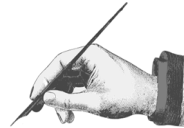


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President's Notes

By Joni Wasmund



Christ is Risen! He is Risen indeed! Alleluia!! Yes, we're 2 weeks past Easter but when those words remain in our hearts and minds every day, life is so much better. *We know that our Redeemer lives.* There is no greater truth and our hearts can celebrate this every day.

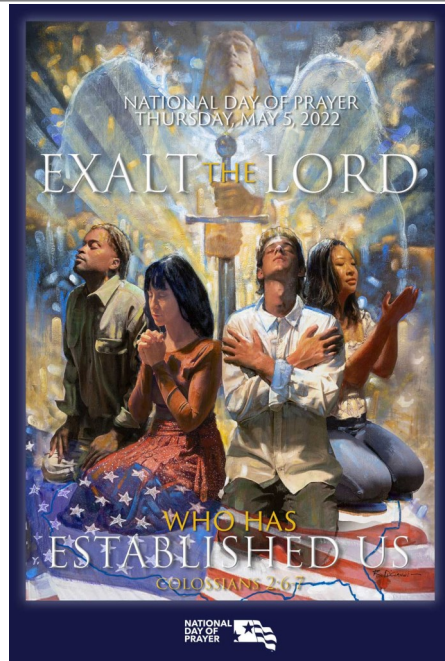
As announced last weekend, our Co-Pastor Call Committee has begun preparations to search for the person God has already chosen to join Pastor Breum in ministry at St. Mark. We are so very excited about this next step. We wouldn't likely be at this monumental point without the help and guidance from our Church Doctor Ministries partners and we continue to be thankful for them. God truly has His hand upon this process as shown to us by His selection of the following 7 individuals:

Shawn Frank	Debbie Gass	Kevin Korom	Sara Lunkenheimer
Karissa McGill	Tom Sanderson	Brock Zwicke	

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National Day of Prayer May 5, 2022

Colossians 2: 6-7

My counsel for you is simple and straightforward: Just go ahead with what you've been given. You received Christ Jesus, the Master; now *live* him....Now do what you've been taught. School's out; quit studying the subject and start *living* it! And let your living spill over into thanksgiving.

CHURCH EVENTS

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ARTICLE DEADLINE

The deadline for the June/July edition of *The Voice* is **May 15th**. Please Email articles to: deb@smlc.info & stmarkcommunications@gmail.com.

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Next Council Meeting: Tuesday, May 10th @ 7:00PM
Next Committee Meetings: Tuesday, May 24th @ 8:00PM

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From the Desk of Pastor Breum

Our Cornerstone & Our Foundation

Dear Friends,

Since college Isaiah has been my favorite Old Testament prophet because of the way the Scriptures show us his calling to serve God in Isaiah chapter 6. Some seven to eight hundred years earlier, Isaiah foretold the coming of the Messiah and how much he would suffer in order to save us from our sins. Please look with me into chapter 28 of Isaiah, **Isaiah 28:16(NLT)** which speaks of Jesus, our precious cornerstone.

¹⁶Therefore, this is what the Sovereign LORD says: "Look! I am placing a foundation stone in Jerusalem, a firm and tested stone. It is a precious cornerstone that is safe to build on. Whoever believes need never be shaken."

When Isaiah was called by God to be a prophet, God gave to Isaiah one of the most profound experiences with God found in the Old Testament. Isaiah saw things we will not see until we enter heaven. Isaiah heard things we will not hear until we enter heaven. Isaiah felt things that we will not feel until the Lord brings us home. Isaiah had such a profound experience in God's Holy Presence that it made him into the man of God that he became. Isaiah was well assured that God is greater than all. In every chapter that Isaiah wrote, the depth of his experience in the Presence of God comes out. God is holy and we are not. In the very Presence of God, Isaiah became aware of what a dirty rotten sinner he was and his need of complete forgiveness, which he received.

Isaiah speaks more of the coming Messiah, Jesus, than any other prophet. God let him see Who the Cornerstone is. A "Precious Cornerstone" Who is our safe place to build our lives on. Jesus is our rock, our foundation, our secure safe place upon which to build our lives and live our lives day in and day out. Without the "Cornerstone" we are building our lives on sand which the smallest of winds can blow down. As we stand on the Precious Cornerstone, the worst of storms can come and we will not crumble. Jesus holds us up. He is our sure foundation.

