

June Servant Highlights

June 5:

9:30 a.m.

Acolyte: Josh Hilpert

Lector: Dan Truesdell

Media Tech: Noah Schuetz

Usher: Bill Wynhoff, Jonathan Busse,

Elder: Toby Rushforth

June 19:

9:30 a.m.

Acolyte: Isaiah Graham

Lector: Dan Truesdell

Media Tech: Scott Macri

Usher: Matt Perry, Toby Rushforth, Paul Graham,

Elder: Toby rushforth

June 12:

9:30 a.m.

Acolyte: Noah Schuetz

Lector: Richard Dole

Media Tech: Josh Hilpert

Usher: Tom Annis, David Gaudi, Mark Fink,

Elder: Dan Truesdell

June 26:

9:30 a.m.

Acolyte: Kate Chaffin

Lector: Yal Lim

Media Tech: Noah Schuetz

Usher: Lutz Pescht, Tom Slavens, Anthony Warren,

Elder: Dan Truesdell

Servants in Christ

We would like to give a big *Mahalo* to all of the servants in Christ that are currently offering their time and talents to Saint Mark Lutheran Church.

If the Lord has touched your heart and you are looking for a way to serve Him the following are a few options. If the expression of your gift is not listed please contact the Church office at 808-247-4565 or at st.marksecretary@yahoo.com or secretary@stmarkhawaii.org.

Altar Guild is looking for more members! There is a need for helpers with the Banners, as well as, with Sunday Morning Communion, or with both!

Saint Mark Food Bank is open Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. Donations—both food and monetary—are always welcome and of great help for this ministry. Monetary donations are tax deductible as well. With your help we can help feed Hawaii's hungry. If you have any questions or would like to help maintain the food closet, please call Katie Shirley at 596-2771.

Servants for Sunday Mornings

Media Technicians are needed to operate the computer and slide presentation throughout each service. Contact the Church office for information.

Keiki Church Assistants are needed to teach our *keiki* about God's love for them in His Son, Jesus Christ. Contact Loretta for information.

Lectors, Ushers, and Acolytes are needed for all services. Contact the Church office for information.



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Aloha From the Pastors Wife

Greetings in the name of our Risen Lord! I have noticed something about myself, and I was wondering if you can relate. I have to schedule out time to do something for it to get done. This happens with cleaning house, exercising, checking kids homework, taking dogs for a walk-- things like that. But surely I, a pastors wife, would be devout in her study of the Bible even without attending a class to facilitate that important aspect of Christian life. Not quite.

We have a new summer worship schedule and with that a new time for Sunday School. I for one am looking forward to being able to come together with fellow believers to dive into the Word. We all know Bible study is important, but do we know why?

What does the Bible itself say regarding the importance of Bible study? A lot, but, for this article, we will take a look at two passages, one in the Old Testament, and the other in the New. Both of these passages are the foundation of centuries-old theological works. They explain to us the power and importance of what is important in life—why we do things, how we can do things right, and what we can do to be the best we can be. The basic “meaning of life” stuff.

The first important passage is Deuteronomy 6:4-9, **“Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. These commandments that I give you today are to be upon your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates.”**

This verse starts out with what is called the *Shema*; it means to hear what God has to say. This saying was, and still is the Jew's rallying cry to know their Lord. This verse also points to the next two verses that, in a nutshell, are about memorizing and knowing and doing God's Word. God is commanding us to teach ourselves and our children His Word, so that it penetrates our hearts, minds and will—that is, every aspect of who we are. And, then, we are to write it down and bind it to all our daily aspects of life. That call is still for us today.

The second important passage is 2 Timothy 3:14-17, **“But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of, because you know those from whom you learned it, and how from infancy you have known the holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.”**

Paul, in this passage, gives us a similar call to listen to God's Word. Here is the call to thoroughly study, understand, and then apply Scripture. This passage is not an instruction to give the Bible the occasional “once over.” It is the clear, uncompromising call to continue in our studies constantly and passionately.

These two Scriptures make it known that we need to be educated from the Word. The command from Deuteronomy chapter 6, to teach and be taught, combines together with Paul's proclamation in

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2 Timothy chapter 3 that the Bible is profitable for teaching. The word *useful*, sometimes translated as *profitable*, which implies that we actually profit from God's Word. But, this type of profit is not in the money, but in what is important in life. **God the Creator of all things, Who has our best interests in mind, desires that we learn and grow. And, we do this through His Word!** From there we gain our values, our moral center, which is how we are to be to God and to those around us. We also gain our wisdom and knowledge through the Word, as well as learning for our lives. Without the Word, we may have knowledge from life, but we will not have wisdom! I have heard wisdom defined as "knowing what God would want us to do in a situation". The Bible shows us the real One, as well as both who Christ is and how then we are to live. The Bible gives us our instructions on how to live!

