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May 2018 Newsletter



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Easter at Christ St. Mark



MAY SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE AT 78 WASHINGTON ST.

8:00 a.m. - Spoken Holy Eucharist Service
 8:45 a.m. - Coffee Hour
 10:00 a.m. - Sung Holy Eucharist Service
 11:00 a.m. - Coffee Hour

Mary's Thoughts



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Marsh Marigolds are in bloom. Thanks be to God. It seemed to me that this spring it took forever for the May flowers to open in blossom. But it has happened and I am rejoicing in their bright yellow petals. I went for a walk in the arboretum Sunday afternoon and there the gold color caused me to stop on the bridge just to gaze at the sign of spring. There were so many thoughts swirling around in my head. I had been at worship among a full congregation. I looked out but could not even count all the people, "Thanks be to God." The precious words from the Bible were read and Father/Pastor Hugh spoke a message to us. "Thanks be to God." Our community serving Jesus Christ walked to Memorial Hall for congregational votes about our permanent location. All was done to say "Thanks be to God." The votes were counted. There was surprise for some people. There was disappointment for some people. There was a lack of understanding about one another. So many thoughts whirling around in my head so a walk in the arboretum was good for me. "Thanks be to God."

The gold color of the Marsh Marigolds flooded me with memories. My childhood home was in a wooded area in a low land. Some people would say it was swampy but anyway there were many puddles for us young children to splash and play in. My **mother's warning rings still in my ears. "Don't get your shoes wet."** Trying to keep



our shoes dry taught us how to walk on fallen logs. But sometimes we would slip off the log one side or the other and we needed to climb back up and shake the mud from our shoes. We often had wet shoes when the Marsh Marigolds were in bloom. **We just couldn't resist reaching out to pick the yellow flowers.**

I can truly say, "thank you God for the memories. Thank you God for Sunday April 29 and all that has happened at Christ/St. Mark. Thank you God for possibilities for ministry in Norwich. Thank you God that I **can be part of this community in Christ."**

Assistant Rector/Pastor Mary Robinson

WORSHIP SERVICES AT 78 WASHINGTON

Beginning May 6th

8:00 a.m. Spoken Eucharist

Coffee & Tea

10:00 a.m. Sung Eucharist

Coffee & Tea

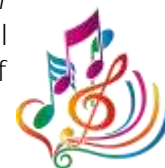


A note from our Music Director:

Dear Friends,

Sunday, May 20th (the day of Pentecost) is the final Sunday of the 2017/18 choir season. I'd like to sincerely thank our dedicated members for their time, patience and perseverance throughout a busy season, filled with new music and new locales.

I'd also like to take this opportunity to say that choir season will resume on *Sunday, September 9th* (the Sunday after Labor Day), which means our first rehearsal will be on *Thursday, September 6th*. We will have our annual pot-luck "welcome back" dinner at 6:30pm, followed by rehearsal at 7:30. I hope to see a few new faces and hear a few new voices as we reconvene for a year of new possibilities.



All best wishes, *Jesse N. Glaude, Director of Music*



Pentecost, the "Noisy Festival," Nears!

On Sunday, May 20, we will celebrate the wonderful festival of Pentecost, the day when the Holy Spirit infused the Church with power and enthusiasm to carry out the ministry of Jesus in all the world. On that day we want to replicate, at least in a small way, the noise of that first day -- the noise of the disciples speaking in many languages telling of the good news of Jesus. If you speak a language other than English, we invite you to participate in the noise making on Pentecost. You don't have to be an expert. There will be many voices speaking all at once. The more the better! Offer your willingness to participate to Hugh, Mary, or let Linda Mandel know in the office. We'll get to you a translation of the text we'll be reading and some instructions on how we'll be doing it. Thanks!

Geraniums for Pentecost

One of our traditions in worship is to have lots of geraniums at Pentecost symbolic of the red flames and the gifts of the Spirit. Pentecost is May 20th. If you would like to buy a geranium in honor or memory of someone, or simply for yourself, the sign up sheet will be in the Pine Room or fill out the form below and mail it or bring it to church. The deadline to sign up is Sunday, May 13th.



Name: _____

In Memory/Honor of: _____

Plants ordering: _____

Best Wishes to Ann!



The Rev Ann Perrott is now based at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in East Haddam. The priest there, Father Adam Yates, is taking a sabbatical from about now until Labor Day. So Ann will be the priest in charge there during that time.

Welcome New Members!



