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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION*

Everyone comes before Christ carrying a heavy load. Daily we pray for the hurts and the hopes of all who are touched by the mission & ministry of St. John. This week we pray especially for:

Members

Gloria Allen
Charlotte Bibleheimer
Leora Grinde
Ruth Katzsko
Maria & Eugene Boritz

Sylvia Christenson
Robert Henderson
Lisa Terry
Karen McConnell
Brent & Louise Owens

Linda Lester
Liz Fixsen
Craig Dickover

Friends

Good Samaritan Orphanage,
in Mbeya, Tanzania
Living Water Baptist Church
Iglesia Evangelica
Casa de Dios
Zo Church
Community of St. Dymas
Those traveling overseas
Those anticipating layoffs
Those seeking
employment
Those battling cancer
and depression
Those battling addictions
Teens in trouble

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**PV2 Robert E. Sexton
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**Maj. Mick Kalinski
**PVT. Jared A. Shad
Patrick Duggan
Jim Schmidt
Izzy
Nikki & John

Jim Tray
Mary Milano
Kenneth Masters
Dan Dunbar
Cherie & George Baron
Mary Skepanski
Mary Mooney
Kirk Rothmund
Claude Wheeler
Phyllis Macer
Ron Carey
Bonnie & Scott
Garver
Kyle
Linda
Barb & Family
Mike & Georgi
Bud & Laura
Nancy
Maggie
George & Laura
Bruce Martenis
Jenny Kay
Laura Snell
Gabe DiGiacomo & Family
Janet Sill

Daniel Materna & Family
Ron Gelaro
Tyler McGinn
Jean Gosa-Dill
Preston Johnson
Phil Johnson
Joseph Johnson
Carolyn Carnes
Beverly Johnson
Lucille McGuire
Tom Klein
JoAnn & Mark Geier
Tina Wood
Kim & Jackson Hildick
Mary
Louise Hartman
Michael Haarer
Doug Carl—Grassroots
Evan Greenfield
Betty Wiley
Brooke Lester
Michelle Ness
Jim & Jean DeCosmo
Pr. Ed & Ellen Tress
Karen Doringer
Albert Howell

*Names remain on the prayer list for a period of 3 weeks. ** Indicates that these persons are currently deployed in Afghanistan or other station in the military. If you requested prayer for a member of the military, please let us know when they come home so that we can send them a card welcoming them home from military service.

We extend Christian sympathy to the family and friends of George Alzin, Sr., father of Jamie Alzin, father-in-law of Julie and grandfather of Ryan & Tyler; family and friends of Corbin O'Brien, close friend of many of our youth & leaders here at St. John; family and friends of Bryon Travitz, friend of Meredith Richards.

Our Vision:

Making Disciples of Jesus Christ,
Growing in Faith, Hope & Love

"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations,
baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit." Matthew 28:19
"faith, hope, and love abide" — 1 Corinthians 13:13



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WEEKLY UPDATE
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Lutheran Church

A Study of the Book of Mark

The essence of other religions is advice; Christianity is essentially news. Other religions say, "This is what you have to do in order to connect to God forever; this is how you have to live in order to earn your way to God." But the Gospel says, "This is what has been done in history. This is how Jesus lived and died to earn the way to God for you." Because Mark is believed to be the oldest of the written accounts of Jesus, it is considered the model and source of the other three. Join us as we come to know Jesus through the lens of The Gospel of Mark.

TODAY – The Word of the King

This is the first place in Mark's Gospel where Jesus teaches using the method of parable. Unlike the other writers, Mark does not include long passages of Christ's teaching. Parables invite deep meditation and reflection. Mark 4:1-34 (Mark 4:1-20) Faith 5 verse Mark 4:26-29

February 12th – Faith and Power

Two stories are woven together teach us something of Jesus' power. The forces that bow down to Him are completely outside our control. Mark 5:21-43 (Mark 5:21-43) Faith 5 verse Mark 5:34

February 19th – Religion vs. the Gospel

The Law listed a number of physical conditions that blocked individuals from entering into worship. Jesus refused to have his disciples bound by such traditions. Mark 7:1-23 (Mark 7:14-23) Faith 5 verse Mark 7:14, 15

February 22nd - Ash Wednesday – Who is this King?

Here in the middle of Mark's Gospel someone finally gets it and confesses Jesus' real identity. It won't happen again until the very end. Mark 8:1-30 (Mark 8:22-31)

Annual Meeting of the Congregation & Potluck - NEXT Sunday, February 12th

Join us at 5 PM in the Fellowship Hall for a potluck dinner and ministry update meeting.

We ask those attending the meeting with last names beginning with the letter
A-M to kindly bring a main/side dish and N-Z, bring a dessert.

Also on the agenda: our annual report, a financial update and new things on the horizon.

Child care is available during the meeting, for those who register in the church entrance.

Growing in faith, hope, and love

ITEMS OF INTEREST AT ST. JOHN

This week's FAITH 5 verse

Mark 4:26-29 (NIV)

He also said, "This is what the kingdom of God is like. A man scatters seed on the ground. Night and day, whether he sleeps or gets up, the seed sprouts and grows, though he does not know how. All by itself the soil produces grain—first the stalk, then the head, then the full kernel in the head.

As soon as the grain is ripe, he puts the sickle to it, because the harvest has come."

The most important part of faith development happens at home. Use this simple five-step process called **FAITH 5** to make a lasting difference in the lives of your household.

