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1 Corinthians 15:52

OCTOBER 2023



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Greetings St. Mark!



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I miss it every year. In the middle of a blanket of trees that stretches to the southwest horizon from the main entrance to St. Mark, there is always one tree that reveals its beautiful fall leaves before any other tree; and it always seems to change in an instant. Since noticing its eagerness several years ago, I have tried to keep an eye out to catch it in between its transformation from green to orange and yellow, but have missed it every year.

Looking at it again this past week, I was reminded how “in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed.” - 1 Corinthians 15:52. It is going to be a glorious day. It will also be a day that the Lord promises will come as instantly as that tree changes color.

Knowing and believing this should change how we live now, by faith in Christ. I made a conscious effort to look for that tree nearly every day once fall arrived because I knew it would change first. Likewise, Scripture calls us to look for the Lord we know is coming upon us, and who is here now, and who desires to bring the life-changing Kingdom of Heaven into our hearts and lives even now. After all, the creation itself is looking for the day of our salvation. “For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God.” - Romans 8:19.

That one eager tree reminds me of how we should be looking and living for the day of our Lord. This was the Apostle Paul’s admonition to Titus. “For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ.” - Titus 2:11-13.

This newsletter is filled with countless ways for you to eagerly look for your Lord through the life of your church and our ministry together.

Your Servant in Christ,

Pastor Jay

**FRI.
OCT.
27TH**



**6PM
to
8PM**

CHURCH FAMILY NIGHT

BRINGING GENERATIONS TOGETHER FOR
fun, food ^{AND} faith

YOU MUST RSVP: StMarkOmaha.Org/familynight

**IF YOU WANT DINNER, WE NEED YOUR RSVP BY:
12PM ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 23RD.**

TAILGATER DINNER

Grilled Chicken Sandwiches, Brats, & More!

\$5 suggested donation per dinner

GIANT INDOOR MOVIE SCREEN!

Bring your lawn chairs and blankets, sit back, and enjoy a movie with and for the whole family. Water and popcorn provided.

*Note: Blanket required for lawn chairs to protect the gym floor.

CRAFTS AND CONVERSATION

While the kids go off to play and do a craft, enjoy a cup of coffee and conversation with your fellow St. Mark family members.

[RSVP NOW - CLICK HERE](#)



St. Mark Seraphs *Please come listen!*

We're singing in church!

SUNDAY OCT 22ND



THIS SUNDAY! DON'T MISS IT!

Our students are all very excited to share their voices and dance moves with you! Join us this Sunday, October 22nd, at our 10:30am service and sing along with us to the "Five Finger Prayer" song and an upbeat version of "What a Friend We Have in Jesus."



DONATE TO OUR PRESCHOOL

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Volunteer to help bless refugees and help with our English and Citizenship classes! No experience needed.

immpact@stmarkomaha.org



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BE A PART OF OUR CAMPAIGN!

“He established a testimony which he commanded our fathers to teach to their children, **that the next generation might know them**; the children yet unborn.”

Psalm 78:5-6



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BAPTISMS IN SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER OF 2023



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SAWYER NELSON



GIONNO CRNKOVICH



FREDDIE PFLUG

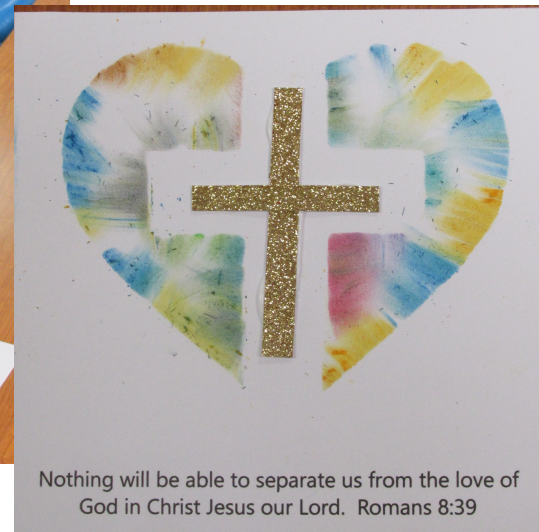
REPENT AND BE BAPTIZED EVERY ONE OF YOU IN THE NAME OF JESUS CHRIST FOR THE FORGIVENESS OF YOUR SINS, AND YOU WILL RECEIVE THE GIFT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT. FOR THE PROMISE IS FOR YOU AND FOR YOUR CHILDREN.

ACTS 2:38-39

SUNDAY SCHOOL

LEARNING THE UNFAILING LOVE OF GOD!

