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## Growing Tomorrow's Church

by Drew Christiansen

A lot of my past youth ministry experience before St. Mark's was actually being a part of youth groups myself, which was some time ago but not a very long time ago. As I've gotten to know kids at both St. Mark's Cathedral and St. Mark's Cathedral School, it brings back memories of my own experience being a church youth.

During my middle school and early high school years, I went with a friend of mine every Wednesday evening to the youth group at his church. There must have been 30 to 50 kids there on any given Wednesday evening. (Maybe it was less. But when you're smaller, crowds seem bigger.) It was a large church with a recently built addition featuring a large carpeted gym, and several youth rooms. Wednesday evenings usually consisted of time to run free and play games (they had all the fun activities you could think of) either outside or inside followed by something instructional. The instructional piece usually consisted of the latest and greatest use of multimedia (which in the 00's, may seem laughable to today). The youth ministry was flashy. It was hip. It seemed to me at that time to be a large, organized, and smoothly running machine without any hiccups. (I'm sure there were some hiccups, but when you're not the one running it, you- perhaps ironically- don't usually notice).

Also during my high school years, I went with a different friend of mine to his church youth group on Sunday mornings. There

must have been 4 to 6 kids there on any given Sunday in the high school age group, and then 6 or 7 in the middle school age group. The age groups were usually separated then. My experience meeting those mornings with 3 or 4 other high schoolers was much different, but very substantive. We had two adult youth leaders whom I still look back on fondly as being pivotal in my own spiritual growth and religious maturity. They challenged us to think about big life topics. I actually made friends with people at this youth group, one whom I still keep in touch with time to time. In the former setting, I of course had my friend I went with, but I do not know if I could remember more than two of the first names out of all those kids that were there every week.

Now neither one of these settings is "better than the other." The former had a lot more "bible talk," which is sorely needed to keep religious and biblical-literacy in our next generation of worshipers and leaders of the churches. The latter largely lacked this, and therefore some of our sessions seemed more like therapy than it did church. Because of the former's large, noisy setting that involved many participants in a single activity, there was little time for kids to "sub-group" into little

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Mo-Ranch, Hunt, TX

To love and serve Christ. To love and serve one another in Christ. To love and serve the world for Christ.

## SUNDAY WORSHIP

8:00 am, 10:30 am & 6:00 pm Sunday  
Holy Eucharist

*Holy Unction offered at 8:00 am,  
10:30 am and 6:00 pm*

5:30 pm Friday

Holy Eucharist (uses the Sunday Propers)

### FEBRUARY 4, 2018

#### *The Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany*

Isaiah 40 :21-31      1 Corinthians 9 :16-23  
Psalm 147 :1-12, 21C      Mark 1 :29-39

### FEBRUARY 11, 2018

#### *The Last Sunday after the Epiphany*

2 Kings 2 :1-12      1 Corinthians 4 :3-6  
Psalm 50 :1-6      Mark 9 :2-9

### FEBRUARY 18, 2018

#### *The First Sunday in Lent*

Genesis 9: 8-17      1 Peter 3 :18-22  
Psalm 25:1-9      Mark 1:9-15

### FEBRUARY 25, 2018

#### *The Second Sunday in Lent*

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16      Romans 4:13-25  
Psalm 22:22-30      Mark 8:31-38

## Weekday Worship at the Cathedral

### **Wednesdays:**

7:00 a.m.

Holy Eucharist

### **Weekdays except**

### **Wednesdays:**

12:00 noon

Holy Eucharist

### **Fridays:**

5:30 p.m.

Holy Eucharist

*(This service is an  
option for those  
who cannot attend  
Sunday worship.)*



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circles, therefore giving little opportunity for kids to get to personally know each other. While in the latter, we had a sense of community and a support system. The relationships were real and authentic, not superficial. In the former, I largely felt that we were celebrating the timeless message of Jesus, what God is doing in each of our lives, and growing in our relationship with God. In the latter, I felt that we were contemplating and reflecting on the timeless message of Jesus, what God is doing in each of our lives, and growing in our relationship with God. In both settings, my relationship with God grew, in two differently-needed crucial ways.

