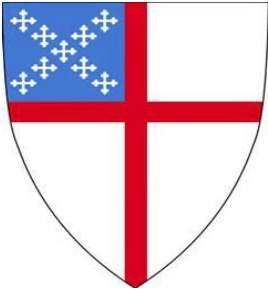


SAINT MARK'S EPISCOPAL PRO-CATHEDRAL

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The Rt. Rev. J. Scott Barker, Bishop
Fr. Rick Moon

HAPPENINGS

Monday, September 4th, 2017

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Dear Members and Friends of Saint Mark's and Saint John's,

“Change is inevitable. If we truly and earnestly seek to do God's will rather than our own, and if we invite Jesus into the changes and challenges we face, and if we listen prayerfully for the Holy Spirit, then we need not be afraid for the future of the church.”

This quotation is the final paragraph of our Parish Profile. Using holy conversations, discussions, and prayers, we developed our profile to tell the story of Saint Mark's, an honest and sincere description of who we are and who we hope to become in the future. Our profile was seen by Episcopal priests all over the world who were themselves discerning a call to new ministry.

We received and considered profiles from priests attracted by our story and drawn to enter into mutual discernment with Saint Mark's. Our questions of the applicants centered around our mutual interests in outreach, children and youth, liturgy, pastoral care, spiritual development, communication, collaborative leadership, and financial stability. After preliminary interviews, we selected three, strong, highly qualified, candidates to visit Hastings, Harvard, Saint Mark's, Saint John's, and to meet Bishop Barker in Omaha. We spent many hours getting to know each of the finalists and allowing each of them to get to know us and our community.

During a prayerful, thoughtful, respectful, and Spirit filled conversation we arrived at a consensus and we are pleased, excited, and proud to call Mo. Katie Hargis to be the next Dean and Rector of Saint Mark's Hastings and Vicar of Saint John's Harvard.

Mo. Katie fully embodies the qualities and characteristics we were seeking in our future Dean. She has a strong interest in outreach, recent experience building children's education and youth programs, is deeply involved in her community, has tremendous love for creation and the natural environment, has a lively spirituality, is committed to pastoral care, is highly skilled in bridging divides and building community inside and outside the church, has profound respect for liturgy, and is an eloquent preacher.

Having been born and raised on the Great Plains in Oklahoma and currently serving a church in western Kansas, she is a natural fit for Hastings and the Diocese of Nebraska. Her youthful energy and fresh enthusiasm will be a wonderful change for Saint Mark's as we seek to embrace our role as the church of the future.

We are grateful to Mo. Katie for discerning and accepting our call. We are indebted to Bishop Barker and Canon Easton for their guidance, leadership, and encouragement. We are thankful to all of you for your support, patience, and prayers.

Although, our search process has drawn to a close, a new phase of our transition has begun. Please welcome Mo. Katie and offer her a helping hand, a word of encouragement, a smile, and a prayer as she begins her new ministry.

Sincerely,

The Vestry and Search Committee
Saint Mark's and Saint John's



GREETINGS

From

Mother Katie

Dear New Friends at St. Mark's and St. John's,

I am thrilled to have been called as your new Dean! I have already fallen in love with the community of Hastings and am excited to become part of the St. Mark's & St. John's congregations and join with you in God's transformative mission. Throughout the process of mutual discernment, you have been in my prayers. I believe God has great things in store for us and I look forward to discerning together where the Holy Spirit is leading us.

I grew up in Southern Oklahoma where I was heavily involved in the youth programs of the Diocese of Oklahoma. I received a Bachelor's degree in Human Relations from The University of Oklahoma and after college worked as a Youth Director at St. Thaddeus Episcopal Church in Aiken, South Carolina and Christ Cathedral in Salina, Kansas. After discerning a call to ordination, I attended seminary at The School of Theology at the University of the South in Sewanee, Tennessee. For the last two years, I have been the Rector of St. Cornelius Episcopal Church in Dodge City, Kansas. I am passionate about life-giving worship, preaching, involving children and youth, and engaging our neighbors and the surrounding community in new and transformational ways.

Joining me in Nebraska will be my dog, Abi, and parrot, Mack. In my free time I can be found outdoors camping, fishing, or gardening and I have an expansive collection of fun, colorful dress socks for just about every occasion.

I will continue to pray for the communities of St. Mark's and St. John's over the coming weeks. I ask that you hold me in prayer as we work through the details of my upcoming move and I prepare to join you in your ministry.

In Peace,
Katie+

ST. MARK'S UPCOMING CALENDAR

September 4th, 2017 – September 10th, 2017

Monday, September 4th

The Church Office is closed each Monday.

Tuesday, Sept. 5th

6:30 pm – Soul Talk

Thursday, Sept. 7th

4:15 pm – Spiritual Growth & Education Meeting

5:15 pm – Buildings & Grounds Meeting

Friday, Sept. 8th

Regular Office Hours:

9am – 11am and Noon – 3pm

Saturday, Sept. 9th

8:00 am – Bible Study at Blue Moon

Sunday, Sept. 10th

9:45 am – Nursery Available

10:00 am – Holy Eucharist Rite II

11:00 am – OPEN TABLE (Many hands needed, for about 1 hour)

DATES TO REMEMBER

Sept. 7th Spiritual Growth & Education Meeting

Sept. 7th Buildings & Grounds Meeting

Sept. 10th Sunday School Begins

Sept. 10th Open Table (Many hands needed, for about 1 hour)

Sept. 12th Search Committee & Vestry Meetings

Sept. 19th Outreach Meeting

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HAPPENINGS

Church-wide assignment for The Happenings:

Submit your kids' and grandkids' back to school pictures - past and/or present - just for fun! Send your submissions to Amy in the office at stmarkshastings@gmail.com.

