



## St. Mark's Messenger The Newsletter of St. Mark Lutheran Church February 2011

### *A Message from our Shepherd*

**PERSONAL PREPARATION FOR HOLY COMMUNION - found on page 156 in the front of the hymnal.**

This personal preparation is most helpful to read through on any Sunday, those Sundays we celebrate with Holy Communion and those we do not, to help us prepare our hearts in quiet meditation before the worship service. Please consider adding it to your preparation before worship.

Q: What does God tell me about myself in his holy Word?

A: He says that I am a sinner and deserve only his punishment.

Q: What should I do if I am not aware of my sins or am not troubled by them?

A: I should examine myself according to the Ten Commandments and ask how well I have carried out my responsibilities as a husband or wife or single person, as a parent or child, an employer or employee, a teacher or student. Have I loved God with all my heart, gladly heard his Word, and patiently endured affliction? Have I been disobedient, proud, or unforgiving? Have I been selfish, lazy, envious, or quarrelsome? Have I lied or deceived, taken something not mine, or given anyone a bad name? Have I abused my body or permitted indecent thoughts to linger in my mind? Have I failed to do what is right and good?

Q: When I realize that I have sinned against God and deserve his punishment, what should I do?

A: I will confess before God all my sins, those which I remember as well as those of which I am unaware. I will pray to God for his mercy and forgiveness.

Q: How do I receive his gracious forgiveness?

A: His Word assured me that Jesus led a pure and holy life for me and died on the cross for me to pay the full price for all my sins. Through faith in Jesus, I have been clothed in my Savior's perfect righteousness and holiness.

Q: What further assurance do I have that Jesus is mine and I am his?

A: In Holy Communion he gives me his body and blood together with the bread and wine as a truly life-giving food and drink to unite me with him and my fellow believers. By means of this sacrament, Jesus not only forgives my sins but sweeps away all my doubts about his love for me, gives me his own strength to live a God-pleasing life, and grants me a joyful foretaste of heaven.

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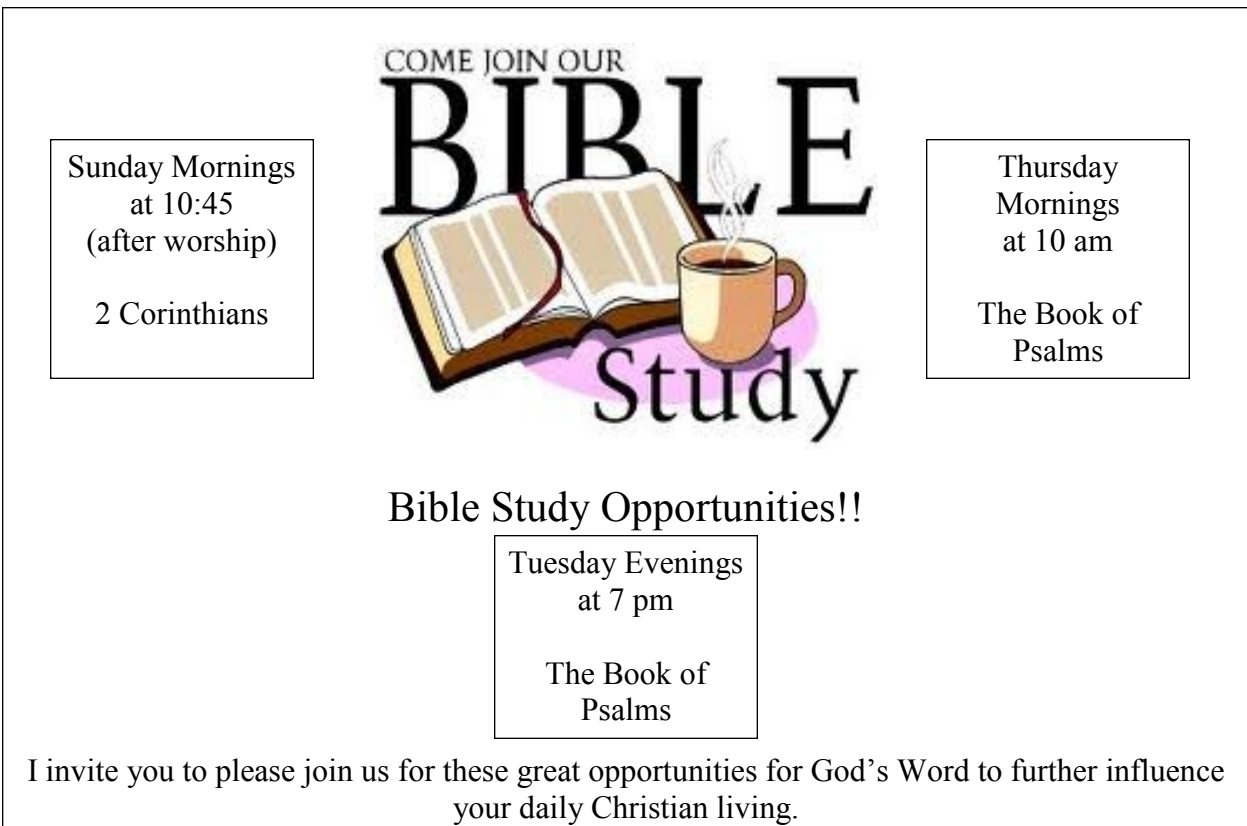
Q: How can I be sure I receive all these blessings in the Lord's supper?

