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The Call



May the words of our mouths and the mediations of our hearts be acceptable in Thy sight O Lord our strength and our redeemer.

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Psalm 43:4

That I may go to the altar of God, to the God of my joy and gladness; and on the harp I will give thanks to you O God my God.

The Diocese of North Carolina has moved into Stage IV of their Covid 19 protocol. This relaxes almost all Covid 19 restrictions that were in place over the past three years. Almost everyone has encountered someone, whether family, friend or co-worker who contracted Covid 19. Many have recovered but unfortunately we have lost loved ones and friends to this dreaded disease.

As Christians first and then Episcopalians we got the opportunity to reconcile during these difficult times. On November 6th we will observe All Saints Day. As Christians we remember loved ones who have gone to the great beyond. We thank God for their lives and the contributions they made while here on earth. As a church family I pray that we here at St. Mark's will give prayers of Thanksgiving for all our loved ones that we have lost and to be reminded that Covid 19 really brought havoc to our way of life.

In our celebration of life All Saints day we must be mindful of the greatness of God and the gift of life that we enjoy. As the late Archbishop Desmond Tutu quoted in his book, "A Vision of Hope for our Time", he wrote, "It is through weakness and vulnerability that we learn empathy and compassion and discover our soul"

Let us continue to live through hope and be the people that are always doing things to make the world a better place. In memory of our loved ones, let us continue to support our ministries at St. Mark's, The Flyin' Lions, Ranson Middle School, La Escuelita San Marcos and our Slave Cemetery remembering "Whenever you did it for any of my people, no matter how unimportant they seemed, you did it for me." Matthew 25:40

All Saints carries special memories as it was the church in Barbados where I first met Jesus Christ through baptism, then confirmation and later serving as an acolyte. "Who are these like stars appearing, there before God's throne who stand? Each a golden crown is wearing; (1982 Hymnal 286)

We welcomed
The newly Baptized
October 2nd



Ava Lane Pope
with parents
Sean and Kelly and
big sister Annie



INGATHERING SUNDAY OCTOBER 30th

One Service at 9:30 am.

No Christian Formation on this day.



Remember to bring your pledge cards back
if you haven't already.

Pledges can also be submitted online

<https://stmarksepiscopal.breezechms.com/form/b8503b27>

Extra pledge cards can be found at the back of the church.

Join us for a hot dog lunch in the Rafters following the Service.



What is a Lay Eucharistic Visitor (LEV)?

A Lay Eucharistic Visitor, according to the definition from the Episcopal Church, is a lay person, authorized (and licensed) to take the consecrated elements in a timely manner, following a Celebration of Holy Eucharist to members of the church community. These members are unable to attend services due to illnesses, infirmities or age. The LEVs are an expression of the church's mission to live as Christ's Heart and Hands in the world.

Besides communion, We offer time for prayers and conversation.

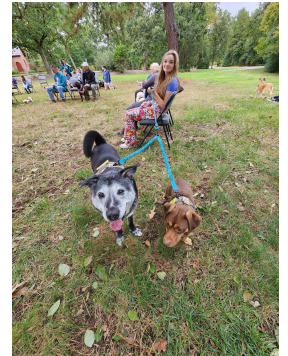
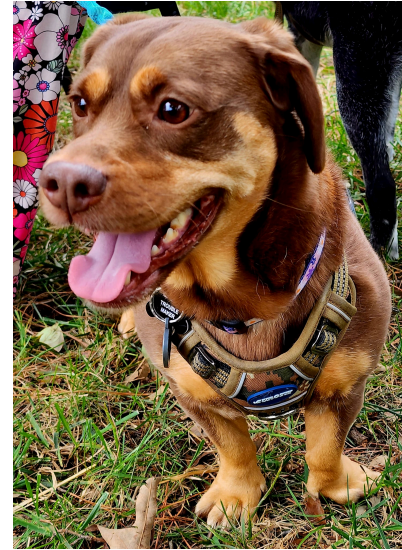
We bring church bulletins and inform parishioners of activities going on in the church. Genny Hinkle, Patrick Wiley, and David Fahey are part of this ministry. We invite others to join us.

We would love to know of church members, family members or friends that would like a visit.

