

May 13, 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 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!

TO ALL OUR MOTHERS – HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!

St. Mark's wants to say HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY to all our mothers in the congregation today. Today's Fellowship Hour will be held in all our mothers.

NEXT SUNDAY IS PENTECOST SUNDAY – WEAR RED!

Next Sunday we will be celebrating the Festival of Pentecost. Everyone is urged to wear red to commemorate this celebration which is the birthday of the church.

NEW MEMBERS JOIN ST. MARK'S TODAY

It is our privilege and honor to welcome four new members into our St. Mark's family today. Their names are as follows: _____. Please plan to be present to join us for the fellowship hour that will be held in their honor after worship today to personally welcome these new members into our congregation. May's God's blessings be upon each one of them.

MINISTRIES

MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN TEAM MEETING, THIS TUESDAY – MAY 15th, 7:30 PM

Our new membership campaign team has formed and is meeting this coming Tuesday, May 15th at 7:30 PM to help identify new friends and neighbors in the community who are interested in finding a church home. Please consider attending and 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 – NEXT TUESDAY, MAY 22nd, 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 next Tuesday, May 22nd, 7:30 PM.

NEXT CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING IS TUESDAY, MAY 29th, 7:00 PM

Church Council's next meeting is Tuesday, May 29th. 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.

NEXT MUSIC LEADERSHIP TEAM MEETING WILL BE TUESDAY, JUNE 5th

Thank you to all our Music Leadership Team members who met this past Tuesday. Our next meeting is scheduled for June 5 to discuss our summer program.

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 for more information on each ministry.)

NEWS FROM OUR ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

SERMON INFORMATION FOR MAY 13

UNITED WE STAND

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 – 7th Sunday of Easter

Children's Message: *Who Can Answer Jesus' Prayer?*

Object: Kite (you can make your own by coloring a piece of paper and attaching a paper or ribbon tail)

Scripture: John 17:6-19

Administrative Assistant Meeting

Tuesday – May 15, 2018

1. Communications and Correspondences
2. Website – Update
3. Monthly newsletter - updates
4. Weekly updates – announcements
5. Membership Campaign Team agenda for May 15
6. Church Council Meeting agenda for May 29
7. Membership Campaign Team agenda– June 12
8. Care Network Ministry Team agenda – June 26
9. Weekly Phone Calls – phone numbers?
10. Welcome Letters for the week
11. Administrative Assistant Business Items
12. For the good of the order

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