Welcoming new members
Jo & Mark Freise and Pastor Mary Robinson



Baptism of Jace Gooden,
Jazzmin Krohn and Chris Fowler

New Member
Joy Bachand



New Members
Jo & Mark Freise



New Member
Pastor Mary
Robinson





Welcome Pastor Mary!

The Rev. Mary Robinson has joined the Christ/St. Mark staff as Assistant Pastor/Rector. She was ordained in 1984 and served ELCA congregations in Nebraska, Up-state New York, New Jersey and the New England Synod.

Workshop - Praying for Healing

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in Madison (map: <https://goo.gl/4h8Xc2>) is offering a Healing Prayer Leader Workshop on Saturday, May 19, 2-5 pm. The workshop will be led by Michele Kinrade. If you would like to attend, please contact John Armstrong johnmitchellarmstrong@gmail.com, 203-536-1928). This is an opportunity to gather people from across Southeast CT who are sensing a call to engage in this form of prayer and to learn from one another!

APRIL 29th CONGREGATIONAL VOTES

On April 29 Christ Church and St. Mark held congregation meetings to consider the motion to select 78 Washington Street as the building of choice. These are the results:

Christ Church Vote

For the motion 51
Against the motion 6
Abstentions 0

The necessary 66% of those present and voting would have been 37. So the vote passed by a substantial majority of CEC voters (89%).

St. Mark Vote

For the motion 15
Against the motion 27
Abstentions 1

The necessary 66% of those present and voting would have been 28. So the vote failed to reach that figure, achieving only 34% of the vote, and the motion was defeated.

The congregations have not come to a decision about the future permanent home, and need to consider the next steps. This is not a decision to be made quickly and it will take time to discern the way forward. At the Annual Meetings in January there was considerable support in both congregations for the blending process. It is clear that there is not yet agreement about buildings.

Some Notes on Where We Worship

Since we have been worshipping together as one combined congregation, we have moved regularly between out two sanctuaries. For the first 4 months, we alternated a month at a time starting in June 2017 at 248 Broadway. We then decided to spend a longer period of 3 months at each building. So from October to December we worshiped at 78 Washington St, and had Christmas there. We then moved back to 248 Broadway in January intending to remain there until after Easter, so that we would have a major festival at each church. It was then decided that we would stay at 248 Broadway until after our vote on April 29. Regardless of the outcome of that vote we will return to 78 Washington St for the first Sunday in May, as we will by that time have been at 248 Broadway for 4 months.

The vote on April 29 will decide our final home. If that vote does not achieve a clear result, then the vestry and council will meet on the following Tuesday to discuss how we should proceed, and our worship in May will continue at Washington St. Beyond that date we have made no decisions.

Agreement for Going Forward

This document has been produced to accompany the report of the building committee. That committee recommended to the Vestry of Christ Episcopal Church and the Council of St Mark ELCA Church that 78 Washington Street become our future home. The two bodies met together to discuss this and then discussed it separately. The St Mark Council drafted proposals for a way forward. These were then discussed by the Rector/Pastor, the CEC wardens and the President and Vice-President of St Mark. They amended the document which was then sent to the CEC Vestry to discuss, amended and finally agreed by the Vestry and Council in a joint meeting on Tuesday March 20, 2018. This document is that final version.

As we come together, we celebrate and rejoice in our two Christian traditions, and affirm the integrity and value of both. Neither church is seeking to absorb the other, but both churches seek to respect and honor the traditions of the other. In particular Christ Episcopal Church recognizes that the members of St Mark Lutheran Church are passing through a period of considerable change, as they leave the building they have come to love. The Vestry of Christ Episcopal Church want to ensure that they feel welcome at 78 Washington Street.

