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OF ST. MARK LUTHERAN CHURCH

September 2021

President's Notes

By Joni Wasmund



August was a wonderful month, in spite of some pretty devastating storms that managed to knock power out for several days in some local neighborhoods. But God is good and even during those hot days without A/C, He sent clouds and beautiful breezes to keep us comfortable. His love *never* fails.

One of the reasons August was wonderful is because we had our first home-church guest preacher kick off our 60th anniversary celebration that will run the entire month of September. Mathew Magera was baptized and confirmed at St. Mark and spent his youth very much involved in our beloved church which is no surprise to those who knew his grandparents and parents, Eleanor, Dick, Marty and Roberta Magera. Mathew preached (or will preach, depending on when you read this) the weekend of August 28-29 and the celebration begins!

A second reason is that we were blessed to receive a powerful message from one of our youth. I'm writing this the evening after Sara Lunkenheimer provided us with, and expounded upon, the words of Jesus to love one another. Will you be the priest, the Levite or the Samaritan to the one who hurt your feelings last week or last year? We're all broken; not one of us is put together better than the next person. Let's see how high our love barometer can reach in the coming months.

And a third reason for the joy of August is that 210 ChurchDoctor surveys were completed and that excellent participation rate shows an abundance of caring on your part about the future of our church. On behalf of the Council and Pastor Breum, thank you SO much for completing the surveys and sharing your honest opinions. Add to that, in-person interviews were held with 40 individuals over 3 days, including one with 6 of our youth, Amya Appelt, Drew Bowen, Sophie Frank, Sara Lunkenheimer, Colin Shea and Cody Summerson. Tracee Swank and Kent Hunter were outstanding consultants and they were so very pleased with the outcome. They'll be compiling an Oral Report to be presented to the congregation on **Sunday, October 10th, 1:00-4:00 p.m.** in the sanctuary. *Save the date!!* You'll want to hear what they prepare for us, I promise. This will be a turning point for our church.

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ARTICLE DEADLINE

The deadline for the October edition of *The Voice* is **September 15th**.

Please Email articles to:
stmarkcommunications@gmail.com
 & deb@smlc.info



Save the Date!
Sunday, November 14, 2021
@9:15AM



The Nursery is
Nursery now OPEN!

LIVE STREAMING



Every Sunday at
 8:00 and 10:30 am!

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Next Council Meeting: Tuesday, September 14th @ 7:00 pm.
Next Committee Meetings: Tuesday, September 28th @ 7:00pm

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From the Desk of Pastor Breum

33 years of ministry, what have I learned? 33 points

- 1) All people are easily hurt, disappointed, and offended.
- 2) You can never please all of the people.
- 3) Ministry is not for wimps.
- 4) There is no such thing as a spiritual gift of criticism.
- 5) There are ways to express constructive criticism toward the pastor or anyone that is not destructive. It is called speaking the truth in love. Pastors are easily hurt.
- 6) No matter what, God is good. No matter how much the pain, God promises to bring good out of it.
- 7) We all crave love and acceptance.
- 8) Some people are really mean and don't have a clue.
- 9) The depth of people's pain is very real.
- 10) We will meet in the church the finest people we will ever meet.
- 11) Being part of a church family is essential for one's walk with God.
- 12) The Bible is the true Word of God, without fault, and entirely trustworthy.
- 13) Any Christian can learn to pray out loud with other people, no excuses accepted.
- 14) God's love is absolutely perfect, something we continually need to hear and experience.
- 15) Young people can be used of God in fantastic ways.
- 16) Grow old gracefully and you will not end up being an old poop.
- 17) Bringing one's children to church and Sunday school is a privilege and the years go by too fast.
- 18) When you walk closely with the Lord for decades, the older you get the younger you look.
- 19) God has a definite plan for all who belong to Him.
- 20) Jesus is coming again, and everything will be made right including you and me.
- 21) God created us to be in a loving relationship with Him.
- 22) Getting men to open up is harder than getting women to open up.
- 23) Some people want their pastor to visit them in the hospital and other's do not.
- 24) We fail God but God never fails us.
- 25) God's Word feeds your soul.
- 26) We all have basic needs that only God can meet and we cannot expect people to meet those needs.
- 27) Jesus is always sufficient.
- 28) The Holy Spirit is God's Presence with us and in us.
- 29) Every Christian is gifted by God to encourage God's people and to build up the church.
- 30) The most mature of believers can suffer with depression and more.
- 31) We are all equals at the foot of the cross. No one's sin stands out more than the rest.
- 32) "You are loved with an everlasting love and underneath are the everlasting arms," (Jeremiah 31:3; Deuteronomy 33:27).
- 33) And please always remember, "There is no pit so deep that God's love isn't deeper still."

