



The heavens declare the glory of God; and the sky above proclaims his handiwork.

Psalm 19:1

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7“And when you pray, do not heap up empty phrases as the Gentiles do, for they think that they will be heard for their many words. **8** Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him. – Mt 6:7–8

But the Christian’s prayer is easy, and it does not cause hard work. For it proceeds in faith on the basis of the promise of God, and it presents its need from the heart.

A Little Luther



Faith quickly gets through telling what it wants; indeed, it does so with a sigh that the heart utters and that words can neither attain nor express. As Paul says (Rom. 8:26), “the Spirit prays.” And because He knows that God is listening to Him, He has no need of such everlasting twaddle. That is how the saints prayed in the Scriptures, like Elijah, Elisha, David, and others—with brief but strong and powerful words. This is evident in the Psalter, where there is hardly a single psalm that has a prayer more than five or six verses long. Therefore the ancient fathers have said correctly that many long prayers are not the way. They recommend short, fervent prayers, where one sighs toward heaven with a word or two, as is often quite possible in the midst of reading, writing, or doing some other task. –Martin Luther



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THE PINS SHOULD SHIP NEXT WEEK!

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
- 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!

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.

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 Could Use
a **Donation** of a
Small Refrigerator

And if you find
Clorox Wipes or
Lysol Spray, please
purchase, bring it in
and we will refund
you...these items are
hard to come by.

**YEP, WE STILL
NEED TEACHERS!**

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



**ST. MARK
PRESCHOOL
& CHILDCARE**

**ENROLLING
FOR FALL!**

We Start September 1!

DaycareOmaha.org

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.



How do you know what you know? If you were somehow born as the only person on the planet, how would you know anything? You wouldn't. Any knowledge must be revealed to us, and that includes our knowledge about God. The Good News is that God has revealed Himself in many ways, and most perfectly in His Son, Jesus Christ. Join us this week as we listen to Pastor Eric Jay and Chip Thompson and discuss the series on the Eternal Connection called Essential Faith.

Verse of the Week: Psalm 112:5 Good will come to those who are generous and lend freely, who conduct their affairs with justice.

Quote of the Week: What lies behind us and what lies before us are small matters compared to what lies within us.
—Oliver Wendell Holmes

Fun Fact of the Week: Mick Jagger has a great-grandchild who is older than his youngest child.



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

Death: Cleone Rusie

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

Pantry Needs for Project Hope

Greatest needs are donations of:

- Boxed (dry) and canned foods
- Diapers sizes 4 & 6 and baby wipes
- Personal care products - shampoo, body wash, deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrushes, and hand soap
- Paper products - toilet paper, tissue & paper towels

Please bring items to the corner of the Gathering Space. Questions? Contact Kelly at kthompson@stmarkomaha.org.



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).

Please contact Kirsten Suhr if you'd be willing to help out at ksuhr@stmarkomaha.org

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

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

This 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

This 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

Next Week's Birthdays

Friday, July 31

Kit Harwick
Lydia James

Saturday, Aug 1

Terry Butkus
Debbie Gieselmann
Gavyn Miller
Julie Vargas
Brandon Watson

Sunday, Aug 2

Edward Fendley Jr

Monday, Aug 3

Sindi Lovett-Ledwich
Ellen Wilkins

Tuesday, Aug 4

Carla Geerdes

Wednesday, Aug 5

Cody Limpach
Kelsey Musgjerd
William Niemack
Jordyn Rolles

Next Week's Anniversaries

Saturday, Aug 1

Ann & Robert Chapman *38 Years

Monday, Aug 3

Sharla Kurz & Kevin Thernes *18 Years

Tuesday, Aug 4

Tammy & Steve Anderson *30 Years
Kelly & Chip Thompson *30 Years

Wednesday, Aug 5

Rita & Robert Boetcher *26 Years



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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

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