Saint Mark Lutheran Church

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October

A Message from our Pastor

October is the month, specifically October 31st that we ordinarily recognize the beginning of the Lutheran Reformation. It was on October 31, 1517 that Dr. Martin Luther, Professor of Theology at the University of Wittenberg, wrote his famous 95 Theses. He attached them to the Castle church door in Wittenberg hoping to engage in dialogue with those in the Roman Catholic Church. So began what we think of as the Lutheran Reformation. We will celebrate it in our worship service on Oct. 26th. We are blessed to enjoy the legacy of that most important time in history. So, let's remember our history and how blessed we are today.

As some of you know, we have begun the Intentional Interim process. A committee has been formed to assist in this endeavor. At this point, we planned a series of three meetings to which all of our members are invited and encouraged to attend. They will all be held at St. Mark's Room 201; immediately following the worship service on a Sunday Sept. 25 (completed) and the other two on Wednesday evenings Sept. 25 (completed) and Oct. 2 to try to accommodate everyone. Each meeting should last about an hour. Your participation is welcome, essential, and most valuable. We want any and all members to have the opportunity to share their thoughts and ideas at these gatherings as we look at the history of St. Mark's as well as the hopes and dreams for the future of our congregation. The information gathered will be most helpful as we move toward the call process. So, please make every effort to attend one of these meetings.

Finally, I'd like to take this opportunity to thank you for your warm welcome of Sharon and me on our arrival at St. Mark's. What a joy it is to meet God's people who are so gracious and generous. Your ongoing support is most welcome. Please know that I'm here to provide Word and Sacrament ministry and to be available to you as you may have need. My office is always "open" to you so please feel free to stop by and say "Hi."

God's blessings,

Pastor Les

Pictures from SMLS 3rd & 4th Grade Choir, singing on September 1st

Pictures from SMLS K-2nd Grade Choir, singing on September 15th.

What a joyous sound to hear children singing!

Thank you Mr. Bauchle for all that you do!

October Events to mark on your calendar!: Trunk or Treat, Family Promise, Fun Run

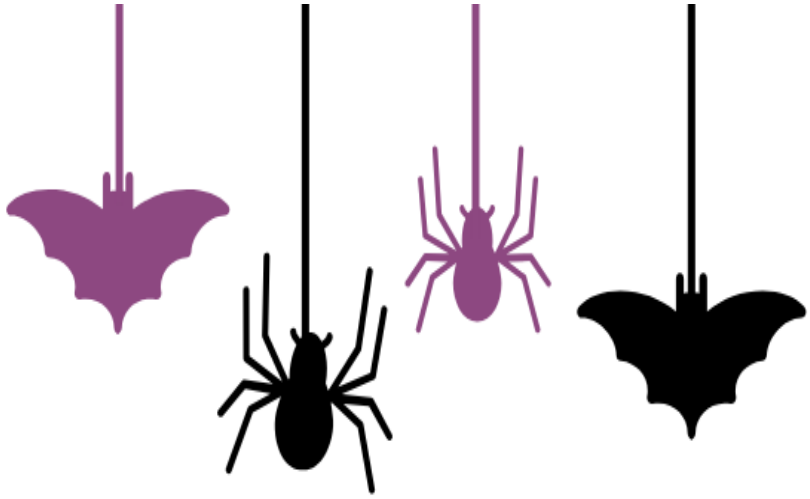
TRUNK OR TREAT!

Please Join us on Saturday, October 26th for a fun night of Trunk or Treat. Trunk or Treat is like going door to door “Trick or Treating” except it will be car to car! There will also be booths with games and candy prizes. Come down and show us your costume! We will be in the Church parking lot on October 26th from 4:00-6:00pm. Please contact Deborah in the Church Office if you have any questions.
If you would like to volunteer for a game booth or trunk, please sign up at the ministry table.
Hope to see you there!

