 Remarkable Mark - Summer Bible Study

We invite you to participate in the synod-wide Bible reading plan this summer!

It’s that time of year again! Another summer, another NC Synod online Bible study sponsored by the NC Synod’s Engage The Bible Task Group (A Book of Faith Ministry).

This year’s Remarkable Mark will begin July 15 and may be read as daily posts on Facebook, or daily emails which come to your inbox.

The Gospel of Mark is written in a straightforward style that doesn’t mince words. The Gospel can be divided into three parts centering on Jesus’ discipleship. The first and last sections proclaim him as Messiah. In the middle Jesus tries to prepare his friends for the surprising way things will unfold.

Let’s read this remarkable Gospel together!
Vacation Bible School  July 16—20th  
9:00—12:00

Kids will have fun as they **explore the Bible, make new friends, sing songs, and learn how Jesus works through them in their everyday lives.**

Campers discover **Bible truths** that excite and challenge them. At Barnyard Roundup, kids discover that Jesus knows them by name, rounds them up, and brings them home.

He is with us always and forever – no matter way!

**Now, that’s a VBS with purpose!**

Register your child today:  [https://form.jotform.com/81505154184150](https://form.jotform.com/81505154184150)

Or pick up a registration form in the foyer.

### Supplies needed for VBS:

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Thoughts on the 2018 NC Synod Assembly - “We are church for the sake of the world,” from your St. James voting delegate.

This isn’t a story about a church in NC. This is a story about “The Church - ELCA” and how NC plays their part, and on the flip side, how the greater church affects NC and from the theme, the world.

Some stats: there were slightly more than 498 voting members and, including guests and others, just over 500 folks present (past Bishop Bolick being one of the guests).

One portion of the first day of synod assembly was dedicated to hearing reports from the various agencies and institutions which work in, through, or alongside the North Carolina Synod. A few examples:

**Agape+Kure Beach Ministries**
Randy Youngquist-Thurow greeted the assembly on behalf of Agape+Kure Beach Ministries. He shared a story about a boy whose life was changed by the love of Christ embodied by camp counselors. The boy learned that God loved him even though he was bad sometimes. He invited us to use the gifts God has given us in the ministries of Camp Agape and The Kure Beach Faith Center.

**Novus Way Ministries**
The new director of Novus Way, Bo Harris, explained his leadership style of support a bit about the mission of the various campuses of Novus Way which include Lutheranch, Lutheridge, Lutherock, and Luther Springs.

**NC Women of the ELCA**
Susan Harris, president of the North Carolina Women of the ELCA, addressed the assembly. The theme for the annual gathering is Commissioned to Go: Love, Serve, Pray, Proclaim, Give. Mrs. Harris pulled items out of a bag to show some of the ways the NC Women of the ELCA serve God’s children: pop-tabs, box tops for education, quilts, cash, and empty prescription bottles. She asked that we keep the Women of the ELCA in our prayers as they continue their ministry.

**Home Mission Foundation**
A video was shown which explained how the Home Mission Foundation helps to support seminarians financially. New pastors Andrea and Kyle Bates and Brook Seaford were interviewed about the ways they experienced God’s blessings through the scholarships they received. They expressed feeling cared for, loved, and supported throughout seminary in part because of the gifts from Home Mission Foundation, which is a part of the North Carolina Men in Mission.

**NC Men in Mission**
Focused on providing resources to, and building relationships with, people across North Carolina, Lutheran Men in Mission meet at homes, local taverns, brown bag lunch, ball parks, and farm shops building relationships. Mentoring relationships are being formed with young men in congregations. Men walk together on their faith journey, praying for and helping one another in the ways they need. They are exploring ways to work with Lutheran Services Carolinas to help those who are still recovering from Hurricane Matthew. Interestingly several of the initiatives mentioned originated at St. James (and are still ongoing). We have set a bar worth emulating!