A: I have his own word spoken as his last will and testament on the night before he died. There he tells me: "Take and eat; this is my body. Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this in remembrance of me."

Q: How will I respond to this priceless gift from Jesus?

A: I will daily thank and praise him for his love to me. With his help I will fight temptation, do my best to correct whatever wrongs I have done, and serve him and those around me with love and good works.

Lord Jesus, with joy and gratitude I now come to your table to receive the precious food of your life-giving body and blood. May it strengthen me to remain in you as you remain in me, so that I bear much fruit in devoted service to you and in acts of kindness to others. Amen.



The graphic features a central illustration of an open Bible and a steaming cup of coffee. Above the Bible, the text reads "COME JOIN OUR BIBLE Study". The word "BIBLE" is in large, bold, black letters, and "Study" is in a smaller, black, serif font below it. The illustration is set against a light purple circular background.

**Sunday Mornings**  
at 10:45  
(after worship)  
  
2 Corinthians

**Thursday Mornings**  
at 10 am  
  
The Book of Psalms

**Bible Study Opportunities!!**

**Tuesday Evenings**  
at 7 pm  
  
The Book of Psalms

I invite you to please join us for these great opportunities for God's Word to further influence your daily Christian living.



## *What is Mary Martha Guild?*

From October thru April, (2<sup>nd</sup> Wed., 9:30 am) the ladies of St. Mark meet to grow in God's grace through Bible study, fellowship and in the service of others, both inside and outside our congregation. No dues are collected although we do take a free-will collection for M/M expenses & projects as well as for LWMS. (Our WELS Lutheran Women's Missionary Society which supports national and international projects.)

As a group, we are committed to serving St. Mark as well as supporting the Central African Medical Mission, collecting food labels for education, collecting food for the Leesburg food bank, financial gifts for our seminary student & his family, Apache children mission along with numerous other projects as members see a need. After each business meeting, we always have an activity which may include a demonstration, guest speaker, craft project, party, lunch out, etc.

Ladies, let this be your invitation to join us this month which also happens to be our annual *Ladies' Lunch Out*. After our meeting we'll gather at Olive Garden for a delicious lunch. What a great time this could be to learn about what we do, have a delicious meal & get acquainted with some of the women you see at church each week but haven't yet met!

Dee Carruthers, President

## 2011!

Did you know this year we have 1/1/11,  
1/11/11, 11/1/11, and 11/11/11?

Well how about this ...  
take the last 2 digits of the year you  
were born, add the age you will be this  
year, and it will equal...

111  
Isn't that great?!

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**Our New Church Pictorial Directory**  
is days away!

Do you remember the day and time you  
chose for your appointment?

Thursday February 3rd  
Friday February 4th  
Saturday February 5th  
Tuesday February 15th

Please sign up now if you forgot!

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## St. Mark's Messenger

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The Messenger is published monthly for  
members, winter members and friends of  
St. Mark Lutheran Church.

Deadline for submissions for the  
March newsletter  
is Friday March 18

## A Christian Concert

Please join us for a free Christian Concert  
hosted by St. Mark Lutheran Church  
On Wednesday February 2nd at 7 pm.  
Chris Dreisbach will perform Christian songs on  
guitar and keyboard. The concert is free.  
CD's will be available for purchase.

