



Saint Mark Lutheran Church

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November

Greetings all,

A great way to start the month of November is with All Saints Day. On this day we remember with gratitude those saints who have gone before us and with whom one day we will stand side by side praising Jesus, the Lamb of God, for all eternity. While we give thanks for the saints triumphant who have gone before us we also are thankful for the saints militant who are with us today.

This month we are blessed to have two special visitors. On Nov. 3rd (that's THIS Sunday) Janine Legrand medical missionary to Uganda for the past several years will be worshiping with us and will also be making a slide presentation after church in the sanctuary, sharing with us her ministry and showing us pictures of her work among the people of Uganda. Please plan to attend her presentation as I'm sure you will find it both educational and enlightening.

On November 17th the Rev. Dr. John Bombaro will be with us. Dr. Bombaro will be leading our Sunday Bible class Room 201 at 8:30 am, then preaching in our worship service. He will then make a presentation after church about his ministry past, at the Pentagon, and in the future as he will soon be leaving for Latvia as missionary for the LCMS. His presentation will certainly be informative and uplifting.

So, please make every effort to be in church Nov. 3rd and 17th to hear of God's amazing missionary work through these two missionaries in His church abroad.

So that brings us to Thanksgiving. This year there will be a special Thanksgiving Eve worship service Nov. 27th at 7 pm. I would like to encourage all of our members to attend this worship service to join together in thanksgiving to God for His many blessings upon our families and our congregation. We have much to be thankful for and this gives us an opportunity to join together to do that. So, let's gather as God's church family to celebrate our church's blessings.

Interim Update: Thanks to those of you who participated in the Small Group gatherings. Some good information was shared that will be most helpful as we move forward toward that time when St. Mark's will be calling its next regularly-called pastor. Thanks for your patience as the process can seem slow at times. I am so pleased to be able to conduct Word and Sacrament ministry among you during this time. I see progress being made. I pray that this is a good time of reflection on the past as well as a vision for the future ministry of St. Mark. I believe God has good things in store for you as we seek His will!

The Church Council has begun a Self-Study as we prepare to complete the Intentional Interim Process and move into the Call Process. Each week you will receive an update on the Call Process as part of our Announcements. I know you're getting excited to actually extend a "Call" for your next resident Pastor, but this is a time for you to practice patience. It will happen in God's time. Let's trust in Him and His plan for St. Mark's.

God's blessings,

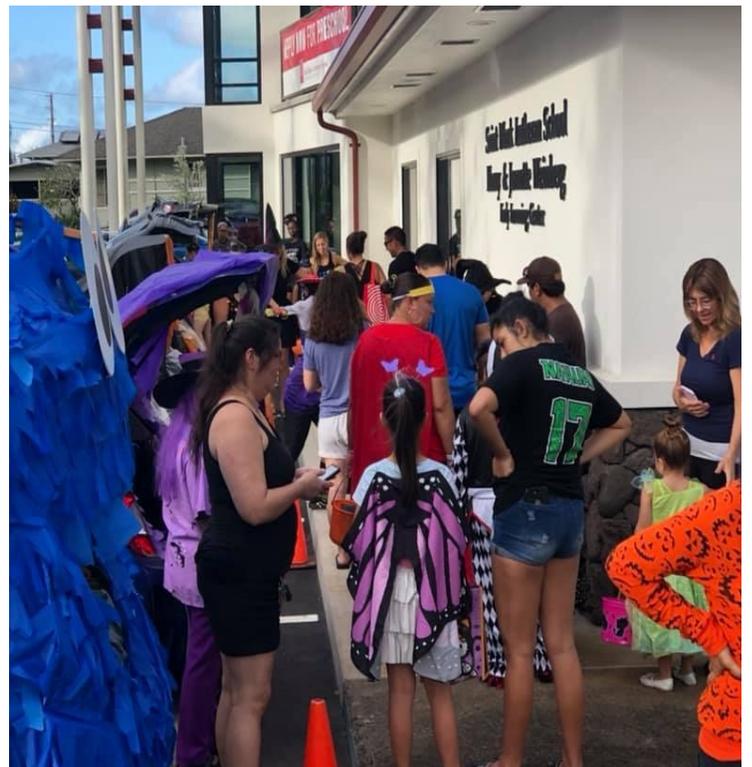
Pastor Les





Pictures from Trunk or Treat, October 26th, 2019

Thank you to our Church and School Ohana for making this event such a wonderful day for our community. Looks like a new tradition has begun! Thank you to all our volunteers who worked so hard on their trunks, helped with game booths, food, and passing out candy. What a success it was!





