



# The Happenings

*Our mission is to glorify God and by the power of the Holy Spirit, provide opportunities for all people to know, love and follow Jesus Christ.*

**August 10<sup>th</sup>, 2025 – 9<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**



**SUMMER SERMON SERIES  
KALEIDOSCOPE STORIES  
PARABLES JESUS TOLD THAT LET THE LIGHT IN  
JUNE 15 - AUGUST 17**

Parables are stories that turn ordinary moments into sacred glimpses of God.  
Just as a kaleidoscope reveals new patterns with each turn,  
so too do Jesus' stories reveal deeper truths as we see them in a new light.

This week: Philippians 2:5-11  
*The Good Samaritan*

## **Holiday For Pastor Ann Marie**

Pastor Ann Marie will be out of the office for vacation July 30-August 10. Please call the church office with any pastoral care concerns as we have deacons and pastoral assistance available.

## **Welcome, The Rev. Dr. Rob Lohmeyer**



As Pastor Ann Marie concludes her vacation time, we are pleased to welcome The Rev. Dr. Rob Lohmeyer as our preacher on Sunday. Rob is an ordained minister of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), a member of Mission Presbytery and currently serves as a Chaplain for New Century Hospice and Co-Pastor at Pipe Creek Presbyterian Church.

He served as a pastor in Elberton, Georgia and Kerrville, Texas. Rob earned his Master of Divinity degree from Columbia Theological Seminary in Decatur, Georgia and a Doctor of Ministry degree from Austin Theological Seminary in Austin, Texas.

Rob is married to Elaine Murray, is the father of a son, Ben Lohmeyer, who is a sophomore at Trinity University in San Antonio, and is stepfather to Olive and Isaiah Dreeben who attend the Hill Country Micro-School in Kerrville. Rob enjoys the outdoors, long distance running, cycling, plunking on a guitar, poetry, seasons, and the church.



## PCHAS Back to School Barbeque

### Saturday August 9, 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM.

Presbyterian Children's Homes and Services is holding its annual back to school BBQ, and we are invited! It's a wonderful way to see their campus, meet some of the staff and learn about what they do. If you are interested in going, let Woody or Crystal know so that we can RSVP for St. Mark. We will also try and organize carpooling if people would like that. This year, as part of St. Mark's support for PCHAS, we donated gift cards for them to give as part of their back-to-school program.

#### **GROWING FULLER at Table Fellowship**

August 10	The Bevy
August 17	Tre Pizzeria
August 24	PoPo Family Restaurant – FM 289

## St. Mark Congregational Nominating Committee (CNC) Requests Officer Nominations for Elder, Deacon, and CNC Member

The CNC is seeking the names of individuals to serve in church leadership positions beginning January 1, 2026 for three-year terms. These individuals demonstrate love of Jesus Christ, have a strong faith, and are committed to Him as their Lord and Savior. Persons nominated must be willing to devote time, energy, and talent to the work of St. Mark Presbyterian Church.

An **ELDER** will serve on the Session and usually chair a ministry team. Elders are charged with the oversight of the spiritual life of our congregation. Elders should be persons of faith, dedication, and good judgment, and should be regular participants in church activities. [Four are needed.](#)

A **YOUTH ELDER** will serve on the Session and be on a ministry team. Youth Elders serve for one year, as a High School student. A Youth Elder shall be a person of faith, dedication, good judgment, and should be a regular participant in church activities. [One is needed.](#)

A **DEACON** will serve on the Diaconate and assume responsibility for areas of service to the congregation. Deacons are persons of spiritual character, honest repute, exemplary lives, brotherly and sisterly love, sincere compassion, and sound judgement to help further the mission of St. Mark. [Three are needed.](#)

A **CNC (At-Large Member)** will serve as a representative of the Congregation having a good knowledge of members and the activities of the congregation. The CNC members nominate candidates for the Session, Diaconate, and CNC At-Large Members, to be elected by the Congregation. [One is needed.](#)

After careful prayer, please provide the names of members of the congregation for consideration as nominees to fulfill these important positions. If you feel called to leadership and can meet the qualifications and commitments, you are encouraged to submit your own name. Please place this sheet with your recommended names in the collection plate on Sunday mornings, send names to the church office, email names to the church office at [office@stmarktx.org](mailto:office@stmarktx.org), or provide names to a CNC member (see list below).

**Please list your recommended names for these positions:**

<b>ELDER:</b>		
<b>YOUTH ELDER:</b>		
<b>DEACON:</b>		
<b>CNC MEMBER:</b>		

**Nominations close on Sunday, August 17<sup>th</sup>**



## Congregational Meeting to Elect a Deacon

The Session has approved a Called Meeting of Congregation on Sunday, August 17, 2025, at 11:30 a.m. (following worship) in the sanctuary. The Meeting of the Congregation is for the election of a Deacon to fill the unexpired term in the Class of 2026.

