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Father's Day

Like Father, Like Child

As we celebrate Father's Day, we likely see traits in our dads (or other father figures) that we hope to be known for ourselves: integrity, gentleness, a great sense of humor, a love of learning, a humble spirit.

Amy Grant's song "Father's Eyes" tells of a young girl who wants nothing more than for others to recognize her father — and her heavenly Father — in her. "When people look inside my life, I want to hear them say, 'She's got her father's eyes.'"

What characteristics of God your Father are reflected in your eyes, heart and life? And what godly qualities would you like to cultivate?

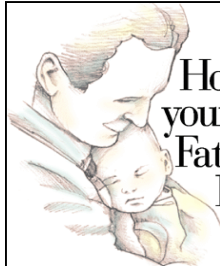
May others see our heavenly Father in us!

Coming in July!!!

SAVE THE DATE.....



July 10-14, 2011
5:30 — Dinner
6:30-8:30 — VBS Programs



Honor
your father:
Father's
Day

**Sunday,
June 19th**



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" Growing Disciples - Making Christ Known "

CONFIRMATION 2011

Congratulations to our confirmands! Steven Clayton Wall, Ashley Diane Ginns, Katerina Elizabeth Miles, Katelyn Michelle Chapman and Cynthia Jogie Miles were confirmed on May 15, 2011.

Katy Chapman

Confirmation Verse: John 14:27

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.

Ashley Ginns

Confirmation Verse: Matthew 5:8

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

Cat Miles

Confirmation Verse: John 15:9

As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love.

C.J. Miles

Confirmation Verse: Matthew 7:7

Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you.

Clayton Wall

Confirmation Verse: Matthew 25:23

Well done good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness.



CHURCH COUNCIL NEWS

May 9, 2011 Meeting

- We are now 33% of the way through our fiscal year and have received 32% of our projected income. Lenten box income this year is \$4171.95.
- Preparations continue for Vacation Bible School (evenings July 10-14, 2011.) The adult programming for VBS focuses on religion in America.
- Property Committee reported the boiler and water heater replacement process continues moving forward. The committee expects to have bids by the first week of June. Council discussed various funding options.
- The Youth Director Search Committee is moving forward. It consists of Chris and Gennie Stevenson (co-chairs), Charlotte Dixon, Betsy and Laura Wenzel, Pete Giacobone, Clayton and Gretchen Payne, Melissa and Chris Parrish, Brandi Dotson and Will and Jogie Miles. (Part-time participants are Pastor Peter, Pastor Emily and Gail Chapman.) The committee is reaching out for input from SMLC members, youth, our staff and staff from other churches who have recently gone through this process.
- Council discussed the use of the \$36,000 generated by the Social Impact Fund component of the Debt Reduction campaign. After reviewing several options it elected to apply the funds to the following programs:
 - Use \$34,000 to fund the majority of a Social Worker's salary for one year for Urban Ministry's Housing First program which focuses on getting homeless into stable housing, setting- up counseling and providing overall support to help the individual get back on their feet through on-going contact and assistance.
 - Provide \$2000 to the East Meck High School "Eagle Flight 2011" Program. EMHS is starting this new program for children who are at risk. These students are identified in the ninth grade based on grades, personal performance etc. They receive additional attention, counseling, parent involvement, tutoring, mentoring, recovery/ extra credit, books study and recognition. (We would like also like to support this program in the coming years if our budget permits.)
- We will be represented at the NC Synod Meeting June 2, 3 and 4, 2011 by Bill and Linda Daleure, Larry Witham, Gennie Stevenson. Barbara Baker and Gail Chapman are participating as "visitors."
- The Annual October Congregation meeting was set for October 16, 2011. The main agenda item will be the election of new Council members.

ANNUAL CONGREGATION MEETING
Immediately following the 10 am service
Sunday, October 16, 2011

CHURCH COUNCIL

Got a suggestion? A question? A concern? If so, then contact one of your Church Council officers. They are individuals whom you elected to serve and lead. If you have something you wish to discuss then contact a Council member or the Pastor. Your current Council members, their email addresses and home phone numbers are:

Pastor Peter Brown	704-540-9151	peterbrown@saintmarkselca.org
Pastor Emily Hartner	828-234-6748	emilyhartner@saintmarkselca.org
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FINANCE COMMITTEE



St. Mark's Financial Status as of April 30, 2011

In Support of Our 2011 Ministries/Budget

April YTD Budget	April YTD Actual	Over / (Under) April YTD Receipts
\$216,940	\$211,024	(\$ 5,916)

Revenue collected in the month of April was less than had been budgeted. This was a little unexpected for the month that included Easter Sunday, but the shortfall (\$3,800) was not large. While Revenues are tracking close to Budget after 1/3 of the year has passed, there has only been one month in 2011 when Revenues exceeded budget. Our efforts in the remainder of the year need to be focused on ensuring strong collections each and every month. Council and the Finance Committee are strongly committed to only spending the dollars that we collect this year.