In these days of the turbulence, we can all sing, "No one knows the troubles I've seen." Glory Alleluia! Jesus has not changed one bit. Our Foundation is secure. You can rest on it, on Him.

Let us pray. Dear Heavenly Father, all around it looks like the foundations are being shaken and some are crumbling. Thank you that Jesus is our Precious Cornerstone keeping us secure until we get to come home. May we rest peacefully on the Rock, Jesus, and be at peace even though we are surrounded by troubles. In the name of Jesus. Amen.

Pastor Breum

FIRST FRIDAY SING AND PRAY!

All are welcome. As a community outreach for the movement for improvement and the Church Doctor recommendations, we are starting a new ministry called "First Friday Sing and Pray". It is based on a scripture from Colossians 4:2 which tells us "Devote yourselves to prayer". This new event provides us a format to put into action. On the first Friday of every month starting May 6th, we will gather at 7PM in the sanctuary for praise and worship songs followed by prayer. It is an opportunity to pray for our nation, current events, the lost, personal requests for ourselves family and friends, local issues (state, county, town) and our church. Please consider bringing those in your life who are in need of prayer.

The session will wrap up around 8PM, however feel free to come and go as you please. Stop in for 30 minutes, or stay till the end, whatever works in your schedule. We want to keep this informal. You can pray out loud for whatever is on your heart, or just pray silently and agree with what is being shared by others. No pressure. No expectations. Just God's people coming together to pray and seek His face. All are welcome!



*Happy Mother's Day!
Thank you to all the
moms, grandmas,
aunts, godmothers,
and every woman who
has helped shape us
into the people we are
today are today!*

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MISSOURI MUSINGS

BY BOB YARBROUGH

Increments

Most people would like to be better than they are. We would like to improve at things like our golf score, managing our temper, spending less time on social media, staying within our budget, getting more exercise . . . The list could go on and on.

Here's a key word: incremental. If you are in your basement and want to go upstairs, you don't take a flying leap and hope you land on the next floor. No! You climb the stairs, one by one.

My house has gutters that have to be cleared many times each year due to overhanging trees. When I need to climb onto the roof, I grab the aluminum ladder. One step at a time I go from below to above.

We climb stairs or ladders by increments, not all at once.

It's the same with progress in the Christian life. Don't you wish you were more successful at prayer, caring for others, reading Scripture, giving generously, sharing your faith, and living unselfishly as a Christian in general? I sure do.

The apostle Peter gives us a sort of ladder for making progress in God's direction. Ladders have rungs. Here is Peter's ladder, with the rungs numbered and underlined (2 Peter 1:5–7):

For this very reason, make every effort to supplement your (1) faith with virtue, and (2) virtue with knowledge, and (3) knowledge with self-control, and (4) self-control with steadfastness, and (5) steadfastness with godliness, and (6) godliness with brotherly affection, and (7) brotherly affection with (8) love.

We all know the importance of love, for God and for one another. The passage above describes increments toward the life of love to which God calls us. Here they are:

(1) Faith. This means trusting in Christ for forgiveness of our sins and strength for a transformed life.

(2) Virtue. This means an outlook and behavior that honor God. Believing the Bible is a virtue. So is telling the truth. So is serving others. Faith in Christ leads to virtuous deeds and character!

(3) Knowledge. We grow in understanding as we read Scripture, hear it preached, glean wisdom from friends, and progress in the school of hard knocks.

(4) Self-control. We sin when we are enticed to go against God's word and (often) our own better judgment. Self-control helps us draw on God's word and Christ himself for stability and uprightness.

(5) Steadfastness. The word can also be translated "patience." But this is not idleness or lazy defeatism. It means leaning into our challenges and not giving up.

(6) Godliness. How can sinners be godly? First, recall Christ's cleansing of your sins through his death, received by faith. Second, as your new self is being renewed through faith in Christ (see Colossians 3:10), lay hold of Christlike qualities like compassion, kindness, humility, meekness and patience (there's that word again!; see Colossians 3:12).

(7) Brotherly affection. The original word is *philadelphia*, love for the people around us. Our godliness (see above) should not make us stand-offish but should warm out hearts toward others, both in the church and beyond.

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St. Mark Council News

To keep you better informed about Church Council decisions we briefly present the major items from our meetings. Should you desire in-depth information, please go to <https://smlc.info/minutes/> for additional Council and Committee

Council Highlights April 2022

Plans for Youth and Media roles post Josiah's departure:

- A Ministry Team has come together to support our youth throughout the summer and several members of the congregation will chaperone the 2022 Family Mission Trip.
- Brock Zwicke has accepted the Media role, concurrent with his role as Contemporary Worship Leader.

