



“Blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord,  
whose trust is the Lord.  
He is like a tree planted by water,  
that sends out its roots by the stream,  
and does not fear when heat comes,  
for its leaves remain green,  
and is not anxious in the year of drought,  
for it does not cease to bear fruit.”

Jeremiah 17:7-8

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## UPCOMING



**NO SATURDAY SERVICE  
DUE TO A WEDDING!**



## THIS SUNDAY - BAPTISM OF ADDISON IWEN!

Addison Iwen is the daughter of  
Miranda and Andrew Iwen who will  
become new members of St. Mark  
Lutheran Church along with Addison!



## AUGUST 16TH INSTALLATION

Installation of Pastor Eddie Mekasha (Immigrant Ministries  
Pastor), Chip, Kelly, Daren, Kirsten, and elder Doug Doerr.



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# ADOPT-A-PRESCHOOLER!

Signup Sheets are in the Foyer OR  
email Kirsten - [ksuhr@StMarkOmaha.org](mailto:ksuhr@StMarkOmaha.org)



## IT'S EASY AS:

- 1) MAIL your preschooler cards through the year
- 2) PRAY for the child and his/her family
- 3) ATTEND optional events (WHEN it's safe and IF it works for you)



Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them,  
for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."  
Matthew 19:14

## Fall Sunday School Volunteers Needed!

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



## THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

Thank you for opening your doors to us this past Sunday. Once again it was a very successful blood drive. Here are the official results:

Your drive registered 31 donors and collected 30 pints of life-saving blood! This was on a goal of 25!!!! AWESOME job! You and your donors will potentially impact 90 lives over these next 7 days!! There were 3 deferral but best of all... there were 7 first time donors!!! Just amazing results!



### We need:

Dixie cups (5 oz.) Clorox  
wipes, Zip-lock bags (snack or  
gallon size), Elmer glue sticks,  
paper towels, baby wipes

*thank you*

The family of Cleone Rusie would like to thank the St. Mark congregation for all the cards and memorials. We would also like to thank Pastor Jay as well as Glenda, Kelly, Chip, Jolene, and Mike for the help. We would also like to thank the worship musicians for rearranging their practice schedule so that we could have the funeral when we did. Thank you all.

Corey and Karla Rusie

## The Eternal Connection

APPROACHING  
EPISODE #20!



THANKS FOR LISTENING!





## DID YOU KNOW?

One of the best ways to get to know the Bible is to spend time with other believers in God's Word... We offer it every Sunday at 9:15am in the Fellowship Hall. It's less than an hour, quite often there's snacks, the people are friendly, and we even stream it online! Try it (it's worth it).



# JLY

### PINS & CARDS

You can pick them up at  
Saturday or Sunday Worship  
in the Gathering Space!  
Go Share the Good News!

## 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:

## TIMES RUNNING SHORT TO SIGN UP!

# 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



## BAND OF BROTHERS



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).

How can we trust what the Bible says? How do we know that it's truth that we can rely on? This week we join Pastor Eric Jay and Chip Thompson on another episode of The Eternal Connection to find out.

**Verse of the Week:** Psalm 119:130 The unfolding of your words gives light; it gives understanding to the simple.

**Quote of the Week:** Timothy Keller: Truth without love is harshness; it gives us information but in such a way that we cannot really hear it. Love without truth is sentimentality; it supports and affirms us but keeps us in denial about our flaws.

**Fun Fact of the Week:** The world's first speeding ticket was issued to an England motorist on January 28th, 1896. He was fined for speeding at 8mph in a 2mph zone.

## WEEKLY PRAYERS

**Cancer:** Cindy Kuntz, Paul Hanselman

**Health & Healing:** Phil Siegle

**Special:** Shut-ins, homebound, and those isolated in care facilities, Jason and his family coming to faith in Jesus

**Military:** Jordan Hammond, Meghan Murry, 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).

## Operation Christmas Child

The days are passing fast and it will soon be time to fill the Shoe Boxes. We are hoping to involve the small groups this year in the sorting of items and packing the shoe boxes. **Our goal is again 250 boxes.**

**For the month of August we are looking for clothing items. For boys we are focusing on underwear, socks, shorts and t-shirts. For girls we are focusing on undies, t-shirts, socks and dresses. They can be pillowcase dresses or a t-shirt with a skirt sewn on the bottom.**

When gathering items for the shoe boxes remember nothing electronic, as the electricity is very different in foreign countries. No English books to read. Do not include anything liquid, like shampoo, mouthwash, lotion or toothpaste. If any of these items are received they will be given to Project Hope or put in the box for the Thrift Store.

Also keep in mind the ages – there are 3 age groups 2-4, 5-9 and 10-14 years.

Each boy and girl that receives a shoe box will also receive a book with stories from the Bible in their own language. They are enrolled in a class and have the opportunity to hear the stories. Many times parents sit in the back of the room and hear the stories and are ready when the Lord calls them. Sometime in September we will start collecting, just watch the Spirit for the notice.

**Some items to keep in mind for the older children in the 10-14 age group:**  
**Boys:** hammers, nails, screws, screwdrivers, fishing items, like bobbers, hooks and line. Most will be able to find a stick to make into a pole.

**Girls:** measuring cups, spoons, other cooking utensils (like big spoons), spatulas, towels, dishcloths, potholders, pieces of material, scissors, thread, buttons, maybe tape and needles.

We will make small kits for fishing or sewing from the many pill bottles that have been contributed. (and please feel free to make them yourself – there are lots of resources for ideas on Pinterest or Google).

Also remember unwanted T-shirts will be used to make jump-ropes, so please continue to bring those in.

Blessings to all and many thanks, Rhonda Zebolsky and Helen Oldenkamp

## 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](https://StMarkOmaha.org/daily-devotionals)**



# BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

## This Week's Birthdays

**Friday, Aug 7**

Mike Blaylock  
Marlene Fix  
Trudy Johnson  
Joshua Monter  
Judy Schlueter

**Saturday, Aug 8**

Matthew Baumann  
Gabiella Nichols  
Jolene Scalzo

**Sunday, Aug 9**

Carol Liebsack  
Terry Matuska

**Monday, Aug 10**

Violet Morgan  
Skyler Oldenburg

**Tuesday, Aug 11**

Mary Hicks  
Jace Ostermeyer

**Wednesday, Aug 12**

Corey Rusie

## This Week's Anniversaries

**Thursday, Aug 6**

Becky & Terry O'Leary \*32 Years

**Friday, Aug 7**

Judy & Harlan Schlueter \*54 Years

**Monday, Aug 10**

Helen & Gary Krichau \*29 Years  
Ardeth & Ed Neumann \*62 Years  
Karla & Corey Rusie \*18 Years  
Evelyn & Richard Urbatch \*63 Years

## Next Week's Birthdays

**Thursday, Aug 13**

Steve Schnell

**Saturday, Aug 15**

Tinna Classic  
Margie Erickson  
Zander Rygol  
Chip Thompson  
Thomas Volksen

**Sunday, Aug 16**

Megan O'Leary

**Monday, Aug 17**

Steven Blair  
Steven Erickson  
Bernie Lawton

**Tuesday, Aug 18**

Jacob Beber

**Wednesday, Aug 19**

Theresia Amberson  
Andrew Groothuis  
Chris Munson

## Next Week's Anniversaries

**Friday, Aug 14**

Daun & Len Adams \*44 Years

**Tuesday, Aug 18**

Janice & Leonard Becker \*58 Years  
Mary & Sahamak Hamearbane \*7 Years  
Shelby & Keaton Tabbert \*2 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!

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