Prayer and a joyful noise were interwoven throughout the Assembly. God was present and the Spirit guided us to carry out our mission to put in place proper leadership, policy and resolutions in benefit to the church and His kingdom.

Bishop Smith announced a new synod vision to the assembly. The synod staff is committed to this new vision and they look forward to being in conversation with folks across the synod about it.

Submitted by George Sachno
Esther Arne, past member of St James and widow of Harry Arne. Harry was very involved in the church and LMM. A paving brick to his memory is on the memorial walk at Camp Agape.

Bishop Tim Smith installing new Deacons of the NC Synod at the Synod Assembly

Pastor Carl Rosenberg (left) and colleagues recognized for 25 years as a pastor at Synod Assembly
Hello St. James Family!

Your Property Team has had a busy month! Hopefully you have noticed some of the changes around the Campus.

**South End HVAC BUILD BACK Project:**
We are beginning to build back duct soffits, a mechanical closet and closing off a doorway as well as re-installing the cabinets and benches in the lower level hallway. We are continuing with this build-back phase and ask for assistance throughout this work. Framing carpentry, drywall installation, drywall finishing, and painting are the skills required. Let me or anyone on the Property Team know if you are able to assist.

We ask for your continued patience and understanding as we minister and worship during this period. Until further notice, the Nursery and lower level Classroom continue to be relocated in the back portion of the Fellowship Hall.

**HVAC Compressor Security Cages:**
Yes, we are planning and preparing to secure the new compressor units. We’re coordinating with the contractor to install the four cages at a cost of $2,300.

**Window Replacement Project:**
The second floor east and south side windows along with the lower level windows were replaced thanks to a generous donor! That project was completed in early June with the exception of one window that had to be special ordered and we expect that to be completed by the time this Messenger is published. Those windows will not only approve our appearance, but they will save energy dollars each and every month!

**Parking Lot Marking and Minor Repairs:**
You have likely noticed by now that we’ve taken some time to remark our handicap parking spaces allowing for more space. We have this planned as a two phase project and we’re currently in Phase One. Phase Two involves more temporary repairs to some of the more severe uneven areas of the parking lot.

**Office/Annex Exterior Painting:**
Many thanks to Brad Osterman for taking the lead on the exterior painting of the Office/Annex with both labor and funding. The final exterior color is going to be a Falls Creek Griege with white trim and doors.

**Office Interior Painting:**
Many thanks to George Sachno for taking lead of painting the interior Office/Admin area and Pastor’s Office. The goal will be to complete these two areas before moving to the adjacent rooms in the Office.

**Eagle Scout Project:**
_Troop 747 Life Scout Holden Moorefield_ is going through the planning process to landscape the area around the four new HVAC compressors on the east side of the building. His project will include building a 4’ privacy fence with gate, laying weed block, laying gravel and adding a 4’ x 6’ cement pad extending the stair platform.

**Calendar items:**
- The next Property Ministry Team Meeting is **Monday, July 9** at 6:30 pm in the Annex.
- The Property Ministry Team sponsored Church Work Day is **Saturday, July 21** beginning at 8:30 am. Please join us!

_We need your assistance with many of these projects.....if you have talents, skills or interests in helping with carpentry, plumbing, electrical, painting, or landscaping please contact any Property Ministry Team member._

Sincerely, Todd Burns - Property Ministry Team Chairperson. (910) 308-5431.
Gentlemen,

fellowship, community service, and spiritual growth are components of everything we do. All Men are invited to join us every Sunday morning at 9:00 am in the Fellowship Hall or Annex for breakfast and Bible Study.

Events in July include:

- Our monthly “Theology on Tap” gathering is on Wednesday, July 11, from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm. We’ll be back at The Tap House on Hay Street in downtown. Mark your calendars…come join us for good food, great beer (or tea) and the comradery among Christian Men! **Make note this is the second Wednesday due to the holiday the first week.**

- Our monthly **LMM Business Meeting** is Sunday, July 8, 9 am (Fellowship Hall or Annex).

