



Saint Mark Lutheran Church

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August

A Message from our Pastor

Aloha Saint Mark Family!

What amazing blessings God has given us in our first month together. Becky and I are so thankful for your loving reception. We have been overwhelmed by the infectious, contagious, unstoppable, rapidly spreading joy of our new Church! Thank you for serving the Lord with gladness. (Psalm 100:2)

July was a special month as God blessed the beginning of another school year. This is truly a start like no other in our school's history, so please pray daily for our teachers and staff. We are so thankful for their dedication and commitment to love the little ones God has entrusted to our care.

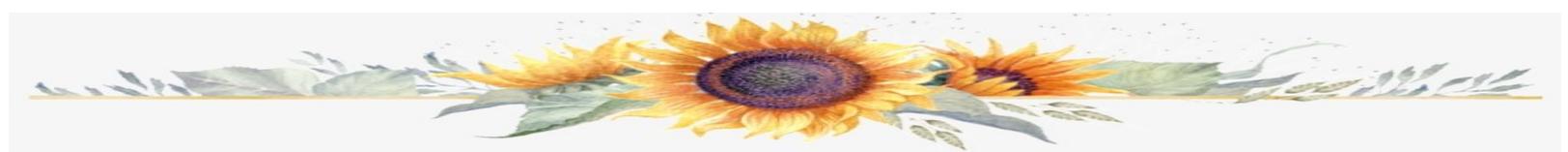
This August we begin our Sunday School ministry after worship and fellowship time. It begins around 10:30 AM. I really encourage you to bring your young children and grandchildren. Get ready to hear some loud and joyful little Christians having fun in their time at Church. If you know anyone who needs a ride to or from Sunday School, we are so happy to provide!

Along with Sunday School comes the beginning of our adult Bible study after worship. There is nothing more important a Church can do than study God's Word together. "His Word never returns without accomplishing His purpose." (Isaiah 55:11). This important Bible verse is God's promise that you will be blessed every time you attend! We will also have a lot of fun together because we don't want to be outdone by the keiki Sunday School.

August also offers us the rare opportunity to enjoy two full moons. I am drawn to Psalm 19:1 which says "The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims His handiwork!"

When my daughter Savanna was a toddler, we would take her for walks in the morning. During the full moon phase, she would see it still hanging in the sky until mid-day and say, "Silly moon! You are supposed to be at night!" She would ask why the moon was out during the day. We'd tell her that God knew she went to bed before the moonrise so He left it in the sky a little extra time just so she could have a chance to see it. She was so convinced that God had done that just for her.





A Message from our Pastor (cont.)

The truth is...God does do it just for us! And so many other things. The beauty of creation is God's ever-present reminder that He cares about us. He gave us beautiful full moons and spectacular sunrises simply to bring us joy. Paul tells Timothy to "Set your hopes on God, who richly provides us with everything to enjoy." (1 Timothy 6:17). The glory of creation also reminds us how powerful God is. "For God's invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made." (Romans 1:20).

The amazing nature of creation might cause us to feel that God is far away or too magnificent for us to know. But that is not true. He is a personal God who knows you by name! Take several moments this month to enjoy one of the full moons, or the glorious sunrises, or to look up to the mountains which tower in glory over our campus. Imagine God thinking about you while He was forming those. Like Savanna, be convinced that even though God has the amazing power to make mountains, He also lets the moon linger just so you can enjoy it. You are precious and personal to the Creator of all things!

Have a blessed August. Please feel free to contact me anytime by call, text, email or any other means. I am thankful to be alongside you in doing God's work. I love being your Pastor!

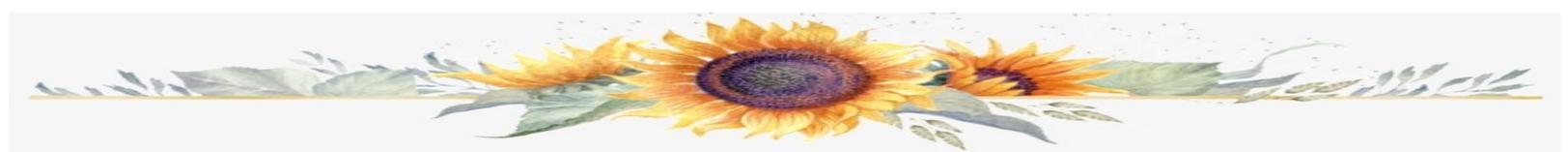
Grace and peace,

Pastor Dan



Saint Mark Lutheran School Teacher & Staff Installation 2020-2021





Missionary Update from Bombaro Family



Dear Friends and Family,

Trinity greetings in the name of Jesus!