If you desire a LEV visit, please contact Jan Daubener jan_concord@yahoo.com or the church office life@stmarksnc.org

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All of God's Creatures Have a Place in the Choir
Blessing of the Animals 2022



Thank
you for all of
supplies for
Sunday School
We are covered through
February

KIDS & YOUTH

UPCOMING EVENTS

- November 13th-kids outing to Lazy 5 Ranch
- November 20th Youth at Patches Playhouse for pottery painting

Kids and Youth

Please remember to bring an item
for our Escuelita Auction Basket
by November 6th

Our theme is
"As seen on TV"

You can find items at CVS,
Walmart, & Bed Bath and Beyond

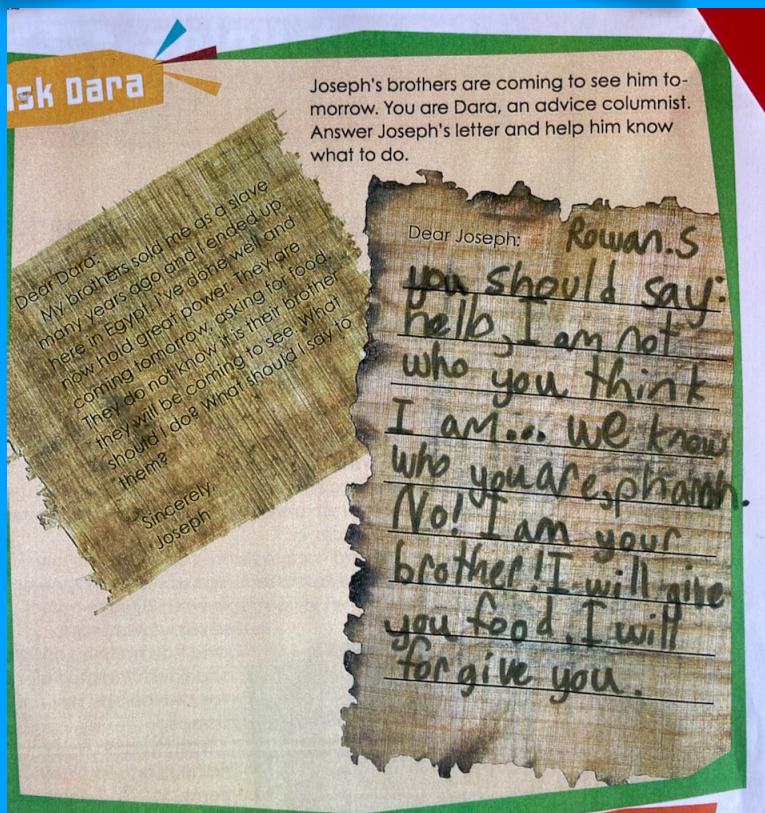


CHRISTIAN FORMATION

Our Youth have had lessons on God, Religion, Jesus and Salvation. Some words they came up with when asked about what Salvation means were; miracle, water, relief, home, safe, freedom and rescue. When asked what things they were unsure of they offered these questions: Do you have to be in a bad place to get salvation? When and where does salvation kick in? How do you know you have it? Is it obvious? We will be continuing to explore topics like the cross, the bible and the church in the coming weeks.

The kids have learned about Adam and Eve, Joseph and Moses so far this year. During the lesson "Joseph helps his brothers" Joseph wrote a letter to the children who pretended to be an advice columnist. Joseph wrote "Dear Dara, My brothers sold me as a slave many years ago and I ended up here in Egypt. I've done well and now hold great power. They are coming tomorrow, asking for food. They do not know it is their brother they will be coming to see. What should I do? What should I say to them? Sincerely, Joseph".

Check out Rowan Stein's response to the left





Good people of St. Mark's,

On behalf of the La Escuelita San Marcos board, I want to say thank you so very much for your steadfast support. We continually give thanks for your generous hearts and for the way in which St. Mark's has adopted our mission and embraced our students as beloved children of God. Because of you and our partners at Hopewell Presbyterian, last year's "Turning the Page" event and the 2021-2022 school year were both great successes. You made it possible by volunteering in the classrooms, visiting as guest readers, serving on our board, writing grants, providing supplies, and of course, by making financial donations. In all the ways you have contributed, you have proven that La Escuelita San Marcos is integral to our congregational identity and a true ministry of our members. Likewise, the success of our students, and the positive impact we are having on them and their families, stand as evidence our efforts are producing Spiritual Fruit, and are pleasing to God.

