



Let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith.

Hebrews 12:1-2

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For this Sunday, June 21st we will continue our schedule of 9:15 ONLINE ONLY Adult Bible Study (streamed on our YouTube Channel with Chat), followed by our single in-person & streamed 10:30am Blended Worship Service.

The streamed version can be seen on our website at [stmarkomaha.org/live-stream](http://stmarkomaha.org/live-stream).

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**FREE CONCERT  
ON THURSDAY,  
JULY 2ND @ 7PM**

A Free Will Offering Will Be Gathered During the Concert.

**PLEASE RSVP @  
[StMarkOmaha.com/concert](http://StMarkOmaha.com/concert)**



Beginning June 27th, 2020, we will be launching a new Saturday Night Worship Service beginning at 5:00pm.

Since we are in a season of change, we figured we would give this a shot! Please note: Because several weddings have had to be rescheduled due to

COVID-19, there will be two Saturdays in the coming months when Saturday worship will need to be canceled. Additionally, due to the 4th of July holiday coming up, we will also not have Saturday service on July 4th. Sunday service will proceed as normal with our 10:30am blended service and 9:15am Bible Study.

**Saturday, June 27th – FIRST SATURDAY SERVICE @ 5:00PM**

**Saturday, July 4th – NO SATURDAY SERVICE (holiday)**

**Saturday, August 8th – NO SATURDAY SERVICE (Wedding)**

**Saturday, September 19th – NO SATURDAY SERVICE (wedding)**

Communion will **not** be served this first Saturday night service. See new communion schedule on page 2. Looking forward to worship with you!



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## COMMUNION SCHEDULE CHANGE Beginning July 5th

As we begin to open up more services, and as more of you are returning to in-person worship, we will also be adjusting our Communion schedule.

Beginning Sunday, July 5th, Communion will be celebrated in worship every 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month (even in the months with 5 weeks).

Our new Saturday evening service will follow the same schedule; every 1st and 3rd Saturday.

For the month of July, Pastor Jay will continue to remain available after Sunday Service only, until 12:30pm to serve communion to those of you that are more comfortable worshipping at home for the time being. Again, this will be only on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month.



## Rachel Messel and Skyler Oldenburg will finally be confirmed! SUNDAY, JUNE 28th, 10:30 AM

Please keep the Messel and Oldenburg families in your prayers as they celebrate this most important moment in Rachel and Skyler's life.

"I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus, that in every way you were enriched in him in all speech and all knowledge—even as the testimony about Christ was confirmed among you— so that you are not lacking in any gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord." – *1 Corinthians 1:4-9*



### RE-OPENING IN-PERSON BIBLE STUDY - JULY 12th @ 9:15am

It will be so good to dig into God's Word again with you in person! Please mark your calendar and plan to join us, even if you attend the new Saturday service. Bring your Bible and a hunger for Jesus! We will be meeting downstairs in the Fellowship Hall as we always have for Bible Study.

### RE-OPENING CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL - JULY 12TH @ 9:15am

We are planning a wonderful Sunday School curriculum for July, and we hope to see your kids there! If you are still not comfortable coming in person, we will still be providing Take-Home Packets for you to pick up and use to ensure your kids stay connected to Jesus.



**It's Coming!  
Watch for it!**

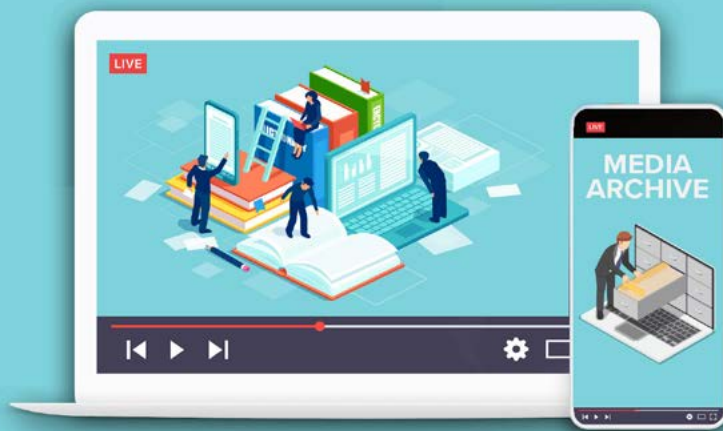
You may have heard last week's *Eternal Connection* broadcast which included a question from young listeners in Jinja, Uganda. Through Facebook, the Lord has opened a dialog over the past many months with three young men studying to be Pastors in the LCMS Seminary in that country.

Two of the men, Tamale and Bagalana, started an orphanage for abandoned and abused children in Jinja. St. Mark is looking at ways to provide food, clothing, Bibles and Catechisms and other support to these precious little ones. These basics are a constant struggle and we are asking the Lord to help us provide in this harvest on the other side of the world.

We'll have more information for you as we find out the best way to send our support. If you'd like to be part of this important mission, please let us know your interest by sending us a note at a dedicated page on our website: [StMarkOmaha.org/Uganda](http://StMarkOmaha.org/Uganda). We will continue to post information and photos as we can. We are excited to share God's message of hope and make connections to our brothers and sisters on the African continent.