- Young Men (H.S.) Combined Bible Study, Sunday, July 15, 9 am (Fellowship Hall).

- Our monthly (third Tuesday of every month) **Brown Bag Bible Study**, is Tuesday, July 17.
  
  ❧ 11:30 am to 1 pm, Fellowship Hall.
  
  ❧ Bible Study starts promptly at 12/noon and ends NLT 12:45pm.
  
  ❧ Bring your own lunch. Coffee, water and lemonade will be provided.
  
  ❧ Bible Study Facilitated by tbd.

- Honeycutt Park clean-up is Saturday, July 21 beginning at 7:30 am. Honeycutt Park is located at 352 Devers St. This is followed by our Church Work Day on campus beginning at 8:30 am.

Below is an overview of events throughout the remainder of 2018.

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<td>Agape Fall Work Day</td>
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For questions contact Todd Burns, (910) 308-5431 or burnst37@gmail.com.
Prime Timers
We meet every first Tuesday for a potluck lunch and fellowship.

Our next meeting is August 7 at Noon

NO MEETING IN JULY

Prime Timers is a group of active, fun loving people 50+ a years old and above who meet the first Tuesday of each month in the Fellowship Hall of Saint James for a delicious pot luck buffet.

After the meal, an interesting program is enjoyed, usually a guest speaker or some kind of entertainment.

Offering Counters

7/02 - Sarah Parrish, Suzi Wilkinson
7/09 - Barbara Azzarelli, Linda Stellfox
7/16 - Brad Dunning, Joe Lehner
7/23 - Laura Walters, Joanie Elssinger
7/30 - Jim Schlenker, Stella SanMiguel

Attendance Figures for June 2017

6/03 - 109
6/10 - 78
6/17 - 91
6/24 - 83

Coffee & Conversation Hosts

7/01 - Worship & Music Teams
7/08 - Youth: Team 2
7/15 - Youth: Team 3
7/22 - Endowment & Finance
7/29 - Youth: Team 1
!!! SPECIAL NOTICE !!!

If you are looking for a **good contractor** to do any of the following items:

- Lawn Care
- Landscaping
- Tree Removal
- Pressure Washing
- Painting (interior and exterior)

Contact Karrie Hawkins at (910) 978-9105. Karrie provides the lawn care at Saint James and is highly recommended by the Saint James Lutheran Church Property Committee Team.

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**We now accept credit cards**

You can donate with your credit card

Click **here** or use **QR Code**

![Square](image)

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We recycle **ink cartridges** and use the proceeds to further our ministries. You can drop them in the bin outside of the Fellowship Hall.

![Recycle](image)
Every month we gather for fellowship and a meal.  
All women are invited!  
No meeting in July!

Next meeting is **August 1st at Mission BBQ on Skibo at 6pm.**
After dinner we'll step over to World of Beer for a glass of wine or a beer and continued fellowship.

RSVP to Sharon Mathis at 910-273-6530 or sassy460@yahoo.com.

**REMINDE Text Program**

Are you on the texting program for the congregation? Sign up is easy, there are no group texts, and it’s a great way to help the congregation communicate easier.

Simply text @8bhg3 to the number 81010 from your cell phone and voila, you’re listed. Thanks for the help!
THANK YOU NOTES

5/20/18
Dear St. James Church
Thank you for letting
pack 417 use
the church for Den
meetings & pack meeting
from Norwood 417

Dear Pastor John,
Thank you for letting
our church use
for cub scouts.

Love
Gabe

EASON BRYAN 5-25-18
Pastor Locke,
As the Cubmaster of Pack 747 I
wanted to thank you and the Congregation
for your support of Cub Scouting. This
support allows us to deliver the values of
the Scout Law & Oath, which in my opinion
are Christian values but delivered via
Scouting.

Thank you.

Pastor John,
I thank you so much for letting
me use the church for
cub scouts.