1. Christ St. Mark Church will re-visit our arrangement as an emerging church at the January 2019 annual meetings.
2. St. Mark and Christ Church will work together to preserve assets, prepare a balanced budget/reduce expenses to achieve a sustainable financial future with a clear vision for growth and mission.
3. Work will begin as soon as possible on creating a joint decision making body, so that when 248 Broadway is liquidated or re-purposed, we can move as quickly as possible to a blended budget, sharing income but maintaining separate investments. Giving and earnings from investments from St. Mark and from Christ Church will be used to support the budget. Income from either congregation will not be used toward the other congregations Diocesan or Synodical assessment (dues).
4. **St. Mark will continue sharing expenses by contributing 42% toward Hugh and Jesse's compensation packages, as agreed upon by the joint Finance Committee. Christ Church will continue contributing toward Linda's salary at 58%. Every three months for the first year starting 3 months after the April 29 vote the joint Finance Committee will re-determine the percentage each church contributes. If members have left either congregation, the criteria used to determine the 58%/42% formula will be used to adjust the formula.**
5. St. Mark will contribute 42% (not expected to exceed \$25,000) toward the cost of improvements at 78 Washington St. as outlined in the Building Committee Report recommendation, pending the **congregation's approval (improved lighting and air quality, restroom & coffee area at back of the sanctuary)** . If there is a significant loss of members from either church, this amount may be adjusted. The St. Mark contribution will be a gift and an encumbrance will not be necessary. It will remain a gift even if the emerging church dissolves after January 2019 (the one year period).
6. Additional improvements will be made to 78 Washington St to make the building more elder and handicap friendly, such as including a seating area in the sanctuary for handicapped or elderly individuals that is on one level (this may require removal of a few of the platforms the pews sit on). Plans will be developed to make an accessible office.
7. The St. Mark cross will be hung in a prominent position at the front of the sanctuary and St. Mark banners will be displayed, as appropriate.
8. Future clergy appointments will be open to Lutheran pastors and Episcopal priests.

It is understood that the liquidation of the St. Mark Church property is up to the St. Mark congregation, as are how the proceeds will be used or invested.

Sandy Quarto, Council President
St. Mark Lutheran Church

Mike Lillpopp, Senior Warden
Christ Episcopal Church

March 20, 2018

A signed copy is on file in the Broadway office

Graduation



Do you know anyone from our congregational family who is graduating this year? We would like to recognize all of our graduates in our June Narthex News. Please call the Broadway office at 887-6826 or put a note in the offering plate with their name, when and where they are graduating from and their plans for the future. Please let us know before May 15th.

Many thanks to the following Team who helped to dismantle the CEC playscape in 100 minutes on

Dismantling the Playground

Dave and Rose Anderson,
Owen McVicker, Chuck Norris,
Jim and Sandy Quarto,
Peter Sepowitz, Will Schramm,
Bill Small, Jim Baltzell,
Dale Dickerson, Steve Dufilie,



Birthdays and Anniversaries



May Birthdays:

- 3 - Bud Burk-Buckley
- 4 - Eileen Akers
- 4 - Lynn Stanley
- 4 - Tyler Russell
- 5 - Richard Matters
- 5 - Thomas Aromin
- 5 - Irene Toscano
- 6 - Pat Jennings
- 8 - Brian Armstrong
- 8 - Terri Nash
- 9 - Mia Vittucci
- 10 - Hal Oberg
- 10 - Kent Ingves
- 18 - Bruce Stanley
- 19 - Kimberly Gonsalves
- 21 - John Sepowitz
- 21 - Tyler Rafeldt
- 22 - Fred Molocko
- 22 - Liam Garcia
- 24 - Tom Tolppi
- 24 - Betty Hinsch
- 25 - Julia Stanley Cox
- 30 - Lily Rafeldt
- 30 - Rick Neuendorf
- 30 - Evelyn Fletcher

May Anniversaries:

- 5 - Lili & Lars Rafeldt
- 21 - Amalia & Daniel Moreno
- 22 - Paula & Hal Oberg
- 23 - Janice & David Silva



Coffee Hour Volunteers Needed

Please consider helping out with coffee hour. Volunteers are needed. Please call St. Mark church office at 860-887-6826, email to: st.marklutheran248@gmail.com or speak to Linda Mandel. Thank you!

Our Community Garden Ministry Needs a Coordinator:



As spring approaches and the weather warms our garden plot is green with winter rye waiting to be turned under as fertilizer. Sadly though, We are still looking for someone to coordinate the garden ministry this summer. It doesn't need to be a member of our church community. It can be an individual, a team of people, or even a community organization. Please get the word out amongst your network of friends and groups you may belong to. If anyone shows an interest please ask them to contact me.

Joe Churney, 860-884-6582



Donations needed for Synod Assembly by June 3:

Sheets Twin or Full (new)

Diapers for ages 0 – 3

Full size toiletries:

Shampoo, Bar Soap or body wash, Toothpaste, Toothbrushes / dental floss, Deodorant, Lotion
Feminine care products, Shaving supplies

Downtown Mic

Downtown Mic is opportunity for local musicians and spoken word artist to share their talents and hone their craft. A free will offering of either cash or items for the food pantry are welcome. The kitchen crew serves up hot dogs, hamburgers, and the occasional soup.

