



THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER 2017 AT ST. MARK LUTHERAN CHURCH



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WORSHIP - TWO OPPORTUNITIES EVERY SUNDAY:
Sunday morning at 8:30 am - Contemporary Service with Communion
Sunday morning at 11 am - Festival Service with Communion

FALL BINGO NIGHT ON NOVEMBER 4

Mark your calendars for Fall Bingo night at St. Mark - **Saturday, November 4**. Doors open at 5:30 for food sales.

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS ENDS ON NOVEMBER 5

Turn your clocks back 1 hour on Saturday night, **November 4** - be on time for worship on Sunday, **November 5**.

NOVEMBER 5 IS ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

All Saints Day is Wednesday, November 1. On **Sunday, November 5**, we will again remember all of the saints who have gone to their eternal rest. Their names will be read during the prayers of the faithful and we will light candles in their memory.

WE CELEBRATE FIRST RESPONDERS AT OUR 11 AM SERVICE ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12

Our annual thank you to our community First Responders will be held on **Sunday, November 12** at the 11 am service.

NOVEMBER 19 IS COMMITMENT SUNDAY AT ST. MARK - BECAUSE OF GOD'S GRACE

On **Sunday, November 19**, we will make our financial commitments to St. Mark. After worship (we will have one service only that morning - at **10 am**), we will celebrate St. Mark's ministries, which are possible because of your generous contributions, at a luncheon in our Social Hall. This luncheon is one of the many contributions made to St. Mark by Kathy and Fran Cosentino. Please sign up in the Narthex to say that you will attend the luncheon.

THANKSGIVING AT ST. MARK

All "Thanksgiving" events are on our calendar on the reverse side of this newsletter.

FROM PASTOR TIM

BECAUSE OF GOD'S GREAT GRACE

"For there is no distinction, since all have sinned fall short of the glory of God; they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus..." (Romans 3:23-24).

These words above are the whole ballgame for Christians. They are, in so many words, the beating heart of our faith; unmerited, undeserved, yet freely given grace is ours from God, through Jesus. This grace provides freedom from the sin and brokenness that all people experience as part of the human condition and we perceive this gift through the eyes of our faith, and trust in the fact that God gives this grace in order to be in deep relationship with all people.

This relationship is transformational. Life changing. Because of God's great grace, we are never the same. God's grace working in our lives touches every aspect of them. It touches our interpersonal relationships, gives us a strong foundation as individuals, draws us into community through the church, and changes how we interact with time, with possessions, and with money.

So, it is through the lens of God's great grace that we approach our annual financial giving campaign this year, as we ask the question: "How are we called to respond to God's freely-given grace?"

God's grace is yours, now and always.

Pastor Tim