

Saint Mark Lutheran Church

Kaneohe, Hawaii

Membership Application



For Those Desiring Membership

Four Fold Expectations

We welcome you to become a member of Saint Mark Lutheran Church and join our ohana in Christ. Membership in our Church family consists of professing the Christian faith in one accord as contained in the Holy Bible and understood through the Lutheran Confessional writings. We would like to extend a warm Aloha to you and your ohana and encourage you to continue your ongoing growth in your spiritual walk. If you are transferring from another Lutheran Church Missouri Synod congregation we would like to inform your previous church family of your desire to transfer your membership. If you are new to the Christian faith as taught in the Lutheran Church we would ask that you speak with Pastor Matt or an Elder of Saint Mark Lutheran Church in order to learn more about the Triune God and His desires for your life. This process is referred to as Confirmation and is a continuation of the new birth and life that God has given to each of us through the waters of Christian Baptism.

What follows is the Four Fold Expectations for our members. Those who have long been a part of the family of believers at Saint Mark are asked to revisit these expectations on a regular basis. In the same way, as someone considering membership at Saint Mark, we encourage you to identify where you are. You will have the opportunity within the context of our worship time to affirm your faith, your desire to become part of our congregation in Christ, and to live your life with an emphasis on these Four Fold Expectations.

Grow in Worship

The first three commandments emphasize the importance of securing our relationship to God. Jesus once said, "Seek first the Lord's kingdom and His righteousness and all other things will be given to you as well." It starts here...prayer, praise, and spending time in the house of God. For our sakes, God holds this value as His first expectation for His children.

Grow in God's Word

"The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom and those who follow His teaching demonstrate good understanding." (Psalm 111:10) We have all known intelligent fools. God wants better for us. No matter our education, intelligence quotient, or life's honor, the Lord wants to impart wisdom leading to the best life has to offer. It comes through His Word.

Grow in Sacrificial Living

It is in giving that we receive. God's ways are not like the ways of the world. The world says, "take," but God says, "give." Christians who grow in service to others, in generosity, and in all understanding that the highest calling in life is to make a difference in eternal things, are the most blessed people on the earth.

Grow in Intentional Relationships

God made us social people. It is not good for people to live in isolation from others. God wants us to use our relationships to strengthen other Christians and to reach out to nonbelievers in an authentic display of love and good will. We are most like God when we live lives of intentional love towards others.

If you have any questions about Saint Mark Lutheran Church please contact Pastor Matt at the church office. Our address is: 45-725 Kamehameha Highway, Kaneohe, HI 96744. Our phone number is (808) 247-4565. Our fax number (808) 235-6155. Pastor Matt's e-mail address is: pastormatt@stmarkhawaii.org.

Last Name _____ Date _____

Address _____

Home Phone Number _____ E-mail Address: _____

Include address and phone number in the church directory? Yes No

Are you on active military? Yes No Approximate Date of Next Deployment: _____



Your First Name _____

Birth date: _____ Place of Birth: _____

Baptism Date: _____ Place of Baptism: _____

Confirmation Date: _____ Place of Confirmation: _____

Employer: _____

Previous Church Membership _____ Please request a transfer

Membership Status: Member Participating Non-member Non-member Visitor Inactive

If you are single, please proceed to the Time and Talent section. If you are married, please continue with the following section. Please indicate if your spouse and/or children will also be joining Saint Mark Lutheran Church. You do not have to list adult children who will not be living with you.



Spouse's First Name _____

Anniversary Date _____ Place of Marriage: _____

Birth date: _____ Place of Birth: _____

Baptism Date: _____ Place of Baptism: _____

Confirmation Date: _____ Place of Confirmation: _____

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All information on this form is confidential and will only be used for ministry purposes for this congregation. The only mailing list outside of the congregation that your name will be given to is our High School in Honolulu for their annual fund drive. Thank you for your kokua!