The next scheduled Downtown Mic is
June 16th 7-9pm

Come on out for a night of live local talent and support for the food pantry.

If you have any questions contact Will Schramm at Wschramm@snet.net or [860-887-2918](tel:860-887-2918)





2018 Flower Chart

Is located in Memorial Hall on the wall by the parking lot.
The cost is \$30.00 per Sunday for 1 vase



The following gifts to St. Mark Memorial and Congregational Funds have been gratefully received and acknowledged with thanks

In Loving Memory of
Robert Eliasson
by
Richard Philipp

In Loving Memory of
Paula & Frank Gruill
by
Rick & Sandy Neuendorf



June Narthex News
Articles

Please send your articles for the *June Narthex News* to st.marklutheran248@gmail.com by *Thursday, May 19th*. Thank you.



New England Synod Assembly
June 7-9, 2018

DONATION APPEAL



Items Requested:

- Sheets: twin or full size (new)
- Toiletry items (full size preferred)
- Shampoo, conditioner
- Bar soap or body wash
- Toothpaste
- Toothbrush
- dental floss
- Deodorant
- Lotion
- Feminine care products
- Shaving supplies
- Diapers for ages 0 – 3years

Your thoughtful donations will be shared with:

- Refugees, including unaccompanied minors
- Older adults and the elderly
- Children, youth and families
- Persons with developmental disabilities, mental illness and deafness
- Those who are economically disadvantaged



May Volunteer Schedule

Normally we email these assignments to people.

Date:	May 6	May 13	May 20	May 27
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8:00 a.m.

Acolyte:	Rose Anderson	Irene Landis	Kayla Mills	Ron Crouch
Reader:	Dale Eichholz	Joan Good	Christine Kuzmenko	Linda Snarski
Chalice Bearer:	Peter Sepowitz	Ron Crouch	Chuck K. Norris	Peter Sepowitz
Coffee Hour:	Irene Landis Kayla Mills	Carol Sepowitz Peter Sepowitz	Dave Anderson Rose Anderson	Dale Eichholz

10:00 a.m.

Crucifer:	Owen McVicker	Bill Small	Sabrina Tolppi	Stephen Kimball
Acolyte:	Will Schramm	Rozanne Sobieski	Stu Cosby	Aiden McVicker
Chalice Bearers:	Tom Seidel Sandy Vanase Marilyn Williams	Stephen Kimball Dawn Erardy Alice Harding	Judy Huntley Stephen Kimball Mary E. Lang	Virginia Maloney Rick Neuendorf Sandy Quarto
Reader:	Mary E. Lang Sandy Neuendorf	David Norman Patty Russell	Robin Slane Ruth Stanley	Robert Tolppi Sabrina Tolppi
Intercessor:	Judy Huntley	Janet Koch	Sandy Neuendorf	Eileen Akers
Ushers:	Judy Huntley Mary E. Lang	Christine Murtha David Norman	Richard Russ Joan Seidel	Rozanne Sobieski Herb Zickwolf
Altar Guild:	Debbie Kimball Dawn Erardy	Sandy Neuendorf Bill Small	Judy Huntley Pam Jaxheimer	Janet Koch Bill Small
CEC Counters:	Bill Small Dawn Erardy (DI)	Rozanne Sobieski Judy Huntley (DI)	Debbie Baltzell Jay Deming (DI)	Lisa Carr Dawn Erardy (DI)
Eucharistic Visitor:	-----	Sandy & Rick Neuendorf	Virginia Maloney	-----
Coffee Hour:	Debbie Kimball Sandy Neuendorf	Janet Koch Sandy Quarto	Dawn Erardy Linda Mandel	Debbie Kimball

If you are unable to serve on your assigned dates,
please let Linda Mandel at the Broadway church office
know who your replacement will be.

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June Volunteer Schedule

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Date:	June 3	June 10	June 17	June 24
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8:00 a.m.

Acolyte:	David Anderson	Rose Anderson	Ron Crouch	Irene Landis
Reader:	Sue Underhill	Dale Eichholz	Joan Good	Christine Kuzmenko
Chalice Bearer:	Ron Crouch	Chuck K. Norris	Peter Sepowitz	Ron Crouch
Coffee Hour:	Irene Landis Kayla Mills	Carol Sepowitz Peter Sepowitz	Dave Anderson Rose Anderson	Dale Eichholz

10:00 a.m.