The St. Mark Congregational Nominating Committee (CNC) has nominated **Karen Ragsdale** to fill this position.



**Karen Ragsdale** – DeWitt and I have been members of St. Mark for three years. We were members of Heritage Presbyterian Church in Houston Texas for over 15 years. I served as Finance Elder, Trustee, and board member of the pre-school. While there, God called me to be a Stephen's Minister. Agreeing to this was definitely not in my comfort zone. Serving as a Stephen's minister was a faith-changing event.

My professional career was in Human Resources. Not the people's side of the business, but the money side of the business: pay, benefits, pension, paid time off, etc.

My family knows I'm notorious for getting names wrong, so I offer a blanket apology. I'm also known for a few sayings: "I don't believe in coincidences;" "God sees a man's heart;" "People come first;" "Just because you can, it doesn't mean you should;" "I know where I am because I've been lost here before;" "It's not about me".

I enjoy laughing and having fun. I love to hear people's stories. I yearn to connect with people. I love to help. I have a knack for organizing. I need things to be done the right way. I interrupt too much.... because I tend to be impatient. I'd rather fix it than fuss about it. Did I mention I like to have fun? Most of all, I am blessed to be here with all of you at St. Mark Presbyterian Church.



**THANK YOU, ST. MARK!**



The **Center for Refugee Services (CRS)** in San Antonio expressed sincere gratitude for the nearly 50 backpacks and additional school supplies donated to support children of legally settled refugees in our area. The CRS stated that the number of children they support has grown significantly from 1,300 last year to 1,600 this year, so every bit counts. Thank you to all who donated, sorted, and delivered these needed supplies!





## Puzzle Club at St Mark



Jigsaw puzzles have a unique way of captivating our attention and stimulating our minds, allowing us to immerse ourselves in the art of piecing together a larger picture, one tiny fragment at a time. Puzzles are now located in the church library to ensure they are easily accessible to everyone. You're welcome to either take one home or donate a gently used puzzle for the next person. For more information, call Jennifer in the Church Office at (830) 816-3000.

## Back to School Blessings



### Back to School Blessings – August 10 at 10:30 AM

Join us at St. Mark Presbyterian Church for a special worship service filled with joy, prayer, and encouragement as we bless our students, teachers, and families for the new school year. Everyone is welcome!



## Faithful Friends and Family

The poster features a warm, autumnal theme with a background of falling orange and yellow leaves. In the top left is a circular logo with a green leaf and a white cross. The title 'Faithful Friends and Family 2025' is in a large, green, serif font. Below it, the tagline 'Planting Seeds of Faith, Growing Strong in God' is in a smaller, brown, serif font. The dates 'Wednesdays from September 3rd to October 8th' are in a bold, black, serif font. The central text describes the activities: 'Students cared for by St. Mark Volunteers each Wednesday from 4:00 to 5:30 while they enjoy Soccer Shots, Bible stories, Art and Yoga!'. Below this, it says '5:30 to 6:30 Families join children and church members for dinner'. A red, textured button contains the text '60\$ per child'. A blue button with a white border says 'REGISTER NOW' with a right-pointing arrow. Below the button is a QR code. In the bottom left is the 'Soccer Shots' logo. On the right side, there is an illustration of a young boy in an orange jacket holding a leaf, standing next to a large tree with yellow leaves. A brown cross is also visible among the falling leaves.

**Faithful Friends and Family 2025**

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**REGISTER NOW** ➤

**Soccer Shots**

### Join us this fall for Faithful Friends and Family 2025!

From September 3rd to October 8th, children will enjoy fun afternoons filled with soccer, Bible stories, art, and yoga—while being cared for by loving St. Mark volunteers. Families are invited to join for dinner from 5:30 to 6:30 PM.

Just \$60 per child for six weeks of faith, fun, and fellowship!

[Register](#)

## ALL CHURCH RETREAT



ST. MARK 

# All-Church Retreat

"...and become like little children..."

Matthew 18:3

Friday, October 10-  
Sunday, October 12, 2025  
at Camp Capers, Waring, TX

Bring the whole family for  
a fun weekend or come  
for the days! See online  
registration for options  
and fees.

Limited  
Housing-  
Register Early!

[www.stmarktx.org](http://www.stmarktx.org)



Please scan the barcode or click [here](#) to register

The Happenings is a weekly newsletter published for the members of St. Mark. The deadline to submit articles is 12 pm on Tuesday.  
Contact: [communications@stmarktx.org](mailto:communications@stmarktx.org).