St. Mark's is not like either of these two. It has its own character. St. Mark's youth ministry varies from day to day, making it difficult to narrow down into a single description. But there is something I definitely see in St. Mark's youth ministry: potential. The two settings of my youth that I described were very different, but they each had benefits. I have seen elements, if you will, of the best things about both of those settings in St. Mark's. And the more I reflect on this, the more I see the potential for St. Mark's to build on these features and be a "best of all worlds."

But we need more involvement. Youth ministry is important. It is important, along with our promising children's ministry, because it is through the hearts and minds of the still growing and maturing that God will define the character of the Church of the future. And it is through the indwelling of Christ and his Spirit in the hearts and minds of the young that the Church will be equipped to boldly proclaim and bring meaning to a world whose only hope is Christ.

The youth of St. Mark's are great. For those who follow me on social media, you may remember a post I made several weeks ago about the eighth grade students in my Confirmation class: they are "very smart, not able to fool, genuinely engaged in the class discussion, and are moved by the depth that the topic of religion has." The youth here are interested in matters of faith. This is promising!

At the same time, kids these days are busy. This is the nature of today's world. Extracurricular activities have taken on a level they didn't have in the past, and this is largely a good, exciting thing. But there are only so many hours in a day. Over the past five months, we have developed a calendar for youth activity that gives options for people. Every week there is something going on for the youth to come and be involved with. If one of our youth ministries is not feasible to come to at the time, there may be one that is. I will encourage you to look at our EYC Calendar found on page 6 and look at some of the opportunities.

I have a good group of dedicated parents who share my hopes for St. Mark's. I am very excited that some of them have committed early on to the upcoming Mo-Ranch trip and to our upcoming CLEY trip to Camp Hardtner. These are both great opportunities for St. Mark's youth group. Besides the huge amounts of fun these trips will have, it is these trips and future trips like these that will bring people together for the greater glory of God and the future of Church.

May God shine his light on you and show you his purpose each day. And may we, of all ages, be important workers in his plan. *Amen.*

*Drew Christiansen*

*Curate*

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## EYC Calendar

- February 4 – Super-Bowl Sunday gathering @ Weaver Residence
- February 7 – Wednesday Evening boys & girls Galatians Bible Studies @6PM
- February 11 – Sunday afternoon trip to G-Rock (Time TBA)
- February 14 – Wednesday Evening Galatians boys & girls Bible Studies @6PM
- February 21 – Wednesday Evening Galatians boys & girls Bible Studies @6PM
- February 25 – Bonfire at Marshall Farm, Stonewall

## Upcoming Trips:

- March 9-11: CLEY @ Camp Hardtner (open to grades 9-12)
- March 25-30: Trip to MO-RANCH (open to grades 6-12)

For any information on registering for these trips, please contact Drew Christiansen: [Drew@stmarkscathedral.net](mailto:Drew@stmarkscathedral.net)

## Children's Christian Formation

**9:15 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Nursery**  
(newborn to K3 - 3 years old by September 30th)  
First floor of Parish building next to Catechesis

### Atriums

**9:30 – 10:30 a.m. Sunday school (1st – 5th grade)**  
Second floor of Parish building in the old nursery location

**9:30 a.m. Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (K-3 – Kindergarten)** First floor of Parish Building- Rooms 105 & 106

**10:30 a.m. Children's Chapel (1st – 5th grade)**  
Second floor of Parish building in the old nursery location

## Adult Christian Formation

### Living Compass / Marriage Class

**9:30 am**  
Ministry Center Garden Room

### Old Testament 101

**9:30 am**  
Ministry Center Room 101  
Taught by Jay Weimer

## Lost Anything at Church?

Or maybe you're just missing some item and have no idea where it might have gone. Drop by or call the church office and check into our lost and found! We have everything from sunglasses to scarves to cell phones to jewelry (including some very nice pieces.) Check and see what you're missing!

