

*The Mark's Lutheran Church*

## *The Weekly Messenger*

*Founded in faith. Growing in grace.*

*5800 Backlick Road, Springfield, VA 22150 ~ 703-451-4331*

**Third Sunday in Easter ~April 14, 2024**



(Shown above flowers from March 31st)

### **TODAY'S FLOWERS**

**Laidler Campbell** in celebration of her daughter Lauren's birthday.

**Cheryl Dwyer** to the glory of God and in celebration of the birthdays of her daughter-in-law, Andrea Mason and grandson Matthew Mason.

**Susan Klein** in loving memory of her mother, Mildred Harmon.

**Anna and Will Swann** in loving memory of Anna's parents, Glenn and Norma Stuart.

**ATTENDANCE ON SUNDAY APRIL 7, 2024: 9:45AM IN PERSON (83), 9:45AM  
RESTREAM (26), 12:15PM IN PERSON (53), 12:15PM RESTREAM (1)**



**We are a Stephen Ministry Congregation  
Christian Care, Compassion, Listening — When you need it most.**



Dear Friends in God's Love,

We have come to the end of our series on the images of Christ on my gold chasuble. The last five (see photo below on right) were like a whirlwind as all five events occurred between Palm Sunday and Easter. We did extend it by one week using the final icon the Sunday after Easter. The About the Cover for the final image is available in the e-messenger.

I learned a lot during this series. I am curious about what you might have learned. A few things I learned were: iconography has a long and rich history; the details in icons/images in ancient traditions of the church are very intentional; and, we only scratched the surface on the significance and historic use of icons in the church.

It would be helpful some time to consider further with you the canons of the 7<sup>th</sup> ecumenical council, as it relates to our understanding of the communion of saints, which, united to Christ, transcends time and space with Him. I shared some of this with you on Christ the King Sunday, when we had the first installment in this series. This has tremendous significance not only for icons but for how we understand the eucharist and the communion of God's people of yesterday, today, and tomorrow.

So, what did you learn? I would appreciate it if you would take some time to reflect and share your thoughts using the questionnaire in the e-messenger. This survey is a repeat of one I asked you to participate in at the beginning of the series with a few additional questions. After I have read your responses, I will consider some lessons and sermons for the summer months.

God loves you and so do I,  
Pastor Albert



## Pastor Triolo's Sabbatical

Pr. Albert is on Sabbatical, returning at Pentecost (May 19). Pr. Albert will not be responding to emails or reading them while he is on Sabbatical. Please reach out to Pr. Saul for pastoral needs; Maritza for property, finance, and other administrative issues; and council for ministry matters. When in doubt, reach out to Maritza at [mcerritos@stmarks-elca.org](mailto:mcerritos@stmarks-elca.org).

## Quarterly Benevolences

### Q2: Caroline Furnace and Mar-Lu-Ridge

Our April-June Quarterly Benevolence recipients will be our area Lutheran-affiliated camps and conference/retreat centers: Caroline Furnace and Mar-Lu-Ridge. You may designate "Quarterly Benevolence" on your check and special offering envelope or donate through the e-giving portal on the St. Mark's website.



- Caroline Furnace Lutheran Retreat and Camp Center is a place to encounter God in God's creation and through an intentional Christian community. They believe this experience has the power to permanently change lives. Caroline Furnace is committed to remaining a special place apart, with a focus on God's grace and presence and on positive community building. Learn more at <https://www.carolinefurnace.org/>.
- Mar-Lu-Ridge Year-Round Retreat and Conference Center is a year-round ministry of the ELCA. Situated in the beautiful Catoctin Mountains of central Maryland, Mar-Lu-Ridge ministers through summer camp, retreats, their conference center, and a variety of programs offered throughout the year. In addition to their traditional summer camp sessions, they also offer many specialty camp sessions including, but not limited to: adventure, arts, horseback, Night Owls, Civil War, and space camps. Learn more at <https://www.mar-lu-ridge.org/>.

## New Opportunity to Add to Your Skills Set Now Available!



When someone calls out, "Does anyone know how to make coffee in the big pots?" (similar to IS THERE A DOCTOR IN THE HOUSE?), do you shy away and go looking for napkins or fill water pitchers, or do you step forward with confidence and say, "Yes, I know how."? Well the newly founded HOSPITALITY TEAM is looking for you ... both the experienced barista and the ones eager to learn!

Our new kitchenette is fully operational and we are in need of loving, generous people to prepare the coffee before services, to clean up after services, and to help serve cake and doughnuts as the occasions warrant. As we look forward to the revitalization of St. Mark's, more celebrations will be coming and we are excited to begin this new ministry to step up and serve the congregation and our visitors.

Sign up individually or as teams, all ages welcome ... training by skilled veterans will be provided.

Please contact Raelene Long ([llong41@verizon.net](mailto:llong41@verizon.net)) or Linda Pendleton ([lgp91@cox.net](mailto:lgp91@cox.net)) if you would like to serve in this ministry.



### Thank You to St. Mark's!

To all our members who contributed to our recent 2024 Thankoffering on February 18, 25, and March 3. A total of \$1560 was collected to support the work and many ministries of the churchwide Women of the ELCA. As offerings are their primary source of funding, your generous support will help provide resources, activities, communication tools, staffing, and publications, such as the *Gather* magazine. Thanks again for supporting this important ministry.