## WEEKLY CALENDAR August 10<sup>th</sup> – August 16<sup>th</sup>

Sunday, August 10 <sup>th</sup>		
Explorers Sunday School Class	9:00 AM	FLC #107-108
Nursery Care (Birth to pre-kinder)	9:15 AM	FLC # 106
Elementary Sunday School	9:15 AM	FLC
Youth Sunday School	9:15 AM	FLC # 103
Breakfast Club	9:30 AM	Parlor
St. Mark Worship Service in Person	10:30 AM	Sanctuary
Online: <a href="https://www.youtube.com/@stmarkpresbyterianchurchbo7319/streams">https://www.youtube.com/@stmarkpresbyterianchurchbo7319/streams</a>		YouTube
Table Fellowship	11:30 AM	The Bevy
Youth Volleyball	11:30 AM	FLC
Monday, August 11 <sup>th</sup>		
ELC Orientation	8:00 AM	Whole Campus
Hill Country Newcomers	10:30 AM	FLC #107 /108
Boerne Blaze Pickleball	4:15 PM	FLC
Stewardship Meeting	6:00 PM	FLC #107/108
Deacon's Meeting	6:30 PM	FLC # 101
Finance Ministry – Bill Manzini	6:30 PM	FLC # 107/108
Tuesday, August 12 <sup>th</sup>		
Staff Meeting	12:00 PM	Parlor
Pickleball	6:00 PM	FLC
Wednesday, August 13 <sup>th</sup>		
Morning Glorias – Carlyn Crawford	8:00 AM	ZOOM
Wednesday Bible Study	10:30 AM	FLC # 107/108
CIA (Compassion in Action)	1:00 PM	FLC # 107/108
Property Evaluation Task Force	3:00 PM	FLC #109
Centering Prayer – Lynn Bellow	5:00 PM	ZOOM
Water Games	6:00 PM	FLC
A Few Good Men – Robert Klein	6:30 PM	Parlor
Chancel Choir Rehearsal	6:30 PM	Choir Room
Thursday, August 14 <sup>th</sup>		
Pickleball – DeWitt Ragsdale	11:00 AM	FLC
Friday, August 15 <sup>th</sup>		
Church Admin Office Closed		
Saturday, August 16 <sup>th</sup>		
Basketball	2:30 PM	FLC

## FUTURE CALENDAR EVENTS

Back to School Blessings	August 10	St. Mark
Congregational Meeting	August 17	St. Mark
Rally Day	August 24	St. Mark



## ST. MARK LEADERSHIP - 2025

### ELDERS

Adult Christian Education	Curtis Friedel
Children and Youth Christian Education	Faith Cleary, Curtis Friedel
Communication / Evangelism	Dave Thomas
Congregational Life	Gina Klein, Sally West
Finance/Stewardship	Wally Doppenberg, Kim Heinze
Human Resources	Lynn Manzini
Outreach	Woody Paul, Crystal McElhenney
Property	Rick Eckersley
Worship	E-J Warren, Kathleen Ramey
Congregational Nominating Committee (CNC)	Dave Thomas, Kathleen Ramey
Deacon Liaison	Kathleen Ramey
ELC Liaison	Dave Thomas
Clerk of Session	Julie McCarty, Dave Thomas
Property Evaluation Task Force Liaison	Dave Thomas
Treasurer	Bill Manzini

### DEACONS

Moderator / Pastoral Support / Prayer Chain	Pat Anderson
Receptions	Nona Annett
New Member Integration	Tonya Beilstein
Visitor Follow Up Ministry	Melanie Doppenberg
Member Care Ministry	Lisa Paul, Kim Hodge
Receptions / Diaconate Clerk / Flower Delivery	Monica Phillips
Driver Assistance Ministry / Meal Coordinator	Wanda Pounders
Member Follow Up Ministry	Betty Robertson
Card Ministry	Paula Witt

### TRUSTEES

Chair	Dave Thomas
Member & Registered Agent for St. Mark	Gina Klein
Recorder	Lynn Manzini

### STAFF

Rev. Ann Marie Quigley-Swanson	Pastor, Head of Staff
Claudia Beldean	Office Associate
Marilyn Bonaguro	Nursery Coordinator
Jennifer Dillard	Financial Associate
Conner Eddy	Worship Team Drummer
Angela Grover	Dir. of Christian Education
Denny Krueger	Worship Team Bass Guitarist
Kristine Luisi	Dir. of Early Learning Center
Andy Phillips	Pianist
Alex Gudmundsen	Organist
Alan Reyes	Sexton
Mary Beth Thomas	Chancel Choir Director
Ron Thompson	Worship Team Leader
Kelsey Wallace	Communications Associate
Kayla Young	Ministry Associate
Georgette Hodge, Kim Hodge, Maryam Salstrand, Zoey Schmidt	Nursery Care Workers