



**St. Mark's Messenger**  
**The Newsletter of St. Mark Lutheran Church**  
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*A Message from our Shepherd*

What is Prayer?

Prayer is a heart to heart talk with the one true God, whether it is spoken or unspoken. **Psalm 19:14** says, "May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be pleasing in your sight, O LORD, my Rock and my Redeemer."

God has given prayer to his children as a highly treasured privilege through faith in Jesus. Jesus broke down the barrier of our sin that once separated us from God and gave us free access to the Father. God spoke this great message of his love to us through his Word and our hearts respond in love and thanksgiving to our Savior God - in prayer.

**Ephesians 6:18** tells us "And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests." **Philippians 4:6** encourages us "Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God." What should we pray for? **Matthew 6:33** says "But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well."

Our Father wants us to pray to him at all times, on all occasions, and always in Jesus' name. Since we do not always know what the best solution for our situations is, we always ask the Lord to answer our prayers according to his holy and perfect will.

Jesus taught us to pray:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

Dear Christian, speak with God and "Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you."

- **1 Peter 5:7**

Your Shepherd in Christ,

Pastor David Rosenau

## Blessed In Aging

~Esther Mary Walker

Blessed are they who understand  
My faltering step and shaking hand  
Blessed, who know my ears today  
Must strain to hear the things they say.

Blessed are those who seem to know  
My eyes are dim and my mind is slow  
Blessed are those who look away  
When I spilled tea that weary day.

Blessed are they who, with cheery smile  
Stopped to chat for a little while  
Blessed are they who know the way  
To bring back memories of yesterday.

Blessed are those who never say  
“You’ve told that story twice today”  
Blessed are they who make it known  
That I am loved, respected and not alone.

And blessed are they who will ease the days  
Of my journey home, in loving ways.



- Sunday at 10:45 am - 2 Corinthians
- Tuesday at 7 pm - The Book of Psalms
- Thursday at 10 am - The Book of Psalms

New Bible Information Classes are offered at various times to any who would like to study and or review the foundational teachings of Scripture. Please contact Pastor if you are interested in a terrific refresher or if you are interested in communicant membership at St. Mark's.

## Pontoon Trip on the St. John's River

Date: Friday, March 25, 2011  
Depart: 8:30 AM from church  
Load and depart on Pontoons: 10 AM  
Lunch: Bring your own picnic lunch  
Return to church: about 4:30 or 5 PM  
Cost: Est. \$22 per person

Sign up sheet is in the narthex. If you have any questions, please contact John Wempner (Look for the tallest person in church).

## Thank You for the New Coffee Pot!

Thank you to the Mary Martha Guild for the gift of the new 100 cup coffee pot. May your gatherings continue to be a blessing for you, our church, and all those you desire to serve.

Sound interesting? Every woman in our congregation is invited to be a part of Mary Martha. Ask Dee Carruthers, the current president of the group, or any other woman in our congregation for more information!

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April newsletter  
is Friday March 18



## Lasagna Supper

Wed. March 9<sup>th</sup>  
5 - 6 pm  
(Lenten services 4 & 7pm)

You are invited to a lasagna supper in between worship services on Wednesday March 9th. All food for this meal is purchased so please sign up as soon as possible so we will know how much food to purchase and prepare. The sign up sheets may be found on the glass topped credenzas in the entrance way of the church (the narthex).

How do we pay for the meal? A free-will offering basket will be made available at the dinner to receive your voluntary donation to cover the costs of the meal.

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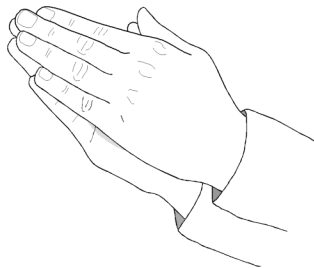
### Common Table Prayers

#### 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; For his mercy endures forever.  
Amen.



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### What happened to the free will offering basket on Sunday Mornings?

At the most recent voters' meeting the congregation voted 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 anyone to feel uncomfortable in any way.

For those who would like the opportunity to support the fellowship that we offer, you may include a special gift in your envelope and mark it "Fellowship" in the special box on the right hand side of your envelope. 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 for the impression we give our visitors! And thank you for supporting this opportunity for ministry!

Exciting news for our South Atlantic District! If you are in the area of Myrtle Beach, South Carolina on March 27th you are invited to share the joy of Pastor Ben Zahn and his family and the members of Amazing Grace Lutheran Church as they dedicate their new worship facility. May God continue to bless this ministry that began as a mission effort in January 2000.

## *Amazing Grace Lutheran Church Invites You*



Amazing Grace cordially invites you to join us  
as we dedicate our new building  
to the glory of God!  
Come and join us Sunday, March 27, 2011.

Dedication Service at 5 PM

A meal will follow

Everyone is invited

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