Love,
Casey

Dear Pastor Locke,
Our family would like to thank
you and the church for opening your
doors to Troop Pack 417. The Cub scouts
are so lucky to have such a wonderful
location for meetings, ceremonies
and pack activities. Thank you
for making it all possible.

The Long family

Thank You
Love, Atkin

PASTOR LOCKE
St. James Lutheran Church
1421 Morganton Rd
Fayetteville, NC
28305
Bold Woman of the ELCA

Ruth Ann Crecelius

Do you have any idea where all those great ideas come from, that you see all over the church? The lady with the sparkle, the lady with the ideas, the lady with the decorations for Martinlutherville, Confirmation, Graduation, Father’s Day ideas, our luncheon themes, Super Bowl Chili cook offs and too many to remember. This lady is the one that listened to that Divine Spark of an idea and did the hard work to give you a memory that brings a smile to your heart when you remember that event. Ruth Ann has been our “let’s dress it up”, “let’s look good” idea lady for years. She has always been willing to give of her enthusiasm and creativity in a multitude of activities to share her love of Christ with others.

Ruth Ann was born and reared in Iowa on a family farm, so her summer activities were church camp and camp counselor growing up. When she married Gary in November 1982, she became a military spouse whose travels led her to NC three times, Germany, Hawaii, and Texas. Their daughter, Madaline was a blessing along the journey. Ruth Ann was rooted in the Lutheran faith and ever quick in finding a space, for worship for her family at the new duty station.

Maddie remembers church always being a part of her growing up years, with Ruth Ann in the forefront, teaching, leading youth and dancing to the hymns. Maddie’s favorite memory was the memorizing of the books of the Bible for confirmation. Since she waited until the last minute, Ruth Ann came up with creative ways to remember the books she was stuck on, in the mist of the crash course. That Divine Spark again showing up for her to use for God’s glory. Her Godson, Tyler Burns appreciates the confidence she had in him, to get her computer back up and running after crashing. Her trust to convert her VHS tapes to DVD’s provided him with hours of her years of memories. He is very thankful for her kind and caring years of involvement in his Christian life.

St. James and the years she has spent her energies invested in Fellowship, Social and Evangelism has been the winner for her involvement as well. Her calm, efficient manner of inviting a person to bring a dish, or to set up or clean up after a luncheon has touched all of us in some way. Her years of service have been a testament of her love for her Lord, and her love of St. James. She has served under many ministers, minister’s wives, committee chairs, and councils of churches over the years, but it would be hard for any of us at St. James to believe, she did it with any more caring and concern than she has given all of us. We have indeed been the beneficiary of years of that beautiful sparkle we see constantly. Ruth Ann is indeed a Bold Woman of the WELCA.
One of the gifts that the Christian community shares with others is praying for those with special needs or concerns. Call the Church Office or fill out the green form in the pew racks to let us know of prayer needs.

The list in the weekly bulletin is intended to be for persons in immediate crisis. Generally those names will be changed after 3 weeks.

The newsletter has our long term prayer list which is updated as you tell us.

Please keep us informed so that we can share accurate information with the Saint James community.

**Remember These**

People at Home or in Care facilities (restricted mobility)

- Mickey Kanode
- Donna Voelker
- Angel Warren
- Norma McNally
- Marion Hess
- Beverly Koenitzer
- Peggie Jackson
- Peggie Ann Jackson

**Military Members**

- Dylan Gloria*
- Riley Broding *
- Joshua Trogdon
- Travis Blank
- Tredel Mumblow

**People whose families and friends have requested long-term prayer for them:**

- Jennifer Chaplin
- Cayla Chaplin
- Antonia Dobbs
- Charles Utterback
- Angel Davis
- Richard Williams
- Nanette & Len Heffelfinger
- Raymonde Bonsoir
- Lisa Cowfer
- Joseph Weeks
- Lisa Heller
- Ronnie Jordan

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**Anniversaries**

- Ken & Catrina Carpenter 7/11
- Bill & Elizabeth Chavers 7/14
- Bruce & Barb Morgan 7/23
- Allan & Mary Beth Winter 7/23
- Bradley & Adrienne Osterman 7/29
The NC Women of the ELCA gathered in Hickory June 22-24, 2018 for the Annual Gathering. They experienced a spirit filled fellowship weekend. It was a small group that came to appreciate the speakers, Bible study, business and education for the 2017-2018 year. Join us next year!

