



St Mark's Remarks

St. Mark's Lutheran Church
1008 Franklin Rd., SW
Roanoke, VA 24016

April, 2019

HOLY WEEK



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

The Lenten season will begin to draw to a close on Sunday, April 14th (Palm Sunday or Passion Sunday) with an outdoor procession of palms. We will begin our procession in the columbarium. Those who do not wish or are unable to process around the church will be free to enter the nave through the transept doors. Holy Week worship will continue with worship during the Triduum (Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday). The Schedule for Holy Week & Easter Sunday will be:

Passion Sunday: April 14

10:50 am Procession with Palms beginning in the Miller Garden

Maundy Thursday: April 18

7:00 pm Holy Communion with Individual Absolution & Stripping of the Altar

Good Friday: April 19

12:15 pm & 7:00 pm Reading of the Passion According to St. John

Easter Vigil: April 20

8:00 pm Services of Lights, Readings, Holy Baptism, & Communion

Easter Sunday: April 21

7:30 am Early Service of Holy Communion (in the columbarium, weather permitting)

8:30 am Easter Morning Breakfast (in the Fellowship Hall)

9:45 am Sunday School

11:00 am Festival Service of Holy Communion

Please
Note:

The church
office will
be closed on
Monday,
April 22nd.

WORSHIP & MUSIC NOTES

Worship Leaders for April

Date	Acolyte	Crucifer	Lector	Greeter	Coffee Hour	Book Bearer
April 7	Jonah Trout	Eric Armentrout	Jean Weber	Jim & Jean Weber	Jim & Jean Weber	-
April 14	Chisom Ugochukwu	Caleb Anders	Cheryl Gordon	Janet Natt	Susan Wade	-
April 18	Ben Armentrout	-	-	-	-	-
April 20	Chisom Ugochukwu	-	Jen Armentrout	-	-	-
April 21 (7:30)			George Kegley	Loretta Barnard	—	-
April 21 (11:00)	Jordan Bryant Lebron Parsell	Haley Merritt	Andy Jones	Jessica Thompson	-	Jonah Trout
April 28	Jordan Bryant	Abby Trout	Brad McDaniel	Clark Swiers	Herb & Charlotte Scholz	-

FLOWERS AND MUSIC FOR EASTER

One of our congregation's best strengths is our worship and music ministry. Another is our strong commitment to social ministry. For several years we have been combining those strengths at Christmas and at various other times throughout the year to have a positive, grace-filled, hope-filled impact in our community. It is paying off. Each year we are increasing the number of people served in mission through these two ministries alone. This is made possible in part through the generous financial support of St. Mark's friends and family.

You are invited continue your generous financial support of our worship and music ministry this year at Easter. Your generosity will not only help ensure that our Easter worship will be a full, rich, glorious celebration of the Resurrection but that we will be able to continue to generously reach out into the community with God's grace through special worship and social ministry opportunities, too. Please complete and return the attached contribution card by Sunday, April 7.



WORSHIP AND MUSIC FOR EASTER ST. MARK'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

I would like to support this year's worship and music for Easter by contributing at the following level:

- Sustainer (\$500 and above)
 Benefactor (\$200-\$499)
 Patron (\$100-\$199)
 Sponsor (\$50-\$99)
 Friend (\$25-\$49)

Name: _____

Please make checks payable to "St. Mark's Lutheran Church."

Make my gift to the glory of God in honor in memory of:

Outreach Outlook

THE FOOD PANTRY



DURING THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY, THE FOOD PANTRY DISTRIBUTED FOOD TO FEED 102 FAMILIES (315 INDIVIDUALS!)

Thank you to the February volunteers: **Caleb, Luke, McKinley, Scott, Melissa, Ralph and Sandy Anders, Clara Chitty, Shon Thompson, Laura Bolton, Martha Eddleman, and George Kegley.**

Special Thanks to:

George Kegley, Connie Watkins, & Jim Rettinger for picking up 386lbs. of food from the food bank and delivering it to St. Mark's Food Pantry in March. Thank you to **Ralph and Sandy Anders** for stocking the food.



