



# SAINT MARK'S EPISCOPAL PRO-CATHEDRAL

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## HAPPENINGS

September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2018



From Dean Katie...

Recently the Episcopal News Service ran an article about a 30-Day Evangelism Challenge that has been going around social media. (The article can be found here <https://www.episcopalnewsservice.org/2018/08/28/episcopalians-invited-to-grow-as-evangelists-thorough-30-day-challenge/>). Each day, as you move through the 30 days, the leaders of this challenge invite the reader to consider a provocative and faithful question. I invite you to use this as a tool for an intentional practice cultivating an awareness of God's presence in each moment of our lives.

The question from the very first day has remained with me for a couple of weeks now: "Think about the last 24 hours. What has given you joy? Name it and give thanks."

Today, the thing that stands out for me is the new partnership we have with SASA for the New Beginnings Bag Project. We recently began collecting items for the bags that we will pack and give to SASA for them to hand out to people who have had to leave everything behind. Recently, Friends of Tamar brought 30 bags to SASA for them to begin handing them out as we get organized. And friends, let me tell you how thankful the people who have already received a bag and the employees of SASA are for these bags. I find joy in seeing the love of God for our neighbor made known through providing these necessities for people getting out of abusive situations.

What has given you joy this week? Where or when has God's never-failing presence been particularly clear to you? Name it and give thanks!

Katie+

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## WEEKLY CALENDAR

**Sept. 10<sup>th</sup> – Sept. 16<sup>th</sup>**

### Monday, Sept. 10<sup>th</sup>

By appointment only for Dean Katie

### Tuesday, Sept. 11<sup>th</sup>

6:30 pm – Soul Talk

### Wednesday, Sept. 12<sup>th</sup>

10:00 am – Healing Rite with Eucharist

5:30 pm – Fellowship BBQ at Chuck & Sig's

### Friday, Sept. 14<sup>th</sup>

Office Hours 9 am – 12 Noon

### Saturday, Sept. 15<sup>th</sup>

8:00 am – Bible Study at Blue Moon Coffee

### Sunday, Sept. 16<sup>th</sup>

8:00 am – Holy Eucharist Rite I

10:00 am – Holy Eucharist Rite II

### St. Mark's Office Hours

Tuesday through Friday

9 am – 11 am

and

Noon – 3 pm

### DATES TO REMEMBER

Sept. 18<sup>th</sup> \* Outreach Meeting

Sept. 19<sup>th</sup> \* Vestry Meeting

Sept. 30<sup>th</sup> \* Bishop's Visit & St. John's Service



### Quick Quote

In every walk  
with nature  
one receives far  
more than he seeks.  
– John Muir

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### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **St. Mark's Book Club**

Everyone is invited to join the St. Mark's Book Club beginning on Tuesday, October 2nd at 7 p.m. The first book we will be reading and discussing is "Gospel Memories: The Future Can Rewrite Our Past" by Bishop Jake Owensby. We will read a couple of chapters every week and discuss them on Tuesday evenings. If you are interested in joining the book club and would like to order your copy of the book through the church, a sign up sheet is in the Common Room. Books are just under \$13 from Amazon and we will submit the group order on Monday, September 24th.

#### **Date Change for Bishop's Visit**

Bishop Barker's visit to St. Mark's and St. John's has changed to Sunday, Sept. 30th! Please update your calendars with this date and plan to join us for the Bishop's annual visit to our churches. Bishop Barker will be joining us for the 8 & 10 a.m. services at St. Mark's and the 2:30 p.m. service at St. John's in Harvard. We hope everyone is able to make it!

#### **St. Mark's Fellowship BBQ/Youth Group Kick-Off**

Please mark your calendar for our monthly fellowship gathering on Wednesday, September 12th at 5:30 pm. We will meet at Chuck & Sig Eigenberg's house at 5480 S. Marian Road. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share.

#### **Altar Flowers**

In an effort to encourage more members to provide Altar Flowers, the Altar Guild will try using 2 flower arrangements as opposed to 4 arrangements. This will decrease the cost of providing Altar Flowers. The cost is now \$50 instead of \$100. If you are interested, please sign the flower chart on the doors leading to the Educational Wing, or call the church office at 402-462-4126.

#### **Choir Members Needed**

If you enjoy singing, please consider joining the St. Mark's choir. No experience is necessary. Rehearsals are at 9 am each Sunday from September thru May. If interested, please contact Ralph Southern or Dean Katie.

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## New Beginnings Bag Project

During our Lenten Wednesday evening study, we heard from Deacon Teresa Houser about "Friends of Tamar" and the New Beginnings Bag Project they do in Omaha. The Outreach Committee decided to partner with SASA in Hastings to collect items for these bags and assemble them to give to SASA to hand out to those fleeing abusive situations. Imagine being in an abusive relationship with the chance or need to get out quickly, which often means they do not have the chance to pack a suitcase! So those people who come to SASA for help, often with their children, need a starter kit of basic necessities. The Outreach Committee plans on making this an ongoing commitment, but hope to start with 50 bags to be packed on October 14th. The list of items for the bags can be found below:

### Adult Bag:

- Deodorant
- Shampoo
- Conditioner
- Toothbrush
- Toothpaste
- Body Wash
- Body Lotion
- Facial Wash
- Hairbrush
- Mini First-Aid Kit
- Small Package of pads/tampons
- Journal
- Pen
- \$5-10 fast food gift card

### Child Bag:

- Toothbrush
- Story Book
- Small Toy or Puzzle
- \$5-10 fast food gift card

### More Possible Additions:

- Washcloths
- Nail Polish
- Fun socks
- Gum or candy



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## OPEN TABLE PHOTOS