Movement for Improvement

- A Co-Pastor Call Committee is in place and had their first planning meeting (see President's article for details).
- Council will resume handing out Spiritual Gifts Profiles again for those who have not yet had the opportunity to complete their profiles. Our members are so uniquely blessed by God with their spiritual gifts and somewhere within St Mark is an opportunity to honor God by putting them to use in His service. So many already do so within and outside St Mark and we are thankful for you.

The Memorial Committee's request for a new processional cross was approved; the existing processional cross will be re-established within the church building in an appropriate location to be determined.

Funds were approved for disbursement in the amount of \$2,041.96, to WYAM (a previously vetted ministry) to help aid Ukrainian families displaced due to the war. Additional Evangelism benevolence funds were also approved to be disbursed to the same organization, to be determined by a percentage of overall Jan-April benevolence (approximately \$1500).

Missouri Musings *Continued from page 4*

(8) Love. Love is the crowning grace of God's presence with us. "By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another" (John 13:35). "Above all, keep loving one another earnestly, since love covers a multitude of sins" (1 Peter 4:8).



So there are Peter's steps from beginning Christian life (faith) to an ever-fuller walk with God that results in effective affection for others. Few of these things happen easily. But there is a great payoff (2 Pet. 1:9):

For if these qualities are yours and are increasing, they keep you from being ineffective or unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Notice the underlined word: "increasing." This points to growth, progress, movement from lesser to greater and lower from lower to higher.

In other words, increments! Our growth in grace is gradual. The ladder rungs may be a far reach for us. But we are "increasing." God is real. The Bible is true. The church is worthwhile. God carries us upward when Christ is our inward impetus and final goal.

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Opportunities for Prayer are **Blooming** at St. Mark Church, our House of Prayer

All Christians are commanded to pray daily to Our Father, God, Jesus, our Redeemer and the Holy Spirit our guide and teacher.¹ We offer prayers of adoration, thanksgiving and confession. We ask (petition), we pray for others (intercession) and seek affirmation. As the hymn, reminds us to trust and obey there is no other way.



*When we walk with the Lord
In the light of His Word,
What a glory He sheds on our way;
While we do His good will,
He abides with us still,
And with all who will trust and obey.*

New Opportunities for Prayer

First Friday Sing and Pray beginning May 6th at 7:00pm in the sanctuary for praise and worship followed by prayer. See full announcement in this *May Voice*.

National Day of Prayer, Thursday, May 5. The theme this year is “Exalt the Lord who has Established Us.” Click on the following link for more information, <https://www.nationaldayofprayer.org/>

Ongoing Opportunities for Prayer

St. Mark Prayer Chain, a wonderful group of fellow Christians, praying for all prayer requests and praising God for His listening to our petitions, thanksgivings and praises for His responses. Email requests and praises to smlcprayers@gmail.com. Please share with the Prayer Chain how God has responded to your prayer requests.

Weekly Prayer Meeting - Come, pray and be blessed. 7:00pm - 8:00pm Wednesday evening via Zoom. We pray over the previous week of Prayer Chain requests, St. Mark Church and each other. Contact Person: Pam Burke 244-430-6226, Zoom Link - Linda Brissey.

The Worship and Music Committee has posted the *2022 Three Days of Prayer Brochure* on the St. Mark website under **Prayer**. 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 Church Doctor training and program during this church year. Click on this link <https://www.smlc.info/mt-content/uploads/2021/12/three-days-of-prayer-brochure-2022-updated-8.5-x-14.pdf>

Pray with Pastor Breum. Pastor continues to invite all up to the altar at the conclusion of each service for a personal prayer time with him.

30 Days of Prayer for Muslims, April 2 to May 1, 2022 during Ramadan. During Ramadan Muslims are seeking atonement for their sins as well as actively seeking to know God. In recent years there are reports of scores of Muslims finding Jesus through dreams, visions, and missionaries. So we pray using the *30 Days of Prayer for Muslims Prayer Guide*² learning who and how to pray for specific Muslim groups here in the United States and abroad. For more information. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EGjWWth9b2M>

For more information contact Barb Ewert, b1182ray@aol.com.