**Food For Others is in need of extra food.  
Please bring non-parishable food to Narthex.  
Thank you!**

- The last several weeks, we have been seeing a big surge in demand for our FFO food distribution on Tuesdays. Our FFO pantry helps to provide protein in our food distribution and to provide food when all the fresh food runs out. The goods donated by the supermarkets are primarily fruits, vegetables, and carbohydrates, not protein. Your monetary contributions will help us purchase many identical canned goods so they can be efficiently stored.
- The increase in demand for our FFO distribution is taxing on the teams who receive, organize, and distribute the items. If you can spare a few hours on a Tuesday afternoon at 5:00 PM-6:30 PM, please consider helping one of our four FFO teams. No experience necessary. If you can help, even just one week, it will help us navigate this surge we are experiencing in demand. For further questions, please contact Debbie Brown, Nan Ackerman, or anybody you know who participates in our FFO teams.



**Save these Dates for the All Lutheran Women's Retreat this Fall!**



All Lutheran Women's Retreat

*"A Cup of Unconditional Love"*



**Save-these-Dates!**

**Thursday - Saturday, November 7 - 9, 2024**

To be held at the:

Hilton Garden Inn, 4050 Cox Road, Glen Allen, Virginia

# Friends & Family Chamber Orchestra\*

F. Wayne Taylor, Director



FREE ADMISSION

Free will offering (checks + cash) will benefit Lord of Life's  
FACETS Hot Meals Program

Sunday, April 28, 2024

4:30 pm

Handel, Mozart, Elgar, Holst, Taylor, Grainger

\*FFCO is a joyful ensemble of present and retired  
orchestra teachers from Northern VA schools,  
plus their musical colleagues and friends

Lord of Life Lutheran Church

13421 Twin Lakes Drive

Clifton, VA 20124



- YOU'RE INVITED TO A COMMUNITY -  
**SHRED & SHARE EVENT**



**Saturday, April 20**  
11am - 2pm (or until trucks are full)



Kirkwood Presbyterian Church Parking Lot  
8336 Carrleigh Parkway, Springfield, VA 22152

**FREE**

**SECURE SHREDDING AND  
ELECTRONIC RECYCLING ON SITE!**



### WHAT TO BRING

**SHRED:** Paper documents you would like securely shredded – old tax records, bank statements, expired policies and duplicates, documents with personal information, old travel documents, outdated medical records, unnecessary receipts and bills, etc. Patriot Shredding [www.patriotshredding.com](http://www.patriotshredding.com)

**RECYCLE:** Computer and Electronics. Responsibly recycle old electronics, securely destroy personal data, and reduce the carbon footprint and impact on our environment. See “free recycling list” eAsset Solutions [www.eassetsolutions.com](http://www.eassetsolutions.com)

**SHARE:** ECHO (Ecumenical Community Helping Others) food donations are welcome, but not required. Items most needed:

- Canned Tomatoes
- Healthy Snacks
- Masa Flour
- Canned Fruit
- Pancake Mix and Syrup
- Canned Fish
- Juice (Bottles or Box)
- Jelly and Honey
- Bagged Rice
- Lemon or Lime Juice
- Tortillas
- Bagged Beans
- Laundry Detergent
- Deodorant
- Toilet Paper
- Shaving Cream/Razors
- Baby Wipes
- Liquid Dish Soap

For more information about ECHO, please go to [www.echo-inc.org](http://www.echo-inc.org)



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Alpha Beta Alpha Omega Chapter

#### QUESTIONS?

Contact Kathleen Pester  
[kpesterhomes@gmail.com](mailto:kpesterhomes@gmail.com)  
call or text: 703-868-4352



### **Dwelling in the Word Bible Study—Psalms**

Our Thursday at 10:30 AM group continues on Zoom each week at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/894781064?pwd=qlhpplAMfIG4kATY76CfF2cVpJspHj.1>. We

continue to read through the Psalms. All are welcome to join us. It is never too late to get started on reading the Psalms, as each Psalm can be read independently.

### **Men's Bible Study—Galatians**

Men's Bible Study is every Wednesday at 9:00 AM in the lounge and online. If you would like to join remotely, the Zoom Link is in the online **St. Mark's Calendar**.

#### **THIS WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS:**

**April 14:** Jose Fuentes, Sean Murphy **April 15:** Daniel Ancona

**April 17:** Frank Stellar, Donald Younker **April 18:** Wesley Carr

**April 20:** Charlotte Eby, Kurt Henke

#### **Next Week's Birthdays:**

**April 22:** Lawrence Author, Wayne Leyhe, Amy Reuscher

**April 23:** Sandra Reyes, Evelyn Schwarze, Yonas Yemane **April 25:** Blanca Flores

### **OUR PRAYER LIST AS OF APRIL 12, 2024**

**Sunday:** Prayers of thanksgiving for the birth of Orla Julie Rogers, granddaughter of Rodney and Linda Pendleton.

**Monday:** Grieving family of Kaityln Dula, family of Jane Miller.

**Tuesday:** Carla Yock, Dave Smith.

**Wednesday:** Janis Katt, *friend of Wes and Janice Carr*.

**Thursday:** Grieving family and friends of Dale Buelter, *brother-in-law of Mary Palm*.

**Saturday:** Yariel Canas; Baby Marcella Grieving family and friends of Don Hale; Grieving family of Gary Dinnison, *father of Bill Dinnison*.

### **THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR**

For the weekly calendar please visit: <https://www.stmarks-elca.org/calendar>

**Ministry Team:** **Albert W. Triolo**, Senior Pastor; **Saul Cardona**, Associate Pastor **Maritza Cerritos**, Admin Assistant; **Julian Lee**, Custodian; **Christian Michaelsen**, Organist; **Karen Randall**, Choral Director; **Alice Real**, Dir. of Youth and Family Services, English Handbell Choir, Children's Vocal Music; **Harriet Latta**, Sunday Church School Dir. **Congregation Council Officers:** **Erik Long**, President; **Bill Turner**, Vice-President; **Nancy Gorman**, Secretary; **Colleen Struss**, Treasurer.