Jacque Yacobucci and Tonie Neal took quilts made by the Saint James Quilters to Lutheran Services Carolinas in Raleigh.

So learn more about them, visit their website: http://www.lscarolinas.net/

Youth Gathering 2018!

Departure Day, June 25
Synod E-News

News from the bishop, announcements about events, and stories of what's happening across the synod!

Want to know what's going on?
Sign up today!

1. Go to nclutheran.org

2. Look in the footer for the e-mail list sign-up button: Click to Join.

3. Enter your address. Use the check box to subscribe to Synod E-News (twice each month). You may also check additional boxes to sign up for:
   - Special E-News (deaths, ordinations, special messages from the bishop, etc.; as needed)
   - Leader E-News (for rostered ministers and any interested congregational leaders; twice each month)
   - Social Justice & Advocacy News (monthly news and occasional alerts)
   - Remarkable Mark (the 2018 summer Bible reading plan)

4. Confirm using the confirmation e-mail when it arrives in your inbox.

We look forward to having you join us.

Does your congregation have a story to share?

Tell us YOUR story so we can share with the synod.
Send to Catherine Fink, Director of Communications & Resources at cfink@nclutheran.org.
Worship Leaders

Greeters
7/01.............................Stella SanMiguel
7/08.............................Joanie Eissinger
7/15.............................Sue Rink
7/22.............................Gayle & John Frinak
7/29.............................Linda Stellfox

Assisting Ministers
7/01.............................Allan Winter
7/08.............................George Sachno
7/15.............................Steve Hohman
7/22.............................Brad Dunning
7/29.............................George Sachno

Communion Assistants
7/01.............................Gary Crecelius, Tonie Neal
7/08.............................Ruth Ann Crecelius
7/15.............................Todd Burns
7/22.............................George Sachno, Laura Walters,
7/29.............................Catherine Earle
7/22.............................Brad Dunning
7/29.............................Laura Walters, Jim Schlenker
7/29.............................Anna Lisa Johannessen

Ushers (In Sanctuary)
7/01.............................John & Gayle Frinak
7/08.............................Gary Eissinger, Janet George
7/15.............................Tom Rosser
7/22.............................Gary & Ruth Ann Crecelius
7/29.............................George Sachno, Laura Walters

Acolytes / Crucifer
7/01.............................Olivia Osterman
7/08.............................Tommy Halverson
7/15.............................Zofia Osterman
7/22.............................Keyarah Myers
7/29.............................Charlie Halverson

Lectors
7/01.............................Ruth Ann Crecelius
7/08.............................Georgia Martin
7/15.............................Aiden Stockham
7/22.............................Delores Schiebe
7/29.............................Lili Blank

Security / Rover
7/01.............................Steve Hohman
7/08.............................Roscoe Killett
7/15.............................Todd Burns
7/22.............................Marcia Katt
7/29.............................Gary Eissinger

AudioTech
7/01.............................
7/08.............................
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Greeting Card Volunteer for July
Lorraine Breisch

Altar Guild for July
Fran DeSilva, Beverly Beale,
Stella San Miguel
The Messenger is a monthly newsletter of Saint James Lutheran Church, P.O. Box 53276; Fayetteville, NC 28305.

All are welcome to worship each Sunday at 10 a.m. Holy Communion is celebrated every week. Sunday School is 9 a.m.

Should you have an emergency or need Pastoral Care, contact Pastor John Locke: Cell (704) 530-9969 or jpl406@gmail.com. Thank you.

Church Staff Office hours are 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Mo-Th.
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