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## Thank you

The gift of a video projector, screen, and stand has  
been given to St. Mark Lutheran Church by Gwen  
Kuske in loving memory of her brother, Gordon  
Duin, who joined the saints triumphant in January  
2010. Thank you, Gwen. May these tools assist  
our endeavor to glorify God and share his love  
through the ministry of St. Mark's.

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## What happened at the Voter's Meeting?

At the January 23, 2011 voter's meeting:  
Russ Clune was re-elected Stewardship chairman; Bob  
Jasenovec, Worship and Christian Education; Ron  
Haenle, Evangelism; Bob Reif, Elder; and Larry Gord-  
hamer was newly elected as Maintenance Chairman.

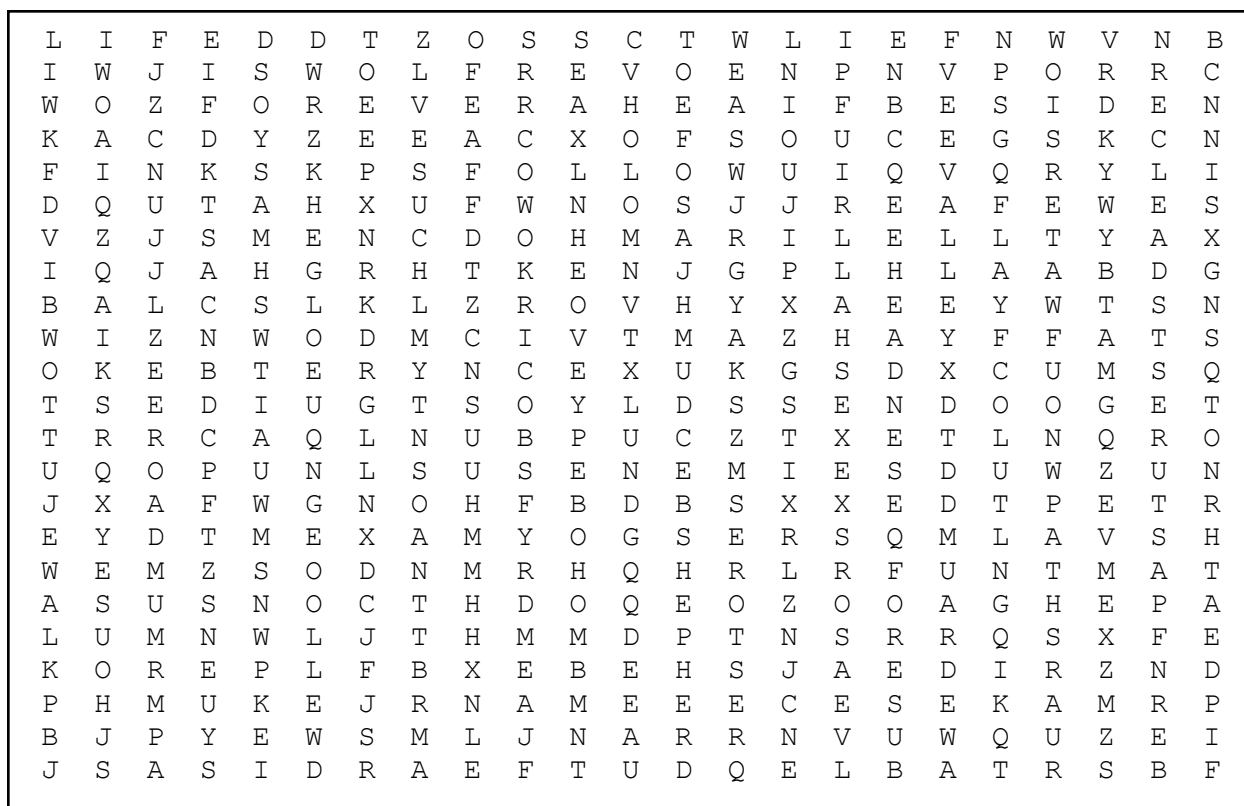
Motion was approved to appoint a committee to  
study what may be best for Pastor and his family's  
housing and prepare a report with its findings for the  
congregation in 6 months.

Motion was approved to stop placing the "Free-will"  
basket out on Sunday mornings. The hope is that we  
may appear as inviting as possible and not cause any-  
one to feel uncomfortable in any way.

For those who would like the opportunity to support  
the fellowship that we offer, you may include a spe-  
cial gift in your envelope and mark it "Fellowship" in  
the special box on the right hand side of your enve-  
lope. This money is used to purchase the plates,  
cups, napkins, coffee, tea, and the snacks served at  
our Sunday morning gatherings and other dinners.

