



ST MARK
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



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.

February 23 – 7th Sunday after Epiphany

Exodus 20:1-16
Matthew 5: 33-37

Words to Live By

Words Matter

Pastor Ann Marie Quigley-Swanson
Sunday, February 23, 2025



St. Mark Women's Gathering Feeds More Than the Spirit

At the recent annual Women's Gathering, participants donated 54 jars of peanut butter and an additional \$21 to support the Boerne **Blessings in a Backpack** program.

Did you know approximately one in five children in Boerne lives in poverty and is at risk for hunger and malnutrition? **Blessings in a Backpack** serves all 14 schools in the Boerne Independent School District. They currently are feeding over 600 children each weekend who might otherwise go hungry when school meals are unavailable. Hunger is much more than a growling stomach...it affects a child's physical, emotional, and cognitive development. **Blessings in a Backpack** strives to alleviate these consequences of hunger by ensuring at-risk children receive consistent nutrition seven days a week.



So, a big "thank you" from Outreach to those who put on the gathering and the participants for their generosity supporting our Mission Partner.

A thank you note from **Blessings in a Backpack** included the comment: "I picked up all the peanut butter today...thank you so much! It's going out the door to the kiddos tomorrow!"

St. Mark Women's Gathering Planning and Leadership Team





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Closer:
Practicing  Practices
for Spiritual Growth

Devotional Group Leader Sign-up

We will be forming groups to meet during Lent to explore Spiritual Disciplines and Practices. Currently, we are asking for couples or individuals to lead a group. Once groups and times are established, others can choose a group to join.

Please sign up to lead/facilitate a group by Feb. 23

Lent: March 5 (Ash Wednesday)- April 20 (Easter Sunday)

As a leader, you can decide how many your group will have, what day and time you will meet each of the 6.5 weeks of Lent and where your group will meet (your home, a restaurant, the church*, etc.)

A Lenten Devotional Guide will be provided to lead you personally and as a group through Practicing Practices for Spiritual Growth.

Questions or to sign-up contact: ChristianEd@stmarktx.org

FAITHFUL FRIENDS AND FAMILY NIGHTS AT ST. MARK
Next Wednesday from 4:00-5:30pm Children: Youth Activities
5:30pm Dinner for All Ages



FIRST FRIDAY IS MARCH 7, 6-8:00 pm

First Friday

And He said unto them, "Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men."

March 7 6-8:00
Family Life
Center

REGISTER NOW >



Drop the kids, ages 0-5th grade, for dinner and fun in God's Word!

Free Event | Register online



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Please click [here](#) to register

SPRING BREAK MISSION TRIP RIO GRAND VALLEY

[Click here for more information](#)

Come to experience manifestations of love and service,
in Jesus's name ...

March 13-16, 2025



SPRING BREAK
MISSION TRIP

RIO GRAND VALLEY

Register online by 2/28
contact: Woody Paul or Angela Grover
ChristianEd@StMarkTX.org



GROWING FULLER at Table Fellowship

This Sunday, February 23rd
Next Sunday, March 2nd
Following Sunday, March 9th

El Chaparral
Bella Sera
Taco House

ELC NEWS:



THERE ARE ONLY 34 EVENT TICKETS LEFT SO GET YOURS NOW!

Our 4th Annual ***Boots & Bling Gala*** will be held on Saturday, March 1st at 5:00 pm at the Paniolo Ranch in Boerne. You can use the QR code below to purchase tickets to the event or raffle tickets for a chance for a ***\$1,500 Visa Gift card*** (need not be present to win). You can also stop by ELC to purchase tickets in person or call the school for assistance.

If you cannot attend the event, but still want to help, you can donate a bottle of wine (in the \$20-\$50/per bottle range) for the Wine Pull that takes place that evening.

This fundraiser is critical to our budget. The monies raised will go towards teacher retention and training, scholarships and needed updates at the school. We appreciate your support in helping us provide high quality early childhood education to the Boerne community!

ST. MARK LEADERSHIP 2025

ELDERS	
Adult Christian Education	Karen Ragsdale
Children and Youth Christian Education	Faith Cleary
Communication / Evangelism	Dave Thomas
Congregational Life	Gina Klein, Sally West
Finance/Stewardship	Wally Doppenberg, Kim Heinze
Outreach	Woody Paul, Crystal McElhenney
HR	Lynn Manzini
Property	Rick Eckersley
Worship	E-J Warren, Kathleen Ramey
Clerk of Session	Julie McCarty, Dave Thomas
Treasurer	Bill Manzini
Deacon Liaison	Kathleen Ramey
ELC Liaison	Dave Thomas
Congregational Nominating Committee (CNC)	Dave Thomas, Kathleen Ramey
DEACONS	
Moderator/Pastoral Support/ Prayer Chain Support	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 Ministry	Monica Phillips
Driver Assistance Ministry/ Meal Coordinator	Wanda Pounders
Member Follow Up Ministry	Betty Robertson
Card Ministry	Paula Witt
TRUSTEES	
	Dave Thomas
	Gina Klein
	Lynn Manzini



Weekly Calendar February 23rd – February 28th

Sunday, February 23rd

Explorers Class - Rick Eckersley	9:00 AM	FLC # 107/108
Nursery Care (Birth to pre-kinder)	9:15 AM	FLC # 106
Elementary Sunday School	9:15 AM	FLC # 104
Disciple Class – Dan Garber	9:15 AM	FLC # 109
Youth Sunday School	9:15 AM	FLC # 103
Engaging God’s Word	9:15 AM	FLC # 101
St. Mark Worship Service in Person	10:30 AM	Sanctuary
https://www.youtube.com/@stmarkpresbyterianchurchbo7319/streams		Online
Table Fellowship – Karen Ragsdale	11:30 AM	El Chaparral
Children’s Christian Ed Meeting	11:30 AM	FLC # 104

Monday, February 24th

Jericho	6:00 PM	FLC
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Tuesday, February 25th

Staff Meeting	12:00 PM	Parlor
Pickleball – Carol Trono	6:00 PM	FLC
Worship Team – Ron Thompson	6:30 PM	Sanctuary

Wednesday, February 26th

Morning Glorias – Carlyn Crawford	8:00 AM	ZOOM
Bible Study – Rev. Ann Marie Quigley Swanson	10:30 AM	FLC # 107/108
Compassion in Action – Betty Parr	12:00 PM	FLC # 107/108
Faithful Friends and Family Nights	4:00 PM	FLC
Centering Prayer – Lynn Bellow	5:00 PM	ZOOM
All Church Dinner	5:30 PM	FLC
Choir Rehearsal – Mary Beth	6:30 PM	Choir Room
A Few Good Men – Robert Klein	6:30 PM	Parlor

Thursday, February 27th

Women of the Word – Angela Grover	9:00 AM	FLC # 107/108
Pickleball – Paul Cashion	11:00 AM	FLC

Friday, February 28th

Youth Bible Study	7:15 AM	Mary’s Tacos
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FLC – Family Life Center