- 1 **SHARE**—Highs & Lows of the day. (Your best and worst experiences)
- 2 **READ**—the verse of the week from your Bible. *See text printed above.
- 3 **TALK**—about how this week's key verse relates to your highs & lows.
- 4 **PRAY**—for your highs and lows, for your family, and for the world.
- 5 **BLESS**—make the sign of the cross on each other's forehead or palm.

Ash Wednesday, February 22nd marks the beginning of the season of Lent —

Plan to worship with us on **Ash Wednesday at 6:30 PM for the Liturgical service or at 7:30 PM for the Contemporary service.** Communion will be celebrated at both services as will the optional imposition of ashes.



Small Group Study of The Book of Mark

Materials for the continuation of our small group study of the Gospel of Mark are available for those who attend one of the scheduled gatherings and upon request for home groups:

Sunday mornings at 10:15 AM in the Office Meeting Room.

Wednesday morning with the Men's Study at 7 AM in the Office Meeting Room 'til 8 AM

Wednesday evenings at 7 PM in the Office Meeting Room 'til 8:30 PM

Support the music — If you enjoy our band's worship music, consider running the slides during a service on a rotating schedule. Just follow along attentively and advance the slides for others to sing. Contact Jonathan Egan at eeigor@gmail.com to get started.



DEADLINE FOR ANNUAL REPORTS IS TOMORROW —

If you lead a ministry team, submit your report to Karen@stjohnmd.org TODAY.



Ministry Partners Retreat — If you are new to St. John, or have been around for years, and are looking for a way to refresh your faith journey, consider setting aside this time of reflection and study. Pastor Brian, Pastor Craig, and Karen Heist will lead this retreat on **Friday, March 2nd and Saturday, March 3rd** in the Fellowship Hall. Contact Karen Heist for more details or to RSVP of your intention to attend the retreat. If you are interested in becoming a member of St. John, this is your next step.

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday February 6th	5:00 AM	Living Water Baptist Church Morning Prayer (Sanctuary 'til 6:30 AM)
Tuesday February 7th	5:00 AM 7:00 PM 7:00 PM	Living Water Baptist Church Morning Prayer (Sanctuary 'til 6:30 AM) Executive Team Meeting (Office Meeting Room 'til about 9 PM) Iglesia Evangelica Casa de Dios Worship (Sanctuary 'til 9 PM)
Wednesday February 8th	5:00 AM 7:00 AM 11:30 AM 6:00 PM 6:45 PM 7:00 PM 7:00 PM 7:00 PM	Living Water Baptist Church Morning Prayer (Sanctuary 'til 6:30 AM) Men's Group—Study of the Book of Mark (Office Mtg. Rm. 'til 8 AM) Fellowship Hall & Kitchen Reserved (Mickey Kibler 'tl 2:30 PM) Family Dinner (Fellowship Hall 'til 6:45 PM) People Passionate for Family Life (Eat together & then gather in Room #20) Adult Study (Study of the Book of Mark 'til 8:30 PM) Confirmation Students (Fellowship Hall 'til 8:30 PM) Chapel Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary 'til 8 PM)
Thursday February 9th	5:00 AM 9:00 AM 7:30 PM 8:30 PM 8:30 PM	Living Water Baptist Church Morning Prayer (Sanctuary 'til 6:30 AM) Passport to Learning (Ed. Wing, F/Hall 'til 4:30 PM) Band Rehearsal (Sanctuary 'til about 9 PM) AA (Fellowship Hall 'til 9:30 PM) Alanon (Available classroom in the Education Wing)
Friday February 10th	5:00 AM 7:00 PM 9:00 PM 10:00 PM	Living Water Baptist Church Morning Prayer (Sanctuary 'til 6:30 AM) Living Water Baptist Church Band Rehearsal (Sanctuary 'til about 9 PM) Living Water Baptist Church Praise Service (Sanctuary 'til about 10 PM) Living Water Baptist Church Women's Prayer (Sanctuary 'til about 1 AM)
Saturday February 11th	1:00 PM 7:00 PM	Zo Church (Sanctuary 'til 6 PM) Iglesia Evangelica Casa de Dios (Sanctuary 'til 9 PM)
Sunday February 12th	6:00 AM 9:00 AM 9:30 AM 10:15 AM 10:15 AM 11:30 AM 10:15 AM 11:30 AM 1:00 PM 4:30 PM 5:00 PM 7:00 PM	Living Water Baptist Church Morning Prayer (Sanctuary 'til 7:30 AM) Liturgical Worship Praise Band Run-thru (Fellowship Hall 'til about 10 AM) Sunday School Contemporary Worship Contemporary Worship Adult Bible Study—The Study of the Book of Mark (Office Meeting Room) Living Water Baptist Church Fellowship (Fellowship Hall 'til about 5 PM) Living Water Baptist Church (Sanctuary 'til about 3:30 PM) Zo Church (Sanctuary 'til 6 PM) Potluck & Congregation Meeting (Fellowship Hall 'til 7 PM) Iglesia Evangelica Casa de Dios Worship Service (Sanctuary 'til about 9 PM)

ATTENTION: People Passionate for Family Life!

Let's begin 2012 on solid footing! My dream is to build a vibrant and strong family life ministry here at St. John. **If you have a passion and calling to do everything possible to equip families for the living of these days, please join me on two Wednesday evenings at 6 PM on February 8th & 15th.** During this time we'll share a meal, spend some time in worship, dream, and plan for the future. I really want to hear your concerns and hopes for what lies ahead. As usual, please feel free to email me at Craig@stjohnmd.org or call me at 240/315-7997. Thanks! Pastor Craig