Pastor Terry Breum



MISSOURI MUSINGS

BY BOB YARBROUGH

What is Success?

The 2021 Summer Olympics are now history. We witnessed so many heroic performances. We admire Olympic champions, and rightly so. Just qualifying for the Olympics is an achievement attained by very few. To be a medalist is a lofty honor.

Olympic champions are successful by any measure. So Olympic champions are happy individuals with trouble-free lives, right?

Not so fast. That 4' 8" wonder Simone Biles reminded us a few weeks back that even "successful" champions struggle. Coming into this Olympics she had won a combined total of 32 Olympic and World Championship medals. Yet personal struggles gripped her and curtailed her appearances.

And what about Michael Phelps? Beginning in the 2000 Olympics, at the age of just 15, he began rewriting the record book in swimming. He set a world record in 2000. He won six gold medals in 2004. He won eight more in 2008. He won four more in 2012. Success, seemingly endless!

But then came a DUI and drug use. Months and then years of personal crisis ensued. He barely survived inner forces that brought depression and the repeated thought that he should just end it all.

Success is not as simple as human greatness, even if we're gifted enough to attain it. Jesus raised the question, "For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his soul?" (Mark 8:36 ESV). Olympic champions receive fame and fortune. But Jesus observed shrewdly, "Not even when one has an abundance does his life consist of his possessions" (Luke 12:15 NAS). We crave something deeper than accolades and the material prosperity that may come with fame.

We crave . . . God! The Bible tells the story of a world of people estranged from God and seeking meaning in themselves, in the created order, and in what they can achieve.

God calls us to a fulness that is richly relational, not merely material. This fulness lies in his love for us, not in our achievement for ourselves. Abraham found it: he was called a friend of God. Moses was changed by communion with God: his very face radiated God's presence.

In Scripture, not just leading men but people of all sorts *succeed* . . . at connecting with God. Think of Ruth, or the boy Samuel, or David the young shepherd, or Anna the prophetess who welcomed the infant Jesus (Luke 2), or the widow whose tiny coins counted more than the money bags of the wealthy.

It's not that the Olympics are unimportant, or that human success is meaningless or evil. Rather, human life is incomplete without a relationship with the God who made all things and reveals himself savingly through Jesus Christ.

In contrast to Biles and Phelps is Lolo Jones, a world-class athlete (11 All-American titles) still seeking her first Olympic medal. She, too, has battled setbacks and depression. One report states: "Jones leans on her Christian faith for strength." Jones says, "It gives me a tremendous amount of peace, and it's what anchors me during tough times."

Jones prays before competing, she says, but adds: "I don't pray to win races, but I do pray to do the best of my ability on that given day" (*People*, July 19, 2021, p. 55).

Perhaps that's a clue for defining success. "For to me, to live is Christ," Paul wrote (Philippians 1:21). When we live upheld by God's grace in Christ, we fear no evil, for he is with us (Psalm 23). As the years go by we discover to ever greater degrees what Jesus meant when he said: "I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly" (John 10:10).

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St. Mark Council News

THE NEXT STEP ON OUR PATH WITH GOD AND CHURCHDOCTOR

Watch your email the week of September 6th for the link to ChurchDoctor Breakthrough Readiness Surveys, our next milestone as we endeavor to seek God's will for our congregation.

