



All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

2 Timothy 3:16-17

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## From the Pastor's Desk

“Well, before COVID...” This has become the preamble to many of our conversations over the past 3-4 months. Feels more like a year though, doesn't it?

Do you remember saying this when things seemed to be chaotic, before COVID? “All you can do is take it a day at a time.” If we said that in somewhat of a half-hearted or pithy way ‘before COVID’, I’m sure we have changed our tune! Every decision that only required 2-3 outlying considerations ‘before COVID’ now takes 3 meetings trying to predict the unpredictable, all usually ending with someone saying, “who even knows what’s gonna happen?!” As far as the calendar is concerned, everything has been marked as ‘tentative.’

Strangely enough, however, I have also found a profound sense of peace in this pandemic. It is said that you don't really know what you have until it's gone, and the peace I have experienced through all of this has come from the reminder that our Lord gives us in Matthew 6, **“And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life? Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.”** Before COVID, before the illusion of the control we think we have was abruptly shattered, maybe those words of our Lord echoed only faintly in our minds. They have since taken on profound significance. Haven't they? These words of the Lord should remind us that we never had control to begin with, so we have lost nothing, but only gained a wonderful opportunity to experience the peace found in letting go of the control we never had and resting in what Christ has already done for us. He has made us the children of God through His blood, and so tells us, **“Seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.” – Matt. 6:33.**

Why do we say the Lord's prayer at almost every gathering together in our Church? To be reminded of what our Lord taught us when He taught us to pray, “Our Father, who art in heaven... give us this day our daily bread.” What the Lord is teaching us, and what we are hearing with fresh ears yet again, is a truth we should have been putting first every day: that God has promised to give us all we need to be at peace with Him for today, and the promise of His faithfulness to provide again tomorrow; whatever tomorrow may bring. Despite all that we don't know about tomorrow, despite everything we cannot predict, and the control we don't have, we can look to every day on our future calendar and write, in permanent ink, **“Jesus.”** He is enough, and He is always with you.

I miss all of you dearly, and keep each of you in my prayers. Don't hesitate to reach out to me if I can minister to you in any way--even at a distance.

**JLY**,  
Pastor Jay



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youtube.com/c/StMarkOmahaLCMS

# WORSHIP SCHEDULE

**Saturday Worship:** 5pm  
**Sunday School/Bible Study:** 9:15am  
**Sunday Worship:** 10:30am

**NOTE:** During Adult Bible Class, only coffee and water will be served, no snacks. And please **BRING YOUR OWN BIBLES!**

As usual, the Bible Study will be streamed on our YouTube Channel (with Chat) followed by streamed Worship Service on our website [stmarkomaha.org/live-stream](http://stmarkomaha.org/live-stream).



**COMMUNION THIS WEEKEND!**



**DAILY DEVOTIONALS**

**JLY EDITION!**

Be sure to catch the special JLY Editions of the Daily Devotionals...all video based! You can find them on our YouTube Channel: [YouTube.com/c/StMarkOmahaLCMS](https://www.youtube.com/c/StMarkOmahaLCMS)

Each video in this series addresses the call and challenge of sharing the Good News, "Jesus Loves You!"

# JLY

**THANKS FOR THE GREAT RESPONSE!  
WE'VE ORDERED MORE PINS...**

We'll let you know when they come in so you can pick them up!

# Lifetouch. Directory Photos ..... SAVE THE DATES



In order to be included in the new St. Mark directory, photos will be taken here at the church on:

## SCHEDULE YOUR SESSION NOW!

### THU - SAT August 27th-29th THU - SAT September 10th - 12th

Be included! Schedule your photography session today!  
**Three EASY ways to schedule:**

- 1** Schedule Online at [StMarkOmaha.org/2020directory](https://StMarkOmaha.org/2020directory)
- 2** Sign-Up at a Table in the Gathering Space
- 3** Call Lifetouch at 866.756.0281

## EACH FAMILY WILL GET A FREE 8 X 10 & A FREE DIRECTORY FOR PARTICIPATING!

- ✓ You'll be able to access the church directory from your smartphone, tablet or computer to stay connected!
- ✓ Additional discounted **print packages** are available. Free Shutterfly Book with any purchase!
- ✓ You'll also have access to a Shutterfly Online Shop where you can order stationery, mugs, gifts & decor using your family portraits!

## SCHEDULE SOON TO GET THE TIME SLOT YOU WANT!

# HELP WANTED



## Preschool & Childcare is Filling Up with Kids Fast...So **WE NEED TEACHERS!**

If you know anyone who'd be interested, we'd like to talk to them ASAP. Contact Pastor or Julie Kyriess.

### We Need Volunteers to Help with Nursery Attendants during service and Bible Class!

We are looking for anyone (age high school and up) to interact with children (infant through age 3).