¹The Second Commandment and 1 Thessalonians 5:17-18 (the Message)¹⁶⁻¹⁸ Be cheerful no matter what; pray all the time; thank God no matter what happens. This is the way God wants you who belong to Christ Jesus to live.

² See Table in the Narthex.

STUDENT MINISTRY

May

MAY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May 1st

Movie Night
Starting at 6:00 PM

May 15th

Youth Group
6:00 PM – 8:00 PM

May 20th–21st

Farewell Lock-In
7:00 PM – 7:00 AM

COLORADO MISSION TRIP REMINDERS

Next Mission Trip
Meeting: June 5th at
9:20 AM

The Final Payment for
the mission trip is due at
the next meeting.

Please contact Mike Mol
with any further
questions:
memol2elks@gmail.com

SUMMER 2022

While my last month of ministry is May, student ministry will continue to be run by an incredible team of volunteers! Be on the look out next month for this summers calendar, you won't want to miss it!

– Josiah Frusti

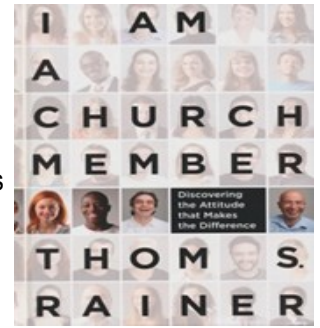


WHAT IS A CHURCH MEMBER

This month's highlight is Chapter 4: I Will Pray for my Church Leaders

Chapter 4 emphasizes our focus to pray for our pastor and church leaders.

Can you even imagine what a Pastor's day might involve? It certainly can be a roller coaster of emotional highs and lows. Well let's take a look at the possibilities; attending congregant emergencies, offsite visits and prayer needs, spiritual counseling, witnessing and praying for individuals, preaching sermons, teaching confirmation class, Bible Studies, preparing devotions and sermons, time to study the Bible and seek guidance from the Holy Spirit, attending meetings, collaborating with other churches, and performing baptisms, weddings, and funerals. Mind you, his agenda can change at the drop of a hat for emergency situations.



We read in 1 Timothy 3:2-4; A pastor must be an overseer, therefore above reproach, the husband of one wife, self-controlled, sensible, respectable, hospitable, an able teacher, free from addictions, kind, a charitable heart, even temperament and manages his own household. Whew!

In 1 Peter 5:8 scripture tells us; Your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour. Haven't we all heard the current statistic of a Pastor's role suffering, especially during this COVID epidemic? Pastors are resigning, retiring, experiencing emotional distress, or even committing suicide. They are a huge target for the enemy to silence, remove or eliminate. That's even more reason for us, as church members, to pray for Pastor Breum's protection; emotionally, physically, spiritually, financially, and relationally. We are mighty prayer warriors through the blood of Jesus Christ. Will you make a commitment to pray for Pastor at least 5 minutes a day? We claim that no weapon formed against him or our church leaders will prosper. We learn that 1 John 4:4 tell us, "For greater is He that is in us than he that is in the world."

"The fervent prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective." James 5:16



**Rummage Sale 2022
Save the Date!
August 4th, 5th & 6th**

Hard to believe the 2022 Rummage Sale is just over three months away. Harder to believe I have been helping to run it for over 25 years! Back then the women's group WELCA was in charge of the sale. It was very low key and only took up the back Sunday School area. Everything, even clothes, were put on tables. Donations came mostly from church members. We were only open each day until 5:00. Then somehow Sue DeYoung and I became the co-chairs of the sale and..... We started advertising for donations in the weekly Advertiser. This brought in more donations so..... We started by expanding the sale into the fairly new Fellowship Hall. For those of you who didn't know, the Fellowship Hall used to be our Sanctuary before we added on. We also started using the basement and upstairs of the back Sunday School area. We started doing pickups which brought in more furniture donations. We got permission to start using the hallways and having our check outs in the front entry. We just kept growing and added free tents on the front lawn to help get rid of items that didn't sell well. Luckily we were able to get the Cancer Federation to drop off a truck to put leftover donations in. Before that we were driving all leftovers to Salvation Army. Then we purchased a banner to put on the lawn asking for donations from the community. This really started filling us up. Then the church bought the funeral home next door and turned it into our Education Center. So what did we do? Yep, we started using it. All clothes and toys were moved over there.