*Tamale with a few of the children under his care.*



[StMarkOmaha.org/media](http://StMarkOmaha.org/media)

### WORSHIP & BIBLE STUDY ARCHIVE: Streamed Online

If you missed any of our Streaming Services, you can still watch them on in our NEW archive at [stmarkomaha.org/live-stream](http://stmarkomaha.org/live-stream) or by downloading the St. Mark App. You can watch or listen to:

- Worship Services
- Sermons
- Adult Bible Studies
- Eternal Connection Radio Broadcasts
- Daily Devotionals & more!



### REMINDER: Sunday PUBLIC Prayer Request Schedule

In order to ensure that the Sunday prayers are kept up to date and appropriate, all prayer requests submitted for Sunday Worship will be scheduled for 3 weeks of prayers (or less if requested). After 3 weeks of praying for each individual prayer request, the person's name will be removed from the list. If you would like the prayer request to be placed back on the public prayer list, we ask that you please resubmit your request by going to [stmarkomaha.org/prayer-requests](http://stmarkomaha.org/prayer-requests)

# Setting Up Your Online Giving is Easy!

online giving  
[stmarkomaha.org/giving](http://stmarkomaha.org/giving)



## YES! YOUR CHURCH STILL NEEDS YOU (NOW MORE THAN EVER)!

I pray you are being encouraged and edified by how hard our staff and countless volunteers are working to keep our mission and ministry alive here at St. Mark even in these most difficult and strange times. Please remember that our ability to minister to you from a distance and through technology is an investment we have made, and that needs to be maintained. **If you are unable to deliver your regular tithes and offerings to the church in person, please take the time and small effort to safely and securely remain faithful to Your Lord and His church by giving online.**

## For the month of June we will be looking for **toys**.

Foam balls, Legos, small cars and trucks, small dolls, dishes for play, play tools, noise makers, plastic dinosaurs, kick balls or soccer balls (and if you can include a small manual air pump). Lots of fun choices here – we are sure you can come up with other ideas.

We are always in need of t-shirts that will be used to create jump ropes. Helen has a request for Miro-Lax or Clear-Lax bottles for a special item she is crafting.

We would also like to remind all of the seamstresses out there if possible to make some shorts and dresses to add to the shoeboxes.

**Please place these items in the collection bin at church when you get the chance.**

*Thank you, Rhonda Zebolsky and Helen Oldenkamp*



You can use the categories to filter the event types you want to see – you can even search by keyword!

Find the Calendar Here:  
[StMarkOmaha.org/calendar](http://StMarkOmaha.org/calendar)



## BAND OF BROTHERS



Happy Father's Day to men that are blessed to be fathers and those who are fathers to the fatherless. Being the father God has called you to be begins with being the man God has called you to be.

We continue to meet virtually. Look for the Zoom link in your reminder email. If you are not on the email list, contact Jack Swanda at [jswanda@cox.net](mailto:jswanda@cox.net). This week we will listen to and discuss the June 7th episode of The Eternal Connection

with Pastor Eric Jay, joined by Chip Thompson. This is the first of a series called "Essential Faith". We tackle Theology. What is it? Why is it important? Let's find out the answers and sharpen some iron.

**Verse of the Week:** "Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord." *Ephesians 6:4*

**Quote of the Week:** "The greater the struggle, the clearer our focus is on priorities and the right objectives."  
*Chuck Swindoll*

**Fun Fact of the Week:** The real "Top Gun" school imposes a \$5 fine on any staff member that quotes the movie.

## WEEKLY PRAYERS

**Cancer:** Marsha Baker, Michele Brase, Brad Galde, Ruthie Hagerbaumer, Cindy Kuntz

**Health & Wellness:** Johnnie Dunn, Rocky, Mike Fix, Evelyn Urbatch, Rich Urbatch, Chris Stargel, Nicky Stephens, Donna Rundlet, Kanchan Lodhia

**Special:** COVID-19, Riots/Unrest/Social Justice

**Military:** Jordan Hammond Meghan Murry and Andrew Toman, Zach Karels, Scott Lewis, Quenten Oldenkamp, Amber Phipps, Jarod Suhr

To request public Prayers of the Church e-mail Kelly Thompson at [kthompson@stmarkomaha.org](mailto:kthompson@stmarkomaha.org). For Prayer Chain requests please contact Katrina Muganyizi at 402-238-6844 or email [evelkat@yahoo.com](mailto:evelkat@yahoo.com).

## Digging Into GOD's WORD Daily

God has revealed Himself to us through Scripture...His very Word. Take time each day to spend time with the God who IS Love and has given us EVERYTHING through His only-begotten Son. One of the easiest ways to do this is through St. Mark's Daily Devotionals!