Upcoming Assignment:

Submit Photos of your pets in honor of the upcoming Pet Blessing! You can email them, or drop them off at St. Mark's. Submit your photos today!

MORNING PRAYER

We will no longer have Morning Prayer on Wednesday mornings. Greg Burke's diaconate duties are calling him to Grand Island. Once a new priest is installed, we will continue with the Eucharist with Healing Rite on Wednesday mornings. Thank you for your understanding and patience.

NEW COFFEE HOST SIGN-UP

Are you looking for a ministry within St. Mark's that doesn't take up a lot of time, yet is an important part of our church life? There is a new Coffee Host sign-up sheet in the Common Room. Please consider volunteering your time for this ministry of fellowship.

OFFICE HOURS

I will be out of the office occasionally on Fridays during this fall semester. (Go Husker and HC Volleyball!) On some of these Friday mornings (9 am – 11 am) we will have a volunteer in the office. Please call St. Mark's before stopping by, so you don't make a wasted trip! Thank you! ~ Amy

OUTREACH COLLECTIONS

Open Table: Collecting fruit & pudding cups, and granola bars for Sept. 10th – this Sunday!

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Tuesday thru Friday

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ST. MARK'S ON FACEBOOK

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Don't forget to "Like"

St. Mark's Pro-Cathedral!

ST. MARK'S VESTRY 2017

Marsha Sukup - *Sr. Warden*

Nate Shafer - *Jr. Warden*

Mary Brown,

Joyce Durham,

Mary Helen Edwards,

Shellie Hunter,

Danny Leonard,

Lyndle Lewis,

Marj Phillips,

Story Schwenk,

and Mark Spencer



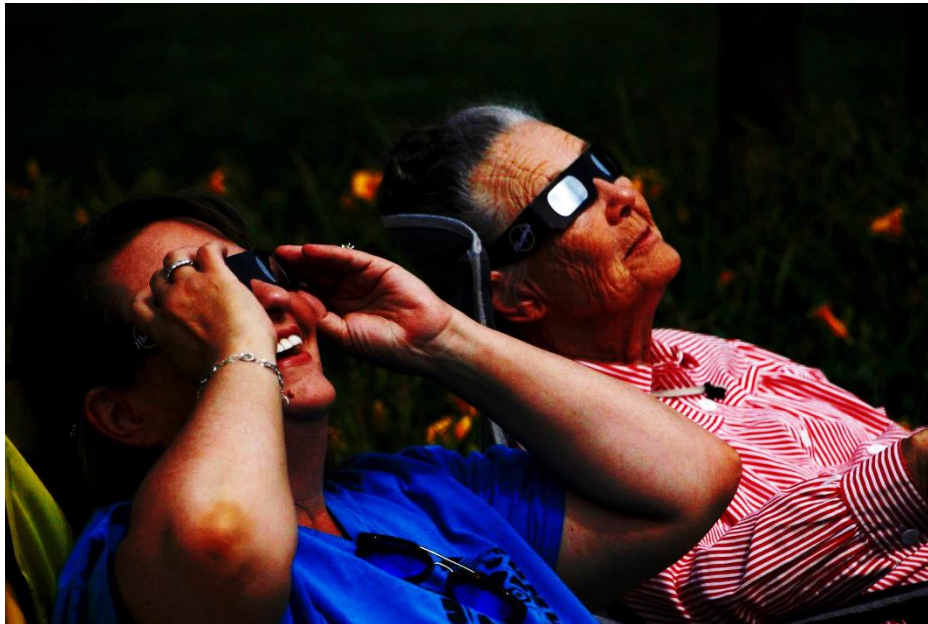
Please remember the following in your prayers this week:

Those in the Military – *Trevor, Nick, Jeremy, Klint, and Crystal*

Healing – *Cassandra Jean-Francois, Reed Davis, Cole Wicks, Michael Pierce, Dorothy Hansen, Gary Maurey, Donna Collins, Keller Spencer, Father Bob, Justin Aulner, Ryan Daniels, Reed Ryan, Renae Hohnstein, Deb Wissing, Barkley Noel Johnson, Richard "Beau" Furey, Virginia Mastin, Lynn Folcik, Alice Dyer, Riley Wilhelm, Peter Mikalajunas, Sarah Villa, Nick Herringer, Ben Cannon, Gary Engelhardt, Travis O'Connell, Linda Earl, Betty Schueler, Sabrina Andersen, Doug Sejkora, Paul Kuntzelman, Art Power, Norma Hansen, Fred Durham, Wendy & John Wilson and infant twins John & Josie Wilson, Stan Mohlman, Mary Kovanda, Jackie Knight, Mary Helen Edwards, Nancy Bachmann, Shirley Meininger, Veldon Nemecek, and Jessica Hargis and Maddy*

Departed – *Iona Bump, Tom Kovanda, Sharon Parker, Mick DeBacker, David Aabel, Patty Kenney-Hamilton, Nannette Benner Wilson, Robert Burke, and Emerald Ost*

PHOTOS



My new friend Jean....

Jean (seen above during the total eclipse here in Hastings) is an octogenarian from Tucson, AZ. She is originally from England and moved to the U.S. in 1968. She emailed St. Mark's prior to the total eclipse, asking for...shelter. That's all she asked for, and in exactly those words. Jean flew from Tucson to Denver and then caught the Amtrak train from Denver to Hastings. She chose Hastings because of it's proximity to both the Amtrak line and the solar eclipse's swath of totality. I forgot to mention that Jean also told me that she wanted to see a total eclipse before she dies, so when it was partly cloudy on the morning of the 21st....well, you could say that I was under a bit of pressure to make this happen for Jean! Ultimately, she and I turned it over to God, and He provided, as always, quite magnificently! ~Amy