

**April 15, 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!

**A VERY SPECIAL THANK YOU**

**Thank you to all who made our School/Church Springtime Worship Celebration so wonderful!**

Thank you to everyone in the congregation who made our children, parents, and guests feel so welcome last week at our School/Church Springtime Worship Celebration! The children offered a beautiful musical presentation last week and participated in a fun-time Springtime Egg Hunt following worship. We especially want to thank the teachers for their efforts and all the members of our congregation for making our families and children feel so welcome.

**MINISTRIES**

**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!

**New Membership Campaign Team Meets This Tuesday, April 17**

A new membership campaign team is forming to help identify new friends and neighbors in the community who are interested in finding a church home. Our first meeting will take place this Tuesday, April 17, at 7:30 PM. Please consider being part of new effort.

**NEXT SOCIAL MEDIA MINISTRY MEETING IS TUESDAY, April 24, 7:30 PM**

The Social Ministry Media will meet next Tuesday, April 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 PM. All Social Media committee members are encouraged to place this date on their calendar at this time.

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

Church Council meets 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>**

Thank you to all our team members who attended our Music Leadership Team meeting this past Tuesday. Our next Music Leadership Team meeting will be held Tuesday, May 8<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 PM. Team members, please plan to be present.

**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!

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**New Membership Campaign Committee Forming**

A new membership campaign committee is forming to help identify new friends and neighbors in the community who are interested in finding a church home. If you know of anyone who would be interested in joining St. Mark's OR if you are willing to serve on this new committee to identify new ways to attract new members to our Church, please see Josie or Pr. Guss. Above all, **let us all make a special effort to always make our friends and neighbors welcome at St.**

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**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.)***

**BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION – TODAY, APRIL 15**

Please plan to stay for fellowship hour today 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 April.

**NEWS FROM OUR ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT**

**SERMON INFORMATION FOR APRIL 15**

**EXPERIENCE YOUR “CHRIST IS ALIVE, HALLELUJAH” TODAY!**

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

**Bethlehem Lutheran Church   St. Mark’s Lutheran Church   St. Timothy Lutheran Church**  
**Hallandale, FL                      Coral Gables, FL                      Miami Gardens, FL**

**April 15, 2018 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Easter**

**Children’s Sermon: *Blessed Are The Believers!***

**Object:**                      a pair of mittens

**Scripture:**                      Luke 24:35-48

**Administrative Assistant Meeting**

**Tuesday – April 17, 2018**

1. Communications and Correspondences
2. Website – Update, new brochure
3. Monthly newsletter - updates
4. Weekly updates – announcements
5. New members joining the congregation
6. Church Council Meeting agenda for May 1
7. Music Leadership Team Meeting Agenda for May 8
  8. Membership Campaign
  9. Care Network
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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