The purpose of this survey is to discern our readiness as a congregation for a renewal breakthrough.

The link will be active between Thursday, September 9th and Sunday, September 12th. Paper surveys will be provided to those without computer access before worship on the 11th & 12th.

How ready are we to develop and commit to a strategic plan that will provide new insights for ministry activities and remove roadblocks to congregational vitality and growth?

What is our culture and dedication to God's mission as we seek to move forward with action plans that will be created?

Please be sure to participate in this survey as you did in the initial survey so we can continue on this path together. The initial survey was completed by 210 of you and we pray that all of you will contribute again as you did earlier. Thank you in advance!!



Council nominations are now open for the 2022 church year

Save the date: Elections will be on November 14, 2021 following the first service.

The following positions will be filled for the coming year:

President- 1 year term (max 3 successive terms)

Secretary- 1 year term (max 3 successive terms)

Treasurer- 1 year term (max 3 successive terms)

Elder- 3 year term

Trustee- 3 year term

Candidates will be elected during the annual meeting on November 14. Terms begin January 2022.

If you are feeling an inner prompting to serve in some way but are unsure what is involved, then contact an Elder to review responsibilities of each position to see what might be the right fit for you! Due by September 12th.

For more information please contact:

Jeff McKenzie 847-721-0382, Dean Miller 847-309-9941, or Cheryl Bengston 224-436-3613

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60th Anniversary Celebration!

Join the Celebration on
Sunday, September 26th at St. Mark after the 10:30 am service.

There will be a catered party at St. Mark Lutheran Church. Sign-ups for the party will start Sunday, August 29th at church. If you are unable to sign up at church please email Brooke Frusti at brooke.frusti@gmail.com

Important Dates:

As part of St. Mark's 60th anniversary we are going to be having some very special guest preachers. Congregational Life is very excited to share with you the following dates and pastors coming to St. Mark!

- Saturday and Sunday, August 28 & 29: Pastor Mathew Magera
- Saturday and Sunday, September 4 & 5: Pastor Jared Parmley
- Saturday and Sunday, September 18 & 19: Daniel Doran
- Saturday and Sunday, September 25 & 26: Pastor Bill Shields



We Always Have Room for One More Man

(Ages 15+)

*Every **2nd** Saturday of the Month. (Zoom & In-Person)*

Next Meeting: *September 11th / 7am Donuts & Coffee, 8am Study Time, 9:30am Adjourn*

Are you a slave? In this month's study we'll consider the Tyranny of the Urgent, by Charles Hummel. Ian Griffith will lead this two part series (Aug/Sept) to help free us from being slaves to the tyranny of the urgent.

To be added to our mailing list; send your name, email, phone number, and mailing address to Ministry2EveryMan@gmail.com or call/text Jerry Doran at: 847-271-8632.

Please monitor your email for this lesson (hard copies will be provided at the meeting). Updates are also provided in email.

Each month's discussions are independent of one another, so join any time!



**Zoom.com
Meeting ID:
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Student Ministry September 2021

Fall Kick-Off

SEPTEMBER 12TH 6-8 PM

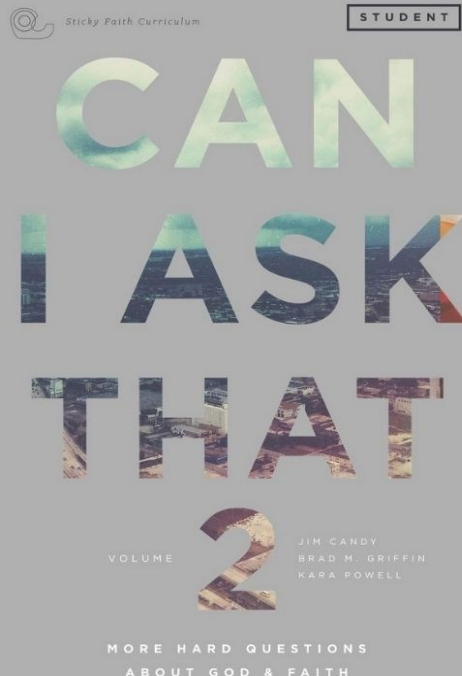
The season of change is upon us and we look to add some more color to the autumn leaves! Join us and bring a friend for our second Color War. Bring clothes you don't mind getting "messy" (full of colored powder)



