

**April 29, 2018**

**Welcome**

**TO ALL OUR VISITORS, FRIENDS, AND MEMBERS:** Welcome to St. Mark's Lutheran Church, a multicultural, all-inclusive ecumenical ministry to the community. You are encouraged to join us for refreshments following worship. Please sign our guest book located at the church's front entrance. Restrooms are located on the other side of the east gate as you exit the sanctuary. If you are interested in becoming part of this loving church family, please speak to Pastor today. St. Mark's is a member of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and welcomes all believers to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion. (Communion is administered by intinction. After the Pastor administers the bread, the congregant dips the bread in the wine.) Visit us at [www.smlccg.org](http://www.smlccg.org) and thank you for being with us today!

**INVITE A FRIEND TO CHURCH:** Please consider inviting a family member, a friend, or a neighbor to church with you next Sunday. Share the Good News!

**MINISTRIES**

**NEXT CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING IS THIS TUESDAY, May 1<sup>st</sup>, 7:00 PM**

Church Council meets this Tuesday, May 1<sup>st</sup>. All Church Council members are encouraged to be in attendance.

**NEXT MUSIC LEADERSHIP TEAM MEETING – TUESDAY, MAY 8<sup>th</sup>**

Our next Music Leadership Team meeting will be held next Tuesday, May 8<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 PM. Team members, please plan to be present.

**New Membership Campaign Team Meeting – Tuesday, May 15, 7:30 PM**

A new membership campaign team has formed to help identify new friends and neighbors in the community who are interested in finding a church home. Our next meeting will take place Tuesday, May 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 PM. Please consider being part of new effort.

**PLEASE MAKE A SPECIAL EFFORT TO WELCOME FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS**

Let us all make a special effort to always make our friends and neighbors welcome at St. Marks: 1) introduce them to the Pastor, 2) invite them to sign the guest book, and 3) bring them to fellowship hour to enjoy fellowship and meet new friends. Also, if you know of a friend or neighbor who would be interested in joining St. Mark's, please see Josie or Pr. Guss. Thank you for your support!

**CARE NETWORK MEETING SCHEDULED FOR TUESDAY, MAY 22, 7:30 PM**

Pastor and Church Council are seeking interested individuals who are willing to be part of St. Mark's Care Network. This group of individuals sends cards, makes phone calls, and occasionally makes visits to the homes of members and friends of the congregation who may not have been able to attend church for a while and/or who need some good cheer. Please see Pastor or Administrative Assistant Josie if you are interested in serving on this vital and important ministry. Our first meeting will be May 22, 7:30 PM.

**COMING TO CHURCH IS IMPORTANT!**

As we work together to expand our programs of ministries, all members and friends of the parish are requested to regularly attend weekly worship. As we work together to expand our programs of ministries, all members and friends of the parish are requested to regularly attend weekly worship.

**HAVE YOU THOUGHT ABOUT OFFERING A RIDE TO YOUR FRIEND OR NEIGHBOR TO WORSHIP?**

Here is an ABSOLUTELY WONDERFUL IDEA! Have you considered offering a ride to your neighbor, friend, or family member to come to church? What a great way to help a friend and grow our church. Think about it!

**NEW CONCEPT – BECOME PART OF MINISTRY WITHOUT ATTENDING A MEETING**

Please review and identify any one of the list of individual ministries in the areas of Christian Education, Evangelism, Property, and Leadership in which you are interested in serving. Please let Pr. Guss, Administrative Assistant Josie, or any Church Council member know of your interest to serve. Join the team and become a valuable member of a ministry “*doing God’s work, with our hands.*”

- A. WORSHIP MINISTRIES (6) – altar guild, lectors/worship assistants, ushers/greeters, vestry, Chancel Choir, Children’s Choir
- B. CHRISTIAN EDUCATION MINISTRIES (4) – Children Sunday Church School, Adult Bible Study, First Communion & Confirmation Ministry, Youth Ministry
- C. EVANGELISM MINISTRIES (11 ministries) – Prayer Ministry, Visitation Ministry, Counseling Ministry, Care Network, Fellowship Ministry, Community Outreach, Transportation Ministry, Media Ministry, E.L.C.A. Hunger Fund Ministry, Discretionary Fund Ministry
- D. LEADERSHIP MINISTRIES (4): Finance Bookkeeping Committee, Property Work Team, Music Leadership Team, Church Council

***(Please see [saintmarkslutherancoralgables.org](http://saintmarkslutherancoralgables.org) for more information on each ministry.)***

**CONGREGATIONAL BAR-BE-QUE – NEXT SUNDAY, MAY 6<sup>th</sup>**

Come and join the fun. There will be a congregation bar-be-que immediately following worship next Sunday, May 6<sup>th</sup>! Bring family and friends and enjoy some great food.

**BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION – NEXT SUNDAY, MAY 6**

Please plan to stay for fellowship hour next Sunday immediately after worship as we plan to sing Happy Birthday and celebrate all those members and friends in the parish who are celebrating their birthday during the month of May.

## **SERMON INFORMATION FOR APRIL 29**

**ONCE YOU JUMP UP, HOW YOU COME DOWN IS WHAT REALLY MATTERS!**

**The Reverend David O. Guss, Pr.**

**Bethlehem Lutheran Church  
Hallandale, FL**

**St. Mark's Lutheran Church  
Coral Gables, FL**

**St. Timothy Lutheran Church  
Miami Gardens, FL**

**May 20, 2018 – Festival of Pentecost**

**Children's Message:** *Excited To Be The Church!*

**Object:** A pom-pom or some other means of introducing the idea of "cheerleading"

**Scripture:** Acts 2:1-11

### **Administrative Assistant Meeting**

**Tuesday – May 22, 2018**

1. Communications and Correspondences
2. Website – Update
3. Monthly newsletter - updates
4. Weekly updates – announcements
5. Church Council Meeting agenda for May 1
6. Music Leadership Team Meeting Agenda for May 8
7. Care Network Team Meeting agenda
8. Weekly Phone Calls – phone numbers?
9. Welcome Letters for the week
10. Administrative Assistant Business Items
11. For the good of the order

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- E. INTERNATIONAL CHILDREN'S SCHOOL