

St. Mark's Lutheran Church
Fourteenth Sunday of Pentecost
SEPTEMBER 3, 2023, 10:00 A.M.

GATHERING

PRELUDE

GATHERING HYMN

Shout to the Lord

ELW 821

WELCOME

TEMPLE TALK

Gwen Andrizzi

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Sandy Carbajal

WELCOME SONG

Precious Lord

ELW 773

PRAYER OF THE DAY

WORD

READING

Jeremiah 15:15-21 – Daniel O'Connell

GOSPEL

Matthew 16:21-28

MESSAGE

It is Hard to Work for God

Pastor Mericle

HYMN OF THE DAY

Here I Am, Lord

ELW 574

MEAL

PEACE

OFFERING

OFFERTORY RESPONSE

Create in Me a Clean Heart

ELW 186

OFFERTORY PRAYER

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

As the Grains of Wheat

ELW 465

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

SENDING

BLESSING

SENDING HYMN

Be Thou My Vision

ELW 793

DISMISSAL & VISION

POSTLUDE

SERVING TODAY

WORSHIP PIANIST/CHILDREN'S CHOIR DIRECTOR: Graham Jackson

COMMUNION ASSISTANT: Kim Brown

ALTAR GUILD: Sharon Bradford

ACOLYTE: Savannah Manale

TECH: Chris Birtja, Garrett Birtja

CO-DIRECTOR OF USHERS: Phil Barnhart, Frank Winn

HEAD USHERS: Ron Hussey, Steven Chou **USHERS:** Emil Wolfe, Dick Heinrich, Frank Winn

Last Sundays'
Attendance

316 in-person
71 online

OFFICE NEWS

The office will be closed Monday, September 4th for the holiday.

Thank you for joining us!

PRAYER LIST:

HEALING: Vernon Weigand; Krystal Barnhart; Norma Collosi – significant health issues; Bradley Holmes (Frances Weigand’s grand-nephew) - healing; Rosemary Abrego-Holmes (Frances Weigand’s niece) - healing; Patrick Fields (husband of school employee) - medical; Christy Zapfel - knee replacement; Viola C. Bradshaw; Caleb Woodward (Gwen’s nephew) - accident **ILLNESS:** Pat Dickerman - cancer; Bob Mericle - lung cancer; Robert Dutil - dementia; Helene Dutil - strength; Erin Taylor (Nathan Magdaleno’s friend) - ALS **MEDICAL:** Bob Merchant - upcoming heart surgery **TREATMENTS:** Tom O’Connell (Dan O’Connell’s brother) - cancer; Amy Stenberg (friend of Anna Guerriero & Lee Uhl) - brain cancer; Lorna Delgado (Ms. Dominique’s mom) - cancer treatments; Bill McDonnell (Krista Guerrero’s boss) - prostate cancer **HOSPICE:** Faye Heinrich; Marty Green -Ponce (friend of Juliana Guerriero) **COMFORT:** Family and friends of Pastor Lee Rozen

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ZOOM BIBLE FELLOWSHIP WITH PASTOR JIM ON TUESDAYS: We will have time to share highs and lows and have a discussion on the Bible readings in the coming week's sermon/readings. Zoom links will be sent out Tuesday at 10:00 A.M. Reading: Psalm 119:33-40 and Matthew 18:15-20 Tuesday from 11:00 A.M. - Noon. Tuesday evening 7:00 P.M. - 8:00 P.M.

RUTH CIRCLE will meet on Zoom on Monday, September 11, 7:00 PM. The Bible Study is printed in the September/October Gather Magazine beginning on page 18. The study is titled "Holy Places, Session One, Home." Betty Casteneda will lead the discussion. The Zoom link will be sent a couple of days before the meeting. Contact Sharon Heck if you wish to be added to the group email and receive the Zoom link. s.heck4peace@gmail.com. We hope to see many of you on Monday, September 11th.

OUT TO LUNCH

Tuesday, September 19, Noon, Nordstrom's Café, Brea Mall. RSVP Anna 626-330-7310 or email jaguerriero42@gmail.com

THANK YOU

THANK YOU to all who attended the Engage to Go Ministries Fundraiser on Saturday, August 18th at my house. Speakers Colleen Myers and Teri Jackson spoke about the start of this non-profit and what they do when attending concerts. We raised over \$800.00 for their ministry. Raves are dances where electronic music is played and drugs are taken. This ministry attends the Rave concerts, inside the concert and outside the facility, to help kids navigate perilous situations of sex trafficking and rape to lost phones, groups, and stolen cars. We are making “Kandi” bracelets for Engage to Go. Bracelets are exchanged at the Raves. Kits can be made at home and brought back to the church Narthex by Sunday, October 1st. OR you can participate and make the bracelets on Sunday, September 10th, for God’s Work. Our Hands.

THANK YOU - RALLY DAY

TIME TO SAY THANK YOU!! Thank you to all who donated to make this a special day! Your donations and contributions paid for a petting zoo, reptile show, face painters, jumpers, cakewalk + more! Thank you to our church members who donated baked goods, volunteered for set-up and take-down, and who went above and beyond! A special THANK YOU to our Boy Scout Troop 620, leaders, and parents for your time and energy to make this day special. Our church is so thankful for your help! THANK YOU Wilson High School Volunteers who helped with their time and talents. We love how you give back to your community! We had over 300 in attendance and everyone seemed to have an enjoyable time. Till next year!

GOD’S WORK. OUR HANDS. - September 10th at 8:45 AM Meet in the Fellowship Hall kitchen to make the “Kandi” bracelets for Engage to Go Ministries. Come any time between 8:45 AM and 9:50 AM or if you prefer, you can take some home to make. We have 600 bracelets we can make between now and October 1st. - Thank you, Social Ministries

MOVIE NIGHT!

Join us in the St. Mark’s parking lot, Friday, September 15th. Snacks open at 7:00 pm. Pizza, hot dogs, candy, drinks and popcorn. Movie starts at 7:30 pm. Bring a friend, chair and blanket. Questions? Text 562/686-7405

NEW HORIZONS needs breakfast items only. **ACTION FOOD PANTRY** needs various food items and/or donations. They are requesting cans of fruits.