

ALTAR FLOWERS

Celebrating a special occasion? Honoring a loved one? Say it with flowers. Sign up to provide flowers for the altar. Please fill out the pink envelope (in the Narthex) and drop it in the offering plate. (I forgot to put this in the March Monitor.)

\$25.00 each bouquet

3/13 Melani Garrett, **Available**

3/20 Cormack, **Available**

3/27 **Available, Available**

OFFICE NEWS

Office hours are:

Monday– Thursday 8:30 AM - 4:00 PM

Friday 8:30 AM - 3:30 PM, I have Physical Therapy appointments.

March 21– 25, I will be on vacation.

Françoise

OFFERINGS

If you would like to make a donation to St. Mark's Lutheran Church, just go to the link below. Thank you for your generosity. <https://secure.subsplash.com/ui/access/34WJTS>

You can also give by text to St. Mark's Church. Just text **Stmarksgive** to 1-888-364-GIVE (4483) in order to receive a reply with the link to your giving interface. The code is not case sensitive. We would like to thank you for your generosity.

You are welcome to mail in your donation, if you prefer not using the internet.

Our address is:

St. Mark's Lutheran Church

2323 Las Lomas Drive

Hacienda Heights, CA, 91745

**Thanks for
joining us!**



ELCA World Hunger's
40 DAYS *of Giving*

OUR MISSION
Reaching out to the community to share the Gospel through faith, fellowship, and service.

OUR VISION
Become the visible presence of Christ in this community

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT
MARCH 6, 2022, 10:00 A.M.

St. Mark's Lutheran

Church & School

2323 Las Lomas Dr. Hacienda Heights, CA 91745
(626) 961-2486

Stmarkshh.com church@stmarks.ws  St.MarksLCHH

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

We are glad you are here! May this be a holy time for you to offer your praise to God as well as receive God's grace through word, sacrament, song, and prayer.

For those worshipping here in person, please fill out the Connect Card that you have and leave it in the offering plate. For those who are worshipping with us online, we would invite you to share that you are watching via Facebook or YouTube comments.

You may contact Françoise our church Office Administrator at fdutil@stmarks.ws or email Pastor Mericle directly, pastorjim@stmarkshh.com.

If you have questions, about the service or St. Mark's, please do not hesitate to ask one of the ushers.

Last Sundays'
Attendance

109

SERVING TODAY

PASTOR: the Reverend James Mericle

MUSIC GUEST: Kana Croissant

LECTOR: Lynn Yann

ACOLYTE: Sebastian Manale

CHILDREN'S SERMONETTE: Janna Barnhart

ALTAR GUILD: Janna Barnhart, Lee Uhl

TECH: Chris Birtja, Garrett Birtja

CO-DIRECTOR OF USHERS: Phil Barnhart, Frank Winn

HEAD USHER: Frank Winn

USHERS: Janna Barnhart, Phil Barnhart, Dan Guerrero, Renke Schroeder

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR ARE GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD: For the people of Ukraine, may peace come upon them and the world.

	Last Week	Weekly Goal	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
Regular Offerings	\$2,515.	\$4,423.	\$36,817.	\$40,188.

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LADIES LUNCHEON IS BACK!!

This month we are celebrating St. Patrick's Day--Thursday, March 17th at 11:15 a.m. (notice this is earlier than usual, but being St. Patrick's Day, they may be busy!)

Maggie's Pub

11900 Telegraph Rd,

Santa Fe Springs, CA 90670

RSVP Anna Guerriero 626-330-7310 or jaguerriero42@gmail.com

60TH ANNIVERSARY

On Sunday, March 20, 2022, St. Mark's Lutheran Church will celebrate the 60th Year Milestone! The service will be at 10:00 a.m. with a luncheon to follow. Bishop Brenda Bos will be sharing the message. If you did not receive an invitation, please contact the church office at church@stmarks.ws or 626-961-2486. **Please return RSVP by March 9th.**