Crucifer:	Owen McVicker	Rozanne Sobieski	Aiden McVicker	Stephen Kimball
Acolyte:	Bill Small	Sabrina Tolppi	Owen McVicker	Bill Small
Chalice Bearers:	Tom Seidel Sandy Vanase Marilyn Williams	Stephen Kimball Alice Harding Judy Huntley	Dawn Erardy Mary E. Lang Virginia Maloney	Sandy Quarto Tom Seidel Sandy Vanase
Reader:	Stephen Kimball Linda Andrews	Megan Armstrong Janet Koch	Mary E. Lang Sandy Neuendorf	David Norman Patty Russell
Intercessor:	Janet Koch	Sandy Neuendorf	Eileen Akers	Judy Huntley
Ushers:	Judy Huntley Mary E. Lang	Herb Zickwolf Richard Russ	Joan Seidel Rozanne Sobieski	Judy Huntley David Norman
Altar Guild:	<i>Coming soon</i>	<i>Coming soon</i>	<i>Coming soon</i>	<i>Coming soon</i>
CEC Counters:	Cal Edgar Dawn Erardy (DI)	Bruce Jaxheimer Judy Huntley (DI)	Bill Small Jay Deming (DI)	Stephen Kimball Dawn Erardy (DI)
Eucharistic Visitor:	-----	Sandy & Rick Neuendorf	Virginia Maloney	-----
Coffee Hour:	Janet Koch	Dawn Erardy	Janet Koch	Debbie Kimball

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Jourdan Johnson - Brazil Update

Hello all!

I hope you are all well and that the weather up north is starting to ease into spring. It seems that **all you've had is snow storm after snow storm which makes me quite glad that I'll be returning in the summer.** I do have an official date: July 29th! While my plane ticket has not yet been changed, I will be back around that time. My visa is good until December, so my friends here like to joke that I might as well stay until the end of the year.

I've spent the last two months in Concórdia, the same place I was last year for two months a little further north which boasts 25 different communities and only two priests to attend them. Since then things have eased up as Jordan (one of the priests here) has begun to train some of the lay ministers as priests to help distribute the load more evenly. Some of them have dropped out but the few who have stayed are really **dedicated to their communities and I've had some really interesting conversations with them.**

Again, I spent a week on a farm with the other priest. It was wonderful to be bathed in nature. There



were three births of calves while I was there but **unfortunately, I didn't get to witness any of them.** I did however try an air potato which has a really delicious flavor and a real cocoa bean. I enjoyed long conversations with Noilves (the priest) and her neighbors. She has two daughters and I invited them to stay with me in the States if they ever wanted to do an exchange to improve their English.

While I was at the farm, we unfortunately had to

do another funeral, a suicide. She was a woman of 41 years and it seems that her body was not found immediately because there was an unpleasant smell coming from the casket. In Brazil, funerals are done the day immediately following the death and no embalming is done, but usually does not result in any decay because it is so quick. It was sad to think that she may not have had strong relationships; Brazilians are usually very social. Her children were grown but were distraught and I had to take deep breaths so as not to cry as I watched them grieve their mother.

I have also been working with the Haitian community here. They have organized an association so as to organize themselves as a community. They would like to create a transition house to assist new immigrants and I have been tasked with writing a grant for the project. This is **the second grant I've written here and was surprised to find that I really enjoy it.** I have finished the first draft and sent it to a friend to translate into Creole. Because the Haitians have a history of constantly receiving help, I have noticed that they (speaking very generally) tend to ask/demand help but less often initiate the changes themselves. I have observed this in other countries as well as our own. I think that there are many factors involved but one of them is this accustomedness to the current system of charity, and those giving the charity are more than happy to continue. I think that at some point a person loses the belief that they are capable as constantly having things given to you with an attitude of pity doesn't really help form your sense of personhood, so I while I did write the grant, I am planning on discussing it with the Haitians to make sure that it meets their needs or to see if they had another idea of how things should work. (I could be way off here though, open to discussions on the issue. I think there may be a colonized-colonizer theory that is related but I would have to read it over again remember exactly what it is. I

do know that the South American theories of "citizenship" is along this train of thought)