Pressures on residency education have moved the Rīga Luther Academy to adopt a bold strategy to supply the church with trained men and women for gospel ministry, service, and evangelism. We are deeply involved in this exciting endeavor to train future pastors and church workers. Follow this mission by reading the July/August newsletter.

How the Latvian Church has adjusted to government closures of residency education.

The launching of the www.livonianlutheranproject.com project at the Academy.

Concordia Irvine and CTSFW provide new curriculum for the Rīga Luther Academy.

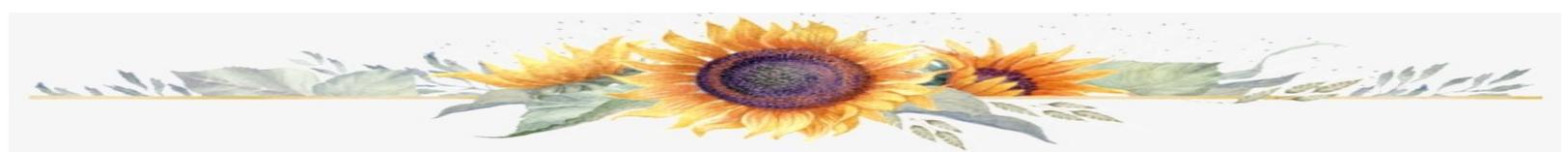
Read about these items in our newsletter, Eurasia Mission: [Download JULY/AUG Newsletter](#)

Please pray for us, our fellow missionaries, and the Church in Eurasia: [Download our prayer card](#)

Gratefully yours in Christ,
Pastor John and Melinda

To support the LCMS through the work of The Bombaro Family, your tax-deductible gift may be sent securely online through the LCMS website at lcms.org/givenow/bombaro.





Missionary Update from Beckendorf Ohana

Dear Friends,

Greetings again from Botswana.

Another short update from us this month, there is still not much happening on which to report. Restrictions are continuing to slowly being eased and stores are mostly open, though there are still restrictions and regulations as to how many people can congregate and cleaning and temperature-taking requirements are in effect. Travel is opening up a little more, but with South Africa reporting exponentially more cases of the virus each day there is a very good possibility we could become more restricted again.

The translation office opened up again for work the last half of June. Unfortunately, when everyone first met and Tim was able to find out what all had been accomplished during the time of lock-down he was disappointed to find out that Splash had had no access to electricity and so couldn't run his computer. Moses' eyes have gotten so bad that he is, for all practical purposes, blind and can't see well enough to do any writing or work on a computer (before the Coronavirus hit we had planned on taking him and another friend we have and going to Namibia to an eye specialist there -- that is now on hold indefinitely). Moronga has gotten some verses done, though not as many as we had hoped for. Since the office has been re-opened Moronga and Tim have been working on the book of Daniel. However, because of fuel shortages Tim is not driving in to work each day and that is also slowing things down.

Things continue to go well on the home-front; homeschooling is going well. However, it looks like Botswana will not re-open borders in the near future -- the latest scuttlebutt is that borders will be closed until the new year. This means that we will not be able to take our usual furlough this year. It also means all mail in or out of the country has been suspended. I am beginning to be concerned about what this means for our homeschooling -- we have enough to keep going for about 10 weeks but after that we will need to have something new on hand.

We continue to appreciate living on a farm. The other day I (Lisa) decided I needed to get some exercise, so I went to walk the fence-line that borders the farm. About 10 minutes into my walk I realized that what I was looking at on the other side of the fence was a huge elephant . . . no, two elephants . . . uh, four elephants about 50 feet from me. The lead elephant and I saw each other at about the same time, and I think we both surprised each other, we all stopped dead. Thank goodness the tall electric fence was between me and them! Then the lead elephant took a few steps and brought his ears forward (a warning sign) and I hightailed it into the nearby bush so they couldn't see me. The elephants turned around and went back the way they came, and I climbed out of the bush and beat a hasty retreat back home. Telling Tim of my adventure that evening he remarked afterwards "You know that the electric fence isn't on, right?"

Praises: - Thanksgiving for supplies and friends who share.

- Thanksgiving that restrictions are being lifted (slowly).
- Thanksgiving for good health and safety.

Prayers: * Please pray that the work will continue according to God's timing.

