

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. *1 John 1:8-9*

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New Lenten Series

# Jesus >

Join us for Worship Saturdays 5pm,  
Sundays 10:30am & Wednesdays 7pm

## SPEAKING OF EASTER...

We Need Volunteers for Our Easter Worship Services:

- HANDBELLS**
- MEN'S CHOIR**
- CHILDREN'S CHOIR**

Contact Kelly or Pastor Jay if you can help out!



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## EMERSYN COLWELL

**BAPTIZED ON SATURDAY, FEB 13, 2021**

We welcome Emersyn, the daughter of members Derek and Christine Colwell into the St. Mark family!

Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven." *Matthew 9:14*



## MEET YOUR ST. MARK ELDERS: DOUG DOERR

**Doug, introduce you and your family:**

My name is Doug Doerr, I am married to my wife, Nancy of 35 years and we have two daughters, Allyson and Ashlyn and

three grand-daughters, Alyvia, Alaina, and Aaliyah. We grew up around Norfolk in the town of Plainview, then moved to Pierce. We moved to Omaha in the fall of 2018.

### **What do you do for a living?**

I work at Mulhull's Nursery in the shop doing small engine repair, and handle most the ordering for landscape crews for their mulch and landscaping products.

### **What is something (a hobby, an interest, an achievement) that most folks don't know about you?**

My daughters like to say I am an "engineer without a degree." I love designing and building things that make my life and job easier. I once built an automated sprinkler system for our acreage in Pierce that would tractor around hoses and water the lawn without me having to be there.

At my previous employer of 35 years, a steel company, I had the opportunity to do what I call "build by accident." I learned a lot about how things work mechanically and apply that to tasks that could benefit from automation. For a guy that never went to college, I had a pretty great "learn on the job" environment to explore the things I love to do!

### **How long have you been a member at St Mark?**

Nancy and I have been members for about a year and a half.

### **What does being an elder here at St Mark mean to you?**

Since I've only been an elder a very short time (and during the pandemic), it's been a bit challenging getting to know people. When I cannot recognize someone I see regularly (because they are behind a mask), that's tough. I certainly understand why it's this way, it just takes more effort, for me at least, to get to know folks when all you see is eyes. I've volunteered in the church all my life, and have held about every lay position you can (except elder). When Pastor asked me to be an elder, I think I more clearly understood when God told Moses to go to Egypt...I was thinking "I'm not qualified, maybe pick someone else...hahah." I do love working with Pastor Jay, Mike, Andy and Jack, so it's been great so far.

### **Do you have a favorite Bible verse and/or story (and maybe why?)**

Two actually... the first, John 11:35 "Jesus wept." As a kid, I always wondered why He cried when he knew he'd be bringing his friend back from the dead. I came to realize that it shows His human side... His compassion for us as people. He showed us He is a loving God, it's ok to cry. Jesus is with us in all of our circumstances, both the sad times and the times of joy.

Also, I like Matthew 27:46 when Jesus was on the cross and He cried out, "My God, My God why have you forsaken me?" As a kid, I recall thinking, "That's pretty harsh to say to God!". Yet, that was when God turned His back on Jesus who was bearing the weight of the sins of the whole world...to think that Jesus willingly took that on Himself, that He would have done that even if it was only you and me on the whole planet, He'd still die just for us. It's pretty humbling to know that we have a loving God that would do that just for us.

### **Do you have a "St Mark" story for us (anything stand out that you want to share)?**

I really haven't been here long enough, so not yet! I do enjoy volunteering here though!

### **2020 was a hard year, what are you looking forward to in 2021?**

Knowing God is still in control, no matter what...whether it's politics or Covid, I am totally at ease. God brought us here for a reason. He's watching out.

Get to  
**KNOW**  
you!



## DEVOTIONAL BITE

from Pastor Jay's February 10, 2021 Devotional "Me, Myself & Death"

What technology and especially social media has done is expose our sinfulness as people in a whole new way. I don't believe there has been a generation of young adults that wasn't reckless or that didn't do reckless things in order to be popular or gain attention. We all, both young and old, regularly do and say things we shouldn't for the sake of being liked by others.

The most prominent abuse of social media is in how it is used to project a false image of one's self for the sake of being "cool" or "liked". Technology certainly has enabled and made more prominent our tendency to be self-absorbed and narcissistic, however, this is not a generational problem...it's a sinful people problem. While there is no doubt that social media has made it easier for us to put on our "best face" for everyone, I'm not sure we are any less pretentious when we behave differently or speak differently in person depending on who it is we are with and who we want to impress. It says in verse 5 of our passage from 2 Timothy that in the last days people will "give the appearance of godliness" and yet deny the power of God. This certainly isn't just a "last days" problem...this is a problem for every single person, because there is no one that is good and godly on their own.

