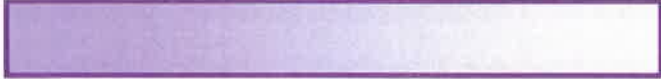


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Kenneth Maher, husband of Diane Sino, on April 24, 2021.

Happy Birthday

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Charlotte Spence	Joseph Hargrove	Trey Moore
Cole Guthrie	Traci Hardwick	Berenda Brown
Murphy Tamplin	Quintin Hardtner, V	Robert Hernandez
Malloy McInnis		Clay Nelson
	6	Delton Smith
3	Kathryn Prestridge	Lauralee Davis
Megan Campbell	John Mata	Francis McMurry
Connor Powers	Sherri Skrivanos	
John Brainard	Diane Wagner	8
Kate Hernandez	William Roy	Celte Knox
	Joe Hernandez	Betty Williams
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Community

The St. Luke's Mobile Medical Ministry van will be at the Cathedral this Sunday! St. Luke's is a mobile medical ministry in Northwest Louisiana. Using their medical RV, they provide free preventive health screenings, basic health services, health education, and medical referrals on a regular basis to the underserved in the rural and urban Louisiana communities of Caddo, Bossier, Webster, Desoto, and Claiborne parishes. You will be able to take a look inside the van and talk to staff about their work in the community. **The van will be parked in front of the Ministry Center beginning at 9:00 am Sunday. Please drop by!**

Meals On Wheels Opportunity! It's only a one hour volunteer opportunity every Monday delivering Meals on Wheels to eight seniors at Evangeline senior apartments (across street from Betty Virginia Park) St Marks would like to get a team together to do this once a week. The team can decide on their schedule for the each month. **Please email Jennifer for more information. Jennifer@ stmarkscathedral.net**

We have re-started our SPIRITUAL DIRECTION GROUP on Mondays at 10:00 am in the library. The group is open to all who are interested in spiritual growth and participation in a caring and accepting group. (Other times to meet may also become available on request). **For more information contact Rowena@stmarkscathedral.net.**

EYC will meet this Sunday for dinner, activity, and compline from 6:15 to 7:30 pm.

Community Renewal Fruit Signup List! The Community Renewal after school programs teach and practice balanced nutrition at their meals. The Barksdale neighborhood would greatly appreciate 25 pieces/servings of fruit every Monday. Fruit may be fresh or canned and should be dropped off at the church office any time before the assigned Monday at 10:00 am. **The signup this year is online: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E044FAFAA2D6-fruit>.**

Remember as a child how a stuffed animal eased your fears? For the month of April, we will be collecting NEW stuffed animals for the CARA center. The CARA center is a partnership of Christus and LSUHSC to provide aftercare and medical care for the diagnosis, management and prevention of child abuse and neglect in our local area. For the month of April, drop off new stuffed animals at the church office. **For any questions contact Jennifer Beruvides at jennifer@stmarkscathedral.net**

St. Mark's has a birthday card ministry! If you find yourself wanting to serve but needing to do it on your own time, please consider this meaningful ministry. Materials are provided. For more information, please **contact Lauren Ewing at 550-1743 or lauren.ewing@me.com**.

The St. Mark's School Parents Club annual Fiesta fund raiser has been reconceived and combined with the school Field Day in order to provide a family friendly all-school event that can happen outside. An online auction, reduced in scale and scope this year out of respect for the challenges local merchants have faced, will occur the same week as Field Day, which will now feature food trucks and family activities. Please accept our apologies for any inconveniences caused by Fiesta Field Day on **Friday, May 7!**

If you are going through a difficult time, one of the Stephen Ministers from St. Mark's may be able to help. Stephen Ministers are laypersons who have received special training to listen, care, encourage and provide emotional and spiritual support for persons who are facing a crisis or going through tough times. After all, there are many difficulties and transitions in this life! Why not give yourself the gift of a Stephen Minister who can accompany you on part of your journey?! The care you receive is confidential, free and very helpful. For more information, contact the Rev. Dr. Rowena White at rowena@stmarkscathedral.net.

Sunday Readings

The Fifth Sunday of Easter
Acts 8:26-40 * 1 John 4:7-21
John 15:1-8

Thoughts from the Dean and the Stewardship Team

It is not a question of how reasonable it is to tithe. It is not a question of convenience. It is not a question of what God will do for us. It is a question of faith in God as creator and owner of all things, and complete trust in God's providential promises. Every Christian can benefit by tithing because it makes more vital that faith, which surely has been tested before.

Additional Resources

Dean Alston Johnson's Blog:

<https://thecarpentersnail.blog/>

St. Mark's Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/St-Marks-Cathedral-Shreveport-181096028587074/>

Bishop Jake Owensby's Blog:

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