Please note that the dollars collected in the just-initiated Boiler Appeal to collect \$40,000 by July 17th will not be reflected in our Operating Budget Revenues. Likewise, the expenses incurred to replace the failing equipment will not impact the Expense lines in the Operating Budget. The numbers reported in this monthly communication only reference the contributions that are received and the expenses that are incurred within St Mark's 2011 Operating Budget.

It continues to be very important that we are diligent about keeping our Expenses in line with, and preferably less than, the amounts provided in the Operating Budget. Through the end of April, we have spent \$197,740. This amount is less than the Revenues we have collected during the same period. Your help in making this happen is very much appreciated. Remember that we are striving to be in a position to be able to share the full outreach allocations that were approved in the 2011 Mission Plan. Being able to provide the \$10,000 that has not yet been committed to Synod (\$5,000) and one or more local social ministries (\$5,000) would be a very strong indication of the St Mark's family's commitment to outreach beyond our congregation's needs.

You are encouraged to contact Barbara Baker (Treasurer), Angela Micalizzi (Finance Committee Chair) or a member of Council or the Finance Committee with any observations or questions you have about St. Mark's finances or financial statements. Your support, prayers and input help us in our efforts to manage our resources most effectively.

SENIOR SUNDAY



On Sunday, June 5th, join us as we celebrate ***“Senior Sunday”*** here at St. Mark’s.

Congratulations to all of our graduating seniors! We are so very proud of them, and wish them all life’s blessings as they begin their next exciting chapter in their lives.

Jimmy Conner, son of Thomas and Anne Conner
Hopewell High School

Jimmy plans to attend CPCC as a college transfer student with plans to finish a history degree at UNC-Charlotte. After completion of his Bachelor’s Degree, he wishes to pursue a career in Maritime Law Enforcement with the United States Coast.

Ann Danello, daughter of Tim and Grace Danello
Myers Park High School

Ann will attend Duke University this fall on a four-year merit B.N. Duke Scholarship, and plans to major in Chemistry.

Natalie Joanne Howarth, daughter of Scott and Melody Howarth
Gaston Christian School

Natalie will attend the University of South Carolina this fall and plans on majoring in Physical Therapy.

James Charles Lambert, son of Thomas and Alane Lambert.
Northwest School of the Arts

James plans to attend Western Carolina University in Cullowhee, NC majoring in Criminal Justice.

Jennifer Frances Stephens, daughter of Pam and James Stephens
Hopewell High School

Jen will be attending Appalachian State University this fall.

Matthew (Matt) Usinger, son of Bill and Carolyn Usinger
East Mecklenburg High School

Matt will be working full-time in the fall and taking classes at CPCC until he decides on a major or going into the military.

JUNE BIRTHDAY'S

Sarah Ingle	June 1st
Mel Johnson	June 1st
Colin Lindberg	June 2nd
Pete Giacobone	June 3rd
Will Miles	June 3rd
Sydney Payne	June 3rd
Gene Ellington	June 4th
Alex Sherwood	June 4th
Elizabeth Wenzel	June 4th
Dana Giacobone	June 5th
John Rhodes	June 6th
Kevin Feezor	June 7th
Susan Johnson	June 7th
Ruthanne Miller	June 7th
Mary Thomas	June 7th
Janice Miller	June 10th
Kelly Canute	June 12th
Jennifer Stephens	June 13th
Jill Nelson	June 14th
Sam Parrish	June 14th
Seth Parrish	June 14th
Lori Zubrod	June 14th
James Sidbury	June 18th
Mary Dell Lewis	June 21st
John Simon	June 21st
Vicki Holtz-Longshaw	June 22nd
Keller Schnier	June 22nd
Natalie Howarth	June 23rd
Robbie Bishop	June 24th
Kendal Ferner	June 25th
Avery Schwartz	June 26th
Marian Bowers	June 27th
Lynn Rhodes	June 27th
Brooks Stevenson	June 28th
Katie Haines	June 30th