And making some awesome quilts delivered to senior homes!



VOLUNTEER AS A SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER!

"Truly, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven." - Matt. 18:3

On many occasions, Jesus taught His disciples the importance of not only having child-like faith, but also actively ministering to children. "Let the little children come to me!" That's what Jesus said, and He expected His disciples to receive and minister to those little ones that came to them for Jesus.

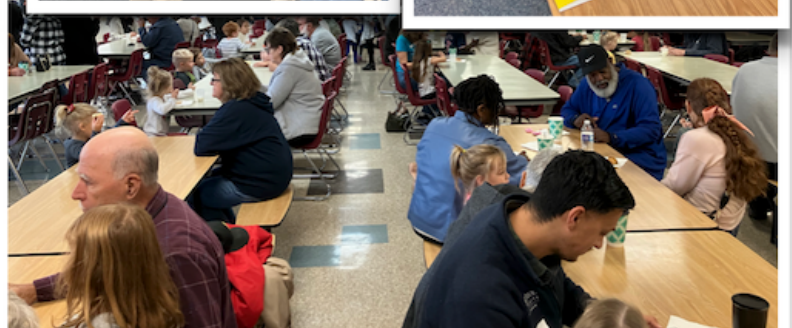
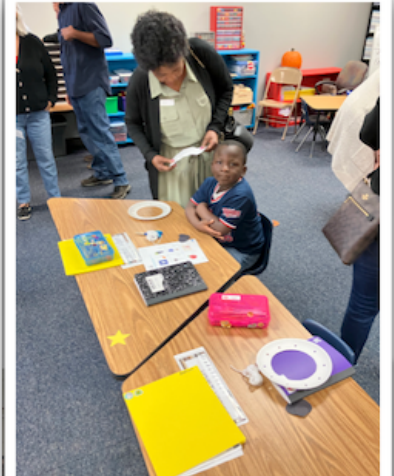
SERVE THE LORD & HELP US SERVE HIS LITTLE ONES!

Contact Miss Lydia - lwoods@stmarkomaha.org

BRING YOUR GRANDPARENTS TO SCHOOL!



What a fun and faith-filled morning of learning at our school and preschool with all our grandparents!



YOUTH GROUP



Sundays @ 4:30pm

High School
Every Sunday

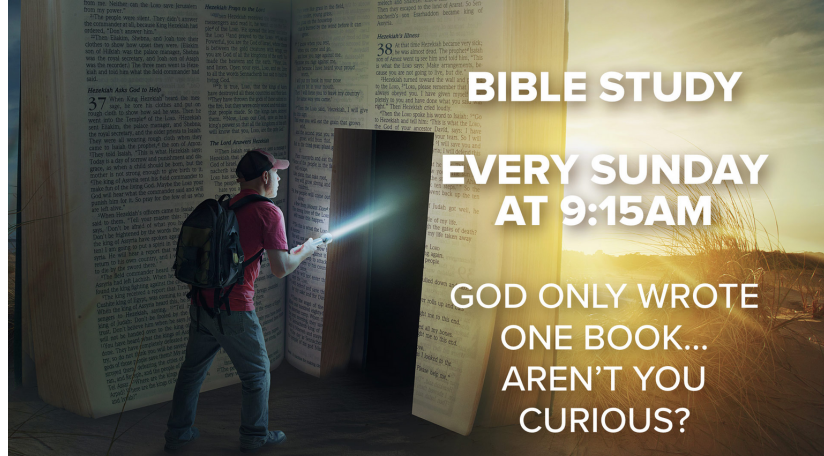
Middle School
2nd & 4th Sundays

Contact Lydia
lwoods@stmarkomaha.org

BIBLE STUDY

**EVERY SUNDAY
AT 9:15AM**

GOD ONLY WROTE
ONE BOOK...
AREN'T YOU
CURIOUS?



YOUTH BIBLE STUDY

**SUNDAYS @ 9:15AM
YOUTH ROOM #110**

Our Kids Need Your Help!

We need more volunteers to
help teach Jesus in Sunday
School! 9:15am & 10:30am.



- All curriculum provided.
- Teaching guides and help.
- Volunteer as you're able.

Contact Lydia Woods: lwoods@stmarkomaha.org



9:15am Every Sunday!

**Adults in Fellowship Hall
Jr. & Sr. High in Room 120
1st (6 y.o.) - 5th Grade in Room 103
3 - 5 years old in Room 134**



All children are invited up
for the children's message.
After, ages 3 through 6 can
head to Sunday School
with teachers! Room 205.
7+ stay in service.