This Fall we will be tackling the more sticky questions we face in our faith, such as:

Is Hell real?
Why is it awkward to talk about Jesus?
Why do bad things happen to good people?
And More...

"Can I Ask That Part 2" starts Sept. 12th



Event Calendar

SEPTEMBER 12TH:
KICK OFF
(COLOR WAR) 6:00-8:00PM

SEPTEMBER 19TH:
RICHARDSON'S FARM
12:30-4:00PM

SEPTEMBER 26TH:
60TH ANNIVERSARY
PARTY
12:00-3:00PM

Quake 2022 February 25-27



*"Have I not commanded you?
Be strong and courageous.
Do not be terrified,
do not be discouraged,
for the Lord your God will
be with you wherever you go."*

Joshua 1:9

QUESTIONS? JOSIAH@SMLC.INFO

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Sunday School Registration is Now Open!

In person Sunday school registration is now open for children 3 years old-senior year of High School. The link of registration can be found under “kids ministry” on the church website or search <https://vbspro.events/p/events/sunschool2122>

Mark Your Calendars!

Sunday School Rally Day: Sunday, September 12, 2021.

Parents and children will meet in the East and West wings of the Education Center to meet their teachers, see their classroom, and join in for ice cream and games! Questions? Please contact Brooke Frusti and Melissa Strand at stmarksunschool@gmail.com.



Confirmation 2021-2022

Important Dates:

The Confirmation Committee would like to welcome everyone back to the SMLC Confirmation Program. See you soon! - Becky, Kristi and Lori

Please email questions to:

smlc.confirmationcom.lindenhurst@gmail.com

- *September 1 at 6:15 pm* -Orientation Night (*Only incoming* 1st and 2nd year students should plan to attend.)
- *September 8:* First night of Confirmation class (7th & 8th Grades at 5:45; 9th Grade 6:30-7:15)
- September 25: Confirmation Retreat (Tentative)
- October 31 at 2:00 pm: Confirmation Service for 2nd year class

*You have been an important part of
Daniel Doran's life and call to ministry.*

The Doran Family invites you to

The Ordination Service Of

Daniel R. Doran

*Pastor Breum will be presiding over this ordination
service at 4:00PM on*

19th September 2021

St. Mark Lutheran Church

1822 E. Grand Ave. - Lindenhurst, IL 60046

Reception to follow



BAPTIZED INTO THE FAMILY OF GOD

September 11, 2021

Ross Kupsche

Son of Annette & Bradley Kupsche

September 12, 2021

Ethan Alexander Cossey

Son of Mechele & Jerry Cossey

May the guiding presence of God be with Ross & Ethan
as they grow in the knowledge of Jesus Christ.

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College & Military Care Packages



If you or someone you know has a student(s) in college or serving in the military please send their name and address to either smlc@smlc.info or cbengston58@gmail.com. Throughout the year, care packages or cards will be sent. Please note that if you have filled out this information in the past, we need you to send us the information again. If you have any questions please contact Cheryl Bengston at cbengston58@gmail.com

President's Message *Continued from page 1*

The interview process was truly a huge endeavor that doesn't happen through a few individuals. The successful outcome had much to do with our fabulous host/hostess team who ensured everyone received reminder phone calls, completed their registration forms and kept privacy to the upmost level. Thank you to Shawn Frank and Patty Lindholm, our 2 main hostesses and all these who extended hospitality to our interviewees over the 3 days:

Cheryl Bengston	Laurie Kerns	Kathy Norlin
Judy Dunfrund	Sandy McCarty	Nancy O'Connor
Jan Fabry	Jeff McKenzie	Debbie Plishka
Jerry Gass	Gae Michal	Wendy Rohlwing
Kathy Harp	Jane Milani	Sharon Schranz

A huge thank you is also in order to Jim Schaufel and Rob Frank for hosting the Facilities Tour and the Windshield Drive Tour. These 2 gentlemen provided valuable insight into our buildings and a deep dive (deep drive?) around our community to see who we serve. Your assistance was outstanding, guys. And a huge thank you to Deb Zuchowski for providing membership data for our church profile. As always, Deb researched above and beyond for the best provision of data possible for the past decade.

As we proceed, the next milestone will be Breakthrough Readiness Surveys that are scheduled to be completed Thursday, September 9th-Sunday, the 12th. Just like the initial surveys, these will be provided electronically through a link that will be emailed to you the week of 9/6. Paper copies will be available during weekend worship on the 11th and 12th for those without computer access. The results of this survey will discern our readiness as a congregation for a renewal breakthrough. How ready are we to develop and commit to a strategic plan that will provide new insights for ministry activities and remove roadblocks to congregational vitality and growth? What is our culture and dedication to God's mission as we seek to move forward with action plans that will be created?

Is there a lot of activity involved in this endeavor? Yes, there most certainly is. Anything worth doing usually requires a significant amount of effort and it's important to remember that this diagnostic consultation isn't about what the Council and Pastor Breum are doing, it's about what God is doing. He's just doing it *through* all of us. His hand was on this from the very start several years ago when He planted a seed while Tracee spoke during an LCMC conference. We know that when we follow God's lead and allow Him to work through us, He can do infinitely more than we can do on our own. We only have to get out of His way and let Him move, and at the same time, we must make ourselves available and join Him in His work. Open hearts and minds that anticipate exciting growth in more ways than just numbers will draw us to see what God does just like when we're anticipating our own physical health diagnoses. If we're told we have a health condition, don't we choose to anticipate that God will lead us to recovery? We might choose a non-invasive path that maintains the status quo but if the doctor suggests surgery that will significantly improve our quality of life, how many of us would choose to plod along with the status quo? I think most would choose the higher quality of life option.

Jesus came that we might have life and have it *in abundance*. Let's not allow the thief to steal, kill and destroy what God wants to accomplish. We know doubt and negativity are doors the enemy will slither into if given the opportunity, so stay focused on Jesus and His shining light that will guide this path we're on. Let's anticipate all that God can and will do when we join Him in His work.

Thy will be done.

God's peace and blessings to all,

Joni Wasmund
Council President



Remembering God is in Control and Our Refuge Always

Read Psalm 24 and Psalm 18:2

Powerful God, our refuge and our strength, we turn to you for peace and security as we recall the 9/11 attack during this 20-year anniversary. We thank you for the bravery and the sacrifice of those who saved lives as firefighters, rescue crews, or people aboard United 93. Comfort and strengthen the family and friends of those who died. Give healing and patience to the survivors of the attacks who are living with continued physical or psychological pain. May those who survived feel gratitude, not guilt. Assure each person whose life changed forever of your protection and strength. Dispel the nightmares; silence their anxiety as well as our own. May we learn to depend on the security you offer.

Gracious God, our world changed with the 9/11 attacks. Today our nation is again on alert for terrorist attacks within our borders. We have seen how easily buildings can fall and how quickly lives can end. As we remember 9/11, may it remind us that you are our only true security. Give us your strength to face the memory of this attack, the changes it made in our lives, and internal unrest. Give us your compassion to help each other and recognize need around the world. Give us your hope as we face an uncertain future. Give us your peace.

In the strong name of Jesus Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit, Amen.¹

Opportunities for Prayer

The Worship and Music Committee has posted the *2021 Three Days of Prayer Brochure* on the St. Mark website under **Resources**. We prayerfully request you include these various petitions as part of your devotions for our church families, Pastor, staff, church council and committees and for the life of the world during this church year. **Pray for the Church Council** as it reviews the survey results and makes recommendations.