We celebrate with the following disciples of St. Mark's as they remember their baptism this month:

Braden Zubrod	June 3
Steve McCall	June 6
Marianna Johnson	June 8
Carl Fisher	June 10
Bill Lockrow	June 12
Neil Dixon	June 15
Joe Barrett	June 19
Dottie Toney	June 20
Karen Covington	June 21
Meg Johnson	June 21
Claire Goodall	June 22
Christy Reid	June 24
Ethan Sherwood	June 28
Charlotte Dixon	June 30
Ashley Sehorn	June 30



FRIDAY'S AT

7:00 AM

**AT SHOWMAR'S ON
7TH & PECAN**

SHINE
This Summer



*"A Friend loves
AT ALL TIMES."*
Stephen Ministry
Is Here For You



What Kind of Man Would Receive the Care of A Stephen Minister?

- A man like **Adam**
who was cut off from all that gave meaning to life and needed someone to remind him of God's promise.
- A man like **Noah**
who witnessed the destruction of everything around him and needed someone to wait with him for a new day.
- A man like **Abraham**
who had to leave everything he knew and loved behind him and needed someone to journey with him to a new life.
- A man like **Moses**
who faced great opposition and needed a companion to support him and speak on his behalf.
- A man like **David**
who grieved the death of a wayward child and needed a shepherd's care.
- A man like **Elijah**
who thought he was all alone and needed a still small voice to encourage him.
- A man like **Job**
who lost everything and needed someone to silently endure his pain with him.
- A man like **Peter**
who found himself in over his head and needed the strong hand of a faithful friend.
- A man like **Paul**
who knew the unending distress of a thorn in the flesh and needed someone to rejoice when he rejoiced and to weep when he wept.
- A man like **JESUS**
who knew intense disappointment, sorrow, grief, rejection, and loneliness and needed an angel of God to minister to him.
- **A man like you.**

If you would like to know more about how a Stephen Minister could care for you, please see or call one of the pastors at 704-375-9185 or Sarah Ingle, Stephen Leader, at 704-529-6656.

Social Ministry

THANK YOU! Social Ministry was given the privilege of donating the **FULL** amount of the collected monies from the LENTEN BOXES, as we as a congregation have no current students in seminary, the usual recipient of 1/2 of the donated funds. The amount collected was **\$4,175.95** and will be forwarded to **2nd Harvest Food Bank Backpack Program**. This program provides very low income children with nutritious food for the weekend when they are not receiving free food at school. No child should go hungry for one single day in this country and our donation will help address this serious and distressing issue. Again, thank you for your generosity and caring.

Second Harvest
Backpack
Program



Another **THANK YOU** for responding to our "spring shower" to benefit homeless families temporarily living at **CHARLOTTE EMERGENCY HOUSING**. The collected household items were greatly appreciated by the shelter and the recipients will feel your love and compassion as they attempt to regain their independence and rebuild their lives.



FRIENDSHIP TRAYS

Are you retired and looking for a meaningful use of your time? Are you looking for a volunteer activity you can do with your child? Check out **FRIENDSHIP TRAYS** which delivers warm noon meals to the elderly and/or ill homebound throughout Charlotte. You can make daily, weekly or monthly commitments. It's a great way to teach your child compassion for others and experience the joy of helping others yourself. Call Catherine Metze, Social Ministry liaison to the agency, (her # is in our church directory) to volunteer. You can learn more information about this outreach by checking their website at www.friendshiptrays.org.

There is always a place around our meeting table for another member of our committee! If you are interested in joining this vital committee at St. Mark's, please join us on the 3rd Monday evening of each month at 7:00 to experience what this committee is about. We meet in the large Sunday school room at the end of the hall, up the steps from the chapel area. Hope to see a new face!



SEARCH COMMITTEE NEWS....

Greetings St. Mark's Family,

We are happy and honored to be part of the search committee for a new Director of Youth Ministry for St. Mark's. This is an exciting task and we are fortunate to be working on it with a great group of individuals: **Brandi Dotson, Clayton and Gretchen Payne, Betsy and Laura Wenzel, Charlotte Dixon, Chris and Melissa Parrish, Pete Giacobone and Will and Jogie Miles.**

We are in the very beginning stages of this process, having had our first meeting on May 4th. It is our intent to keep the congregation as well informed as we can about the process and our progress through email, the Sunday bulletin, ReMark's and the website. Please feel that the lines of communication are open between you and our committee, and contact us with any ideas and suggestions you may have. We welcome your input and ask for your prayers and support.