Packing Party
November 4th
9 AM - 3 PM
(snacks and lunch
provided)

Needed: Kid-sized scissors

(we have plenty of shoeboxes and pill bottles-thank you!)

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Did you know that Pastor Jay teaches on the radio right here in Omaha and all over Nebraska and Council Bluffs every Sunday? Joined by friends Chip Thompson and Jason Eisenman, Pastor Jay is currently teaching a series called "People of the Book."

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BIBLE STUDY

Pastor Jay is currently teaching through a series studying major characters in the Bible. Visit **eternalconnectionradio.com** for a complete archive of his teaching, which makes for a great small group or Bible study curriculum. We currently have both a men and women's Eternal Connection Bible Study group meeting at St. Mark each week. Join us!

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Saturdays @ 9:00am

Meeting in the Fellowship Hall.

Contact: Jack Swanda

jswanda@cox.net

Enter through door 7 from south parking lot along Decatur St.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Wednesdays @ 6pm

Meeting in the Fellowship Hall

Contact: Allison Bickford

allison.bickford@gmail.com

Enter through door 7 from south parking lot along Decatur St.

Get Involved in the Many Ministries at St Mark!



- Men's Fellowship/Study
- Women's Fellowship/Study
- Connect 3 Small Groups
- IMMPACT Immigrant Ministry
- Youth Ministries
- Children's Ministry
- Vacation Bible School
- Preschool & Childcare

Contact the church office!

"Follow Me" ~ Jesus

Here are the ways you can get involved in your Lord's work at St. Mark.

Worship Music & Tech: From playing an instrument or singing, to helping with the on-screen media and sound. All experience levels welcome.

Ushering: Help Pastor prepare and execute worship service logistics and be a smiling face to welcome folks to worship.

Sunday School Teachers: As young families continue to join St. Mark, we really need help with our 9:15am and 10:30am Sunday School classes. We do all the prep and provide all materials. An easy and impactful way to serve the Lord.

IMMPACT: Serve the immigrants and refugees among us by simply having conversations in English with them as part of our IMMPACT Immigrant Ministry citizenship and English classes.

Musicians Needed! We are always looking for more talented musicians to help us glorify God through excellent and reverent worship. Contemporary band, traditional choir, handbells, it's all here!

EMAIL CONTACT@STMARKOMAHA.ORG TO SERVE!



TEACHERS & CARE GIVERS

Full-time & Part-time. Signing Bonuses!

We are
HIRING!

Benefits: \$16-\$23/hr • Full benefits • 401K
\$Signing Bonu\$ • Flexible hours • paid holidays
and snow days • positive and supportive
workplace.



daycareomaha.org/jobs

Care Givers (Floaters & Assistants)

We are looking for care givers who love children and love sharing Jesus with them through their care! No certification required for care givers. Must be 18 y.o.

Preschool Teachers (3s, 4s, & 5s)

We are also looking for preschool teachers who have experience with preschool curriculum and early childhood education and development.



WORSHIP SERVICE TIMES

Saturday 5pm (Traditional)

Sunday 9:15 Adult Bible Study
(Childcare and Sunday School Available)

Sunday 10:30am (Blended)

MUSICIANS NEEDED!

Bring eternal purpose to the talents God has blessed you with and join the worship team at St. Mark! Singers, pianists, guitarists, strings, brass, drums, any and all musicians wanted. All talent levels welcome.

music@stmarkomaha.org



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It all started with 12.
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connect3@stmarkomaha.org

Can we pray for you?

<https://stmarkomaha.org/prayer-requests/>

or

prayer@stmarkomaha.org

(Indicate public, email prayer chain, or both)

CHURCH STAFF & LEADERSHIP

Rev. Eric Jay, Senior Pastor
Rev. Eddie Mekasha, Outreach Pastor
Lydia Woods, DCE
Julie Kyriss, Preschool & Childcare Director
Aaron Kratz, Head K5 Teacher

Beth Kelly, Church Administrator
Jason Conell, Facility & Operations Manager
Daren Clark, Facility Technician
Glenda Bock, Organist



ST. MARK
LUTHERAN CHURCH

Connecting People to **Jesus**

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

Parish Leadership Council: Irv Dana, President; Dan Buman, Vice President ; Mike Munderloh, Treasurer;
Aaron Flaugh, Secretary; Lisa Buchele, Mark Cherney, Lisa Hayes, Chuck Kuntz, Andy Rygol



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