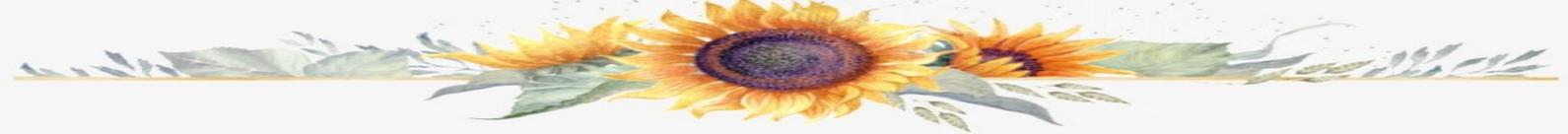
* Please pray that our team will reach our goal for the year.

* Please pray Botswana will be spared the severity of the Coronavirus that South Africa is experiencing.

Thank you again for all of your prayers on our behalf.

Tim, Lisa, Aaron & Andrew Beckendorf





August Servant Schedule

Date	Elder	Lectors	Acolyte	Keiki Message	Media Tech	Ushers	Sunday School
Sunday August 2	Kristin	Kristin	Kaiya	Pastor	Jason	Teresa, Rick	10:30am - Adult Bible Class & Keiki Sunday School
Communion Sunday August 9	Yal	Yal	Savanna	Pastor	Bruce	Frank, Nathan	10:30am - Adult Bible Class & Keiki Sunday School
Sunday August 16	Teresa	Teresa	Kaiya	Pastor	Jason	Mark, Mary Ann	10:30am - Adult Bible Class & Keiki Sunday School
Communion Sunday August 23	Jason	Jason	Savanna	Pastor	Bruce	Richard, Bill	10:30am - Adult Bible Class & Keiki Sunday School
Communion Sunday August 30	Kristy	Kristy	Kaiya	Pastor	Jason	Toby, Yal	10:30am - Adult Bible Class & Keiki Sunday School

*** As a reminder, there will be no bulletins distributed or passing of the offering bowl. Communion will be distributed with new guidelines and safety precautions. After Service refreshments will be individually wrapped snacks & beverages. If you have any questions regarding these changes please contact the Church Office at 247-4565, Mahalo***



AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

8/4	Lee Gray
8/5	Christian Truesdell
8/6	Mike Schmidley
8/8	Marian Tarrant
8/10	Charles Rushforth
8/11	Adam Benton
8/15	Doreen Elliot
8/15	Jessica Tripp
8/20	Kristin Lim
8/22	Krista Lander



*Happy
Anniversary*

8/2	Tripp
8/14	Warren
8/18	Firchau
8/22	Lim
8/25	Slavens
8/26	Rodrigues

Announcements

- ◆ **New Time! 9:00am Ohana Service** please wear a mask, practice social distancing and NO hugs, Hope to see you there!
- ◆ **Sunday School Kick-Off** starts on Aug. 9th! Adult Bible Classes & Keiki Sunday School to follow 9am service. Beginning approximately around 10:30am after Aloha Fellowship
- ◆ **Worship Team** will be meeting every Thursday night @7:30pm, SMLC Choir practice is temporarily cancelled until further notice.
- ◆ **Singers & Instrumentalist still needed for Worship Team!** If you are interested in joining please contact the Church Office for more details.
- ◆ **Midweek Bible Study** with Pastor Dan! Please join us every Wednesday @ 10am in the Church Sanctuary. Just bring a bible, pen, and a mask!
- ◆ **SMLC Food Bank is OPEN!** Our Food Bank is available every Saturday from 8am-10am. Volunteers welcome! If you wish to volunteer please contact the Church Office.
- ◆ **Family Promise will be holding a VIRTUAL Fundraiser** on Aug. 30 @ 6pm sponsored by HMSA. They are asking for help to raise critical funding and awareness about family homelessness by donating, creating a personal fundraising page, and attending the event. Please visit www.familypromisehawaii.org to learn more about the event.
- ◆ **Offering Reminder:** An offering bowl will placed at the back of the church during our 9:00am service. You may also donate online through our website. Simply visit www.stmarkhawaii.org/donate.html

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 9:00am - Ohana Service **Installation of SMLS Faculty & staff** 10:15am - Aloha Fellowship	3 7:00pm - Board of Outreach	4 7:00pm - Elder's Meeting	5 10:00am - Bible Study/ Prayer Warriors	6 6:00pm - Board of Ed. Meeting 7:30pm - Worship Team	7 	8 8:00am - Food Bank
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