Peace,

Chris and Gennie Stevenson
Director of Youth Ministry Search Committee
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704-814-7997



Kure Beach Vacation



ST. MARK'S KURE BEACH RETREAT **Thursday July 28 through July 31, 2011**

St. Mark's has again reserved the beach front Kure Beach Lutheran Retreat Center for an extended weekend this coming summer. The weekend is an informal and unstructured getaway with family fun, fellowship and relaxation. We will depart Thursday and return Sunday afternoon. It is open to all members but space is limited. The

cost for three nights accommodation is approximately \$225 per room. (This cost will vary depending upon how many folks participate. Last year's cost was somewhat lower).

Guestrooms typically sleep three, several are "adjoining" and can be paired if so desired. The guestrooms are air-conditioned. They are built around an open air central deck/seating area and each has one twin bed and a bunk bed. Each guestroom has a private toilet and sink.

Separate private shower rooms are shared between two guestrooms. There is a large air conditioned, common dining/kitchen/activities room for all to share where we take meals and have activities..

Last year's trip was great fellowship, relaxation and lots of sun. It gave many of us time to get to know members we otherwise would not have had a chance to meet and spend time with.

For more information, contact Mike Doyne either by email at mike@fryday-doyne.com or at his home phone between 7 and 9 pm at

704 362 1367.

You are invited!
Vacation Bible School 2011!

Kids will go on a
Big Jungle Adventure!



Adults will explore
Religion and Faith in America!



July 10-14, 2011
5:30 — Dinner
6:30-8:30 — VBS Programs

Adult Speaker Series

- Sun., 7/10 – **Dr. Susan Cernyal-Spatz**
taught at UNCC, *Holocaust Survivor*
- Mon., 7/11 – **Dr. Anne Wills**
teaches at Davidson
Religion in America
- Tue., 7/12 – **Zaimah Abdul-Wakeel**
works at Meck. Ministries, *Islam*
- Wed., 7/13 – **Sri Rajagopalan**
former marine, lives in Charlotte,
Hinduism
- Thurs., 7/14—TBD

Vacation Bible School Registration

July 10-14, 2011
5:30—Dinner
6:30-8:30 pm—VBS Programs

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email address: _____

of Adults _____ # of Children _____

I will be there for dinner! Please circle all nights you will attend

Sun Mon Tues Wed Thurs

I will attend the following Adult classes: Sun Mon Tues Wed Thurs

Register my children for VBS!

Name: _____ Age: _____

Name: _____ Age: _____









Name: _____ Age: _____

Please return to the church office by June 1st.

St. Mark's Lutheran
Attn: Pastor Emily
1001 Queens Road
Charlotte, NC 28207



JUNE 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 -Bible Study 11-12:00 PM 6:30-Handbell Rehearsal 7:30-Choir Rehearsal	2 Taize' 6:30 PM Chapel 	3  Men's Breakfast 7:00am Showmars, 7th & Pecan 7:00 PM AA Meeting	4 8:00 PM Crystal Clear Recovery
5 10:00 AM Worship 8:45 AM—Sunday School  Senior Sunday	6 COUNCIL MEETING 7:00 PM 7:00 PM Crystal Clear Recovery 7:00 PM AA Meeting	7 Centering Prayer 12:00 PM Chapel 7:00 PM AA Meeting	8 --Love Circle 10:00 AM -Bible Study 11-12:00 PM 6:30-Handbell Rehearsal 7:30-Choir Rehearsal	9 Taize' 6:30 PM Chapel	10  Men's Breakfast 7:00 AM Showmars, 7th & Pecan 7:00 PM AA Meeting	11 8:00 PM Crystal Clear Recovery
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JUNE SERVICE BLOCKS St. Mark's members serving this month

USHERS: 10:00 a.m.