During the month of March the Clothes Closet provided clothing to a total of 32 people. Thank you to the March Clothes Closet volunteers: **Sonny & Charlotte Scholz, Judy Adkins, Melissa Anders, Gail & Sid Scott, Martha Eddleman, and Becky Whisnant, Shirley Dyer, Suzy Bubnell and Kathron Richards.**

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED FOR EASTER BASKET FOOD DELIVERY ! If you are willing to help deliver food bags, please be at the church on Wednesday, April 17th at 8:30 a.m. Any questions, call George Kegley (366-4607)

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS & REMINDERS

St. Mark's Congregation Council will meet on Tuesday, April 9th at 6:45 p.m. in the Library. Finance Committee will meet at 5:45.

ALTAR FLOWERS

Altar Flowers are available at a cost of \$40.00 per Sunday. If you are interested in reserving a particular date, please call Kathy in the church office (344-9051).

Newsletter articles for April are due in the church office no later than May 17. Please submit articles by email (preferably) or in type-written form.

YARD SALE!

St. Mark's will be holding a yard sale on June 1. So, what do we need from you? **WE NEED STUFF!** Yard sales are only as good as the stuff that is donated, so please go through your closets and basements and see what goodies you can pass along. Because of the clothes closet, we will not be selling clothing, or shoes, but anything else goes! Donations may be brought to the church (garage), Monday-Friday, 8:00am to 1:00pm. Thanks in advance!



In the Congregational Family



The following individuals and families were named in prayer in worship during March. Let us continue to keep them in prayer. We pray: O God, the strength of the weak and the comfort of sufferers: Mercifully hear our prayers and grant to your servants the help of your power that they may experience the healing power of your Holy Spirit. We pray for: **The Hedrick Family, Brittani, Mike, Sue Hayes, Shirley Aynes, Matt and Carrie, Grant, Tom and Jean, Doris Eakin, Jean Sledd, Gary, Leesha, David Lingerfelt, Angela and Allison Dudley, Alma and David Wertz, Nan Keenan, Al Nelson, LeighAnn Duncan, Dennis Childress, David, Lenore Trout, Kimberly Franklin, Pasquan, Leemon Williams, No Nelson, The Layman Family, Lucas Brown, Judy Clayton, Nancy Evans, Peter, Ron and Judy Adkins, Family of Dorothy Lord, Bess Salem, Leslie Tirrel, Mitzi Albert, Sidney & Wanda Miller, Russell & Nancy Dyer, Butch, Norman, Jonathon Ugochukwu, Bob Holbrook, Dolph Moeller, Mac Angell, Julie Anderson, and Suzy Bubnell.** Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



April Baptismal Anniversaries

April baptismal anniversaries are:

4/9 Noah Trout
4/11 Michelle Rodgers
4/14 Howard Barnard
Loretta Barnard
4/16 Scott Anders
4/20 Mason Fitzgerald
4/21 Patti Mills
Charlotte Scholz
4/28 Carly Altizer
Logan Altizer



April Birthdays

Members of St. Mark's family celebrating birthdays in April are:

4/4	Edmond Koroma	4/20	Howard Barnard
4/12	Dorothy Armstrong		Ken Jensen
	Stephanie Leiser		Phil Windschitl
	Wanda Wills	4/23	Carl Jensen
4/14	Edna Henning	4/25	Frank D'Alessandro
	Abby Trout	4/28	Rilee Rodgers
4/18	Prince Thompson		Nick Salem
	Brenda Windschitl		Linda Stevenson

THANK YOU NOTES:

- ◆ Thank you to **Howard Barnard** for USB flash drives with more than 2500 photos and videos of St. Mark for the archives. This helps us preserve some of the services, activities and people of St. Mark during the past decade. We are very appreciative of Howard for his expertise and for his willingness to take snapshots and videos and provide the church with copies.
- ◆ 'Dear St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Thank you for the care package. The snacks included will help me success in my pre-exam studies. I recently was offered an Internship with Sierra Nevada Corporation this summer. Thank you for your kindness and continued thoughts as I graduate next may with my degree in Aerospace Engineering at Penn State.' Sincerely, **Keith Jensen**

150th Anniversary Schedule

Pastor Fred Guy preaching, Sunday, March 31

Bishop Tracie Bartholomew preaching, Sunday, April 28

Pastor Matthew Henning preaching, June 23

Pastor Bill Van O'Linda preaching

Homecoming, music, food, Miller Garden, June 30

Music fundraiser, July or August (tentative)

**Virginia Synod Bishop Bob Humphrey preaching,
luncheon, Sunday Sept. 22**

Pastor Tim Anderson preaching, October date pending

Join the 150th Anniversary Celebration!

