

First Lutheran – St. John Episcopal

15th Sunday after Pentecost

September 6, 2015

Monday Bible Study

The Gospel of Mark, Beginning September 14

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We will meet from 10:00 – 11:30 AM at First Lutheran beginning on Monday, September 14 and continue for 8 or 9 weeks. Please let me know if you will be able to participate and I will get materials for the first session to you. There has been a great response from so many of you that after September 14 we may decide to hold a Monday afternoon (1:30 -3 PM) session on the same material as well.

Mark's gospel will provide our Sunday texts all fall long. This study will be a great resource for us all. For participants who'd like to take the challenge, you have the option to read through the entire gospel of Mark over the eight or nine weeks.

For session one please read Mark 1: 1-15 and consider what words, phrases or images stand out to you. Also, as time permits, check out the beginning passages in the other three gospels- Matthew, Luke and John. Bring your favorite Bible!

Transition Talk

Some thoughts from you all

(from coffee hour conversations)

Current mission priorities you identified: food bank, community garden, library, Sunday Afternoon Live, healing of this church's membership, grow the congregation, become more open and inviting to the diverse population around us, more support of Legacy Food Bank, closer identification of Legacy Food Bank as a ministry of First Lutheran, bring in new members, serving church member and their needs, serving the community, serving in the larger context of the world.

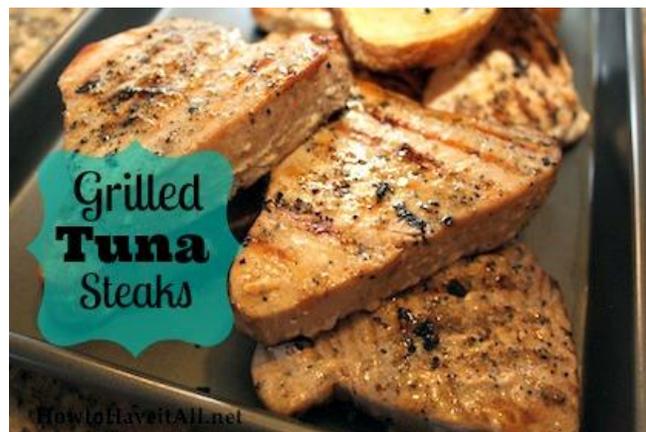
Dreams for Future Mission:

Great needs- transportation out of town, find folks who do small repairs outdoors and indoors, help with women's shelter and Union Gospel Mission in Aberdeen; Continue to support the use of church property for various outreach programs of community and congregation; Nurse program – education; Phone list – prayer chain, email list; Drug issues (experience of parents with drugs, children using drugs); Develop short "courses" in mission outreach, planning the elder years and bring in discussion with children of elders, money management, healthy living, personal responsibility for learning how to do mission outreach; FISH program.

Helping Hands Grilled Tuna Fundraiser Friday Sept. 11

Sponsored by Thrivent Financial

Pat Jones has tickets available for the Thrivent sponsored Helping Hands Grilled Tuna (or grilled chicken breast) dinner from 4:30 -6:30 on Sept. 11 in the Fellowship Hall. Tickets are also available at South Bend Pharmacy and Sagen's Pharmacy. Jason Woods and Jordan Mantz will be the grill masters. Join us for this community's first Tuna Fundraising Dinner! Donations to this project's supplies can also be given to Pat.



Fighting Hunger

The Rev. Gretchen Gunderson

Priest, St. John Episcopal Church

At general convention I visited (among other places) the Bread for the World booth and picked up a brochure advocating -- advocacy. . . . "Advocating with and for hungry people is something each of us can do," they say. While providing direct assistance to hungry people is vital, while it fills immediate needs and gives hope for the future, such efforts, even if doubled, wouldn't end hunger on their own.

So what can we do?



We can pray. We can ask God -- not just on Sunday during Prayers of the People -- to support and comfort our brothers and sisters who live with hunger, poverty and disease. We can ask God to help our nation's leaders make wise and compassionate decisions. We can ask God to guide people of faith and conscience on their journey to do justice and love mercy.



More actively, we can communicate to our congressmen through either snail mail or email. The personal touch (as opposed to mass-mailings) gets more attention. Be sure to include a return address in your mail. Be personal and informative. Be concise. Request very specific action. Bread for the World's website (www.bread.org) will give you information on pending legislation.

Where to do the writing? Write one or two a day at home. Get together for coffee with friends and write. Make it a Guild project. While the actual writing is an individual thing, you can present your letters at the time of offering for a blessing before they are mailed.

On the calendar....

Birthdays

- September 6 NEAL MEYER
- September 9 DEB STURGILL
- September 10 DON HORNE
- September 13 WAYNE PATRICK
- September 14 DENNIS WASBURG
- September 16 GWEN MEYER
- September 18 KEITH BROWN
- September 20 DESTINY RILEY
- September 22 BARBARA BRUNSTAD
- September 24 TERESA CEARNS
- September 29 DOROTHY EKREM

Anniversaries

- September 13 RAY & SUSAN ROBINSON
- September 17 DON & ELLEN HORNE
- September 20 SCOTT & GRETA MCDUGAL

Legacy Food Bank Open Wednesdays 2-5:30 PM

September Council Meeting

Friday, September 11, 3:00 PM, right before Tuna Benefit

Helping Hands Grilled Tuna (or Chicken) Benefit

Friday, September 11, 4:30 – 6:30 PM, \$15

Sunday Afternoon LIVE Offers New Program



Adella Hougan and Cecelia Seaman have SAL season tickets available. Your support is appreciated and also helps with Raymond Theater expenses. This season SAL is introducing SALY Sunday Afternoon Live Youth. Two performances will be presented that will be targeted for families and younger audience members.

Any contribution to this program is also appreciated.

A tidbit from Gretchen

My nephew and niece and their three children in Salt Lake City attend a church that practices adult baptisms. That doesn't sit well with their 6-year-old. Recently she demanded to know why she can't be baptized. "After all," she said, "I believe in Jesus." Not to be outdone, her 3-year-old brother piped up saying, "I believe in ghosts!"

The Worship Schedule for September

What are we doing and who is serving? (in case you're wondering)

*introducing *Now the Feast & Celebration*: a liturgy by Marty Haugen

<u>Date</u>	<u>Setting</u>	<u>Musician</u>	<u>Presider</u>	<u>Preacher</u>	<u>Worship Team Leader</u>
9/6	Episcopal	Annette O.	Gretchen G.	Gretchen G.	Andy Carlson
9/13	*Lutheran	Annette O.	Janeen S.	Patricia N.	Deb Sturgill
9/20	Folk	Randy F.	Janeen S.	Janeen S.	Val Kinney
9/27	*Lutheran	Annette O.	Janeen S.	Janeen S.	Patricia Neve