



Give thanks
TO THE LORD.

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November

A Message from Pastor Dan

Aloha Saint Mark Family,

November is here already! I am thankful for the many wonderful gifts that God continues to shower on our Church.

We have been so blessed by our amazing music team. Their skill and heart for worship bring joy and genuine love to our Sunday services as God continues to draw new families to join us each week. We will soon need to address the awesome “problem” of what to do when we outgrow the Sunday School room because there are too many kids!

I am also grateful that Saint Mark is studying God’s Word together on Sundays, Wednesdays, and now Monday evening women’s Bible study. Bible study is the anchor of the Church. As we abide in His Word, God promises we will find truth that sets us free! (John 8:31-32). So, please join any of these studies as often as you can. And read your Bible often!

Additionally, our mission in the school remains vibrant as our dedicated teachers and staff faithfully reflect the love of Jesus to all the students God brings each day. Please continue to pray for all of them as they labor to plant seeds of faith.

As we now enter the month of November, that means Thanksgiving is just around the corner. It is such a wonderful time to reflect on the blessings God has given us. And yet as we prepare this year, we are abundantly aware this holiday season will not be like past ones. The large gatherings and magnificent feasts will be tamed down quite a bit. In fact, we may feel a bit less thankful after the year that has passed.



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But our thankfulness cannot be only dependent on how well things are going. I know that many of us are suffering loss of income, loss of relationships, loss of personal freedoms, and loss of normalcy. And yet, we must remember Apostle Paul's great wisdom:

Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. (1 Thessalonians 5:18)

So how can we give thanks in ALL circumstances?

The answer can be found in the Psalms. If we are only thankful for good *things* then we misunderstood God's purpose for our lives. Instead, as we receive both the good gifts and the seasons of struggle, our thankfulness is not for what God gives but for who God is!

*Oh give thanks to the LORD, **for He is good**, for His steadfast love endures forever! (Psalm 107:1)*

Thanksgiving to God is because we know His nature. God is good...all the time! So that means we give thanks for His goodness. It is God's goodness and love that caused Him to send Jesus to redeem us. That is worth being thankful no matter what the season or circumstance!

I pray that you have a blessed and refreshing November! I love being your Pastor. I hope to see you soon!

Grace and peace,

Pastor Dan
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Altar Guild

"It's a time-honored custom when autumn is here

And the Thanksgiving holiday starts

To think of the blessings and joys we've received

And we praise and thank God with all our hearts"

But are we doing our part?

With these thoughts in mind beginning on **Sunday, November 1**, we have empty baskets on the altar waiting to be filled with donations for our Food Bank. We will be collecting through **Sunday, November 29**.

The Food Bank needs canned meats, canned vegetables and canned fruits. Candy and treats are also welcomed.

Please join us in providing food items for those who are less fortunate. Contact Sally Vance with any questions.



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Family Promise

The impact of Covid-19 has resulted in many lay-offs for the families in the Family Promise Program, with the number of working families currently at 35% from the previous 95%, resulting in longer stays in the program. The latest news is that families are now beginning to be rehired or are finding new jobs. Due to Covid-19, there will be no church-provided shelter for the Family Promise families for the near future. However, we have opportunities to volunteer through the Family Promise Meal Program and through Special Events.

Meal Program: We will be volunteering as a church to provide meals on a *Monday and Wednesday for one week every other month*. Volunteers will provide a main dish, a side dish and perhaps a dessert for 6 families. The Families are housed in student housing. In each room, they have a refrigerator, microwave, rice cooker, rice, individual dishes and utensils. We will be sending an email with more information and asking for volunteers as soon as we know our assigned week.

Christmas Gift Card Event: The gift cards given to the families from our prior gift card event were joyously and thankfully received. We will be collecting gift cards for the families for Christmas, with a final collection date of **November 29**. Kristin Lim will be collecting gift cards at the church. You are also welcome to mail gift cards to the church office.

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November Servant Schedule

Date	Elder	Lectors	Acolyte	Keiki Message	Media Tech	Sunday School
Communion Sunday November 1	Mike	Dar	Savanna	Pastor	Bruce	10:20am - Adult Bible Class & Keiki Sunday School
Communion Sunday November 8	Yal	Kristin	Bailian	Pastor	Jason	10:20am - Adult Bible Class & Keiki Sunday School
Sunday November 15	Teresa	Teresa	Andreana	Pastor	Bruce	10:20am - Adult Bible Class & Keiki Sunday School
Communion Sunday November 22	Kristy	Kristy	Noam	Pastor	Jason	10:20am - Adult Bible Class & Keiki Sunday School
Communion Sunday November 29	Jason	Jason	Kaiya	Pastor	Bruce	10:20am - Christmas tree & Sanctuary Decorating

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Announcements

Happy Birthday

- 11/2 DJ Caoile
- 11/11 Rachel Gray
- 11/15 Neida Macri
- 11/18 Kent Murata
- 11/18 Tara Hartley
- 11/19 Betty Knake
- 11/26 Jason Menarchik

Happy Anniversary

- 11/1 McMillian
- 11/18 Rushforth



- ◆ **Join us for Keiki Sunday School &** We begin at 10:20 AM every Sunday. If you have a friend or neighbor with children be sure to let them know we can offer rides home afterward.
- ◆ **Midweek Bible Study** continues every Wednesday at 10 AM in the sanctuary. We will be offering the study via Zoom so look for the link in email!
- ◆ **Women's Bible Study** meets every other Monday at 7 PM. This month they meet November 2, 16, and 30.
- ◆ **We are collecting food!** Please bring canned goods all through November to fill the altar baskets for our Food Bank which serves on Saturdays 8-10AM. Join in serving if you can!
- ◆ **Family Promise** needs meal volunteers and other help. Please contact the Church office if you are interesting in cooking!
- ◆ **Sunday Services are also available online!** For those who are not able to join us in the sanctuary, our Sunday Worship is available online at our Facebook site. Please click at 8:55 AM to Facebook.Com/StMarkHawaii.org You do not need a Facebook account to join us.
- ◆ **Sanctuary Christmas Decorating** will be on Sunday, November 30 after worship. Join us as we prepare to celebrate the birth of Our Savior!



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 7:00pm - Women's Bible Study	3 7:00pm - Elder's Meeting	4	5 7:30pm - Worship Team	6	7 8:00am - Food Bank
8 9:00am - Ohana Service 10:20am - Adult Bible Class/ Keiki Sunday School	9 7:00pm - Board of Outreach	10	11 10:00am - Bible Study/ Prayer Warriors	12 6:00pm - Board of Ed. Meeting 7:30pm - Worship Team	13	14 8:00am - Food Bank
15 9:00am - Ohana Service 10:20am - Adult Bible Class/ Keiki Sunday School	16 7:00pm - Women's Bible Study	17 6:00 pm - Church Council Meeting	18 10:00am - Bible Study/ Prayer Warriors	19 7:30pm - Worship Team	20	21 8:00am - Food Bank
22 9:00am - Ohana Service 10:20am - Adult Bible Class/ Keiki Sunday School	23	24	25 10:00am - Bible Study/ Prayer Warriors	26 7:30pm - Worship Team THANKSGIVING DAY!	27	28 8:00am - Food Bank
29 9:00am - Ohana Service 10:20am - Christmas tree & Sanctuary Decorating	30 7:00pm - Women's Bible Study					