In April, I was very fortunate to be invited by Jordan, his family, and another family from the church on vacation to Peru! I was also very fortunate that my tax returns came just before the trip. It was incredible. I took many photos but **ultimately, they can't compare with actually being there.** We had excellent guides. One had done his doctorate on the history of the Incas. It was interesting because there are still so many unanswered questions and we learned about the different debates and perspectives. One interesting thing was that the animal sacrifices that they did were so as to know what kind of sowing season they would have. Different parts of the llama were used basically as weather forecasting. We also learned that the Peruvians have cultivated many more than 200 each of varieties of corn, potatoes and quinoa. I was impressed and tempted to sneak back some of the seeds into the states. I decided against it but later found out that it is possible to register them. My plan is to do so when I go back to



Peru. The food was delicious. Soups on every menu, different kinds of corn, and great salads. Our last guide was also particularly good. We hiked up a mountain to a lagoon at the base of melting mountain snow cap. He led us through some spiritual rituals native to Peru which we combined with some of the church traditions (as we had a priest on hand). It was hard to hold back the tears as the energy was palpable.



Now, I have only three months left here, and I can feel my mind already starting to transition as I think about revising my resume and starting to look for jobs. I have a few leads already which is encouraging. But mostly, I will be very glad to be close to you all again. You are much missed. Love and hugs to all.

Fundraising:

So far, I have 17% of the funding raised. Thank you again to those who have contributed.

If you are still interested in donating you can do so either online at: <https://www.gofundme.com/bom-dia-brazil>

Or by sending a check made out to The Episcopal Church and mailed to the following address:
Yanick Fourcand
Mission Personnel Office
The Episcopal Church Center
[815 Second Ave.](#)
[New York, NY 10017](#)

If you or a Loved One Go to the Hospital

- * Call the church office as soon as you know you will be admitted.
- * When asked if you are part of a local faith community answer YES, and tell them where you are a member. *If not asked tell them.*
- * When asked if you want your name released to representatives of your church say YES. If you say **no, or if you do not give our church's name the hospital will not be able to release your name to us.**

Note: L & M Hospital is the only hospital that notifies us when our parishioners are hospitalized.

Prayer List

We include in our prayers: Homebound Parishioners: Elaine Andrews, Pat Bromley, Mary Browning, Evelyn Fletcher, Jeanette Maplesden, Lucy Salva, Ruth Sanders and Linda James, Marge Jabs, Bruce Ashline, Fran Archambeault.

Clergy: For Justin Archbishop of Canterbury; Elizabeth and Michael, our Presiding Bishops; Ian, Laura and Jim our Bishops; Michael, Bishop of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Norwich; Rachel Thomas, our Regional Missionary; Hugh our Rector & Pastor; and Mary, our Assistant Rector and Pastor.

Young Adult Service Corps: Jourdan Johnson during her year of missionary service in Brazil.

We pray for the sick especially for: Ruth Stanley, Peter K., Laura Nagel, Becky Cox, Linda James, Tom Aromin, Lindsay Aromin, Bruce Lavigne, Beatrice Anderson, Dawn Erardy, Mikel Middleton, Joan Cantwell, Peter Avery, Matt Zawacki, Tom Belden, Betty Heubner, Brother Rob, Sarah Sullivan, Parker Churney, John Federkiewicz, Jennifer Bedell, Caroline, Charles Peters, Lina McCann, Hope McCann, Andy Foster, Christina McCann, Kristin Zawacki, Jennifer Stark, Susan Keller, Janet Hatch. Also, those with addictions, their families & friends.

For the hungry: for all children being sexually abused and the adults healing from it, homeless, all persons living with HIV/AIDS, their families, and those who care for them; for those who are out of work or looking for work.

For those who defend our liberties on land, sea, and in the air: David Carl Krug, Azi Idehenre, Chad McCord, Josh Leone, John Sepowitz, Christopher Wright, and for the innocent victims of warfare.

In Thanksgiving for: Our Food Pantry available for those in need

For all those in need of guidance: Dolan family, Miranda & family.

Tuesday Morning Prayer—Join Us!

Those of us that support the Morning Prayer program at Christ Episcopal Church on Tuesday fulfill an important part of our Church's life.

In the process of conducting the service we prepare to pray for the needs of the congregation. Beyond the list of church leaders and churches both near and far we pray for members of our congregation and those they care for. There is no great secret in doing this and being effective but our numbers are few and so we are inviting anyone to join us and add to our voices. There is ample evidence that prayer works and by increasing the voices there is a greater chance that we will be heard.

This simple said service starts in the Pine Room promptly at 9:00 and lasts about 20 minutes. About once a month a Holy Eucharist will be included to honor men and women that have served the faith since its earliest years.