Family Promise Begins Again

Family Promise will be starting up again in the beginning of October. It will be running from October 6th - October 20th. We are looking forward to meeting new families and seeing God’s abundant grace work through their lives. If you would like to bring a meal, stay overnight as a host, help with the set up or just want to spend time fellowshipping with the families please volunteer! Volunteers are always needed.
There will be a sign-up sheet on the ministry table in the back during church services, please feel free to sign up!

7TH ANNUAL!



FamilyPromise

FUN RUN 5K

10.26.19 | 7AM

BOYS & GIRLS WINDWARD CLUBHOUSE

AT 145 S. KAINALU DR.

SIGN UP BEFORE SEPT. 30TH FOR A TSHIRT!

HOT BREAKFAST SPONSORED BY

MOKU KITCHEN

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FAMILY PROMISE AIDS FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS.

REGISTER AT FAMILYPROMISEHAWAII.ORG/FUNRUN

Together with Jesus

Yearly Devotions by Richard E. Lauersdorf

His Promise Holds

If we are faithless, he will remain faithful, for he cannot disown himself. (2Timothy 2:13)

What to do? I had put the check into my shirt pocket and forgotten all about it. My wife found it after she had washed the shirt. The paper was pasted together and the writing blurred. But the signature was still legible. At the bank the teller called the one who wrote the check and I got my money. His signature was all that counted. It was his promise to make good.

I have some wonderful promises from God. At Calvary, when his Son bled sins, God promised that counted for me too. At my baptism, when God wrote my name as a believer in his book of life, he promised that I would be his child. At the Lord's Supper when he comes to me with the very body and blood used to pay for sins on Calvary, he promised that I can go in peace. On the day I close my eyes for the final time, he promises he will send his angels to carry me home to heaven. His check for my salvation is good. He signed it with his love.

I foolishly may forget about that check. Perhaps I stuff it into the pocket of the shirt of life as I busy myself with other things I consider more important. Perhaps I even throw his check into the wastebasket thinking I have little use for it. But God doesn't void his check. Instead, wanting me to repent and return, he reaches for me. When his grace brings me back, he doesn't have to write out a new check for me. His promise of my forgiveness is still good. After all, he signed it.

Lord, forgive me for my unfaithfulness. Comfort me with your faithful promise of salvation. Amen.

Halloween/Harvest Season

MAIN POINT: *We can be courageous.*

MATERIALS: Despicable Me *movie and popcorn.*

WARM UP

ASK: "What does it mean to be courageous? Describe a story when the hero of a story, movie, or TV show was courageous. Share a time when you were courageous."

BIBLE READING: Deuteronomy 31:6

Be strong and courageous. Do not fear or be in dread of them, for it is the Lord your God who goes with you. He will not leave you or forsake you. (ESV)

WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY?

SAY: "Because the Lord will never leave us, we can be strong and courageous. The more we know about God and His Word, the better we know Him and it helps us to be courageous and not afraid. How does it help you to know God won't leave you?" Share a time when God gave you courage when you were afraid.

ACTIVITY: *DESPICABLE ME MOVIE*

Watch the movie together

FAMILY DISCUSSION

SAY: "Gru's goal was to be the *world's best bad guy.* He really didn't want to be a dad. He wanted to use Margo, Edith, and Agnes in his plot to steal the moon. But they changed his goal and his heart. What did you think of his ground rules: 'You will not touch anything. You will not cry. No annoying sounds…?"

ASK: "Even though Gru was strange and didn't know how to be a dad, the girls were courageous and showed him what they needed and he changed. What are some ways compassion, joy, and love changed Gru?"

WHAT SHOULD WE DO?

SAY: "The minions were mischievous in the beginning, but changed as Gru changed. What are some things they did to show kindness and love?"

TODAYS SLOGAN: "I am courageous because I am not alone."

PRAYER

Most powerful God, You have the universe in Your palm. Nothing happens without You knowing about it. Help us place our trust in You and not be afraid. Amen.

