



# St Mark's Remarks

St. Mark's Lutheran Church  
1008 Franklin Rd., SW  
Roanoke, VA 24016

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## YARD SALE—MAY 12!



St. Mark's is holding a yard sale Saturday, May 12 from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Proceeds will go toward Fall Fun Day this Fall. That event is always a great time for St. Marks members and the community at large, and we're looking forward to it again!

The yard sale format will be the same as last year. Items will not be separately priced. Instead, we will ask for a free-will offering for items that people buy. For example, if someone wants to pay \$10 for a lamp... fine. If they want to pay \$1, that's ok too. This will allow us to hold the sale with minimal work, (remember – 100% of the proceeds still goes to the church!) and we believe, based on stories from other churches who have done sales this way and our own success last year, that we will still make a substantial amount of money. That said, we do plan to price some of the larger, "big ticket" items such as furniture.

So, what do we need from you? WE NEED STUFF (ESPECIALLY FURNITURE)! Yard sales are only as good as the stuff that is donated, so please go through your closets and basements and see what goodies you can pass along. Because of the clothes closet, we will not be selling clothing, but anything else goes! Items may be brought to the church Monday-Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and placed in the Guinther House garage. Volunteers are needed to help with sale. If you are willing to help, please call the church office. Thanks in advance!

## Coffee & Chocolate Fundraiser

### Help our Youth and Chaperones attend the ELCA National Youth Gathering



St. Mark's is now approved as a wholesale congregation partner with Equal Exchange and Lutheran World Relief and the high school youth will be selling their fabulous coffee and chocolate during the month of May.

Equal Exchange and Lutheran World Relief partners with many congregations around the country, helping them bring Fair Trade coffee, tea, chocolate and more to their congregations and communities. This give us the opportunity to hold table sales, special events and coffee hours featuring Equal Exchange and Lutheran World Relief Farmers Market products. By bringing Fair Trade to our congregation, we are making a difference in the lives of small scale farmers and have the ability to raise funds for specials events such as the ELCA National Youth Gathering. All of our chocolate purchases count towards Equal Exchanges Small Farmer Fund and Lutheran World Relief (LWR) Farmers Market Coffee is sourced directly from coffee farmers participating in LWR projects. Every delicious cup helps transform poor communities that depend on their coffee crop to feed their families. Farmers get a strong up-front price for their coffee beans and a portion of the profit. And 80 cents of every pound you purchase goes back into LWR projects to benefit more around the world.

We were able to launch this program with 2 generous gifts from 2 donors – the Blue Ridge Group of Thrivent Financial and the Pillis Family (Lewis & Karen) – these funds covered the wholesale costs of the coffee and chocolate. The funds allowed us to purchase all of the goodies and 100% of the coffee and chocolate sales will benefit the youth and chaperones that are attending the ELCA National Youth Gathering.

**Here's a sneak peek at the goodies the Youth will have for you to purchase during the month of May! *Equal Exchange Organic Hot Cocoa Mix* \$11/Can; *Spicy Hot Cocoa*, *Dark Hot Chocolate*, *Hot Cocoa*; *Equal Exchange Organic Chocolate Bars* \$4/Bar; *Dark Chocolate Mint Crunch* 67%, *Panama Extra Dark Chocolate* 80%, *Dark Chocolate Lemon Ginger with Black Pepper* 55%, *Milk Chocolate Caramel Crunch with Sea Salt* 43%, *Dark Chocolate Almond* 55%; *Lutheran World Relief Farmers Market Coffee* \$11/Bag; *Drip Grind Medium Roast*, *Drip Grind Dark Roast*; *Lutheran World Relief Gift Set* \$30; *LWR Gift Box with 1 Bag of Whole Bean Medium Roast*, *1 Bag of Whole Bean Dark Roast*, *1 LWR Coffee Mug*.**

Let's join together in May to buy some coffee and chocolate to help our YOUTH get to Houston for the Gathering!

## FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

### **SIMPLY GIVING®**

We continue to offer electronic fund transfers as an alternative to using your offering envelopes on Sunday. Participants may specify that offerings be transferred weekly on Monday or monthly on the 1 or 15.

Making electronic payments can be a helpful way to keep your giving current especially when you are able to be present for worship.

The program is free to participants and the church. Member enrollment forms for new participants are available in the church office.

Those already participating do not need to complete another enrollment form, but should notify Financial Administrator Kathy Bryant if they wish to make any changes to their current giving.

### **Strong Start Envelopes:**

Everyone is encouraged to use the Strong Start for Mission envelope to help our ministries have a great start at the beginning of the year. Our goal is to have 100, generous \$52 gifts.

We are reminded that regular use of offering envelopes assists the financial secretaries with their record keeping. Those who give electronically are reminded of the special offering envelopes throughout the year.

## GENERAL INFORMATION

### **NEWSLETTER ARTICLES**

For June are due in the church office by Wednesday, May 23. Please submit articles by email (preferably) or in written form!

**St. Mark's Congregation Council** will meet on Tuesday, May 8th at 6:30 p.m. in the Library. **Finance Committee** will meet at 5:45.

**ST. MARK'S WOMEN** will meet on Tuesday, May 8th at 10:30 a.m. All women are invited!

### **ALTAR FLOWERS**

The following Sundays are available for altar flowers: May 20; July 1,8,15,29; August 19,26; September 16,23, 30; October 14; November 11,18,26; and December 2. Cost of the flowers is \$40.00 per Sunday. Please call the church office to reserve one of the open dates.

**SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE BEGINS  
SUNDAY, MAY 27TH,  
WITH WORSHIP BEGINNING AT 10:00 A.M ,  
and continuing each Sunday  
at this time through Labor Day.  
Be sure to make this time change on your calendar!**

## May Baptismal Anniversaries

We give thanks to God for the gift of new life through the sacrament of Holy Baptism. In May we give thanks and celebrate with:



5/1 Caleb Anders  
 5/2 Alexis Fayette  
 5/3 Pat Gibbs  
 5/3 Mary Ann Snider  
 5/5 Andy Jones  
 5/5 Matt Jones  
 5/8 Karen Pillis  
 5/26 Abby Trout  
 5/26 Vann Whisnant  
 5/31 Colytn Sifers

## May Birthdays



Members of St. Mark's family celebrating birthdays in May are:

5/1	Karen Arthur	5/14	Clara Chitty
	Emily Reed	5/15	George Kegley
5/4	Luke Anders	5/17	Teddy Dyer
	Nan Keenan	5/18	Tommy Duncan
	Ashley Spangler	5/18	Candace Ordean
5/5	Maritu Koroma	5/21	David Johnson
	Kathleen Pillis		De Johnson
5/6	Maggie Pillis	5/25	John Ertz
5/6	Vann Whisnant		Skyler Gentry
5/7	Paige Wray	5/26	Melissa Anders
5/10	Charlotte Scholz	5/27	Jennifer Armentrout
		5/30	McKinley Anders

## IN THE CONGREGATIONAL FAMILY

The following individuals and families were named in prayer in worship during April. Let us continue to keep them in prayer. We pray: O God, the strength of the weak and the comfort of sufferers: Mercifully hear our prayers and grant to your servants the help of your power that they may experience the healing power of your Holy Spirit. We pray for: Russell & Nancy Dyer, Norman, Butch, Stephaniem Mike & Brittani, Steve Gordon, Nancy Duncan, Maggie Nelson, , Sidney & Wanda Miller, Shirley Aynes, Teresa Kincer, Jean & Tom, David & Alma & Shawn Wertz, Steve Thompson, Mark Huff, Brenda Rechtman, Mickey Dickinson, Jeff Howard, Connie Welch, Beth, Shirley Simmons, Angela & Allison Dudley, Jonathon Ugochukwu, Bill Triplett. Elsie & Kenneth Armstreet, Scott & Wendy Adkins, Diana Lynch, Betty Graham, Marillyn Holzschuh, Leigh Ann Duncan, Harlee King, Bill & Jane Hayden, Da and Shari Carter, and David Reddinger, Lois, David, Rick and Jimmy Reese, Jackie & Lee Wiliams, Pete Clark, Don Foltz, Lee Colls, Derrell Parks, Crystal, Lenore, Cal Layman Family, Famil of Chris Nowlin, Katrina, Lisa Mayfield, Dolly Wade, Charles Leiser, John Gibbs and Pastors David & Heidi Young. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## WORSHIP & MUSIC NOTES

### Worship Leaders for May

Date	Acolyte	Crucifer	Communion Assistant	Lector	Greeter	Coffee Hour
May 6	Jordan Bryant	Briana Merritt	Eric Mills	Eric Mills	Ginny McLelland	Laura Bolton
May 13	Lebron Parsell	Abby Trout	Jerry McDaniel	Connie Parsell	Carl & Carol Jensen	Mitch & Heather House
May 20	Ben Armentrout	Trinity House	Loretta Barnard	Virginia Ertz	Don & Gwynn Derrick	Pat Gibbs & Ginny McLelland
May 27	Jonah Trout	Haley Merritt	Teresa Stowasser	Carl Jensen	Shon & Jessica Thompson	Teresa & Andy Stowasser

# OUTREACH OUTLOOK

## THE FOOD PANTRY

DURING THE MONTH OF APRIL, THE FOOD PANTRY DISTRIBUTED FOOD TO FEED FAMILIES 31 INDIVIDUALS, representing 75 family members. Thank you to the April volunteers: **Caleb, Scott, Luke, McKinley, Melissa, Ralph and Sandy Anders, Clara Chitty, Laura Bolton, Suzy Bubnell, Judy Adkins, Sidney Miller, Mark Heinlein, George Kegley Martha Eddleman.**

## THE CLOTHES CLOSET

During the month of April the Clothes Closet provided clothing to a total of 27 individuals. Thank you to the April Clothes Closet volunteers: **Sonny & Charlotte Scholz, Laura Bolton, Suzy Bubnell, Shirley Dyer, Judy Adkins, Melissa Anders, Gail & Sid Scott, Martha Eddleman, & Wally Coffey.**

### Special Thanks to:

**George Kegley, Alex Adkins, Wanda & Jim Rettinger, Ralph Anders, Connie Watkins and Sidney Miller** for picking up food from the food bank and delivering it to St. Mark's Food Pantry in April.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO: Joe Jensen** for graduating from Roanoke College with a Bachelor in Business Administration Degree!

**THE CHURCH OFFICE AND PRESCHOOL WILL BE CLOSED ON MONDAY, MAY 28th, IN OBSERVANCE OF THE MEMORIAL DAY HOLIDAY!**