One day we had an awesome lady from Shepherd of the Lakes Church in Grayslake shop our sale. She helped with the sale at their church. She said they hung all their clothes on racks and asked if we would like to borrow them for our sale. We jumped at the chance. This allowed us to sell tons more clothes. After a few years we bought our own racks and have added to our supply of racks and hangers so that now when we set up clothes, it looks just like a department store.

We used to set up the whole sale in 3 days. That is no longer possible. So we start at the Ed Center for a couple weeks and then move to the main building for the final 10 days. Many, many hours of work by our awesome, fabulous, wonderful (we couldn't do it without) volunteers have helped turn our sale from a small fundraiser that brought in a few thousand dollars to a much larger one that last year brought in almost \$24,000! Sad for me, Sue retired and moved away. Fortunately, I have had a great group of people step up and take on parts of the sale. The sale this year will be August 4th - 6th. We will start collecting your treasures in early July. Set up will start shortly thereafter. Everyone is welcome to come and help. Next month we will tell you all the ways you can help and why we do things the way we do. So start decluttering your house and packing up all those donations. Questions call Laurie Kerns 847-612-1510.

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EASTER BREAKFAST THANK YOUS

This is a short note to THANK all of you who helped in ANY way with Easter Breakfast. So many donations of sweets, fruit, cream, milk, coffee, juice, etc. made it a success! Those who

helped set up on Saturday AND cleaned up after the breakfast put forth much effort. Many hands make lighter work!

We served 175 people! All seemed happy with the food and the comradery. It was so nice to be back together!

Christ has RISEN!

Camp Timber-lee

Time is running out! Do you have a current 1st - 11th grader who would enjoy being outdoors this summer? Check out Camp Timber-Lee for amazing summer programming to connect children with God, fellowship, and the beauty of nature. See their [website](#) for all of the details. St. Mark offers a generous incentive program for any interested campers. Each child is allowed to earn up to, but not more than, half of their camp fees (not to exceed \$250 per camper). Children must register in order to be eligible for the program, and all service projects must be completed by May 7th. Contact Jori Bowen at jmbowen@aol.com or 847-269-9618 or complete this [form](#) to enroll in the incentive program.



BEHIND THE WALLS 2022 Lake County/SE Wisconsin Day of Champions

Saturday, June 18, 2022

Registration is open! We need 85 men and 15 women to take the Good News Behind the Walls in two states! The deadline to register is Wednesday, May 11th. God is presenting the opportunity for you to comfortably share your faith. Training is provided.

Contact Jeff McKenzie, Lynn Wetterberg or Todd Stickney for answers to any questions. Get signed up today!

[All Events List](#)

BAPTIZED INTO THE FAMILY OF GOD

April 10th at St. Mark

Henryk Orion Maurer

Son of Lindsey and Zachary
Maurer



May the guiding presence of God be with this Individual as he grows in the knowledge of Jesus Christ.

St. Mark extends a huge thank you to Lynn Johnson for 15 years of weekly messages on our outdoor sign.

Lynn, your witness to Christ was read by tens of thousands as they drove by St. Mark day in and day out. There is no doubt that God powerfully used your words to draw many to Him. Mountains of snow, pouring rain and 100 degree weather never stopped you from updating the messages. Thank you for your unfailing devotion to this endeavor.



Congratulations!

On Maundy Thursday, April 14th, our 5th and 6th graders received their First Communion.



What's HIS Ministry up to these days?

Through the generosity of our men we have been able to help a few folks individually. Before I share, here are a couple of disclaimers:

Disclaimer #1: I am sharing only some details and not all to maintain anonymity. I am not sharing to get a pat on the back or an atta-boy. These gifts always point praise, glory and honor back to the King of Generosity - King Jesus. These gifts are covered in prayer and only come from HIS Ministry. These are above and beyond gifts, not part of the tithe and offerings that go to the church.

Disclaimer #2: This giving is different from the Church's Good Samaritan Fund.

One man received a laptop. Due to a job loss and the financial difficulties that followed, this timely gift provided hope during some dark days. Another family received rent following huge medical expenses. We helped a woman living in poverty following an apartment fire, this included a kitchen table and chairs and we filled the fridge up for Thanksgiving and again for Christmas. A single mom got a shopping trip to Walmart for whatever she and her baby needed. Just this month we helped cover the cost of shipping blankets and toys to help Ukrainian refugee orphans.