HONORING DR. BARBARA CLARK'S RETIREMENT FROM SML

As you probably know, our school superintendent, Dr. Barbara Clark, is retiring in May and moving to Iowa. Barb has been the leader of our school since 1986, first as principal, and more recently as superintendent. Dr. Clark's professional accomplishments include being named National Distinguished Principal, ELCA Principal of the Year, and IWC Distinguished Alumnae. However, her proudest accomplishment was the creation of a premier leadership academy, which focuses on teaching leadership skills to students in grades K-8. She has also been very proud to have St. Mark's alums return to the school as educators. Each of the over 2000 students graduating from St. Mark's Lutheran School during these years has benefitted from Barb's love for history and vast knowledge of government. She is hopeful her knowledge and appreciation for history will be transferred to her students and, in turn, they can make a difference in the future. We would like to honor Barb at the church service on May 1, and would like to give her a thank you gift from the congregation. If you would like to participate in this gift, please give your contribution to Gwen Andrizzi or Mary Rosentreter. If you would like to write a check, please make it out to Mary Rosentreter.

FOOD PANTRY

New Horizons Food Shelter is asking for donations of ANY breakfast foods - pop tarts, breakfast bars, cereal, oatmeal, individual applesauce, and bagged/boxed juice. They are preparing for school age children on their spring break to eat breakfast. Please bring your donations to the church office. Thank you for supporting and helping our community.

-Carolyn Collosi

LENTEN SCHEDULE THEME: A WAY IN THE WILDERNESS

- Beginning March 9th, in-person Wednesday Weekly Bible study-12:00 PM in the side chapel and Zoom Wednesday Bible study-7:00 PM
- 40 Days of Giving for World Hunger—Church and school goal \$4,000.00

THE CHERRY BLOSSOMS ARE BLOOMING IN SCHABARUM PARK !

Fellowship would like to get together again for walks in the park . The invitation extends to all the congregation interested. Those of you who walk outside know that seeing nature at it's finest can lift your spirits for the whole day. Nature walks are a great way to treat the blues and distract you from your ailments! We will divide into 2 groups - the strollers, photographers and talkers that like a more leisurely pace and the faster, longer striders who like to get more steps in for the hour. All are welcome.

Let's meet Monday, March 7th at 8:30 AM sharp inside Schabarum Park. Drive down to the 2nd big parking lot on the left side. It's by the gazebo and butterfly garden. We will meet up at the gazebo. Or join us for a cup of coffee or tea at Corner Bakery on the corner of Azusa & Colima at 10:00 AM.

Fellowship Committee

NO ZOOM BIBLE FELLOWSHIP WITH PASTOR JIM ON TUESDAYS

Taking a hiatus during Lent.

WEEKLY LENTEN STUDY STARTS THIS WEDNESDAY

Wednesday March 9th, at 12:00 PM, in the side chapel begins the Lenten Study. If you are not available to be there join us in the evening on Zoom meeting at 7:00 PM. Please remember to pick-up a study guide from the Narthex. For the ones attending the Zoom meeting, there will be a copy emailed to you with the link.

2022 ST. MARK'S STAR PARTY: DINNER, A MOVIE, AND TELESCOPES

Our annual Star Party will be held Friday, March 11th from 5:30 to 9:30 PM. Come early, say 4:30, if you would like to see the telescopes being set-up. Dinner will be served by the Scouts between 5:30 and 8:00. At 6:30 a movie will be shown. After dark, come up to the telescopes and see Orion and the Orion Nebula , the Pleiades, and details of our Moon. Later in the evening we can look at some interesting double stars. The parking arrangement will be the same as prior years. Park in the lower lot in front of the Church (off Las Lomitas.) Telescopes on the uppermost parking lot (off Sonnet Pl.) Food on the lower lot beneath the telescopes and movie on the patio in front of the Church. Don't miss this opportunity to see exceptional views of our Moon, Orion, and the Pleiades in the company of your St. Mark's family. Invite your friends to come with you and enjoy the evening.

RUTH CIRCLE

Ruth WELCA Circle will meet on Monday, March 14, 7:00 PM on Zoom. We will continue our Bible Study with Session 3 of "The Kingdom of God" in the March/April Gather magazine. The study will be lead by Lynn Yann. The Zoom link will be sent a day or so before Monday, March 14. Please let Sharon Heck know if you want to be added to the email list for receiving the Zoom link. Email her at s.heck4peace@gmail.com All are welcome to join us.