Thank you for your concern to the impression we give  
our visitors! And thank you for supporting this oppor-  
tunity for ministry!

How about a word search custom made for you using words from Psalm 23!  
 Words may be found right to left, left to right, up and down, and diagonal.



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 pastures  
 waters  
 paths  
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 goodness  
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Lord  
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 down  
 leads  
 restores  
 righteousness  
 valley  
 rod  
 enemies  
 cup  
 mercy  
 house

is  
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 beside  
 soul  
 name  
 shadow  
 staff  
 anoint  
 overflows  
 follow  
 forever

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 be  
 me  
 green  
 quiet  
 guides  
 sake  
 death  
 comfort  
 head  
 surely  
 life

## **“Blessed are those who die in the Lord!”**

Early in the New Year the Lord called our dear brother in Christ, Raymond Dittmar, home to live with him in heaven. A memorial service was held at Hamlin & Hilbisch funeral home in Eustis on Friday, January 7th. The service was so well attended by family and friends that some people stood in the back of the chapel through the service. Pastor Rosenau shared a message from John 14 with the theme “Ray Is in His Father’s House.” A private committal of Ray’s cremated remains was held at the Greenwood Cemetery in Eustis on January 15th.

Perhaps some of you may know that Ray was president of King of Kings Lutheran Church when that congregation was building the church. Ray then transferred his membership to St. Mark’s in Leesburg in 1981, very near the beginning days of this congregation. We thank God for the gift of faith in Jesus as his Savior that he gave to Ray, and for the fruits of faith the Holy Spirit produced through this gentle man. The obituary that appeared in the Eustis paper is:

Raymond Dittmar, 97 of Eustis passed away on Monday, January 3, 2011. He was born in Wayne, Michigan and moved here in 1975 from Altamonte Springs, Florida. He was a residential home builder and a member of St. Marks Evangelical Lutheran Church of Leesburg. Mr. Dittmar is survived by his wife Margaret, his children; Bob Dittmar of Indian Rocks Beach, Florida, Colleen Teevan of Largo, Florida, Rod Dittmar of Pinckney, Michigan, Denny Chisholm of Belle Glade, Florida and Mo White of Holly Hill, Florida. He was predeceased by a son Ray and a daughter Margie Chisholm. Memorial services will be held in the Hamlin & Hilbisch Chapel on Friday January 7th at 3 PM with Pastor David Rosenau officiating. Interment will be in Greenwood Cemetery, Eustis. The family requests those desiring direct memorials to St. Mark’s Evangelical Lutheran Church, 28215 S US HWY 27, Leesburg, Florida 34748.

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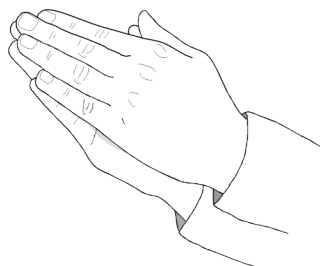
### **Common Table Prayers**

Before the meal

Come, Lord Jesus, be our guest.  
And let these gifts to us be blest.  
Amen.

After the meal

Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is  
good. And his mercy endures forever.  
Amen.





**\$35/Person!**

Date: 2/26/2011

Time: 8:00 AM

Rolling Hills Golf Club  
1749 Art Hagan Place  
Longwood, Florida 32750  
Phone: 407-834-6818



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WELS Congregations of the Citrus & St. John's River Circuits

# Golf Outing



*Call up your golfing friends and invite them to join you for a round of golf or simply join together with fellow brothers and sisters in the faith. The cost is very reasonable. The Scramble format means everyone can just have fun and not stress out. Rolling Hills is easily accessible from I-4 in Altamonte Springs.*

## Highlights

- Best Ball Scramble Tournament
- \$35/person
- Includes Greens fees, cart and lunch
- Grouped by team handicap
- Prizes for longest ball, closest to the pin and victory

Crown of Glory, Orlando  
King of Kings, Maitland  
Open Bible, The Villages  
Risen Savior, Orlando  
St. Mark, Leesburg

Christ the King, Palm Coast  
Good Shepherd, Deltona  
New Hope, West Melbourne  
Our Savior's, Port Orange  
Redeemer, Merritt Island

## Register

- By February 11th to Bill Boysen
- \$35/person, checks made out to *King of Kings*
- Include your average score for 18 holes