[READ THE FULL DEVOTIONAL HERE](#)

### The Eternal Connection

Join us as we explore:

[Click Here to Listen!](#)

9:30 AM on Boomer • 10 PM on KCRO • Anytime on [EternalConnectionRadio.com](http://EternalConnectionRadio.com)

## PART TIME NANNY OPPORTUNITY

A young mother of our congregation is 7 months pregnant and would like to turn to the membership of St. Mark first to see if there is anyone willing and able to serve as part time nanny for their soon coming child. Due date is April and the family would need a part time nanny beginning in July 2021. Please contact the church office if you feel the Lord's leading. Thanks so much!

### For week of 2/15

9am Saturdays // New youth room // Enter at door #9 southside lower level.

Have you ever wished you had a giant reset and button for life? If we're honest with ourselves, we all have had those moments in life that we would love to go back and do over again. That is why it is so often said that hindsight is 20/20; the vast majority of the time, we can only fully understand something when we see it after the fact. This week we continue our walk through the Gospel of John, we hear the Good News that God has sent His Son, Jesus Christ, to give all of us the reset we long for – new life, a re-birth, through faith in the salvation Christ accomplished for us on the cross. Join us Saturday as we listen to and discuss episode 46 of The Eternal Connection. <https://subspla.sh/s4s5v7t>

**BAND OF BROTHERS**



**Verse of the Week:** Romans 8:35 Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword?

**Quote of the Week:** G. K. Chesterton One sees great things from the valley; only small things from the peak.

**Fun Fact of the Week:** Singing with a group has been scientifically proven to reduce stress, relieve anxiety, and boost your mood.

If you can't join us in person, 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).



# OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

For the Month of February We Are Looking for ACCESSORIES!

We would like to thank everyone who contributed items, funds and time to Operation Christmas Child in 2020. **We were able to send 203 great boxes** to make children around the world a little happier at Christmas time.

And now we begin again! We have some great new ideas for this year so look for them in the coming weeks.

In the month of February, items to look for are accessories. **Items such as hair bows and hair ties, necklaces and bracelets, sunglasses and watches. This is also a good time of the year to look for hats, gloves and scarves on sale.**

As always we are looking for donations of t-shirts and pill bottles. We take t-shirts at any time and it doesn't matter if they are stained or a little thin, they are cut up and used to make jump ropes. The pill bottles and other small containers are used for small sewing kits, small kits for necklaces and even small fishing kits. We will buy shoe boxes again this year but if you have any large shoeboxes we can use them for larger items (deflated soccer balls and pumps and tools for older children take a lot of space!)

If you have any items to contribute to Operation Christmas Child, please deliver them to the collection bin near the gathering area and look for something new coming soon!

Thank-you,  
*Rhonda Zebolsky and Helen Oldenkamp*

## LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY LEAGUE

# POSTPONED!

**Attn. St. Mark Ladies!**  
**Join Us Sunday, March 14**  
**at 11:30am for a soup lunch**  
**and Joint LWML meeting**  
**in the Fellowship Hall!**

Questions? Contact Lorrie Wacker or Jolene Scalzo



# LISTEN UP

Mark 9:1-10 • Pastor Eric Jay

**Listen to Pastor Jay's Sermon**  
**from last Sunday, Feb 14th**

## WANT TO STAY CONNECTED? GET THE ST. MARK APP TODAY!

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)





ST. MARK  
PRESCHOOL  
& CHILDCARE

## PRESCHOOL & CHILDCARE NEEDS FULL-TIME TEACHERS!

As the Lord continues to bless our Preschool and Childcare ministry, we are already looking at a significant growth in our enrollment for Summer and Fall! It has been challenging finding qualified full-time and part-time teachers to meet our growing need, so we are asking for your help!

Would you pass along the Job Description (the **RED** link below) to anyone you know who might be seeking employment in this important ministry?

If you have any questions or want more information, you can contact our director, Julie Kyriss at [jkyriss@stmarkomaha.org](mailto:jkyriss@stmarkomaha.org).

**DOWNLOAD JOB DESCRIPTION HERE!**



## BIBLE STUDY

**Listen to the Adult Bible Class from  
last Sunday, Feb 14th (Mark 9:1-10)**

**YOUR MINISTRY  
SUPPORT IS  
ESSENTIAL!**

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**Setting Up  
Your Online  
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## LOOKING FOR A WAY TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE?