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Uganda Missionary Visit: Janine LeGrand

Janine LeGrand is a health-education missionary that St. Mark Lutheran Church has supported over the past year. She will be visiting St. Mark on Sunday, November 3rd to bring our church ohana up to date with her health work in Masindi, Uganda. Her presentation will follow the St. Mark Sunday service. Please join her and hear about her ministry.

In April 2008, Janine departed for Masindi, Kitara in Uganda. For the first year, she served as Missionary and Community Health Advisor; and, for the last eleven years as a Health Coordinator. She is responsible for health activities and coordinating with other organizations - both within and outside of Uganda in areas relating to health. Most of her work focuses on preventive measures such as clean water, nutrition, sanitation, malaria prevention, and helping people get access to quality clinical care. She organizes the Ugandan side of medical outreaches with U.S. teams, which come five to six times a year. She also teaches, educating church leaders to be good examples of healthy behaviors and to be a resource to their communities. She serves as Medical Bureau Medicines Management Supervisor at the local health center, which she helped start in 2011. Janine also helps church workers preaching the Bible in rural Uganda.

Janine is stateside for the months of October-November and looks forward to her Hawaii home coming. We are excited and thankful for this upcoming visit and hope to see you all there on Nov.3!





PRAYER OF THANKS GIVING FOR CHUCK DeSELMs

FROM MOM, SALLY VANCE

Dear Heavenly and Most Holy Father,

What a difference a year makes: From life support to fully life. I thank You, God for the loving care and life Chuck received from You. This time last year Chuck was finally home but working on healing after the horrible rollover accident he had in September (2018). From life support to again riding his Harley Davidson motorcycle, back at work, and visiting us this September, he has recuperated. Yes, Lord, he still does have some pain, but through the Great Physician, Your Son Jesus Christ, Chuck is taking it one day at a time. Please be with Chuck as he continues to heal. Send your angels to watch over him and keep him safe.

I pray this in the name of Jesus Christ, my Lord and Savior. Amen and Amen!



Heidi & Chuck in Hawaii, Sept. 2019





A Peaceful Family

MAIN POINT: *Stress is feeling out of control. Peace is realizing God is in control.*

MATERIALS: *Two small Ziploc bags, a wire coat hanger, masking tape, pen, fifty pennies.*

WARM UP

ASK: "When have you been stressed or worried?"

BIBLE READING: *John 14:27*

I am leaving you with a gift— peace of mind and heart. And the peace I give is a gift the world cannot give. So don't be troubled or afraid. (NLT)

WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY?

ASK: "Where does peace come from?" (JESUS)

ACTIVITY: Peace hangs in the balance

Gather the materials and label the plastic bags with masking tape: *Stress & Worry* on one, and *God's control/truth* on the other. Place a penny in each bag and zip the bags on the bottom of the clothes hanger (as far as it will zip) with each bag balancing the other.

SAY: "Write something you are worried about on masking tape with one abbreviated word or drawing, place on a penny, and place in *worry* bag.

SAY: "Try to think of a truth you know about God and how He is in control. Write it on tape and stick it to a penny and put in the *truth* bag."

Have each person do three or more worries and three or more truths.

SAY: "Peace is balancing our stress and worries with God's truth and remembering that He is in control of the details of our life."

FAMILY DISCUSSION:

What should we do?

ASK: "Do all people worry?" (Yes! Even adults)

SAY: "Why is personal space important?" (Because without it, we get stressed out)

ASK: "Why do we need peace in our family?" (so we can relax together and deal with worries)

TODAYS SLOGAN: "I can have peace because I know God is in control."

PRAYER

Father God, help us to experience Your peace— the kind that is greater than our understanding. Peace that claims our worried hearts. In Jesus' name, Amen.



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

11/7	Kevin Murata
11/9	Stephen Matadobra
11/10	Teodoro Camilo
11/11	Rachel Gray
11/11	Adele Mitchell
11/12	Matthew Rudesill
11/15	Neida Macri
11/17	Laura Miyasaki
11/18	Tara Hartley
11/18	Kent Murata
11/19	Betty Knake
11/19	Joffre Lander
11/29	Ian Lim