Children:

Name: _____ Grade in School: _____

Birth date: _____ Place of Birth: _____

Baptism Date: _____ Place of Baptism: _____

Confirmation Date: _____ Place of Confirmation: _____

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Received into Membership by: ___ Confirmation ___ Transfer ___ Profession of Faith

Date Received: _____ Offering Envelope Number: _____

Transfer Requested: _____ Date Received: _____

Information Recorded in Computer: _____ Information added to directory: _____

Time/Talent form reviewed and disseminated: ___ Photographer ___ Financial Secretary

Elder Assigned to the Family: _____

Last Name: _____

First Name: _____

Time and Talents

Saint Mark Lutheran Church and School relies on your willingness to help with the many areas of ministry that make a difference each week. The Bible is clear that each person should use the talent and ability and passion that God has given them to advance the kingdom of God. At Saint Mark we really hope and pray that you will find an area of ministry that you enjoy and are well suited to. Please look over the following areas. If you have questions about the individual ministries, please contact Pastor Matt or the church office and we'll be happy to put you in touch with the ministry team leader or Board chairperson.

Each Family Member should fill out a sheet and check as many or as few as they are comfortable with:

- Usher serves one Sunday a month on a team.
- Keiki Church assistant serves one Sunday a month.
- Acolyte (2nd – 12th grade youth)
- Offering Counter serves one Sunday a month.
- Greeter serves one Sunday a month before service.
- Media tech to operate the computer for Sunday morning services.
- Altar Guild servers rotate on a monthly basis with two assigned to each Sunday.
- Music
 - Saint Mark Adult Choir
 - Contemporary Worship Band (instrument or vocal)
 - vocal, instrumental, or dance solos or group during church
- Sunday School Teacher
 - Preschool
 - Lower Grades – K – 4th
 - Middle Grades – 5th – 6th
 - Junior High – 7th – 8th
 - Senior High – 9th – 12th
- Fellowship Board ensures that the necessary items are in place to facilitate Sunday morning fellowship after services, the organizing of the Easter Breakfast, midweek soup suppers for Advent and Lent, barbecues and potlucks with Saint Mark Lutheran School, and other fellowship activities.
- Adult Bible Class / Small Group Bible Study Leader
- Youth Group Events. Work with the DCE to carry out youth events for Saint Mark Junior and Senior High. Chaperones and drivers are always needed.
- Leadership in Saint Mark Lutheran Church through governance on the Council or Board of Elders.



- Workday Crew workdays are held twice a year and just about any skill can be used. In addition, special projects can be done during the week at almost any time.
- The local branch of the Lutheran Women’s Missionary League.
- Assist with Vacation Bible School (annually in June).
- Serve as a host for Family Promise (meals, overnight stays at Saint Mark gym, laundry, set-up, etc.).
- Providing for others’ needs through in the Foodbank (Saturday morning 8:00 a.m.–10:00 a.m. distribution).
- The Lutheran High School Association has a monthly board meeting to oversee the operation of the school. Saint Mark has three board positions.
- Computer work help maintain the church’s computers and internet website
- Special needs such as providing meals or transportation for special circumstances
(after a baby is born, severe illness, family death)
- Specialized help utilizing special skills for medical, financial or other need.

Please list what you can offer: _____

- Access to Unique Opportunities such as a boat, swimming pool or other object or service that might be useful to the church.

- Other _____



Treasures

The Lord has truly blessed each of us in so many different ways, caring for our bodies, our souls, and our families. Through Jesus Christ, He has given us forgiveness and life eternal. And through creation He continues to provide for all of our needs. As Luther reminds us, *“(God) has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my reason and all my senses, and still takes care of them. He also gives me clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, wife and children, land, animals, and all I have.” He richly and daily provides me with all that I need to support this body and life.* (Small Catechism, 1st Article) It is such a wonderful opportunity that He has enabled us to live here on the island of Oahu surrounded by the beauty of nature and to be content with our many blessings. However we realize that all that we are given is meant to be used for God’s glory. Therefore as Stewards of God’s blessings we not only give of our time and our unique abilities, we also return to God the gifts of our finances. The guide we are given in scripture is to return to the Lord 10% of all that He has given to us.

As members of Saint Mark Lutheran Church, we are continually encouraged not only to return to the Lord that small portion of what we have received, but to ask for the faith to do even greater things in our generosity. As a part of your Christian discipleship, take time each year and reflect on how the Lord has blessed you through your income and consider how you might be able to grow each year through your sacrificial giving to the Lord’s work, not limiting yourself to the opportunity of generous tithing to Saint Mark but additionally to other ministries that proclaim the Gospel throughout the year. Strive to be a cheerful giver in the Lord, reflecting how much you have received in your life.