Following the service we have coffee and tea in the Pine Room and we try to bring ourselves up to date on those we pray for or those we may visit.

Calendar of Events - May

SERVICES AT CHRIST CHURCH using Evangelical Lutheran Worship & The Book of Common Prayer

CEC = Christ Episcopal Church

StM = St. Mark Lutheran Church

** Each Sunday there is coffee hour after each service,
Choir practice at 9:00 a.m.*

Tuesday, May 1

9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer (CEC)

6:30 p.m. Council/Vestry Meetings (CEC)

6:30 p.m. Cornerstone (StM)

Wednesday, May 2

6:00 p.m. TOPS (CEC)

6:30 p.m. Cornerstone (StM)

Thursday, May 3

7:00 p.m. Choir (CEC)

Friday, May 4

8:00 p.m. AA Meeting (StM)

Saturday, May 5

8:00 a.m. Cornerstone (StM)

Sunday, May 6*, Easter 6

8:00 a.m. Spoken Eucharist Service

10:00 a.m. Sung Eucharist Service

11:00 a.m. Cornerstone (StM)

Monday, May 7

7:00 p.m. Barbershoppers (StM)

Tuesday, May 8

9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer (CEC)

6:00 p.m. Lions Club (CEC)

6:30 p.m. Cornerstone (StM)

Wednesday, May 9

6:00 p.m. TOPS (CEC)

6:30 p.m. Cornerstone (StM)

Thursday, May 10

7:00 p.m. Choir (CEC)

Friday, May 11

11:00 a.m. Food Pantry (CEC)

8:00 p.m. AA Meeting (StM)

Saturday, May 12

8:00 a.m. Cornerstone (StM)

Sunday, May 13* Easter 7

8:00 a.m. Spoken Eucharist Service

10:00 a.m. Sung Eucharist Service

11:00 a.m. Altar Guild meeting (CEC)

11:00 a.m. Cornerstone (StM)

Monday, May 14

7:00 p.m. Barbershoppers (StM)

Tuesday, May 15

9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer (CEC)

6:30 p.m. Cornerstone (StM)

6:30 p.m. Combined Council/Vestry Meeting (CEC)

Wednesday, May 16

6:00 p.m. TOPS (CEC)

6:30 p.m. Cornerstone (StM)

Thursday, May 17

7:00 p.m. Choir (CEC)

Friday, May 18

11:00 a.m. Food Pantry (CEC)

8:00 p.m. AA Meeting (StM)

Saturday, May 19

8:00 a.m. Cornerstone (StM)

Sunday, May 20* Day of Pentecost

8:00 a.m. Spoken Eucharist Service

10:00 a.m. Sung Eucharist Service

11:00 a.m. Cornerstone (StM)

Monday, May 21

7:00 p.m. Barbershoppers (StM)

Tuesday, May 22

9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer (CEC)

6:00 p.m. Lions Club (CEC)

6:30 p.m. Cornerstone (StM)

Wednesday, May 23

6:00 p.m. TOPS (CEC)

6:30 p.m. Cornerstone (StM)

7:00 p.m. Worship Committee (CEC)

Thursday, May 24

7:00 p.m. Choir (CEC)

Friday, May 25

11:00 a.m. Food Pantry (CEC)

8:00 p.m. AA Meeting (StM)

Saturday May 26

8:00 a.m. Cornerstone (StM)

Sunday, May 27*, The Holy Trinity

8:00 a.m. Spoken Eucharist Service

10:00 a.m. Sung Eucharist Service

11:00 a.m. Cornerstone (StM)

Monday, May 28

7:00 p.m. Barbershoppers (StM)

Tuesday, May 29

9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer (CEC)

6:30 p.m. Cornerstone (StM)

Wednesday, May 30

6:00 p.m. TOPS (CEC)

6:30 p.m. Cornerstone (StM)

Thursday, May 31

7:00 p.m. Choir (CEC)

Spaghetti Supper

to benefit

New Life Ministry of SECT,
a re-entry ministry that offers housing
and other support services
to women coming out of prison