Weekly Prayer Meeting - Pray and be Blessed at Home Wednesday evenings 7:00pm via Zoom

Contact Persons: Pam Burke 224-430-6226

Linda Brissey: chaseco@aol.com

One can pray silently, out loud or in concert. We pray in unity of the Holy Spirit from St. Mark's Lutheran Church weekly prayer chain list, the 2021 *Three Days of Prayer* brochure and lift concerns for our community, state, nation and worldwide.

Contact Barb Ewert, b1182ray@aol.com or 1-847-514-5487.

¹Carrie Steenwyk is children's ministry director and lead curriculum writer at Harderwyk Ministries in Holland, Michigan. With edits by B. Ewert <https://worship.calvin.edu/resources/resource-library/prayer-for-the-anniversary-of-9-11/>

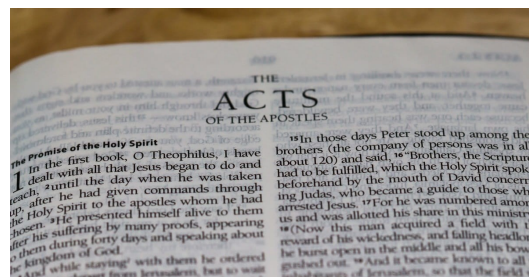
Men's Saturday Morning Bible Study

The Saturday morning men's Bible Study at **Panera Bread Company** meets at 7:00 am, usually every Saturday except the second Saturday of month, which is when H.I.S. Ministry meets.

We have recently started studying the book of Acts. We really get into the book to get a real understanding of what God, through Luke, is telling us.

There is always room for one more man. If you want to show up in person, we are usually in the back area. We also Zoom the meeting. If you are more comfortable meeting remotely, please email Gary Olson at olson1014@yahoo.com to get on the Zoom invitation list. You can also contact Gary at (847) 323-1034 with any questions.

Our next meeting will be 9/4, when we will recap and start chapter 3. We hope to see you as we learn more about the birth of the Church!



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Join the Welcome Team!



This important ministry is easy and fun!

Once a month, or as a substitute, team members greet those arriving for our Sunday services.

We are starting up again after the pandemic, and are *looking for members to fill all of our spots!* A smiling face is all that is needed!

Pick your service time, and give me a call, text, or e-mail to let me know you are available either once a month or as a substitute.

Joyce Mol 847-276-8740 or jempetersen@gmail.com.

Do You Know?

How many emergency exits are there in the sanctuary?

Where are the AEDs in the Church and Ed Center?

How to open the emergency exit window in the basement of the Ed Center?



There actually *IS* an emergency exit window in the basement of the Ed Center?

Besides helping to put out a fire, what is another good use of a fire extinguisher?

Where are the fire extinguishers in the Fellowship Hall? In the Sanctuary? In the Narthex?

Your Safety & Security Committee is asking these "Do You Know?" questions and wondering if you can answer them while you read this article in the comfort of your own home? If you get the Village of Lindenhurst's newsletter, you are familiar with its format of giving you the answer to a question on the front page and then seeing the question on the back page. We are doing something similar! We are asking these questions now, will let you think about them and/or look for the answers for a month, and then give you the answers in next month's *Voice*. Have fun!!

Fellowship Hour Servers Needed!



We ALL love the donuts and coffee between services! There are openings for servers available for one Sunday each month. (The commitment is for one Sunday a month.)

You will need to arrive about 7:15 am to do the set up. Instructions provided! It's fairly easy...if you have ever planned a gathering, party or large family dinner, you can do this!! The only thing we ask you to provide is the juice (about 1 qt.). There should be cream in the fridge.