- **Flexible schedule:** does not mean every Sunday
- **Materials/ toys / activities provided**
- **Light post-service sanitation** would be required under the direction of the Nursery coordinator (wiping down with Clorox wipes/Lysol spray)

Please contact Kirsten Suhr if you'd be willing to help out at [ksuhr@stmarkomaha.org](mailto:ksuhr@stmarkomaha.org)



## Setting Up Your Online Giving is Easy!

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



WE'RE ALL  
IN THIS  
*Together*



**Our Last Blood Drive was so Successful,  
We're Going to Do it Again!**

**Sunday, August 2nd from  
8am-2pm in the Gym!**

[Click here to Select a Time Slot](#)

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).



Who is God? That's a question that has been asked by every human heart and every human mind throughout history. The Good News is God has come to us and revealed Himself to us in Jesus Christ! The Bible says in Hebrews 1 that Jesus is, "the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature." Jesus continues to reveal Himself to us today through His Word. This week we will listen to Part 3 of Essentials of Faith from Pastor Jay's The Eternal Connection.

**Verse of the Week:** Romans 1:16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes: first to the Jew, then to the Gentile.

**Quote of the Week:** David Jeremiah: One of the greatest therapies for personal anxiety and worry is to find somebody who needs your help and to help them.

**Fun Fact of the Week:** Disney World is the second largest purchaser of explosives in the United States. Only the U.S. military comes in ahead of them.

## WEEKLY PRAYERS

**Health & Wellness:** All shut-ins and those in care facilities, especially in this time of isolation.

**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).

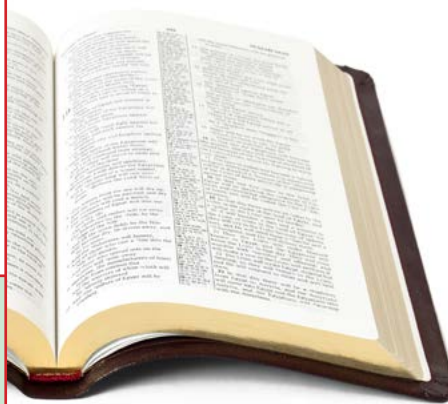


ST. MARK  
PRESCHOOL  
& CHILDCARE

**STILL ENROLLING FOR FALL!**  
We Start September 1!  
[DaycareOmaha.org](http://DaycareOmaha.org)



Watch for a new video series we are kicking off Saturday called "Ponder with Pastor Jay". We'll tackle various topics in short-video explanation format. If you have a topic or question you'd like answered or just wonder about...contact Chip or Pastor!



**IN-PERSON & STREAMED BIBLE STUDY EVERY SUNDAY @ 9:15am**

- Downstairs in the Fellowship Hall
- Coffee and water will be served (no snacks)
- **PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN BIBLE!**

**The Word creates and strengthens our faith...**

*but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.*

*John 20:31*

**Pastor Jay's devotionals are a great way to get started...**

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](http://StMarkOmaha.org/daily-devotionals)



## DAY TRIP-JULY 23<sup>rd</sup>

The day trip to Lewis and Clark reservoir is still on for Thursday July 23<sup>rd</sup>. We'll leave St. Mark that morning and return that night. We do have the boats reserved. Contact Dan Conell for more info: [dconell@stmarkomaha.org](mailto:dconell@stmarkomaha.org)!

## BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

### This Week's Birthdays

**Thursday, July 16**

Chloe Monaco

**Saturday, July 18**

Grant Barry

Margaret Burt

Jessica Hoppmann

**Sunday, July 19**

Gerry Burke

**Tuesday, July 21**

Eric Nelson

Michael Sharp

### This Week's Anniversaries

**Wednesday, July 22**

Connie & Harold Willis \*31 Years

### Next Week's Birthdays

**Thursday, July 23**

Hayley Hallberg

Lauren Johnson

William Liebsack

Julia Vanderloo

**Saturday, July 25**

Travis Charter

Landon Schlabs

Keaton Tabbert

**Sunday, July 26**

Kynnley Bruhn

**Monday, July 27**

Sue Pedersen

Andy Rygol

Zoe Schlabs

**Tuesday, July 28**

Natalie Dallman

Dale Olson

Gale Suhr

Robert Watson

### Next Week's Anniversaries

**Thursday, July 23**

Becky & William Niemack \*15 Years

**Friday, July 24**

Deeann & Denis Goeser \*38 Years

**Saturday, July 25**

Jayne & Johnnie Dunn \*62 Years

**Sunday, July 26**

Carolyn & Michael Bunch \*51 Years

**Tuesday, July 28**

Brenda & Joshua Neal \*13 Years

Mary Kay & Steve Swale \*19 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



## REVAMPED MOBILE APP FOR YOU!

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!*