



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 3, 2025 – 8th 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: Luke 15:11-32
Grace in the Dark

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, Rev. Elaine Murray



We are pleased to welcome to the pulpit Rev. Elaine Murray. Elaine is a pastor, writer, and founder of Elaine Murray Co, Spiritual Wayfinding Practice. Spiritual Wayfinding is Elaine's work in equipping people who crave spiritual connection and authenticity to co-create a personal, soul-honoring practice reflective of their evolving values and deepest truths.

Whether through writing, teaching, or one-on-one guidance, Elaine walks with others towards lives filled with meaning, joy, and purpose. You can learn more about spiritual wayfinding at her website www.elainemurray.co and in her upcoming memoir and spiritual wayfinding manual, set to release this Fall through Tehom Center Publishing.

Elaine earned her Master of Divinity from Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary and Bachelor of Arts from Schreiner University. She and her husband, Rob Lohmeyer, co-pastor Pipe Creek Presbyterian Church, raise kids and a cattle dog together, and enjoy the holy view of God's creation in the Texas Hill Country.

Welcome, Alex Gudmundsen

We are pleased to share that Alex Gudmundsen has joined our staff as our new Organist. Alex is beginning a Master of Music in Organ Performance at The University of Texas at San Antonio and will be playing for our traditional worship services.



Andy Phillips will continue to accompany the choir and provide some service music, and we are thrilled to have the organ as part of our worship once again. Alex brings wonderful musical gifts, along with an optimistic and eager spirit.

We're grateful that Mary Beth and Andy will be offering mentorship and support as he grows into this role. Please join us in welcoming Alex to our church community!

GROWING FULLER at Table Fellowship

August 3	Camp Verde – Center Point
August 10	Bevy
August 17	Tre Pizzeria
August 24	PoPo Family Restaurant – FM 289



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.

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, or provide names to a CNC member (see list below).

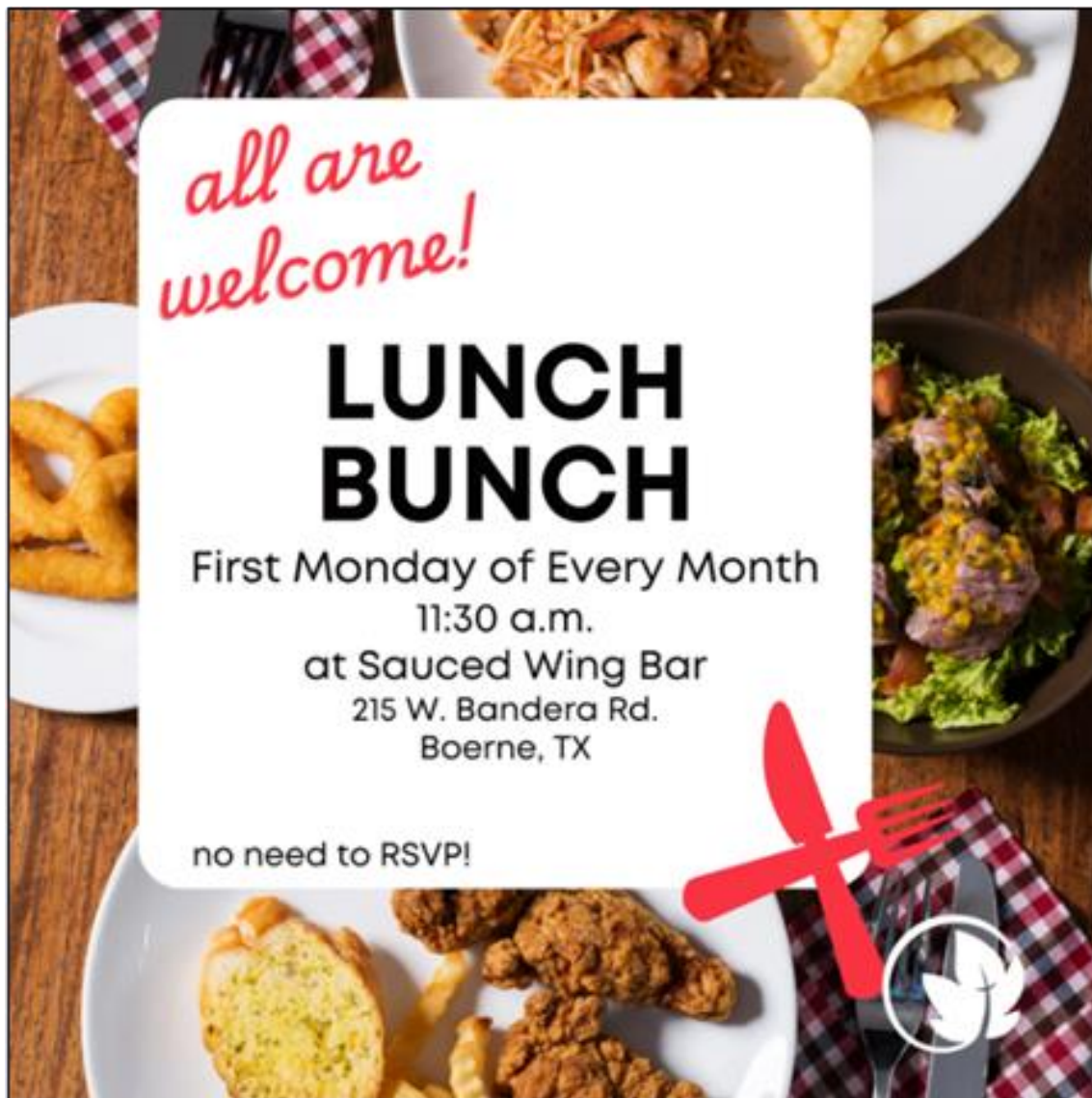
Please list your recommended names for these positions:

ELDER:		
YOUTH ELDER:		
DEACON:		
CNC MEMBER:		

Nominations close on Sunday, August 17th

2025 CNC: Dave Thomas (chair), Kathleen Ramey (vice chair), Paul Mebane, Monica Phillips, DeWitt Ragsdale, Larry Warren, Rob West, and Pastor Ann Marie (non-voting).

Lunch Bunch, August 4th at 11:30 AM, Sauced Wing Bar



Join the Lunch Bunch!

All are welcome to gather for good food and great conversation on the first Monday of every month at 11:30 a.m. We meet at Sauced Wing Bar in Boerne—no RSVP needed. Just come as you are and enjoy the fellowship!

CIA – Compassion in Action



The Socks you all have donated are bagged, tagged and ready to take to the nursing home and chemotherapy clinics we support.

Thank you for helping us spread the love from St Mark!

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. On the left, a green circular logo contains a stylized leaf. The title 'Faithful Friends and Family 2025' is written in a large, green, serif font. Below the title, the tagline '“Planting Seeds of Faith, Growing Strong in God”' is in a smaller, brown font. The dates 'Wednesdays from September 3rd to October 8th' are in a bold, black 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 button with white text says '60\$ per child'. A blue button with white text says 'REGISTER NOW >'. A QR code is located below the registration button. On the right, a cartoon illustration of a young boy in an orange jacket and brown pants stands next to a large tree with yellow leaves, holding a single leaf. A brown cross is positioned above an open book, with leaves falling around them. The 'Soccer Shots' logo is in the bottom left corner.

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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



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.

WEEKLY CALENDAR August 3rd – August 9th

Sunday, August 3rd

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: https://www.youtube.com/@stmarkpresbyterianchurchbo7319/streams		YouTube
Table Fellowship	11:30 AM	Camp Verde – Center Point
Adult, Children & Youth Christian Education Mtg. Outreach Meeting	11:30 AM	FLC #104-105
	12:00 PM	FLC #107-108

Monday, August 4th

Lunch Bunch	11:30 AM	Sauced Wing Bar
Deacon's Meeting	6:30 PM	FLC #107-108

Tuesday, August 5th

Staff Meeting	12:00 PM	Parlor
Pickleball	6:00 PM	FLC

Wednesday, August 6th

Morning Glorias – Carlyn Crawford	8:00 AM	ZOOM
Wednesday Bible Study	10:30 AM	FLC # 107/108
Youth Service and Sleepover	11:30 AM	FLC #102-103
Property Evaluation Task Force	3:00 PM	FLC #109
Centering Prayer – Lynn Bellow	5:00 PM	ZOOM
A Few Good Men – Robert Klein	6:30 PM	Parlor
Chancel Choir Rehearsal	6:30 PM	Choir Room

Thursday, August 7th

Pickleball – DeWitt Ragsdale	11:00 AM	FLC
Youth Service and Sleepover	11:30 AM	FLC #102-103

Friday, August 8th

Church Admin Office Closed		
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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
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