OCTOBER

10/2	Marian Beyer
10/2	Travis Slavens
10/4	Katie Shirley
10/7	Elizabeth Hagen
10/7	Elizabeth Martin
10/7	Kaleb McMillian
10/7	Dora Timoteo
10/8	Martin Fenner
10/8	Sarah Morris
10/8	William Wynhoff
10/11	Rhonda Chaffin
10/12	Kristy Schroppel
10/13	Kathleen Gerling
10/15	Leah Tanaka
10/17	Cristen Clark
10/19	Donna Macri
10/20	Jacob Gaudi
10/20	Sharon Self
10/20	Anthony Warren
10/20	Leslie Wynhoff
10/21	Sally Brady
10/21	Michelle Tucker
10/22	Melia Kekaulike
10/23	James Chaffin
10/23	Francine Fenner
10/26	Chance Dewald
10/27	Colton Fernandez
10/28	Beau Lehna
10/30	Katie Gray

- **Midweek Study/ Prayer Warriors** gathers at 10:00am at church on Wednesdays for refreshments and a discussion of upcoming Sunday readings.
- **Nursery** 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
- **Keiki Message/Keiki Church and Keiki/Youth Bible Study** will be taking a break temporarily. Please inquire with the church office if you have any questions.
- **Family Promise starting!** Running from Oct. 6-20th. Volunteers needed!
- **Family promise FUN RUN 5K** October 26th at 7am. Meeting at the Boys & Girls Clubhouse in Kailua. Register at: FAMILYPROMISEHAWAII.ORG/FUNRUN
- **Trunk or Treat!** October 26th, 4-6pm in the Church parking lot. Come down and fellowship, play games, and get some candy!
- **Angel Tree** coming soon! Be on the lookout for upcoming announcements and details.

October Servant Schedule

Date	Elder	Lectors	Acolyte	Keiki Message	Media Tech	Ushers	Nursery	Sunday School
Sunday October 6	Kristin	Dar Anthony	Eli	TBD	Jason	John, Mark, Mary Ann,	Lani (on call)	8:30am– Adult Sunday School
Sunday October 13	Anthony	Kristy Jason	Jacob	TBD	Scott	Nathan, Frank, David	Mary Ann (on call)	8:30am– Adult Sunday School
Sunday October 20	Jason	Pam Betty	Lani	TBD	Bruce	Rick, Toby, Bill	Kristy (on call)	8:30am– Adult Sunday School
Sunday October 27	Kristy	Bruce Elyssa	James	TBD	Scott	Yal, Brad, Richard	Kristin (on call)	8:30am– Adult Sunday School

October Communion Schedule

Date	Set Up	Clean-Up
Sunday October 13	Kristin Lim	Louise Wolcott
Sunday October 27	Kristy Schroppel	Mary Ann Shirley-Gray and Leslie Wynhoff

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!

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Normal Office hours Tues-Fri 8:30am-12:30pm		1 9:30am - SMLS Choir practice 7:00pm - Elder's Meeting	2 8:00am - SMLS Chapel 10:00am - Bible Study/ Prayer Warriors 6:00pm - Small Group Gathering	3 11:30am- SMLS Choir practice 7:15 - Worship Team	4 9:30am– SMLS Choir practice	5 8:00am - Food Bank
6 8:30am - Sunday School 9:30am - Worship/ Fellowship 11:00am - Steering Comm. Meeting, Rm. 201 **Family Promise Begins**	7 *SMLS Fall Break Starts*	8	9 10:00am- Bible Study/ Prayer Warriors	10 6:00pm - Board of Education 7:15- Worship Team	11	12 8:00am– Food Bank
13 8:30am- Sunday School 9:30am- Worship/ Fellowship	14	15 6:00pm - Church Council Meeting	16 10:00am- Bible Study/ Prayer Warriors	17 7:15pm- Worship Team	18	19 8:00am- Food Bank
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27 8:30am- Sunday School 9:30am- Worship/ Fellowship	28	29	30	31 *Reformation Day*		Normal Office hours Tues-Fri 8:30am-12:30pm