



God does not promise a “pass” from the difficulties in our lives; instead, God promises the presence of His son, and promises us one another. A Stephen Minister may be the companion for whom you have been waiting. Stephen Ministers are “one-on-one” Christian companions who listen confidentially, and are spiritually present during another’s time of need. If you are feeling that a Stephen Minister might be helpful to you, please contact:
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Happy Birthday

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Community

This Sunday is Confirmation Sunday. Bishop Owensby will be with us for the 10:30 am service and to meet with the Confirmands prior to the service. We will also have a reception honoring Mtr. Beth Hendrix following the service.

EYC will be meeting on Wednesdays May 11 & May 18, from 5:30 - 7 PM in the Youth Room. Grades 6 - 12 are welcome! Mark your calendars for Sunday, May 22 for our EYC Pool Party! Please contact Sarah with any questions (smceyc318@gmail.com).

After a break for COVID-19, the Dinners for Eight program be getting underway again this summer. The purpose is simply to have fun and to get to know others on an informal basis in our homes. Groups of eight people - singles and couples of various ages - are randomly formed for a period of one year. Groups share four dinners throughout the year, each hosted by a different person/persons. The host provides the entrée and asks members of the group to bring other items. **Contact Priscilla@stmarkscathedral.net if you would like to participate in one of these groups.**

To love and serve Christ.

To love and serve each other in Christ.

To love and serve the world for Christ.

This summer is going to be a HOT one! Let's help our friends at Caddo Council on Aging stay cool! During the month of May, you can donate a box fan to help beat the heat! Fans should be left in the church office. **For questions, contact Jennifer Beruvides at jennifer@stmarkscathedral.net**

The Women's Bible Study meets on Wednesdays at 10:30 am through May 25. We meet in room 101 of the Ministry Center for coffee and conversation around the upcoming Sunday's lectionary readings. Please contact Mother Beth if you are interested or if you have questions (beth@stmarkscathedral.net).

In keeping with the tradition of honoring our United States Veterans, we are working to create a memorial honoring all St. Mark's Cathedral Veterans that have served in United States Armed Services during a designated time of war or conflict since WWII. Eligibility will be based on the criteria of the National Defense Service Medal, which is currently awarded to anyone who has served on active duty, or as an active reservist, in the United States Armed Forces during the Korean War (June 27, 1950 – July 27, 1954), Vietnam War (January 1, 1961 – August 14, 1974), Gulf Wars (August 2, 1990 – November 30, 1995) or the Global War on Terrorism (September 11, 2001 – Present). Please forward the names of all eligible Veterans of whom you are aware and any additional information (including rank, branch of service, years of service, the military conflict in which they served and whether they died in service), who are or were members of our Parish, before, during or after serving in the US Armed Services to **Lisa Love** at liallove6203@gmail.com.

Calling all children, youth, and adults for Vacation Bible School! We will enjoy music, storytelling and crafts, God in the natural world, and caring for our temples – our bodies. VBS runs from 9:00 am-Noon . Arrive between 8:30-8:55 am ; pick up is between 11:45-Noon. Registration includes a morning snack and water available throughout. Registration will remain open until we reach capacity, which will be determined by the number of adult volunteers who sign up during registration to be with us on-site during VBS. Vacation Bible School is open to rising four-year-olds through rising fifth grade, based on the child's 2022 - 2023 age and school grade.

Episcopal Relief and Development is mobilizing with Anglican agencies and other partners in order to provide humanitarian assistance to people fleeing the violence in Ukraine. Working with the Action by Churches Together Alliance (ACT Alliance), Episcopal Relief and Development will provide cash, blankets, hygiene supplies and other needed assistance. **You can donate at episcopalrelief.org.**

Everyone is welcome to try Pickleball! There are games every Thursday from 6:00 to 8:00 in the gym. Tobin Grigsby and Robert and Debbie Grand have organized this enjoyable and healthy sport.

Sunday Readings

The Fifth Sunday of Easter
Acts 11:1-18* Revelation 21:1-6
John 13:31-35

Thoughts from the Dean and the Stewardship Team

A Christian steward does not dedicate time, talent, or treasure that they may become God's, but because they are God's.

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:

<https://jakeowensby.com/blog/>

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