Bringing three sons of the congregation, a former pastor and two bishops to preach in this 150th anniversary year will have the expense of travel, lodging and honorariums.

The total cost is over \$4,000 but a part is covered by Thrivent Action Teams and sponsorships. The Anniversary Committee invites the congregation to join in the celebration with a contribution. Checks should be made to the church.

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Address.....

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Second church building lasted less than a decade

John Trout, first mayor of Big Lick, and his son, Henry Trout, an early mayor of Roanoke, were prominent members of the early St. Mark's Lutheran Church, John Trout gave the land for St. Mark's first two churches—on Centre Avenue, NW, and at the southeast corner of Church Avenue and Second Street, SW.

John Trout was described as the “first founder” of the church and a deacon and elder for many years. A native of Rockingham County, he came to Big Lick as a boy and later owned the Trout House, a hospitality center which was later the site of the Ponce de Leon Hotel and now a residential building at Campbell Avenue and Second Street. He was a justice of the peace, delegate in the General Assembly and president of the Roanoke College trustee board. His daughter married Peyton Terry, another prominent Roanoker and a member of St. Mark's.

His son, Henry Trout, served as a Confederate lieutenant in the Civil War and was twice wounded and captured as a Union prisoner. After the war, he turned to banking and rose to president of First National Bank and president of Roanoke Gas and Water Company. He was elected mayor in 1892 and served eight years in the General Assembly. The Trouts owned 250 acres of land along Roanoke River, west of Roanoke.

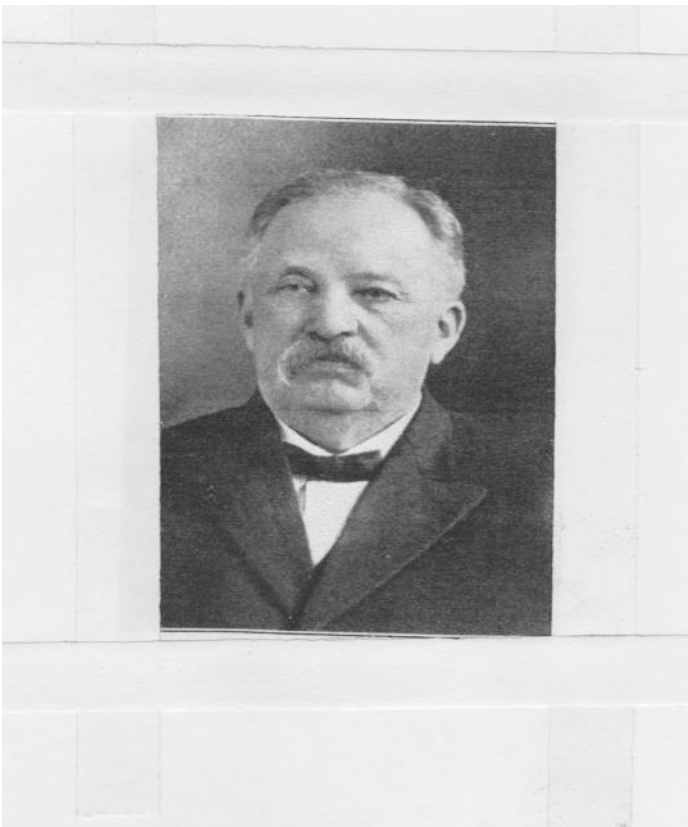
The second church, a frame structure, was dedicated Jul8, 1883, when the Rev. William J. Smith became pastor. This building had problems from the beginning. It had no water or toilet facilities until a spigot was installed. A fire caused damage and collections were poor, leading Pastor Smith to resign in 1884.

