HOLY WEEK & EASTER
at ST. MARK’S

Maundy Thursday – 2 April
Parish Dinner – 6 PM
(reservations, please. $7)
Holy Eucharist – 7:30 PM
(Procession to the Altar of Repose; Stripping of the Altar)

Good Friday – 3 April
Service of the Word – 12 noon
(Lovely Lane U.M. Church)
Good Friday Liturgy-7:30 PM

Holy Saturday – 4 April
Vigil of Easter – 7:30 PM
(followed by Easter Reception)

Easter Sunday – 5 April
Holy Eucharist – 11 AM
Fellowship Hour – 12:15 PM

St. Mark’s Lutheran Church Staff
Pastor .................... The Rev. Dale W. Dusman
Cantor ........................ Mr. James Harp
Administrator ............... Mr. Stephen Kohler
Sexton .................... Mr. Jeffry Spangler

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Vice President ............. Mr. Daniel Wilkey
Secretary ..................... Ms. Teri Bennett
Treasurer ..................... Mr. William Krim

St. Mark’s Mission Statement
The mission of St. Mark’s Church is to embrace diversity, practice hospitality, and make known Christ’s presence in word and deed.

Newsletter Editor
Mr. Stephen Kohler

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Webmaster ............... The Rev. Stuart Wright
Birthdays & Anniversaries – April ‘15

3 Sylvia Lukemire
6 Gene Miller
   Connie & John Lisch (A)
7 Jeremy Walston
9 Robert Klein
12 Jane Parker
13 Joseph T Manson
   Keith Merkey
16 Nancy DeBell
17 Paul Walker
   Elsa Jane & Jack Siegmund (A)
19 Harriet Clark
20 Dorothy White
25 Lois Lehr
27 Michael Halamka
30 Eiko Wolf

Happy (APRIL) Birthday!

FELLOWSHIP HOUR HOSTS…
   APRIL

5 Fellowship Committee
12 Louise & Gil Ricketts
19 Terry Tudor, Dan Wilkey
26 Jane Parker
In Memoriam...

Theoda (Tedi) Klotzman, a member of St. Mark’s congregation, died on March 12. Tedi was baptized, confirmed, and married at St. Mark’s. On 20 February 1991, Tedi along with her husband, Melvin, reunited with St. Mark’s Church. Tedi’s funeral was held on 17 March at the Haight Funeral Home in Eldersburg, MD. We extend our sympathy to Tedi’s daughter and son-in-law, Bonnie & Bob Devers.

Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May her soul, and the souls of all the faithful departed, rest in peace. Amen.

NEW MEMBERS...

Sunday, 26 April, we will receive new members into our parish family. Persons interested in joining St. Mark’s are urged to speak with Pastor Dusman as soon as possible.

EASTER VIGIL

Our Guest Preacher this year will be Rev. Ed Kay, assistant to the Bishop of the Delaware-Maryland Synod.

BELLS! If you’ve got them, bring them...to ring during the singing of the Gloria in Excelsis on Easter Eve!

Sign up! Please help us fill our buffet table for the reception following the Vigil. A signup sheet is located on the lectern in the main hall. Think Spring, and surprise us with something that will warm our guests both body and soul! Thank You!

Alleluia!
Surrexit Dominus!

MOVIE SCREENING...

Join us on Sunday, 12 April after Fellowship Hour for a screening of the movie: PRIDE. It’s the summer of 1984 and much of blue-collar Great Britain is on strike. For one tiny Welsh village, the strike brings unexpected visitors - a group of London based activists who decide to raise money to support the strikers’ families and want to make their donation in person. In this feel-good, heartwarming comedy, two groups seemingly worlds apart, discover that standing together makes for the strongest union of all! You WILL enjoy this!

SUNDAY, 19 APRIL, 2 PM

The St. Mark’s Choir will be joined by Memorial Episcopal Choir in an afternoon of glorious choral music. The combined choirs will sing Johannes Brahms’ much loved “Liebeslieder Waltzes;” Anton Bruckner’s epic “Locus Iste;” and Franz Schubert’s sublime “Mass in G Major”. Memorial Choir Director John Wilson will conduct and St. Mark’s Cantor James Harp will accompany on the organ with soloists from both churches featured in the performance.
Keen Agers!