John 15:16-17 *"You did not choose me; I chose you. And I gave you this work, to go and produce fruit. I want you to produce fruit that will last. Then the Father will give you anything you ask for in my name. This is my command: Love each other".*

I'm writing to invite and encourage you to please join us at **6pm on Saturday, November 19th** for this year's **"Fruit of the Vine"** La Escuelita dinner event. After three straight years where our ability to gather was inhibited by the pandemic, we are finally able to cut loose again! For the very first time, we will be offering our traditional sit-down dinner/gala format at **The Rafters** on St. Mark's campus! We are excited by the new opportunities The Rafters venue will bring and are certain you will enjoy the food, the fellowship, and the opportunity to learn more about our Escuelita.

As you all know, this event is about more than buying something to eat. This is the principal fundraiser that makes the La Escuelita San Marcos mission a reality. So here is my ask: At a minimum, purchase at least (4) tickets. Better yet, please consider joining our Special Patrons list by purchasing a Table. Tables include (8) meals & a bottle of wine of your choice from a curated selection. If you are not able to attend the event, or if that's just too much food, order only what you need and make a donation to round your total contribution up. Another option is to purchase a Table to be designated for our Teachers, or for the Family of an Escuelita student.

How to get Tickets: Simply use this link: <https://stmarksepiscopal.breezechms.com/form/lesmdinner>

Or, you can get your tickets in person after church services starting Sunday 10/9, All orders must be made **no later than 11/14**, but it will really help our planning if you will please do it today.

Ticket Prices:	\$20	Individual Ticket (1) Meal
	\$80	Half Table (4) Meals
	\$150	Full Table (8) Meals, (1) Bottle of Wine

The menu and additional details will be provided in upcoming eBlast notifications. Beer and wine will be available!

I again thank you sincerely for your patronage and hope we can count on your continued support. I'll see you in The Rafters!

Peace,

Mike Tinsley

For the board members of La Escuelita San Marcos



WREATH SALE
24" for \$25
32" for \$30

Purchase in person at the 9:30 hour
on Sunday mornings

or
Online

<https://stmarksepiscopal.breezechms.com/form/9c941b>

These beautiful wreaths make great
gifts and proceeds help support
La Escuelita San Marcos

See Liz Gail for more information

Thanksgiving Pies

Are Available to Order
from now until November 15th



at the link below.

<https://stmarksepiscopal.breezechms.com/form/10b34cPIES>

Pumpkin Cheesecake, Dutch Apple,
Pumpkin, Bourbon Chocolate Pecan, Pecan
and Cranberry.

2 sizes available.

Pick up will be November 22nd and 23rd
Between Noon and 4pm



Our Fall Workday will be held on
Sunday November 13th.

Come and worship then work
or work and then worship

Help us spruce up our grounds.

Tasks will include:

Spreading mulch, Painting the Youth Space/Groom's Den, Planting flowers other Odds and Ends

Please reach out to Mandy Self-Sparrow with any questions

stmarksjuniorwarden1@gmail.com

CHRISTMAS COOKIES



will be available for
order beginning
Thursday
November 17th

These make wonderful
neighbor, teacher, and
hostess gifts.

Information about ordering will be
available in the coming weeks.

Orders will run through December 6th for
pick up on December 11th or 18th

We will offer one size this year.

On Sunday, November 20th



We will count our blessings and fill our sanctuary
with food

to donate for Thanksgiving to
Angels and Sparrows

Please consider bringing an item on this day to help
a family in need.

Suggested items are:

Canned Corn * Mixed Veggies* Mashed Potatoes
(dehydrated) * Potatoes Au Gratin (boxed)*Canned
Yams* Canned Pineapple* Jellied Cranberry Sauce*
Poultry Gravy Packets* Biscuit Mix* Rice
(uncooked) *Dry Black Beans* Cake Mix* Frosting*
Pie Filling*Pie Shells



November WINE (Women in Need of Entertainment)

Will be held a week earlier this
month due to Thanksgiving.