The Rev. J. E. Bushnell came to St. Mark's from Prosperity, SC, in 1885. He also served one Sunday a month at Pine Grove, a union church once located across the road from present Tanglewood Mall. A small mission known as Second Lutheran Church, was established on 10th Street, SE, in 1889 but after seven years the entire congregation joined St. Mark's.

Meanwhile, by 1890, St. Mark's council learned of “apparent unsafe conditions of the church building,, due to a giving away of the side walls.” After investigation, the council decided to abandon the building, less than 10 years old, and construct a new church on the same site. The frame church was torn down and Charles Pentoney, a master mason, came from Maryland to supervise new construction, using stone from a quarry at Peak Creek in Pulaski County. His grandson, Chester Osborne, was a longtime member of St. Mark's. The first service in the stone church at Church Avenue and Second Street was held on Whitsunday 1894.

(captions) Mayor Henry Trout

Second St. Mark's church building



YOUTH HAPPENINGS!

- 3/31 1st Anniversary Event with Pastor Guy preaching and the Youth are Greeters/Coffee Hour/Ushers
- 4/7 Hey Youth! “Spring” into the growing season with Wheatland Lutheran Church! On April 7, we will go to Wheatland Lutheran to meet with the other Lutheran youth from the Roanoke Valley and reconnect with creation. We will prep, plant, and pray together in the Grace Garden and enjoy hot dogs around a camp fire. Meet at our church at 2:30pm so we can carpool together. The event will last until around 6:30, so we expect to arrive back to the church at 7pm. Don’t miss out on this awesome event!
- 4/13 Easter Egg Hunt Be at church at 9am. Hunt starts at 10:30-12:30.



EASTER EGG HUNT

Please join us for our annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 13th at 10:30 a.m. There will be games, crafts, snacks and lots of eggs if the squirrels don't get them before you do! All children through 5th grade are invited!

Thrivent Action Teams

Are you a member of Thrivent Financial? If so, you have access to as much as \$500 annually for ministry at St. Mark's. How?

1. Think about an unmet need at St. Mark's and how you could help.
2. Apply to lead a volunteer team in a one-time fundraiser, service activity or educational event that can be completed within 90 days. This team is your "Action Team."
3. Once Thrivent approves your project you'll receive a Thrivent Action Kit which will include a \$250 Community Impact Card (a pre-paid debit card) you can use as seed money to get your project off the ground and make a bigger impact.

Simply put, you identify a project (fundraiser, service project, educational program) you'd like to take on, recruit people you'd like to work with to help make the project happen, and apply (the application process is very easy). When approved, Thrivent will send you \$250 in seed money to make your project happen. It's that simple. **Most Thrivent members are eligible to apply for two Action Teams each year. That's \$500 which can be spent on ministry at St. Mark's.**

In the past, these cards have helped to pay for: food at Fall Fun Day, flowers at Carols by Candlelight, advertising for Carols by Candlelight, food for the reception following Carols by Candlelight, food at the youth group golf tournament, prizes at the youth group golf tournament, and flowers planted in the Miller Garden. There are lots of ways Thrivent Action Team money can be put to use here. Think about this, too. Twenty Thrivent members are eligible for as much as \$10,000 in money for St. Mark's. **If you would like to know more about Thrivent Action teams, how to apply, etc. please speak with Pastor Armentrout, Chuck or Stephanie Leiser.**

Kroger Community Rewards

Did you know that Kroger gives a percentage of every dollar you spend directly to an organization of your choosing (as long as that organization participates in the Kroger Community Rewards program and St. Mark's does!).

If you shop or buy gas at Kroger and use the Kroger rewards card (the little card you scan at checkout to get discounted prices on your groceries) you can designate St. Mark's as the beneficiary of your Kroger rewards dollars. There are currently ten households in the congregation which have done so.

If you would like to do this go to www.kroger.com and log in to your existing account (or, create an account if you don't already have one). Then follow the instructions to designate St. Mark's. Please let Pastor Armentrout know if you have trouble or need help making this designation. The Kroger Community Rewards program is a simple way to financially support St. Mark's.