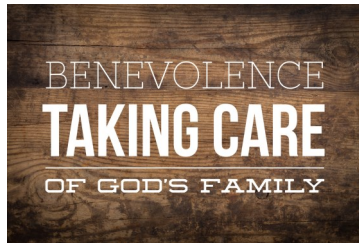
This is a *GREAT way to meet new members* that you might not have encountered before!! Even if you go to the 10:30 service...one day a month you could arrive about 8am to get the pot going and meet the **OTHER HALF** of our church!!

If interested, see me during coffee hour!...and God bless you!!

Gae Michal gmichal48@gmail.com 847-571-8659 (Please leave a message)

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Monthly Benevolence Highlights

PADS has been one of St. Mark's mission programs for over 25 years. Through the PADS program St. Mark and many other Lake County churches give shelter and food to the homeless from October 1st thru April 30th. Every Friday during the season we open our doors for up to 50 homeless guests to spend the night providing them with a warm place to sleep, dinner, breakfast and a bagged lunch to go. This is accomplished with the help of volunteers from St. Mark, other churches and the community. Setting up, working throughout the night and cleaning up after the guests leave takes many hands.

Since March of 2020 the PADS program, like everything else, has looked a little different. Luckily when COVID-19 hit the PADS program was able to obtain funding to place the guests in hotels for the safety of the guests and the volunteers. As of this week there are about 105 homeless still in hotel rooms. They are hoping to be able to obtain funding to keep the guests in rooms for the coming season.

PADS

What happens in the next few weeks will determine how St. Mark will help this year. If no funding is obtained we will need many volunteers to man the site on Fridays and help provide food. If funding is obtained we will help in different ways. They will still need meals prepared and delivered nightly and lunches made and delivered daily. They also have a list of needs to help the guests; like new socks and underwear, gift cards to grocery stores and fast-food restaurants, hygiene supplies like soap and shampoo as the hotels do not supply them, and easy to eat items like soups, pop tarts, cereal, bottled water, instant coffee and any readymade meals they can make in a microwave. Once we know exactly how this PADS season will go, we will be asking for help. Please keep this very important program in your prayers.

Laurie Kerns

Thank You! Thank You! Thank You!

I cannot say Thank You enough to all those who helped make this year's sale a massive success. For 5 weeks the hardest group of men and women I know worked their butts off to turn boxes and bags of donated treasures into the Best Rummage Sale around. This is not just my opinion, but the opinion of many shoppers that came to our sale. I am so lucky to be working with a group of people who take such pride in making our sale look as good as any store in the area. It takes a lot of work to hang thousands of pieces of clothing and unpack and display even more dishes, linens, books, crafts, holiday decorations, tools and more. And what makes it even more awesome is at least 80% of our work force is over 65. We old folks rock. We did have a few new younger folks come out this year and we really appreciate them. Hopefully next year we will have even more.

I don't like to single out anyone to thank as all are important, but I am giving a special thank you to our pickup crew. These guys, all over 65, picked up most of the furniture we had at the sale. Next year we definitely need younger, stronger arms or pickups will be very limited.

So, Thank You to all who worked so hard and put up with me this year. I apologize to anyone I may have snapped at. You are all appreciated and loved, and the sale could not have happened without you. Rest up, next year will be here before we know it.

No, I didn't forget what is always the question...How much did we make???
\$23,381 a New Record!!!

Laurie Kerns and the Rummage Committee



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Open Arms Food Pantry

Thank you to everyone who continues to support the Open Arms pantry by filling the **Yellow Food Barrels**, and through monetary donations! Your support of this program is much needed and very much appreciated! Please keep the donations coming!

September collection items are: Cereal & Canned Pasta

Please consider donating at:

<https://www.openarmsmission.org/the-difference-you-can-make>

Thank you for your heart for the hungry!

“Food in Action” Trip

Saturday, September 18, 2021, from 7 to 8 pm

Embark on a virtual **“Food In Action”** Mission Trip with an FMSC food partner – one of our 70 partners around the world. Travel in-country with the partner and learn about a community they serve including a visit to a school or church program. Experience what it's like to deliver lifesaving MannaPack® meals to those experiencing hunger. This will be a mission trip via Zoom you would sign up for through the FMSC's website (<https://www.fmsc.org/>). This is an easy and fun way of seeing part of the world that you will



probably never visit but where you can see God's hand at work!