Getting involved in the ministries at the church is an easy way to do just that!

If you are available to help out, we want to talk to you! We have needs for USHERS and [IMPACT immigrant ministry](#) volunteers!

Please contact Pastor Jay or Kelly in the church office if you can help us out.

## WEEKLY PRAYERS

**Cancer:** Cindy Kuntz, Linda Hedges

**Health & Healing:** Joe (nephew of member Greg Zebolsky), Britany Heins

**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) or call the church and ask for Kelly.

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

# happy anniversary

**Feb 1**

Kym Abraham  
Alberta Hartline  
Mitchell Kuntz

**Feb 11**

Roberta Lange  
Louise Parkert  
Rachel Pistillo

**Feb 19**

Evan Johnson  
Kayla Lawton

**Feb 3**

Kay & Dayton Rasmussen \*3 Years

**Feb 2**

Doug Doerr  
Karen Rosse  
Adam Wacker  
Drew Wacker

**Feb 12**

Anita Jaynes  
Beverly Opfer

**Feb 20**

Chloe Paustain

**Feb 5**

Karen & Jack Swanda Jr \*44 Years

**Feb 3**

Scott Brady

**Feb 13**

Kathryn Dahlquist  
Beatrice Jandl  
Carol Yetts

**Feb 21**

Steven Anderson

**Feb 12**

Marnie & Travis Charter \*21 Years

**Feb 4**

Zoe Petersen

**Feb 14**

Bob Grabbert  
Natalie Thonen

**Feb 22**

Todd Bockelmann  
Richard Fiscus  
Gary Krichau  
Pete Pedersen

**Feb 15**

Cindy & Steven Barry \*29 Years

**Feb 5**

Caitlyn Baumann

**Feb 15**

Bruce Hayes

**Feb 23**

Annie Christensen  
Rodney Dahlquist  
Benjamin McGill

**Feb 6**

Melissa Olson Ludwig

**Feb 16**

Andrew Conell  
Don Nelson  
Daniel Rosse

**Feb 24**

Marilyn Heimsoth

**Feb 7**

Melinda Boles  
Carter Pflug  
Shaun Vincent

**Feb 17**

Jackson Pflug  
Michael Rosenthal

**Feb 26**

Noah Enders  
Karen Lodhia  
Nickolas Schultze

**Feb 8**

Kenneth Weiss

**Feb 18**

Daniel Baumann  
Peggy Groothuis  
Patti Harper

**Feb 27**

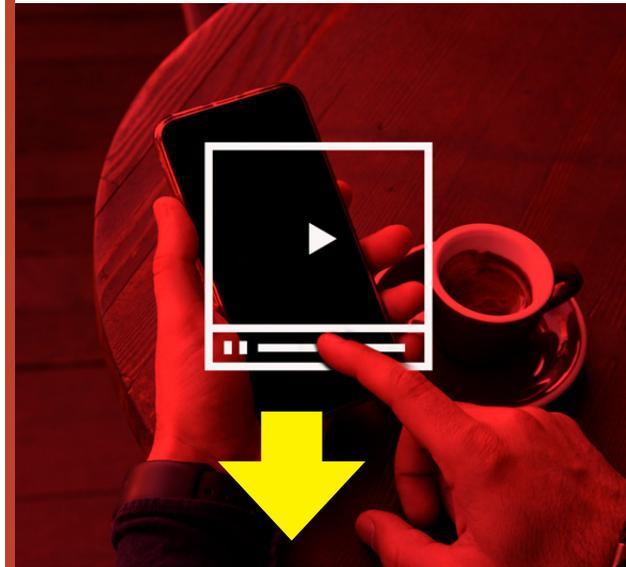
Daun Adams

**Feb 10**

Olivia Sprague

**Feb 28**

Bailey Rawson



**WATCH LAST SUNDAY'S  
SERMON "LISTEN UP"**

**WATCH LAST SUNDAY'S  
ADULT BIBLE STUDY**

## 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:** Doug Doerr, Andy Groothuis, Mike Ringler, Jack Swanda, Greg Zebolsky

**Parish Leadership Council:** Gerry Burke – President; Bruce Sharp – Vice President; Mike Munderloh – Treasurer; Jolene Scalzo – Secretary; Lisa Buchele, Lisa Hayes, Chuck Kuntz, Gale Suhr, Gerry Burke, and Andy Rygol