

## St. Mark's Episcopal Church

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### Acolytes for Sunday, October 12 at 10:00

Dalane Vandergaag, Luke Welch & Mack Doebler

### Acolytes for Sunday, October 19 at 10:00

Carter Nicholas, John Dunn & Mack Doebler

- Need an acolyte sub: Mack Doebler is scheduled for Sunday, October 18, but he will be out of town. Is anybody available to sub for Mack?

**Youth Choir is Singing this Sunday. Please be in the choir room at 9:40 for warm-up.**

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### Children's Ministry

- Children's Chapel for ages 3-8 will take place during the first 35 minutes or so of the 10:00 service in the corner where the Garden Room usually is.
  - The Way of the Child for older elementary kids, ages 9-11 or 12 will meet after the 10:00 service in the Garden Room.
  - Registration forms are available at church, please see me if you didn't receive one in the mail and need to fill it out.
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### Youth

- Middle School Youth Sunday School is Sunday after the 10:00 service in the Library of the Church Office Building.
  - High School Youth will meet in the Youth Room after the 10:00 service each Sunday. Ross will be your leader this week, and group will get out early, about noon.
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### Wednesday Nights this Fall

- Music and formation opportunities for children ages 3 and up.
- Call or email me for more information. Registration will be required.
- Parents, check the church newsletter and website for the many great opportunities available to you as well!!
- Our Adult Education Series continues this week. Adults, sign up for 5:30 dinner by Sunday! Youth and Children will eat pizza at 6:15. Childcare is available for those whose parents wish to stay for the adult group.

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## Operation Christmas Child

- Put on your calendars now, Saturday, November 8th from 9-12noon as our sort and collection date for this project. RSVP if you can help out! All Middle and High School students are expected to participate.
- As a Greater World Outreach this year, we are going to participate in Franklin Graham's project through Samaritan's Purse called Operation Christmas Child.
- For Operation Christmas Child (OCC) children, parents, families and others pack shoe boxes full of non-perishable items, gifts and toys to be distributed to children around the world. Some are even distributed in the United States to rural and underdeveloped areas.
- When the packages are delivered, storybooks about the Good News of Christ's birth are also shared, and Bible classes are offered for families.
- This is a wonderful opportunity that we can share the wealth we have here in the US in a small way. Be watching for children's school items that are still on sale or clearance, and any other small gift and toy items. You can also include toiletries and non-perishable candies and snacks. No liquids are acceptable.

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## Middle School Youth Group

- Please remember to bring your folders and the journals back to Wednesday group this next week.
- You are also defining who Jesus is for class this next week.
- NEW BEGINNINGS #44 is a Spiritual Retreat for Middle School Students. This is sponsored by the Diocese. The next one is scheduled for October 24-26 at DaySpring. The cost is \$120.00 and St Mark's can help out with a portion of that fee. If you are interested, please let me know ASAP!

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## Media Night

- Middle and High School Students.
- November 14-15.
- Lock-in with lots of snacks, games and media like video games and movies.
- If you want to try to stay up all night, that's your call.
- Parents, you are welcome to join us. But please don't expect your children to function normally on Saturday after trying to stay up all night.
- If this is something you'd like to do, let me know ASAP.

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Family Movie Night-RESCHEDULED!

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## Praise Band Concert

- Many of you know my husband, Ross, and know that he is a musician and plays contemporary Christian Music.
  - He along with a vocalist/keyboard player friend, our next door neighbor who is a drummer and another guitar player friend are going to have a PRAISE BAND CONCERT on Saturday, October 11 at Our Living Lord Lutheran Church in Lakewood Ranch at 6pm.
  - YOU ARE ALL INVITED!! It is free.
  - And, you are all invited to gather at our house for finger foods and fellowship starting at 4:30 before going to the concert.
  - If you'd like to attend, please let me know ASAP!
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- Safeguarding Training will take place at St Mark's on Saturday, October 25 from 9-1.

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"Never forget the three powerful resources you always have available to you: love, prayer, and forgiveness."  
--H. Jackson Brown, Jr.