USHERS: June 5th & 12th:

Harry Kendrick, Kenneth Williams, Larry Dagenhart, Jr., Dave Goodson, Howard Groetzinger, Dale Hopp, Vicki Holtz-Longshaw

USHERS: June 19th & 26th

Doug Milheim, Bill Daleure, Marc Ginns, Ashley Ginns, Rick Rehn, Mike Mobley

ACOLYTES/CRUCIFERS:

June 5th: C: Suzanna Payne, A: Sydney Payne, Tyler Andujar

June 12th: C: John Mobley, A: Matthew Chapman, Andrew Dixon, T: Claire Lippert, Ashley Ginns, B: Chris Lambert

ACOLYTES/CRUCIFERS CON'T:

June 19th: C: Jen Stephens, A: Ben Stephens, Emily Lower

June 26th: C: Laura Wenzel, A: Jacob Wenzel, Ashley Ginns

CHILDREN'S CHURCH:

June 5th: Shelley Mobley

June 12th: Brandi Dotson

June 19th: Beth Canute

June 26th: Dave & Eileen Dunlap

GREETERS:

June 5th: David & Cathy Goodson, Dale & Mary Lou Hopp, Harry & Betty Kendrick, J.B. & Mary Lou Kiser

June 12th: Tat Kleckley, Shirley Larson, Maxine McKeen, Jim & Catherine Metze

GREETERS CON'T.:

June 19th: Michelle & Peter Mullen, Carlene & Joe Schock, Sue Schwartz

June 26th: David & Janie Simpson, Jason & Celeste White, Gina Wilson

LECTORS:

June 5th: Lou Feola

June 12th: Virginia Stackel

June 19th: Jim East

June 26th: Flora Chance

TABULATORS:

June 5th & 12th: Rochelle Dagenhart, Lois & Larry Witham, Janice Miller

June 19th & 26th: Greg Canute, Nancy & David Kutcher, Steve McCall

PRAYER ASSISTANTS:

June 5th: Anne Crotty

June 12th: Lisa Barnette

June 19th: David Fitzsimmons

June 26th: Bill Colyer

SOUND SYSTEM:

June 5th: Alan Harms

June 12th: Tom Sehorn

June 19th: Pam/James Stephens

June 26th: Eugene Park

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS:

June 5th: Rick Rehn, Sarah Ingle, Richard Fisher, Linda Carter

June 12th: Kevin Feezor, Neil Dixon, Eric Timm, Beverly Timm

June 19th: Catherine Metze, Larry Dagenhart, Will Miles, Doug Milheim

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS CONT.

June 26th: Gail Chapman, Marty Schwartz, John Ramseur, Larry Lippert

MEMORIAL AND HONOR GIFTS

There are many ways to offer gifts in memory of our brothers and sisters in Christ who are now part of the Church triumphant, and in honor of those for whose lives with us now we are grateful. Following is a list of such gifts received as of May 23, 2011

In Memory of Al Edahl

John F. Burton
Shirley Larson
Doug & Carol Milheim

Fund Designation

Gifts & Memorials
Pride & Joy
Ronald McDonald House

In Memory of Dr. John R. Brokhoff

Dr. & Mrs. Wayne Leazer

Gifts & Memorials

In Memory of Joseph Calvin (Linda Daleure's Father)

Rick & Virginia Rehn

Music Fund

In Memory of Henry Rhodes

Betty & John Lentz
Doug & Carol Milheim
Bob & Janet Tourtellot

Lenten Boxes (Backpack)
Ronald McDonald House
Pastor's Discretionary Fund

In Honor of Ashley Ginns

H. Lloyd Ginns

Gifts & Memorials

In Honor of Gretchen Dodge

Shirley Larson

Pride & Joy

In Honor of Amanda Galloway

Shirley Larson

Pride & Joy

In Honor of Elizabeth Gordy

Elizabeth Basinger

Gifts & Memorials

In Honor of Martha & Tom Boyd

Elizabeth Basinger

Gifts & Memorials

In Honor of Barbara McClendon

Elizabeth Basinger

Gifts & Memorials

In Honor of Patricia B. Fearing

Elizabeth Basinger

Lutheran World Relief

In Honor of Mrs. Oliver B. Talbert

Elizabeth Basinger

Gifts & Memorials

In Honor of St. Mark's Congregation, Staff & Friends

Sue & Morgan Walker

World Hunger



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Financial Administrator

Ministers
All the disciples / members of St. Mark's



May Remarks

The deadline for the July
ReMarks is noon on May 15th.
Pictures, articles, and suggestions are
WELCOME! Please submit to
secretary@saintmarkselca.org