Wednesday, 15 April, 10 AM

Unfortunately we had to cancel our meeting in March, however, the program, “Easter in Art” with art historian Tim Marlow will be shown this month! Please join us for a most informative program as artists throughout the ages have depicted Easter and events surrounding this festival.

Part I Betrayal: begins with Leonardo da Vinci’s famous Last Supper along with depictions by Bosch, Tintoretto, Daumier, and more modern interpretations.

Part II Crucifixion: begins with carved 15th century Stations of the Cross, Tintoretto’s Crucifixion in Venice, and a Grunewald altarpiece along with others.

Part III Resurrection: includes works by Giotto, Michaelangelo, Rembrandt, and many other noted artists.

Lunch will be available ($5). Please call the church office for reservations.

Switch to 100% Wind Power

The spring 2015 Switch to Wind Campaign has begun. In the past, several members of St. Mark’s have participated. Now is the time to join or renew. Being part of a group enables Groundswell and its partners to negotiate a price from suppliers up to 10% lower than the price you would get by switching on your own. For each enrollment, St. Mark’s receives a $10 donation.

Why 100% wind power? Making the switch can be a meaningful part of our call to care for God’s creation. Using wind power reduces your household carbon footprint by about 25% and has a carbon impact of planting 177 trees. If 1,500 households switch to wind power together (as happens through this program), it’s like taking 2,250 cars off the road. Instead of paying a coal plant to produce pollution and cause asthma and other ailments, the money you pay for electricity will go to a wind farm and will help to create a better, pollution-free future.

How? Indicate your interest in the Groundswell program by filling out the form at groundswell.org/energy and selecting St. Mark’s from the “How Did You Hear About Us?” drop down menu. Groundswell will then negotiate on your behalf. Once the negotiation is complete, Groundswell will contact you with the winning offer. Then you decide if you want to enroll your home or apartment. By indicating your interest now, you are not making a commitment to enroll at the end. But the more persons who indicate an interest, the stronger Groundswell’s negotiating position becomes.

For more information or assistance, contact Paul Walker at (410) 960-1099 or walpaul@gmail.com.

2015 Pledging Results

To date we have received 22 Weekly Giving pledges totaling $67,540. This represents an increase of 5 pledges and $9,016 over the amount pledged in 2014. Our 2015 budget for Weekly Giving is $100,000, so the pledged amount represents 67% of budget. Our past record of generous giving by pledgers and non-pledgers is good reason to hope that we will meet and hopefully exceed budgeted giving. Pledges are welcome at anytime. For assistance or more information contact Paul Walker, Stewardship Chair.
Serving Schedule – April 2015

2 April – Maundy Thursday

Assisting Minister: Deacon Sue Romanic  
Crucifer: John LeBon  
Thurifer: Daniel Wilkey  
Lector: Gene Miller  
Petitioner: Tyler Starkweather  
Greeters: Gil & Louise Ricketts

3 April – Good Friday

Assisting Minister: Deacon Connie Lisch  
Lector: Paul Walker

4 April – Easter Vigil

Assisting Minister: Deacon Sue Romanic  
SubDeacon: Paul Walker  
Crucifer: Woodland Pomeroy  
Torches: L. Ricketts, A. Huka  
Thurifer: Daniel Wilkey  
Lector: Sharon Manson  
Petitioner: Charlotte Floyd  
Greeters: Joan Hoyle, Gil Ricketts

5 April – Resurrection of Our Lord

Assisting Minister: Deacon Connie Lisch  
SubDeacon: Harold Sachs  
Crucifer: Richard Spittel  
Torches: L. Flake, T. Bennett  
Thurifer: Paul Walker  
Lector: Charlotte Floyd  
Petitioner: Ralph Welsh  
Greeters: Louise & Gil Ricketts  
Telllers: B. Hanson, J. Hoyle

12 April – Second Sunday of Easter

Assisting Minister: Daniel Wilkey  
Chalichist: Susan Surrey  
Crucifer: John Schultz  
Lector: Woodland Pomeroy  
Petitioner: Shawn McDowell

19 April – Third Sunday of Easter

Assisting Minister: Richard Spittel  
Chalichist: Audrey Huka  
Crucifer: Louis Flake  
Lector: Susan Payne  
Petitioner: Barbara Hanson  
Greeters: Gil & Louise Ricketts  
Telllers: J. Lisch, S. Surrey

