

## E-Messenger

**Our Mission Statement** To build a family of believers who glorify God and help each other become fully devoted followers of Jesus Christ

### Congratulations to the Class of 2017



St. Mark's wants to recognize the achievements of those students graduating this month. We will be having a special recognition in worship on Sunday, May 21st. Pray for these graduates as they take the next step in their life. The graduates from St. Mark's are:

**Caleb Cromwell**  
**Hannah Evans**

**Sydney Montesano**  
**Megan Johnston**

**Kayla Prince**  
**Megan Pedigo**

### New Worship Services

**New schedule for Sunday morning worship!**  
**Invite your neighbors and friends to join us.**

**9:25 am - Classic Worship Service**

**11:00 am - Contemporary Service**

**See new Sunday School Schedule on next page**

### **Upcoming Worship Services**

On May 28th we will be having both of our new services. With the changes still so new it was felt that staying in the current schedule would be the best for right now.

We will be having the next combined worship on July 2nd at 10:00am.

*St. Mark's*  
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New Adult Sunday School Discipleship Classes Schedule

8:15 am

Room 17 - New Start Class

Contact Adrienne Cressman for details

Room 18 - New Life Class

9:25 am

Room 17 - New Class Start

Contact Adrienne Cressman for details

Room 18 - Discipleship Class

Ascent Room - College Age

11:00 am

Room 5 - Promise Class

Room 17 - Faithbuilders Class

Room 19 - R.O.C.K. Class

Choir Room - Good News Class

This is a great time to invite your friends to join you, to grow classes and to provide a place for others to grow in their faith!

If your class has any further information please contact the church office.

## Second Winders

On Thursday, May 18th, we will visit Canyon Methodist Camp and then eat at Cherokee Trading Post where buffalo burgers are available.



## Thank You

Thank you for the teacher appreciation goodies! It's great to see the community surrounding and supporting these kids. Thank you for your encouragement

Kathy Essmiller - Music Teacher - Council Grove.

## Praying for Leaders

Everyone is encouraged to pray for leaders in our church.

Our Church Council meets on May 25th

Our Oklahoma Annual Conference meets May 29-June 1

Pray for God's wisdom and Guidance in each of these meetings



## Wednesdays at the Park

June 7<sup>th</sup> – July 26<sup>th</sup>



**Who:** All people of St Marks, all ages

**What:** Greet, listen and learn from the people at the park  
Give away free hotdogs and bottled water

**When:** 6:30 to 8 pm on Wednesdays

**Come as often as you can!**

**Where:** Eldon Lyon Park (NW pavilion near basketball courts)

**Why:** Build bridges with the community outside the church

**How:** Through the love and power of God!

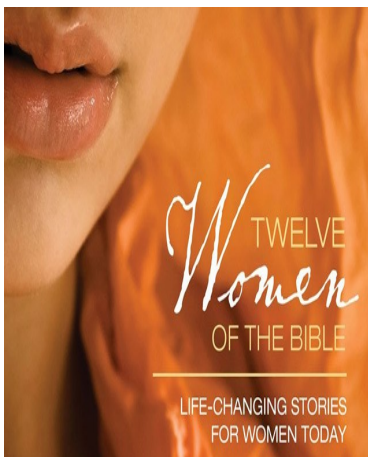
For more information contact Mike Fisher, 826-3844 or Julia Bevers, 202-8097

## EAGLE SCOUT COURT OF HONOR

On May 21st at 4:00 pm there will be two scouts from St. Mark's Troop 553 honored as they receive their Eagle Scout Award. Jacob and Josiah Smith have completed all the requirements and we congratulate them on their hard work, leadership and dedication. The ceremony will be held in the sanctuary followed by a reception in the Narthex.



## St. Mark's Women's Bible Study



An exciting new group has started at St. Mark's. The group will meet the 1st and 3rd Friday of each month from 7 - 9 pm. The group is studying "Twelve Women of the Bible" by Lysa Terkeurst. The study will include a video teaching and then study and discussion together. You are encouraged to join this group of women seeking to grow in Christ and in fellowship with one another. The next meeting of the group will be on Friday May 19th. Contact Alicia Schneider for more information





# CHILDREN'S MINISTRY UPDATE

**MISSION:** St. Mark's Children's Ministry exists to partner with parents to equip, train, and release children to be passionate disciples filled with the heart of Jesus to minister today!

"Let the little children come to Me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." ~Matthew 19:14

## SUNDAY MORNING:

**Age** Nursery - Kindergarten  
**Time** 9:30 am - 12:00 pm

**Age** Kindergarten - 4th grade  
**Time:** 9:30 am - 12:00 pm



We have started our new series called "Seed". Each week will focus on the Holy Spirit and how He lives in and works through us. Kids have planted seeds as a reminder of how the Holy Spirit is within us growing our faith and changing us from the inside out. Hope you can all make it.

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## Elementary / Preschool Parent Meeting

Hello Parents!