## UPCOMING EYC TRIP

There will be an EYC Spring trip on March 25th-30th to Mo-Ranch, a ranch in beautiful Hill Country of Hunt, TX. We will be staying at the Log Lodge there. There will be plenty of activities available on site including canoeing and rock climbing. We will also be going into San Antonio for a day for a service project. Spaces are limited. The Cathedral will partially subsidize the trip but there will be individual costs as well. Look out for more details as they come. Please direct any questions to our curate Drew: [Drew@stmarkscathedral.net](mailto:Drew@stmarkscathedral.net)

## The Fasting Fund – a St. Mark's Lenten Tradition

One of St. Mark's Lenten traditions is the Fasting Fund. The purpose is simple: We ask that you forgo one meal a week, and contribute a few dollars - what you would have spent on that meal - to the fasting fund. (Of course, you can forgo more than one meal a week if you wish.) Baskets are placed at the back of the chapel for the daily 7:00 a.m. Eucharist services and the base of the steps to the chancel for Sunday services to collect these offerings. Donations to the Lenten Fasting Fund are given to an area ministry serving the poor, the homeless, the hungry, or others in need. Please consider making the Fasting Fund a part of your Lenten observance. A simple fast of one or more meals a week can teach us a lot about the temptations Jesus faced in the wilderness and our own earthly journey. Join us.



## MEMORIAL FLOWERS

### February 4

The flowers on the High Altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Frank John (Jack) Reeks, Sr.

The flowers on the Chapel Altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Judith A. Braun and Richard Jerome Vaughn, and in thanksgiving for the ordination of the Rev. Deacon Andrew Christiansen.

### February 11

The flowers on the High Altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Paula Minor Coleman, Rowena Cowan Minor, Genevieve Davis Younker, Edwin Carroll Minor and Joseph Francis Loftus.

### February 18

The flowers on the High Altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Robert Uhle Goodman, Edith Caskey Goodman, Uhle Slater Goodman, Knox Williams McGuffin, Burford McGuffin and David Burford McGuffin.

### February 25

The flowers on the Chapel Altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mary & Tom Crichton, and in honor of the wedding anniversary of Susie & Scott Crichton.

## DEATHS

*Rest Eternal grant to them, O Lord; and let light perpetual shine upon them.*

**Patrick Rand**, son of **Marge Rand**, on December 25, 2017.

**Priscilla Clafin**, mother of **Barbara Newtown**, grandmother of **Elizabeth Gore & David Newtown**, on January 22, 2018.

**Marjorie Ingersoll**, wife of **Tuck Ingersoll**, sister of **Frances Thigpen**, on January 23, 2018.

*May their souls, and the souls of all the departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.*

## BIRTHS

**Theodore Field McMurry**, son of **Beth & Paul McMurry**, on January 10, 2018.

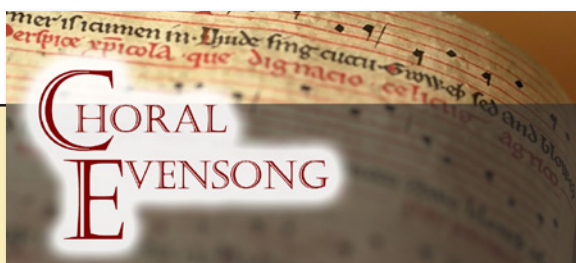
## Parish Meeting

The annual Parish Meeting was held January 21, 2018. New Vestry members elected are Marilyn Kirkland, Lisa Love, Cody Mayo, William Weaver, and Bud Westmoreland.

Vestry members rolling off are Laura Boyd, Bonnie Dubin, David Roberts, Doug Rountree and Patrick White.

Copies of the annual report are available in the church office.

## Music News



### Weekly Choral Evensong at St. Mark's

The St. Mark's Boys and Girls Choir will present Evensong at 5:15 pm on the following Sundays in January:

**February 4**

**February 25**

*Please join us for this beautiful and introspective service.* If you have any questions or you know of a child who would benefit from participation in the Boys and Girls Choir, please call Canon Bryan Mitnaul at 318.226-4034.

## Choir Pilgrimage to the UK

The St. Mark's Choir will be making an international pilgrimage to the United Kingdom this coming summer. Their travel dates will be July 26 – August 3, 2018. Our choirs will be singing services at Great St. Mary's Church, Cambridge; Guildford Cathedral and Salisbury Cathedral. There are still spaces available for non-choir members to join the choir on this exciting trip. Please contact Canon Bryan Mitnaul for more information.