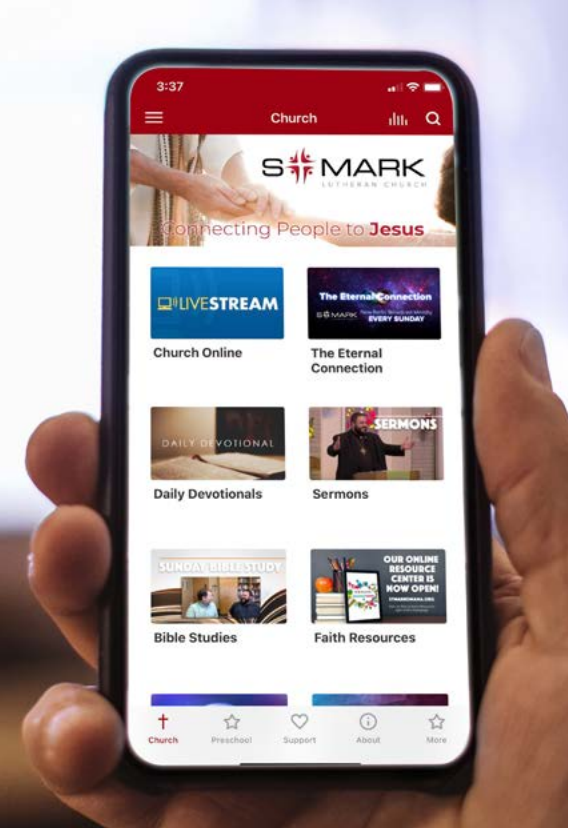
You can sign up to receive these automatically in your email or even in the St. Mark app! Get started at [StMarkOmaha.org/daily-devotionals](https://StMarkOmaha.org/daily-devotionals)



## JUNE PACKETS STILL AVAILABLE!

A wonderful way to share Jesus with your kids through fun stories and activities.

Pick up your packets in the Gathering Space this Sunday!



## YES! THERE'S AN APP FOR THAT (AND WE HAVE IT!)

The things you have access to now in the St Mark app are getting better all the time (you really need to check it out if you haven't already).

It's available for both Apple and Android devices. You can download either version at [StMarkOmaha.org/media](http://StMarkOmaha.org/media)

What's in the app? Glad you asked!

- *Previous Worship Services*
- *Archive of The Eternal Connection Radio Broadcasts*
- *Pastor Jay's Daily Devotionals*
- *Pastor Jay's Sermons*
- *Our streamed Bible Studies*
- *Faith and Fun Resources*
- *Access to our Ministries*
- *Request Prayers*
- *Preschool and Childcare info*
- *Important Announcements*
- *and more!*

## BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

### This Week's Birthdays

**Friday, June 19th**  
 Avary Maas  
 Mark J. Vanderloo, Jr.  
 John Withhart  
 Justin Zebolsky

**Saturday, June 20th**  
 Jessica Codr  
 Cora Hoppmann  
 Louie James  
 Helen Krichau  
 Grace Siekman

**Sunday, June 21st**  
 Kimberly Liebsack  
 Ed Neumann  
 Carina Niemack

**Tuesday, June 23rd**  
 Debra Knop  
 Emily Suhr  
 Carolyn Worrell  
 Karen Zacharias

**Thursday, June 25**  
 Marjorie Garabrandt  
 Doug Isaac

### This Week's Anniversaries

**Friday, June 19th**  
 Christin & Marty Senechal \*21 Years

**Saturday, June 20th**  
 Marlene & Harry Gavin \*61 Years

**Monday, June 22nd**  
 Trudy & Jeff Johnson \*29 Years  
 Christy & Tim Smith \*31 Years

### Next Week's Birthdays

**Friday, June 26th**  
 Morgan Bailey  
 Jacob Garabrandt

**Saturday, June 27th**  
 Laura Haley  
 Katherine Hilburn  
 Mark Hilburn  
 Elizabeth Jay  
 Susan Meyer  
 Carolyn Ryan

**Sunday, June 28th**  
 Kathryn Mathiasen

**Monday, June 29th**  
 Angela Weaver

**Tuesday, June 30th**  
 E.J. Kemnitz  
 Rian Taylor

### Next Week's Anniversaries

**Saturday, June 27th**  
 Christen & Derek Colwell \*5 Years

**Sunday, June 28th**  
 Elizabeth & Josh Herber \*6 Years

**Monday, June 29th**  
 Mary & Donald Loeffelbein \*63 Years  
 Debra & Robert Sales \* 39 Years

**Tuesday, June 30th**  
 Bethany & Tyler Cannon \*8 Years  
 Glenda & Timothy Hallberg \*46 Years



## CHURCH STAFF & LEADERSHIP

Rev. Eric Jay, **Pastor**  
 Julie Kyriss, **Preschool & Childcare Director**  
 Kelly Thompson, **Director of Administrative Operations**  
 Kirsten Suhr, **Director of Children and Family Ministry**  
 Chip Thompson, **Director of Creative Communications**  
 Daren Clark, **Facility Technician**  
 Glenda Bock, **Organist**

**Elders:** Steve Barry, Doug Doerr, Andy Groothuis, Peter Oldenburg, Mike Ringler, Jack Swanda  
**Parish Leadership Council:** TBA – President; Chuck Kuntz – Vice President; Mike Munderloh – Treasurer; Jolene Scalzo – Secretary; Lisa Buchele, Lisa Hayes, Bruce Sharp, Gale Suhr