- ◆ **Midweek Study/ Prayer Warriors** gathers at 10:00am at church on Wednesdays for refreshments and a discussion of upcoming Sunday readings.
- ◆ **Cry Room** during Worship Service available for your keiki, located just off of the sanctuary.
- ◆ **Sunday School** meets at 8:30 on Sundays prior to worship for youth, teenage, and adults.
- ◆ **Saint Mark Food Bank** meets every Saturday from 8:00am-10am to open the food pantry to those in need.
Volunteers & Donations Needed
- ◆ **Angel Tree** coming soon! Be on the lookout for upcoming announcements and details.
- ◆ **Uganda missionary Visit:** Janine Legrand will be visiting Saint Mark on Nov. 3rd. Please stay after service for her presentation on the amazing work she is doing!
- ◆ **Special Guest Preacher:** Dr. John Bombaro will be our Guest Preacher on Sunday, Nov. 17.
- ◆ **Thanksgiving Eve Service:** Please join us on Wednesday, Nov. 27th for our Thanksgiving Eve Service



11/1	McMillian
11/5	Ishikawa
11/6	Rudesill
11/8	Akaka
11/18	Rushforth
11/23	Self
11/30	Geilfuss



November Servant Schedule

Date	Elder	Lectors	Acolyte	Keiki Message	Media Tech	Ushers	Sunday School
Sunday November 3	Kristin	Richard Susan	Lani	Pastor	Jason	Yal, Mark, Mary Ann	8:30am– Adult Sunday School
Sunday November 10	Yal	Mary Ann Katie	Jacob	Kristy	Scott	Bruce, Frank, David	8:30am– Adult Sunday School
Sunday November 17	Teresa	Kristy Anthony	Eli	Pastor	Bruce	Rick, Toby, Bill	8:30am– Adult Sunday School
Sunday November 24	Anthony	Toby Teresa	James	Pastor	Jason	Bruce, Brad, Richard	8:30am– Adult Sunday School
Wednesday November 27	Kristy	Jason Brad	Eli	Pastor	Scott	Nathan, Rick, Mark	8:30am– Adult Sunday School



November Communion Schedule

Date	Set Up	Clean-Up
Sunday November 10	Kristin Lim	Louise Wolcott
Sunday November 24	Kristy Schroppel	Mary Ann Shirley-Gray and Louise Wolcott

Thank you all for volunteering and helping our congregation run smoothly! We feel very blessed to have your volunteer service before and after worship. If you are unable to serve on this date, please let the Scheduled **Elder know. Mahalo!

November



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Normal Office hours Tues-Fri 8:30am-12:30pm					1 9:30am- SMLS Choir practice	2 8:00am - Food Bank
3 8:30am - Sunday School 9:30am - Worship/ Fellowship 11:00am - Missionary Guest: Janine Legrand	4 9:30am - SMLS Choir practice 7:00pm - Elder's Meeting	5 8:00am - SMLS Chapel 10:00am- Bible Study/ Prayer Warriors	6 8:00am - SMLS Chapel 10:00am- Bible Study/ Prayer Warriors	7 11:30am - SMLS Choir practice 7:15- Worship Team	8 9:30am- SMLS Choir practice	9 8:00am- Food Bank 5:30pm - Benefit Gala @ The Pacific Club
10 8:30am - Sunday School 9:30am - Worship/ Fellowship	11 9:30am - SMLS Choir practice	12 8:00am - SMLS Chapel 10:00am- Bible Study/ Prayer Warriors	13 8:00am - SMLS Chapel 10:00am- Bible Study/ Prayer Warriors	14 11:30am - SMLS Choir practice 6:00pm - Board of Ed. Meeting 7:15pm- Worship Team	15 9:30am- SMLS Choir practice	16 8:00am- Food Bank
17 8:30am - Sunday School 9:30am - Guest Preacher: Dr. John Bombaro 11:00am - LWML Mite Sunday and meeting	18 9:30am - SMLS Choir practice 6:00pm - Church Council Meeting	19 8:00am - SMLS Chapel 10:00am- Bible Study/ Prayer Warriors	20 8:00am - SMLS Chapel 10:00am- Bible Study/ Prayer Warriors	21 11:30am - SMLS Choir practice 7:15pm- Worship Team	22 9:30am- SMLS Choir practice	23 8:00am- Food Bank
24 8:30am - Sunday School 9:30am - Worship/ Fellowship	25 9:30am - SMLS Choir practice	26 8:00am - SMLS Chapel 10:00am- Bible Study/ Prayer Warriors 7:00pm - Thanksgiving Eve Service	27 8:00am - SMLS Chapel 10:00am- Bible Study/ Prayer Warriors	28 Thanksgiving Day 	29 Black Friday No School	30 8:00am- Food Bank