WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<p>3</p> <p>6pm Soup Supper</p> <p>Lenten svc to follow (at St. Stans)</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p>
<p>10</p> <p>6pm Soup Supper</p> <p>Lenten svc to follow (at St. Mark)</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12</p> <p><i>Gerten's Orders due</i></p>	<p>13</p> <p><i>3B2 event</i></p> <p>9:00am <i>preparing for pancake breakfast</i></p>
<p>17</p>	<p>18 <i>Maundy Thursday</i></p> <p>12:00p <i>service</i></p> <p>12:30p <i>luncheon</i></p> <p>7:00p <i>service</i> (St. Luke)</p>	<p>19 <i>Good Friday</i></p> <p>12pm <i>Cross Walk</i></p> <p>7:00p <i>service</i> (St. Luke)</p>	<p>20</p>
<p>24</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>

also each Wednesday:

9:00am Bible Study
(at St. Mark)

7pm AA OMD

also each Sunday: **Note our new worship & fellowship times!**

Capital City Church
6:00-9:00 pm

SAINT MARK LUTHERAN CHURCH

550 West 7th St.

St. Paul, MN 55102

Phone: 651-224-0228

www..secretary@saintmark.info



SAINT MARK
LUTHERAN CHURCH

In the City for Good