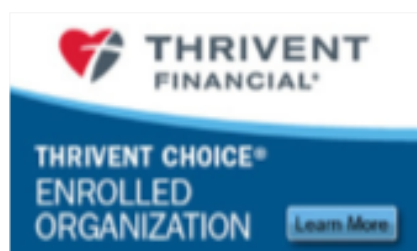
Join in person or via zoom on the 2nd Saturday of the month, 7:00 am Food, 8:00 am Training, 9:30 am Adjourn. (Men aged 15+). Become part of something good. We always have room for one more man. Send your contact information to Ministry2EveryMan@gmail.com or Text 847-271-8632, to Get Plugged In.



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Four Truths About Long Term Care

Let your family care about you rather than for you. If staying in your home is a top retirement priority, you're not alone. Learn how creating a plan for care as you age can help you achieve that goal. Join Thrivent and Long Term Care Expert, Bill Comfort to discover why it's vital to create a strategy to protect your assets and reassure your family about the future. No products will be sold. Long-term care insurance may not cover all of the costs associated with long-term care. You are advised to review your contract carefully. The contract has exclusions, limitations, and terms under which the benefits may be reduced, or the contract may be discontinued. Contract provisions and maximum monthly benefits may vary by state. For costs and complete details of coverage, contact your licensed insurance agent/producer.

MAY 17, 2022 | 11:30 AM AND 6:00 PM

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President's Message *Continued from page 1*

Seven is the number of completeness and perfection. Thanks be to God, we have a good balance of our congregational demographic mix with an equally good mix of spiritual gifts. Please pray regularly for these servants for wisdom, discernment, collaboration and camaraderie as they will be investing a significant amount of time and energy to this endeavor. It will not be rushed, but will be accomplished in accordance with God's timing. God knows exactly who will complement Pastor Breum's gifts of evangelism and intercessory prayer with future vision, leadership and youth ministry. The Call Committee only needs to follow His lead. When that person becomes available to us, God will move His hand. That could be this year, could be next; only God knows that answer.

The Call Committee will be accomplishing their purpose independently and confidentially. Please feel free to offer your thoughts to any of the Call Committee members but be mindful of the fact that they will not be at liberty to discuss or share any of their plans, direction or progress outside of congregational updates. As always, your thoughts and opinions are important so one-on-one feedback will be welcomed, but without comments in response. The team knows the process will require ongoing attentiveness and they are committed to staying on point and keeping momentum moving. *Congregational updates will be provided* when there is something to tell but again, this is all in God's timing. Sometimes He has us wait for His answers so if you find yourself wondering in the absence of weekly or monthly updates, especially in the beginning when preparation is the key, please have confidence in the Committee's work while they seek God for direction. Waiting is hard but trust helps us wait.

Trust in God's timing is a part of our Christian lives but it's not easy. Pastor Breum's excellent Maundy Thursday sermon provided helpful application to remind us that everything is in God's perfect timing: "Jesus fully accepted God's timeline over His life and ministry and surrendered to the timetable of the Father." If you didn't get to hear that message yet, you'll find value in listening. You can access it on [SMLC Digital – YouTube](#)

Please keep Josiah, Brooke, Nathaniel and Abram Frusti in your prayers this month as they prepare to move at the end of May. We pray for God's blessings and abundance in every way as He leads them to their new home and call to life ministry.

Rejoicing in our Living and Eternal Savior, Jesus Christ, our Lord,

Joni Wasmund
Council President



Fellowship, food & fun
CHURCH
Picnic

Join us Sunday, August 21st at the Lehmann Pavilion (148 Cedar Ave., Lake Villa, IL) after the 10:30 AM service. Please note that only Lake Villa residents can park on-site, everyone else will need to park on the street or in the Metra station parking.



Singles Group

We welcome your ideas for gatherings as well!

If you are interested in joining us, and would like to be added to our contact/email list, please contact Nancy O'Connor at neoconnor@comcast.net or Patty Lindholm at lindholm_patricia@yahoo.com for more details.

We welcome all St. Mark single folks to this new group that will foster Christian support, socializing, and friendship.

Activities we are currently working on putting together include:

- Meeting at homes or nearby restaurants.
- Meeting at local parks for free weekly summer concerts.
- Free movie, popcorn & valet parking at the Antioch movie theater 2 Mondays per month.
- Bowling



Open Arms Food Pantry Neighbors Helping Neighbors

Did you know? That OAM continues to support more than 200 families every week! In addition to providing food, OAM also sponsors a meal every 4th Tuesday from 5 – 6pm at the Antioch Senior Center for those individuals that need a warm meal and some fellowship.

