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St. Mark's Episcopal Church

Weekly E-News

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Blessing of the Animals

Friday, 10/4 6 pm

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ANIMALS



Did you know that St. Francis of Assisi is the Patron Saint of Ecology and Animals? The Blessing of the Animals service is our remembrance of St. Francis's love for all animals.

Bring your beloved pets tomorrow at 6:00 pm to receive a blessing. Bags will be given to each pet owner with valuable information and other items.

Church Work Day



**Bring your boots, your work gloves, some sunscreen, and most importantly--
a willing heart.**

Search Continues for New Youth Director and Children's Ministry Coordinator

New Job Flyers Available. Click the links below.

The search has been underway to find two special people: our new Youth Director and Children's Ministry Director.

The job description for the Youth Director is available [here](#) and the Children's Ministry Coordinator is [here](#). Share this link with those you think might be interested in either position.



The MOST important part of this process is **PRAYER!**

Please pray:

- for the persons whom God intends to fill these positions
 - for God to make the path easy for them
 - for unity in our decision process
 - for our youth group and children's ministry during this time of waiting
 - for anything else that the Holy Spirit leads you to pray
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Erin Cottos to Visit Sunday, 10/20

Our resident missionary, Erin Cottos will be with us in a little over two weeks to share what God has been doing in her life this past year. Be sure to put this on your calendar for Sunday, October 20th.

For those of you who haven't met Erin, she has been a parishioner here at St. Mark's since 2004. In 2009, God called her into the mission field, specifically to the country of Haiti. He expanded her call to include time in Guatemala and Kenya, but her heart belongs to the people of Haiti. As a pediatric physical therapist, Erin uses her love of children and knowledge of healing to make a difference in the lives of children where often there is little hope, especially for those with a disability.

We will take up an offering to help support Erin in the work that God has called her to do in His Kingdom.



Two New Small Group Opportunities

The task force working on our small group ministry has created Facebook pages designed to help two new groups develop. The first is Dinner for 8, a group of eight people who get together to share a meal and their lives. Participants can meet in a restaurant, in a home, or even in the fellowship hall. The other group is Families with Young Children, a group for young families who will gather for fun and fellowship--maybe even hold a Bible study. The options are endless!

The Facebook pages were created as a place for people to indicate that they would like to be a part of a group. Once there are enough who are interested, then the members will meet and begin figuring out the details for what they want to see happen in the group and other details such as: Will they meet weekly or monthly, where will they meet, what will be the focus, etc. So, if either group sounds like it's just what you need, go to the Facebook page to get more information and express your interest.

Facebook Page Names:

St. Mark's Church--Dinner for 8
St. Mark's Church--Families with Young Children

Adult Classes Sunday Mornings

We will have two options for adults to choose from for Bible study or Christian Formation.

Adult Bible Study

9:00 am every Sunday--Led by John Elmdahl in the Fellowship Hall Library.

A Survey of The New Testament Study

Sundays at 11:45 am began 9/15 for 9 weeks--This study provides a good overview of the New Testament. The class meets in the Sanctuary and is being facilitated by John DeMontel and others. There are weekly reading assignments. Please read **Acts chapters 19-28** for this Sunday and **Romans 1:18-2:16, 5, 8, 12-15:6** for the following Sunday. Click [here](#) for the list of the reading assignments for the entire class. **Just come when you can.**



Children's Ministry



Sunday, October 6

Kids in Christ

Sundays 11:45 am - 12:45 pm

Molly Wandel is overseeing Kids in Christ as we search for someone to fill our Children's Ministry Coordinator position. She is seeking volunteers to help with the kids each Sunday. If this interests you, visit with Molly this Sunday. **Gay DeMontel** is sharing her musical talent with the children by leading them in fun and active songs of worship.

Drama Kids International

Thursdays from 5:30-6:30 pm
in the Fellowship Hall

Drama Kids will be here again this year. The children who participated last year had a ton of fun. Their parents saw an increase in their self-confidence as well. Children in kindergarten through fifth grade are invited to participate. Sign up at www.dramakids.com/tx13, or call (361) 881-4813. The tuition is \$50 a month.

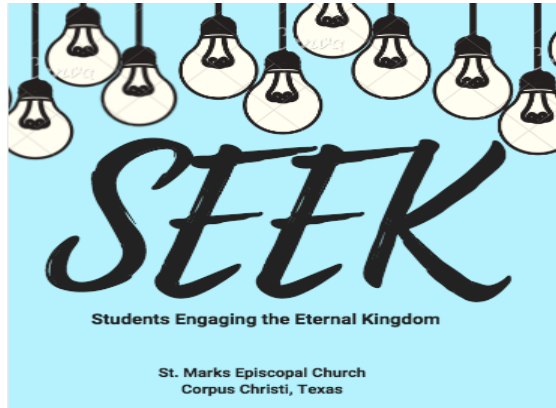


Nicki Green, Drama Kids Director

- * **Children's Chapel--during the 10:00 am worship service**
- * **Kids in Christ--begins after fellowship time about 11:45 am, after the Sunday morning service**

Kids in Christ Children's Ministry is for children 3 years old through 5th grade.

Click here [St. Mark's Kids in Christ Facebook](#) to go to St. Mark's Kids in Christ Facebook page.



SEEK Youth Ministry

Students Engaging the Eternal Kingdom

"But SEEK first His Kingdom and His Righteousness, and all things will be given to you."
Matthew 6:33

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This Week's Schedule

Sunday, October 6 11:45 am- 12:45 pm
SEEK Youth Group

Please pray for our next youth minister. We trust that God is already working in the life of this person to bring him or her to us.

Below are some helpful links for SEEK Youth Ministry.

[St. Mark's Youth Facebook Page](#)

[Diocesan Youth Ministry Events](#)

Calendar and Ministry Schedule

Click [here](#) for October Lay Ministry Schedule.
Let the office know if you can fill any of the open spots. THANK YOU!

October 6- Sunday

9:00 am - Adult Bible Study--Fellowship Hall Library
10:00 am - Morning Prayer--Sanctuary
11:15 am - Coffee Fellowship--Fellowship Hall
11:45 am - Kids in Christ--Fellowship Hall Kids in Christ Area
SEEK Youth Group--Fellowship Hall Youth Room
Foundations for Discipleship--Fellowship Hall
A Survey of the New Testament--Sanctuary
Task Force Group 1 Meeting--Fellowship Hall Library

October 8- Wednesday

12:00 pm - Elders Meeting--Fellowship Hall Library

1:00 pm - Staff Meeting--Fellowship Hall Library

October 3 - Thursday

6:45 am - Elders Prayer Group--Sanctuary Parlor

5:30 pm - Drama Kids--Fellowship Hall

7:00 pm - Bible Study & Prayer Group--Sanctuary Parlor

Helpful Links

Below you will find several links to websites or Facebook Pages that you might find helpful.

[St. Mark's Church Website](#)

[Donate to St. Mark's Church](#)

[St. Mark's Church Facebook](#)

[St. Mark's Youth Ministry Facebook](#)

[St. Mark's Children's Ministry Facebook](#)

[EMC2 Facebook](#)

[Diocese of West Texas Website](#)

[Diocesan Newsletter and Reflection Magazine](#)

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