Saturday, May 5, 2018

6:00 PM

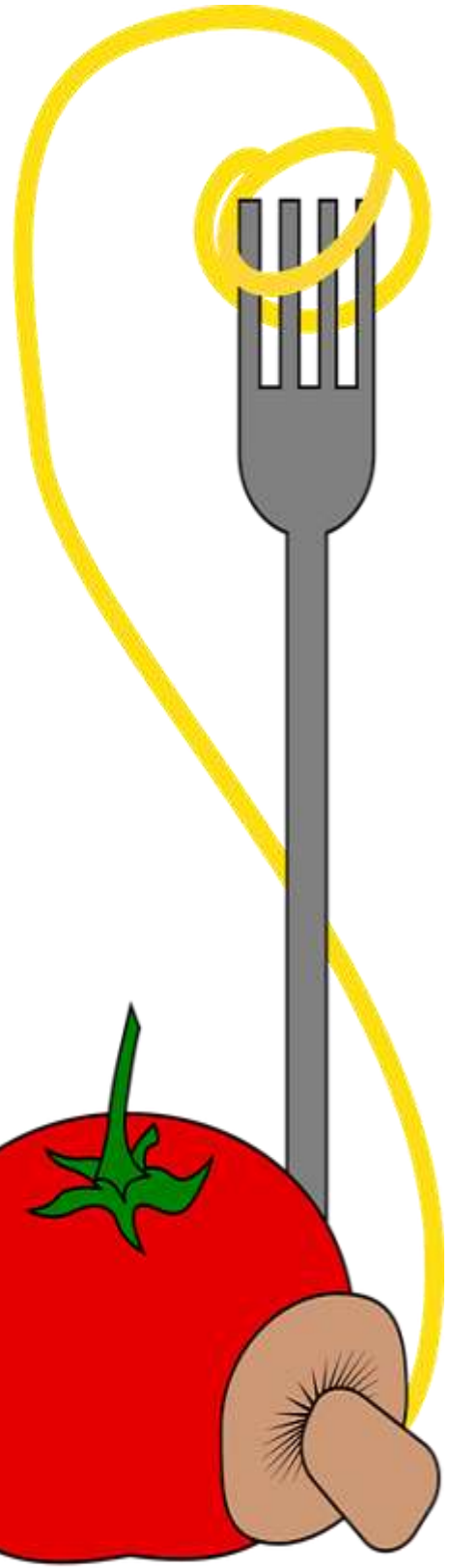
Christ the King Church

1 McCurdy Road

Old Lyme, CT 06371

Tickets: individual \$10.00, Family \$25.00, Children
under 5 free

Gift baskets will be available.



Please contact Dale Eichholz
or Dawn Erardy for tickets

Food Bank Necessities and Schedule

Christ Episcopal Church
Food Pantry
11:00 a.m. to 12:30pm
Schedule for May

May 4	closed
May 11	open
May 18	open
May 25	open



The Food Pantry could always use:

- peanut butter, tuna in water, canned chicken, canned black beans and kidney beans, dried lentils
- plain white rice, brown rice, rice mixes, pasta, macaroni and cheese, potato side mixes
- canned diced tomatoes, plain tomato sauce (no salt added), canned carrots, peas, corn, and mixed vegetables
- canned chili, chunky-style soups with meat and vegetables
- canned green chilies (mild), pasta sauce, ketchup, mustard, small boxes of sugar or sweetener, salt and pepper, small jar of mayonnaise, coffee, tea bags, pancake syrup, grape jelly, strawberry jam
- canned peaches, fruit cocktail, pineapple chunks or slices, pears
- 100% juice boxes for kids (no large bottles), shelf-stable milk (such as Parmalat), shelf-stable almond milk (for lactose intolerant clients)

Cereal Ministry



Many Thanks to those of you who have brought and continue to bring in cereal for St Vincent De Paul Place. As you recall, St. Mark created a new Mission oriented ministry to "help feed those who hunger" by making a commitment to provide at least 25 boxes of cereal to the SVDPP food pantry each month. This commitment from St. Mark along with similar commitments from other churches and community groups helps SVDPP to better plan for meeting the needs of the community and is greatly appreciated by the patrons of their food pantry. This is a very easy ministry for most of us, requiring only a walk down the cereal aisle to buy cereal each month and put it into the collection bin in either the Narthex or the Pine Room marked cereal for St. Vincent de Paul. Please do your part. Thank you.



Eucharistic Visitors

The very vital ministry of bringing Communion to homebound members and friends of St. Mark Church will continue in the months ahead. If you would like to join this team of people, please speak to Hugh James.

Stewardship News

Please remember to fill out your Estimate of Giving cards and put them into the offering plate or mail them to the church office. Thank you for prayerfully making your pledge and sharing your gifts to God and the ministries of St. Mark Church and Christ Episcopal Church.

Your Stewardship Teams

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