During the next six months the choirs will be raising funds to help offset the cost of the trip for its members. They have plans to host sales of baked goods, homemade gumbo and cookbooks as well as sponsoring a Hymn-a-thon. There will be more details for these events in upcoming editions of the Evangelist.

If you are interested in helping to make this trip possible for a young chorister, please contact Canon Bryan at [bryan@stmarkscathedral.net](mailto:bryan@stmarkscathedral.net) or call him at 318-226-4034.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

<b>February 1</b> Joy Ratcliff Taylor Love Jeffrey Brainard	7 Nancy Cesario Richard Liles K. Michael Kilcline Watterson Young Nicholas Fontana Kathryn Jackson	13 Zach Carter Haley Harrington William Stroud Mary Stari	18 Twylla Seaman	Jay Crooms Nicole Cotter Frances Jenkins
2 Lennis Elston Matt Locke Brooke Shemwell	9 Scott Grounsell Gwenn Coley Jake Stroud Celia Blanchard	14 John Butcher Vicki Johnson Lee Smith John White Reid Jones Elizabeth O'Neal Caroline Schoonover	19 Mary Jo Kayser Holli Hennessy Michael Ameen Layne LeBleu	24 Cass Gaiennie Deanna Kamphuis Catherine Allen Anna Sanderson William Guthrie
3 Carolyn Sheridan Bettie Hastings Laurie Bijou Andrea Petrosch	10 D. Wesley Attaway Elizabeth Gore Morgan Ersoff Colin Carter Gaines Harris	15 Anita Berg Dare Johnson David Drummond Kamarie Childs	20 Fran Hewitt Robert Carter Whitaker	25 Sara Hearne Leigh Ann O'Brien Suzanne Otto
4 Marilyn Kirkland Candace Higginbotham Scotty Denhollem Kyle McInnis	11 Mary Clare Taliaferro Kim Kayser Madison Ersoff	16 Joan Gresham Arthur Seal Kip Porter Stella Porter Alexander Schoonover	21 Carol Anne Caraway Jon Summers Mario Villafuerte Don Huguley Thomas Nsubuga Jackie Fontana Brittany Owens Gaffney Nelson	26 Hugh Walmsley Danielle Dean
5 Dalton Bijou Marsha Friedrich Martin Meeks Ashley Jackson John Gray Pou Meredith Waltman	12 Lory Tubbs Lynn Poole Caffrey Brown Caitlin FitzGerald Austin Sullivan Spencer Hardtner	17 Karen Kennedy Ardie Cesario Carl Pendley Catherine Humphrey	22 Denee Locke Karla Querbes Benjamin Johnson Carson Massad Ella Bylsma Ford Gillen	27 Jon Q=Petersen Donna Touchstone Samantha Powers Thompson Berry
6 Sandy Dean Ashley Kisla Ashley McConnell			23 Pede Adams Melissa Harris	28 Joe Cage John Goddard Caroline Reeks

### Lenten Series Speakers 2018

Date / Season	Theme	Speaker
February 21	Praise	Rev. Kaylan Walker
February 28	Repent	Fr. Gregg Riley
March 7	Ask	Dr. Samira Izadi Page
March 14	Yield	Common Ground
March 21	Endure	Bishop Duncan Gray
March 28	Rejoice	Community Renewal

*All series will be in the evening at 5:30 pm followed by dinner*

### Lenten Daily Eucharist

Our 7:00 a.m. daily Monday-Friday Eucharists begin on February 15 and run through March 29. Please join us in the Chapel and make this special service part of your Lenten journey.



### Easter Memorials

It is the custom at St. Mark's at Easter to invite our parish family to make a contribution to the Glory of God and in memory or honor of a loved one. This is not only an appropriate way to honor those who have gone before us, but these gifts make it possible to decorate the Cathedral in a festive manner. If you wish to make a donation please send your check along with the name or names you wish to commemorate to Becky Deverts in the Cathedral office no later than Friday, March 16.

## Ash Wednesday

*Schedule*  
**February 14**

The Imposition of Ashes and Holy Eucharist  
7:00 a.m., 8:00 a.m.,  
12:00 p.m. and 5:30 p.m.

## Members of the Vestry of St. Mark's Cathedral

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