Sharon and Alicia invite you to attend the first ever PARENT MEETING for early childhood and elementary aged children's parents. We have information that we think would be helpful for you to know...things like updating on class times, drop off and pick up times, lesson series information, summer opportunities, volunteer needs, and family worship.

Would you please mark your calendars for Wednesday, May 24 at 6:30 p.m.? We will have pizza and ice cream for children and adults. We just ask you to bring a topping for ice cream, or side item to eat with ice cream. There will be child care for all nursery, up through 4th grade. The meeting will last no longer than an hour and a half.

The regular programming will end for ages 4-4th grade on the previous week - May 17. So, this Wednesday is open for us to get together...come to church like we always do... just to do something a little different.

Would you please RSVP to Alicia if you plan to come, so we can have a better idea of how much pizza to order? Many thanks!

Hoping to see you there! Sharon and Alicia



# STUDENT MINISTRY

I hope you are doing well and enjoying this beautiful weather. I also pray you are finding ways to beat the heat as that Oklahoma weather finds ways to keep life interesting. We are winding down our school year and getting ready for Summer and with that in mind here are the happenings this week.

Wednesday, May 17th-This will be our last worship for the school year. We will finish our callings series and enjoy a time of fellowship and worship together. We will worship from 6:30-8pm. I hope you can join us as we celebrate the end of another great year of worship!

Sunday, May 21st- Its Senior Sunday! Come join us at the 11am worship as we celebrate our grads and praise God for what He has done in their lives. In the evening we will play some Marshmallow Baseball, Oklahoma's greatest pastime . We will meet from 6-7:30pm. This will be our last Sunday evening for the school year.

## Reminders

Disciple Camp forms are due ASAP. If you have a middle school student that wants to join us for an incredible week of growing in Christ and having a blast while doing it send them to camp with us! I just need these forms as quick as possible, so please shoot me an email I will reserve them a spot.

Please check our website for details on camps and due dates, [www.stmarkssm.com](http://www.stmarkssm.com)

In His Grip,  
John Hollon  
Youth Pastor



## Faith Promise 2017

Thanks to everyone for the great response. The seeds planted in response to the Word are now sprouting and growing. Faith promises at this point are \$57,766.77 and continue to come in. If you have not yet made your Faith Promise we ask you to pray and respond as God leads. Join God's work through St. Mark's Faith Promise in the year ahead as we support missionaries, local mission projects, mission teams and in other ways share the love of God around the world.



# Easter Pictures

It was great to see how many took advantage of the pictures that were taken on Easter Sunday. A big thanks goes out to Michael & Kim Hyden for their work and expertise in providing the pictures. There are a few who have not picked up their pictures yet and you are welcome to anytime the office is open or Sunday morning.

## Congratulations

### College Seniors 2017

**Stephanie Agyemang Lydia Cressman**

Great job! Pray for these students as they take the next step in life.

If you know of other graduates please let us know.

## Wednesday Night Suppers

This evening, May 17, is our last test at serving a light supper prior to programming. The meal will be served from **5:30 - 6:15 pm**. Cost will be **\$3 for adults , \$2 for children** and free for ages 2 and under.



## Facts and Figures

2017 Budget ..... 595,337  
 Rec'd toward Operating 5/14/2017 ..... 5,923  
**Year to Date**  
 Rec'd toward Operating 5/14/2017 ..... 204,045  
 Expenditures 5/14/2017 ..... 197,928  
 Sunday May 14, 2017  
     Sunday School ..... 171  
     Worship ..... 244



Maci	Attalla	Emily	Kilby	John	Schneider
Daniel	Burke	Helen	McEachern	Hardy	Sears
Alycia	Bushey	Jena	McLain	Logan	Sears
Miles	Collins	David	Miller	Jeff	Shenold
Brecken	Cromwell	Samantha	Miller	Megan	Shenold
Debbie	Fallon	Phyllis	Mosher	Ella	Stockwell
Michelle	Funk	Gavin	Mumme	Jessica	Swedlow
Julianna	Grisham	Sonya	Penalosa	Kevin	Swedlow
Lee	Harder	Kalvin	Peters	Lynn	Thompson
Breanna	Hines	Eleonore	Price	Nancy	Ward
William	Hughes	Pamela	Ramirez	Esther	Withers
Garrett	Jacobs	Bea	Rhea	Michele	Young

## Prayer Box

Members, Active others known Ill or Hospitalized

Members, others needing prayer

Michelle Funk	Billie Blake
Jamie Wright	Margaret Turner
Earl Moore	Hank Brueggen
Beverly Clark	Sara Miller
Mackenzie Asher	Irene Stafford
Dale & Jan Johnson	Rita Wurzer
Bruce Hunt	Colleen Eisenburg
Don & Pat Wonderly	Evelyn Moore
Tre Collins	Max Johnson
Family/ Friends of Ed Orr	Don, Fran & Scott Nobles
Leland Knutson	Vada Dressen
Dorothy Fisher	