The Bible is not just about a list of dos and don'ts, but a love letter that lets us know what is best. The Bible does this by its honesty with its characters, how they failed and how they succeeded. It shows us how we are to view God and each other, how we are to conduct ourselves, and how we are to measure our ideas and activities. **It contains all we need to know for salvation and godly living.**

There is certainly much more that we can learn and apply to our lives with a deeper understanding of the Bible. That is why the Board of Parish Education has made it its mission to offer opportunities to further your study and spiritual maturity. The Bible says we are to learn and to teach our children, so we offer classes for adults and keiki. Many people spend many hours each week praying, preparing and studying to get ready for the important task of leading these educational classes for your benefit. Classes are offered on Sundays at 8:30 am and on Wednesdays at 10:30 am. Other classes in the evening will follow. The Women's study we completed last year not only instructed us but brought us closer together as sisters in the faith. I hope and pray for each of you to be able to find the time to join together with us as we spend time in His Word. Blessings to you all.

Rachel

Excerpts taken from © 1991 originally titled "Why Should We Study the Bible," revised 2001, 2004 R.J. Krejcir Into Thy Word

DCE Corner

Aloha Saint Mark!

I would like to thank everyone who has volunteered with the youth and keiki! You all are such a blessing to these students, and to me. I appreciate all your hard work! Summer Sunday School is going to be an awesome adventure, and I want to encourage anyone who is interested in volunteering to become a Sunday School teacher!

I also want to thank the Youth and Jr. High for an awesome year! You guys are all amazing students, and I am proud of each and every one of you! I would like to offer a special congratulations to high school graduate Rachel Firchau, and all of our 8th Grade graduates! I pray that you will be blessed and enjoy this next chapter of your lives!

Finally, as Kevin and I head back to the mainland, I would like to thank Saint Mark for letting us be a part of your church ohana! We have enjoyed getting to know each and every one of you, and will continue to keep Saint Mark in our prayers! Mahalo!

~Loretta Moerbe, DCE Intern~

"Behold, I have engraved you on the palms of my hands; your walls are continually before me." Isaiah 49:16

Church News



Bulletin Submissions Any Submissions need given to the church office each week by Wednesday they are to be in the following Sunday's bulletin. These submissions can be called in at 247-4565 or emailed to st.marksecretary@yahoo.com or secretary@stmarkhawaii.org.

Senior Bible Study is held each Wednesday at 10:00 a.m. in the church sanctuary, followed by **Prayer Warriors**. The material covered for this bible study is the upcoming Sunday lessons. The lessons will be provided but it is encouraged for you to bring your bible also.

Offering Envelopes are available through the church office.

Flower Chart sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board. Purchase flowers in honor, celebration or memory of that special loved one. Church Office takes care of ordering and delivery for you. Cost is only \$15.

Musicians wanted for our 9:30 am worship service! Please contact Tanya Pescht at 228-0830.

From the LWML...

The Ladies Tea held last month, was a success! We had ladies, including young girls from church and school. The food was delicious and the fellowship added a lot to the day. The ladies on the committee, the Hostesses, did a fabulous job with the tea sets and the decorations. I am quite certain that this was the first of many Annual Ladies' Tea Party. Watch for more on that!

I will be attending the National LWML Convention in Peoria, Ill. From June 21-27. More on that for the next Newsletter.

Our local Saint Mark, Malia Maleka chapter of Zone 11 of the CNH District is continuing to donate Mites to fund the grants. In addition, we have provided ribbon leis for the Kindergarten and 8th Grade graduations, had a bake sale, provided cake for Mother's Day and will provide for the Father's Day cake. There was only one confirmand this year so a card was sent along with the Colors of Faith and a lapel Fish hook pin.

In September, Zone 11 will be holding their Annual Retreat on the Big Island at the Military Camp. Ladies (and Gentlemen) are encouraged to attend. The information will be sent out via email. To date, Alice DeCosterd and I will be attending from Saint Mark. We look for more of you to get involved. We do have folks coming from the Mainland and it is always nice to have a local reception committee. We will need more information from you so that transportation to and from the airport can be arranged. Additional information is posted on the bulletin board or talk with Alice DeCosterd or Adele Mitchell for more information. Fliers and registration forms are available.

Adele Mitchell

Board of Outreach and Fellowship News

Family Promise

Our next Family Promise rotation is June 12 - 19. Volunteers are needed to provide meals, serve as overnight hosts, help with set-up and clean-up. If you can help, please contact Yal or Kristin Lim. We are also looking for any person(s) interested in serving as a back-up coordinator. If you're that person(s), our June rotation would be a perfect time for you to see what the coordinator does. Yal and Kristin would be happy to walk you through what's involved.

June 12 Farewell Potluck for DCE Intern Loretta and Kevin Moerbe

Join us in saying aloha to our DCE intern Loretta and her husband Kevin as they prepare to head back to Texas. We will have a potluck brunch immediately following the 9:30 am service. Bring a dish to share and spend some time visiting with the Moerbes. A calabash bowl will be available for cards, gifts, etc.