Thank you for all your continued support in filling the “yellow barrels”!! It’s truly heart warming to see our Congregation continuing to reach out to help our neighbors in these unique times.

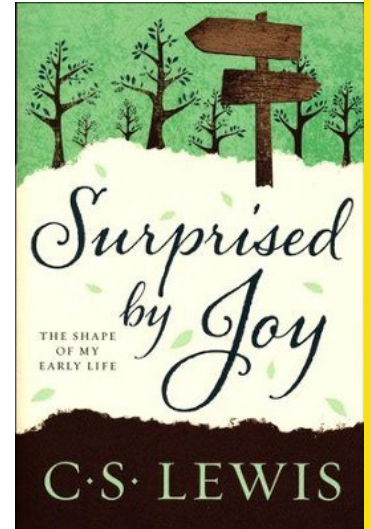
The items requested for May are **Cereal / Pasta** (any non perishable food is gladly excepted).

If you have any questions about OAM please contact Ron Placko at rdplacko@comcast.net or 847.404.3304.

Surprised by Joy



This month’s selection is *Surprised by Joy* by the well known and loved author C.S. Lewis. This great British writer, 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.



SMLC Business Directory

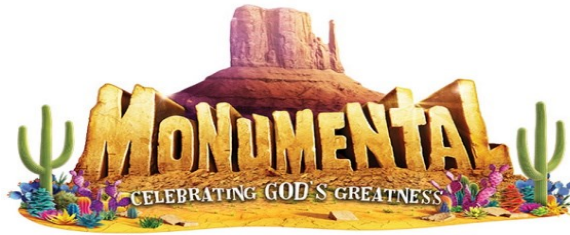
The Business Directory is now available on the Church Website! Download the directory from the Church Website (smlc.info) / Media / Business Directory.

Members of St Mark are eligible, whether professional or aspiring entrepreneurs. Let us know who you are, hoping to add babysitters, leaf-rakers, house-watchers, dog-walkers, window-cleaners, house-cleaners, vacuum-operators, etc... To get added to the directory or provide a testimonial, please Text/Call Jerry Doran at 847-271-8632.



Serve The Lord With All Your Heart

May 2022



Join us for fun in the Sun at VBS!

Help kids explore God's greatness and monumental love!

Go off-road for a MONUMENTAL adventure through the colorful canyons and sunbaked trails of the southwest. By exploring GOD'S AWESOMENESS, kids form a rock-solid faith for the road ahead!

When: June 20th - June 24th

Time: 9:00am – 12:00 noon

Location: at St. Mark



VBS is crawling with faith and fun!

Kids:

Preschoolers (3-years old & potty-trained) through 6th graders (for the 22-23 school year) are welcome to participate in VBS.

Volunteers (Teens and Adults)

Our VBS program relies on adult and teen volunteers to provide songs, stories, crafts, games, and God's word!

Can you...

- Work with a team (adults and teen assistants),
- Read/Teach a Bible Story,
- Play a video and guide a discussion,
- Make a craft or explore with a science "gizmo",
- Play music videos to teach songs and motions,
- Play games,
- Smile, laugh, make memories, share God's word, and exemplify God's LOVE for His children

If **YES** is the answer to any of these, we have a place for you on our VBS adventure!

If you'd like more information about volunteer opportunities, please use this link [Volunteer Opportunities](#) or contact a VBS Director at stmarkvbsfun@gmail.com.

Registration

Opens **May 2nd** at <https://vbspro.events/p/stmarkvbs2022> or follow the link on the St. Mark webpage.



Let's get VBS rolling,
Beth Miller, Kristi Knull, and Julie Rick
VBS Directors

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Ask Stewie.

Ask who?

Yup, it says “Ask Stewie”. Ten years ago, while I was writing Stewardship Voice articles, my byline was called “Stewardship Corner”. **Boring!**

So, with help from some very talented ladies at St. Mark, what you see above is the creative product in a caricature “Lion” called “Stewie”.

The lion represents our Lord and Savior the King, but also reflects wisdom, leadership and caring for our membership.

In the coming months the Stewardship committee will be preparing a variety of articles on the responsibility of Stewardship, by focusing on encouraging the use of the Congregation’s God given time, talents, and possessions.

Along with the Finance Committee we will be helping you understand the many ways you can help with all the programs, activities and day to day operations of St. Mark. We will also explain to you all the financial aspects of St. Mark and show you why your donations are so important in not only keeping the doors open, but more importantly, in spreading the good news of God’s love to our community and around the world.