Gathering + Word + Meal + Sending

WELCOME AND THEMES OF THE DAY

Welcome to St. Mark's Lutheran Church! It is a blessing to have you be a part of this community as we gather to worship God today. We encourage those of you who are here in person to complete the connect-card that is available by the bulletins and drop the card in the offering plate, especially if you are visiting with us today for the first time. For those online, help us to know you are joining us by saying hello in the comments or through the connect-card on the App/website stmarkshh.com

We are now in our first week of Lent and are taking time to reflect on how to live in the Wilderness of life. Today we read the story of Jesus' testing in the wilderness and think about the challenges we face in life and how to deal with them. Stay with us during this 40 Day journey.

Today, we are also celebrating the sacrament of Holy Communion. For those online please have your bread/crackers and wine/juice ready for that point in the service. For those attending in person, if you want to receive Christ in Communion you can do so in two ways: come up front and receive the bread and wine/juice or take a communion kit in the narthex and receive the bread and juice at your seats.

Blessings to each of you and may the Holy Spirit refresh your path before you. Welcome!

PRELUDE

Whom Shall I Fear

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| + GATHERING SONG | 10,000 Reasons | <i>Projection Screen</i> |
| + GREETING | | <i>Projection Screen</i> |
| WELCOME SONG | Draw Me Close | <i>Projection Screen</i> |

+ PRAYER OF THE DAY
Let us pray together.
O Lord God, you led your people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide us now, so that, following your Son, we may walk safely through the wilderness of this world toward the life you alone can give, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

Gathering + **Word** + Meal + Sending

FIRST READING *Deuteronomy 26:1-11, pg. 180*

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN'S SERMON *Janna Barnhart*

GOSPEL *Luke 4:1-13, pg. 938*

The Holy Gospel according to Luke the fourth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON *Journey in the Wilderness* *Pastor Mericle*

+ HYMN OF THE DAY **When We Are Tested** *Projection Screen*

+ APOSTLES' CREED *Projection Screen*

+ PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH *Projection Screen*

PEACE *Projection Screen*

Gathering + Word + **Meal** + Sending

+ OFFERTORY *Majesty*

+ OFFERTORY RESPONSE **Thank You Lord** *Projection Screen*

+ OFFERING PRAYER *Projection Screen*

+ BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION *Projection Screen*

+ WORDS OF INSTITUTION *Projection Screen*

+ LORD'S PRAYER *Projection Screen*

COMMUNION HYMN **Lamb of God** *Projection Screen*

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION **Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken**

+ PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION *Projection Screen*

Gathering + Word + Meal + **Sending**

ANNOUNCEMENTS *Projection Screen*

+ BLESSING *Projection Screen*

+ SENDING **Let Us Enter In** *Projection Screen*

+ DISMISSAL & VISION *Projection Screen*

POSTLUDE *Let Us Enter In*

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PRAYER LIST:

HEALING

Johanna Locke; Kenna Dutil-Baker-lungs (Francoise's daughter); Vernon Weigand; Krystal Barnhart; Pastor Lee Rozen (better health); Nancy Carnehl (Janna Barnhart's friend)-lung cancer; David Lau (Cindy Lau's father) - stroke; Sondra Mericle- surgery; Christy Zapfel- knee pain; William Rosentreter- eye surgery

ILLNESS

Nassar Sattar (Mary Rodriguez's friend) - cancer; Noris Maldonado - Alzheimer's (Natalie Pereda's mother); Donovan McLaughlin - cancer (Judy Willett's grandson); Deborah Morocco (Barbara Richards' friend, please pray for Deborah's family) - cancer; Dorothy Miller (Dr. Clark's aunt) - pancreatic cancer; Carol Adams (Linda Merchant's cousin) - hospitalized

TREATMENTS

Tony Hernandez (Michael's brother) cancer, Nancy Richardson (Diana Hernandez's friend) cancer, Preslee Durston (Christine Birtja's niece) leukemia treatments; Kim Wolfe (friend of Dan O'Connell) cancer

HOSPICE

Faye Heinrich

GRIEVING

Family of Nick Vella (Adriana Garrett's cousin)