

**May 6, 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!

**NEW MEMBERS TO JOIN ST. MARK'S – NEXT SUNDAY, MAY 13**

Exciting news – next week St. Mark's will be taking into membership four new members. Their names are as follows: \_\_\_\_\_. Please plan to be present for this exciting day to welcome these wonderful new people into our congregation. May's God's blessings be upon each one of them. The fellowship hour following worship will be in honor of our new members.

**MINISTRIES**

**MUSIC LEADERSHIP TEAM MEETING IS THIS TUESDAY, MAY 8<sup>th</sup>**

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

**Recruiting New Members for our new Membership Campaign Team – Meeting, May 15<sup>th</sup>**

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 next 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 MINISTRY MEETING – MAY 22<sup>nd</sup>, 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. If you are interested in serving on this vital and important ministry, please attend our Care Network Ministry Team meeting on Tuesday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 7:30 PM.

**NEXT CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING IS TUESDAY, MAY 29<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 PM**

Church Council's next meeting is Tuesday, May 29<sup>th</sup>. This meeting will be dedicated to planning our summer retreat and focusing on activities for the coming church year. All Church Council members are encouraged to be in attendance.

**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.)***

**NEWS FROM OUR ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT**

**BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION – TODAY, MAY 6**

Please plan to stay for fellowship hour after worship today 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.

**A VERY SPECIAL THANK YOU TO ALL THOSE WHO ASSISTED WITH TODAY’S BAR-BE-QUE**

Thank you to all our members and friends who helped to make today’s bar-be-que such a success. Stay tuned, more fun events are on the way.

## **SERMON INFORMATION FOR MAY 6**

### **EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT LOVE**

**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 6, 2018 – 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**

**Children's Message:** *It No Fun To Keep Our Love To Ourselves!*

**Object:** a game board for a game that requires two or more players

**Scripture:** John 15:9-17

### **Administrative Assistant Meeting**

**Tuesday – May 8, 2018**

1. Communications and Correspondences
2. Website – Update
3. Monthly newsletter - updates
4. Weekly updates – announcements
5. New Members joining St. Mark's
6. Music Leadership Team Meeting agenda for May 8
7. Membership Campaign Team agenda – May 15
8. Care Network Meeting agenda – May 22
9. Church Council Meeting agenda for May 29
10. Weekly Phone Calls – phone numbers?
11. Welcome Letters for the week
12. Administrative Assistant Business Items
13. For the good of the order

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