June 13 Greet DCE Intern Sarah Morris at Airport

Our new DCE intern Sarah will be arriving in Honolulu on Monday, June 13 at 9:00 pm via United Airlines flight 1100. If you're able, please join us in greeting her at the airport with a lei and warm aloha. If you wish to carpool from the church, please contact the church office or Yal or Kristin Lim.

June 19 Welcome Potluck for New DCE Intern Sarah Morris

Yes, two potlucks in a row! June 19 (Father's Day) will be the first week at Saint Mark for our new DCE intern Sarah Morris. Please welcome Sarah and her mother to Hawaii with a local style potluck immediately following the 9:30 am service. Lei, cards, gift cards, etc. are welcome! Sarah will be serving a two year internship with us.

Snack Sign-up Sheet

Snacks are back! Sign up to bring snacks for our fellowship time following the church service. A sign-up sheet will be located on the food table out on the lanai. Snacks don't have to be fancy. Simple things that don't require plates or forks would be great!

Ideas for Fellowship or Outreach Events

Do you have a suggestion for a great fellowship or outreach event? Our committee would love to hear about it! You can share your ideas with any of our board members: Jenni Tyau, Luana Perry, Katie Shirley, Rachel Hilpert, Theresa Annis, Yal Lim or Kristin Lim.

Note from the Board of Parish Education...

The Board is busy with plans for summer VBS and summer Sunday School. VBS starts June 6-10 at 12:30 pm to 3:30pm. The theme is **A Big Jungle Adventure!** The summer schedule each week is Sunday school for all ages at 8:30 am and worship at 9:30 am. We will have a keiki message during church but are not having keiki church. A lot of people are working very hard to bring these quality programs to you. Please plan on attending Sunday School before the service to enrich your relationship with each other and Our Lord through study into His Word.

Peace and Blessings,
Rachel

Aloha from the Church Council President...

Hello! Thank you all for the welcoming emails, thoughts and prayers. I can't wait to join you in ministry as we love and care for the ohana of St. Mark and of Hawaiiin Jesus' name. I look forward to meeting you all and serving alongside you! See y'all soon!

Sarah Morris, DCE Intern

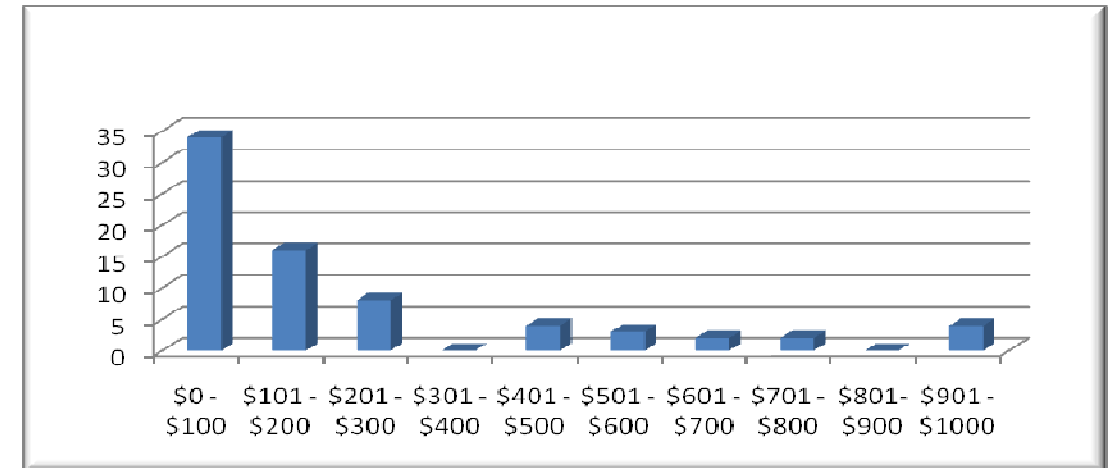
Aloha from the Church Council President...

Aloha Members and Friends of Saint Mark,

I would like to start this newsletter note with "Mahalo". As a congregation we have been falling behind on meeting our Church Budget for 2010-2011 giving – by March 2011 (the end of the third quarter) we were over \$12,000 short. However, during the month of April including Easter week we not only met the require \$17,296 for the month, but we gave an additional \$8,020. Your faithful giving has almost caught us back up (only \$4,000 to go). He is Risen Indeed, Alleluia!

During the month of June the Council will be discussing the Church budget and preparing for the June Voters meeting (June 26th at 10:30). Please pray for our Church leadership as we prepare for the ending of Saint Mark's fiscal year, and work diligently to prepare a budget for 2011-2012. As always, such prayerful support is greatly appreciated for those who serve our congregation with their time and talents as they look forward to the ministries of our congregation in the year ahead.

I want to challenge each of you to consider "Moving up for the Lord" with your giving next year – the follow chart indicates the average family givings for 2010-2011 by \$100 increments per month. Look at where your family fits and prayfully consider ways to move up to the next hundred dollar increment.



The Lord has truly blessed Saint Mark!

Mark Fink
President, Saint Mark Lutheran Church

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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