We hope you will enjoy Stewie’s monthly articles and come to a better understanding of the who, how and what it takes for a church to grow, prosper and take God’s message of love, redemption and eternal life to all.



We were so fortunate and very blessed to have Brooke Frusti and Melissa McGill as our Sunday School Coordinators for the 2021-2022 year. Due to both of them relocating, they will not be with us for the coming year.

St. Mark is **in need of 2 new Coordinators** for Sunday School! Are you interested?

We will also be recruiting for Sunday School teachers and subs for the upcoming year.

Come Shadow our current coordinators to learn the ropes.

Email: stmarksunschool@gmail.com

Sunday School Teachers and Subs: Teacher’s Appreciation Luncheon

**Sunday, May 15, 2022 immediately
following 10:30 service**

As the Sunday School year is coming to a close, please come join us for food and fellowship as we CELEBRATE all the work that the Lord has done through in the lives of our Sunday School children. What a blessing it is to the children, the parents, the church and to the Lord himself to have you all serving in our classrooms. The seeds that you are sowing as you share the story of Jesus and God the Father with the children will bear fruit for all eternity. Please come

and be celebrated! RSVP with your intentions to stmarksunschool@gmail.com.



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Support St. Mark & Local Businesses



Second Tuesday Each Month

CARRY OUT, PICK UP or DELIVERY!
Be sure to bring your coupon and mention it at time of payment!

Present this certificate at the time of payment and **15%** of your order, excluding tax and tip, will be donated to **St. Mark Lutheran Church**.
Certificate must be presented at time of payment.
Not to be used with any other coupons or discounts.

Share with your friends and family.

LINDENHURST LOCATION ONLY

12:00 - 9:00 PM

Visit www.antiochpizzashop.com for full menu.

Valid the **Second Tuesday** of each Month

Antioch Pizza ■ 224-444-8657
1856 E. Grand Ave., Lindenhurst

DATES: Second Tuesdays
5/10/22, 6/14/22, 7/12/22



Wendy's

THIRD THURSDAY EACH MONTH!

Now Serving Breakfast!

DRIVE THRU Anytime that day! Be sure to bring your coupon! (paper or electronic)

Show your support for St. Mark Lutheran Church

Stop into **Wendy's® Lindenhurst** anytime on the **Third Thursday** of each month and **30%** of qualifying sales will be donated to **St. Mark Lutheran Church**.

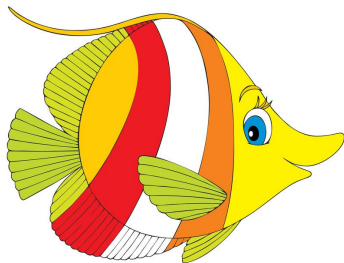
DATE: Every Third Thursday
5/19/22, 6/16/22, 7/21/22

TIME: All Day (Breakfast until Close)

LOCATION: 370 S US Highway 45, Lindenhurst

Present this flyer when ordering!

Paper flyer or electronic image of flyer (on a phone/tablet) is required when order is placed. Only valid on date at location specified above. Wendy's gift cards and other retail purchases are excluded from the event. Drive-thru, carry-out (place inside the dining room at the counter) and dine-in orders when and where available qualify. Owned and operated by **HAMRA** Enterprises, a Wendy's franchisee www.hamrafundraising.com.



Fin Facts

The St. Mark Finance Committee would like to introduce you to Fin. Along with Stewie (see page 14), Fin will be making an appearance in the Voice and before services to provide information regarding the budget, church finances, expenses, income sources and the day to day financial operations of the church.

Back by popular demand, Fin will be giving monthly and year to date summaries of the donations received as compared to budget.

Fin will also share Fin Facts along the way. The first Fin Fact: The congregation votes on the annual budget at the Congregational meeting in November. When does the budget process start? The answer to this and many other Fin Facts will be revealed before services beginning in May! If there is anything you would like Fin to cover, please send your questions/suggestions to Lynn Wetterberg at AttachLynn@aol.com.

	<u>2022 Budgeted Unrestricted Offerings</u>	<u>2022 Actual Unrestricted Offerings</u>
Month of March	\$ 57,850.00	\$ 55,172.00
January - March	\$ 188,600.00	\$ 154,548.78

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May 2022

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May 15, 2022**

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