26 April – Fourth Sunday of Easter

Assisting Minister: Deacon Sue Romanic  
Chalichist: Teri Bennett  
Crucifer: John LeBon  
Lector: O. & A. Lavdas  
Walston: Alexander Smith-Burden  
Greeters: Gil & Louise Ricketts  
Telllers: J. Hoyle, S. Manson

3 May – Fifth Sunday of Easter

Assisting Minister: Deacon Connie Lisch  
Chalichist: Woodland Pomeroy  
Crucifer: John Schultz  
Lector: Richard Spittel  
Petitioner: Sue Romantic  
Greeters: G. Miller & D. Zimmerman  
Telllers: N. Hunt, P. Walker

10 May – Sixth Sunday of Easter

Assisting Minister: Deacon Sue Romanic  
Chalichist: Louis Flake  
Crucifer: John LeBon  
Lector: Stephen Kohler  
Petitioner: Pr. Thomas Davison  
Greeters: G. Miller & D. Zimmerman  
Telllers: J. Hoyle, A. Huka
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We are Grateful for these Gifts to St. Mark’s Church:

To the Mission Endowment Fund:
In memory of Theoda Klotzman by Rev. Carl & Mrs. Margaret Greenawald

To the Memorial Fund:
In memory of Ernest Lehr by Robert Laubach
In memory of Theoda Klotzman by Kevin and Angela Stencil
In memory of Theoda Klotzman by Kenneth Smith
In memory of Theoda Klotzman by John and Sharon Turrall
In memory of Theoda Klotzman by Arthur and Sandra Mather

To the Organ Restoration Fund:
In memory of Theoda Klotzman by James and Janet Gaylon
March 25, 2015

“For he [Christ] is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us.” – Ephesians 2:14

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

We need to talk. Ferguson, Missouri; Norman, Oklahoma; Madison, Wisconsin; Staten Island, New York; and Charlottesville, Virginia: recent events in these and other places prove we are not living in a post-racial society. I know it’s difficult to talk about race because too many Americans do not want to believe racism still exists in our country. Yet, as always, Christ promises to be alongside us, even in the most difficult of times, working for our reconciliation. Because of God’s promise, we can and must have a deep, honest and even painful conversation about racism.

This month our country commemorated the 50th anniversary of the Selma to Montgomery March and its significance in the passage of the 1965 Voting Rights Act. Lutherans were in Selma to join more than 70,000 people to remember and honor the courage of the veterans of the civil rights movement. Selma symbolized the very best of the human spirit to work cooperatively for change at any cost. Conversely, it also demonstrated the lowest levels of hatred, violence and resistance to change.

Overt forms of racism are no longer legally sanctioned, but the legacy of racism, sadly, endures. Institutional policies and practices still privilege some while limiting access and opportunities to others. Today, the Voting Rights Act has been weakened by the removal of federal oversight of local voting laws and millions of poor and people of color fill the cells of our criminal justice system.

We have said, “Racism – a mix of power, privilege, and prejudice – is sin, a violation of God’s intention for humanity.” (Freed in Christ: Race, Ethnicity, and Culture, 1993) Ongoing racial justice conversations are occurring and work is happening. But in cases where these are not, we shouldn’t wait until another racial event is widely reported before we talk. Here are a number of ways:

- Listen to and learn from the experiences of people of color in your communities.
- Contact the Ethnic Specific and Multicultural Ministries and the Racial Justice Ministries at the churchwide organization. Connect with your synod anti-racism team.
- Be in conversation with your synod bishop and staff. Many of our synods are equipped to help connect you with local resources on anti-racism education and racial justice ministries.
- Learn more about our ongoing racial justice work. This church has helpful guidance in our criminal justice social statement and in the race, ethnicity, and culture social statement.*
- Advocate for local, state and federal legislation and regulations that guarantee to all citizens the right to vote. Join the ELCA e-Advocacy Network at www.elca.org/advocacy.

As a church called to witness to the Gospel of Jesus Christ, we must continue to listen deeply, to speak out about racial equity and inclusion, to respect and uplift the dignity and humanity of every person and to join with others in organizing for change. In baptism we have become part of the body of Christ and in Christ there is no barrier between us. I pray that our Lord will use us and this moment to make this baptismal promise a reality in our lives and in this church.

God’s blessings,

[Signature]

Elizabeth A. Eaton
Presiding Bishop