We will gather on
Monday November, 14th at 6:30pm
at the home of Tracy Tinsley
11737 Trails End Lane
Huntersville, NC 28078

Please bring a dish to share and or a
beverage of your choice.

Please contact Tracy with any questions.
twinsley@gmail.com



Thirstday Thursday
Thursday
November 10th at
6:30pm

We plan to meet at
Harvey's in Vermillion
13812 Cinnabar Place
Huntersville, NC 28078

No, RSVP necessary but texts welcome
to David Fahey
704-562-7587



Birthdays

Emily Hines – 11/1
Liesel Doolittle – 11/2
Alan Vanevenhoven – 11/2
Caryn Evans – 11/4
Jacob Turner – 11/5
Shawn Lawson – 11/7
Suzanne Ferguson - 11/9
Sawyer Gambill – 11/10
Aiden Lyons – 11/10
Lisa Edwards – 11/12
Avery Lyons – 11/14
Sue Bartlett - 11/17
Mary Beth Masline - 11/17
Marshall Southwell – 11/19
Christopher Milholland - 11/20
George Ann Beam – 11/23
Jacob Sparrow – 11/23
Eileen Moreno – 11/27
Rowan Stein – 11/30

Anniversaries

Brent & Amy Sparks - 11/5
Jim & Beth Wilson - 11/6
Mike & Tracy Tinsley - 11/21

Prayers for continued healing:

**Saunders Black
Martha Ann Springer
Richard & Mary Beth Masline
Jim Woolley
Marion Johannsson & Betsy, Martha
Paul & Michelle Cravetz
Milt Sullivan**



**SAVE THE DATE
ANNUAL MEETING
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4th.**

**We will have one service at 9:30
with the annual meeting and brunch to follow
in the Rafters.**

**Please plan to join us for this important gathering and information
on Parish Updates, Vestry Candidates, Delegates
The State of the Church and more.**

**If you have ever considered running for vestry, or have questions about it
please reach out to any vestry member.**

**Alan Kathman
Mandy Self-Sparrow
Candy Sullivan
Laura Fahey
Willard Osburn
Patrick Wiley
Melanie Blythe
Lacy Hamilton
Eileen Moreno**



DAY LIGHT SAVINGS ENDS ON
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6th
TURN YOUR CLOCKS BACK

Sunday, November 20th
Remember to return your Talents

If you did not receive a \$2 talent envelope
You can request one from Father Garry.
Let's bring our blessings back and help build the
children's playground



Thank you for Supporting Flyin' Lions
for Another Great Year.

Our Thursday Lunches will continue through November 17th.

Classes for the year end on November 23rd.

Our Breeze baked good orders are over for the year except for fundraisers. However, if a parishioner really wants baked goods they can text Sue at 704-502-4885 or email her at 12Chefsue22@gmail.com through December 31st.

Current Pledged Income	\$314,516.06	\$224,235.59
All other anticipated income		
Non- Pledge Offerings	\$15,119.00	\$12,358.09
Other income (use of space by outside groups)	\$145,885.04	\$133,530.00
Sales Tax Refunds	\$9,408.00	\$ 11,611.06
Daisy Shipp McCoy Foundation Trust Income	\$33,360.00	\$30,511.49
Total Budgeted Operating Income	\$518,288.10	\$412,246.23

2022 Budgeted Expenses Approved by Vestry

Staff	\$328,458.72	\$229,821.96
Diocesan Support	\$44,257.00	\$33,192.81
Campus Maintenance & Utilities	\$53,860.00	\$38,032.03
Office Admin & Other	\$40,352.00	\$47,247.33
Youth & Christian Formation	\$2,760.00	\$780.77
Outreach \$ Escuelita Support	\$9,104.00	\$5,354.99
Hospitality, Pastoral Care, Stewardship, & Retreat	\$5,400.00	\$2,295.27
Worship & Music	\$1,604.00	\$2,838.10
Rafters Loan Payment	\$100,708.20	\$75,520.15
4% pledges unfulfilled based historic average	\$12,580.64	
Total 2022 Budgeted Expenses	\$586,503.92	\$435,083.41

Current Excess/(Deficit) of receipts over disbursements \$60,504.25

2022 Pledge update-84 families for an average pledge of \$3,744.00
YTD Pledge fulfillment 71%

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