As always, feel free to visit our website to sign up to volunteer in Libertyville, purchase items from our MarketPlace, and/or to see how else to help feed God's children.

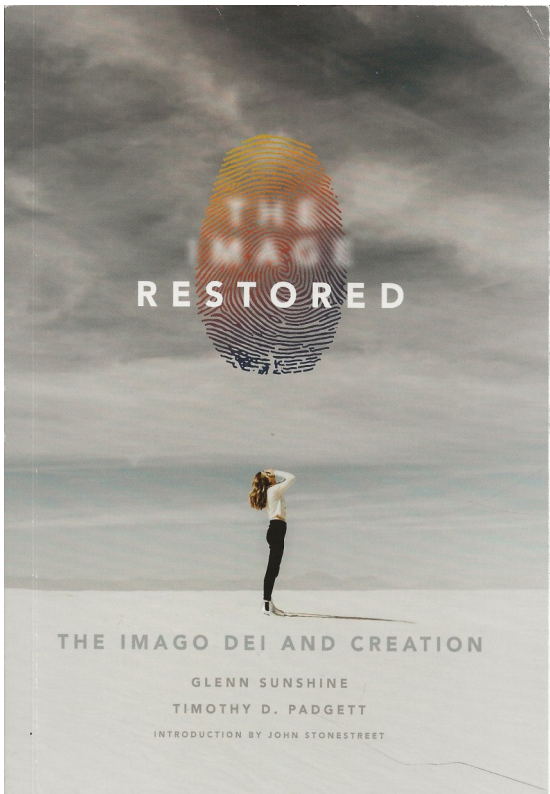


Thank you to Bernie Tatro for constructing and donating our three new, beautiful offering boxes. Your workmanship, Bernie, is so clearly one of God's gifts to you and we sincerely thank you for sharing them with us!



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This fall we will be reading Dr. Glenn Sunshine and Timothy D. Padgett, *The Image Restored, the Imago Dei and Creation, 2021* and discussing what it means to be human. The author looks at fourteen aspects of the image of God, what it has meant in history, and its implications for today. Sunshine details what the Bible says about human purpose and abilities, the effects of sin on humanity, the impact of redemption, and the restoration of humanity's original calling in Christ. Our discussion will be focusing on the root of our culture wide confusion on what it means to be human. Briefly...

- The culture has forgotten what it means to be human because our culture has forgotten God.
- As Christians we know that we are made in the image of God, however can you explain what it means to bear the image of God? How is the world different because we bear his image? What are the implications of the imago dei for the various layers of society?

The book is available at Christian Books August 1: Paperback \$8.00. Amazon search is not finding book at printing time. As of now, I

will be doing an in person at my home. 57 Kevin Ave., Lake Villa. The first meeting will be Thursday, September 6, at 7:00pm. Hope you can join us for an insightful discussion and prayer.

If you either have questions or want to join the discussion, please contact Barb Ewert, b1182ray@aol.com. Please Text/call 847-514-5487.

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C. S. Lewis Biography

This month's book selection recounts the story of author C. S. Lewis' divine journey and eventual conversion to Christianity. Lewis, a scholar, lay theologian, broadcaster, Christian apologist, and bestselling author of *Mere Christianity*, *The Screwtape Letters*, *The Great Divorce*, *The Chronicles of Narnia*, and many other beloved classics—takes readers on a spiritual journey through his early life and eventual embrace of the Christian faith. Lewis begins with his childhood in Belfast, surveys his boarding school years and his youthful atheism in England, reflects on his experience in World War I, and ends at Oxford, where he became "the most dejected and reluctant convert in all England." As he

recounts his lifelong search for joy, Lewis demonstrates its role in guiding him to find God. You can find this book under call number 92 LEW.

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