



*Serve The Lord With All Your Heart*

## 2023 Ministry Book

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# Our Mission

is to give glory to God through the proclamation of the Word of God and through worship and the sacraments, and to build up the body of Christ, that we might give witness to God's love and salvation. We encourage all members to grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ, to seek to do God's will, and to use their time, talents, and possessions in service to God and all people, especially those of the household of faith (Gal. 6:10).



## **ADULT BIBLE STUDIES**

Contact Group: Parish Ed Ministry Team: Lori McKenzie (847) 721-0384 or [lorimckenzie119@gmail.com](mailto:lorimckenzie119@gmail.com); Jane Milani (847) 899-2511 or [lvmom76@att.net](mailto:lvmom76@att.net); Dean Miller (847) 309-9941 or [dmiller0122@gmail.com](mailto:dmiller0122@gmail.com)

Below is the list of our ongoing studies that are available to members and the community at large. These classes cover a wide variety of topics. Most topics run as a series and are determined by the leaders and classes. Watch the announcements, website and the VOICE for new classes. If you wish to lead a class, please contact the Parish Education Ministry Team. Sunday School classes, unless otherwise noted, run from September through May. ALL ARE WELCOME ANY TIME IN ANY CLASS!!!

**SUNDAY ADULT STUDIES** All meet during the Sunday School hour 9:20-10:20am.

**Digging Deeper Class:** On Hiatus

**Ladies Sunday Morning Bible Study:** Women of every age are invited to attend a Sunday morning Bible study during the Sunday School hour led by Tricia Summerson at [tbsummerson@gmail.com](mailto:tbsummerson@gmail.com) and Debbie Gass.

## **MONDAY STUDIES**

**Young Adults:** On hiatus. The group consist of the young adults of St. Mark, high school graduates and people up through their 20's.

## **TUESDAY STUDIES**

**Tuesday Morning Group:** This group meets in the Library on Tuesday Mornings from 10:00am - 11:00am for a study on the Bible. Contact the church office for more details.

## **THURSDAY STUDIES**

**Growing in Christ:** *Growing in Christ*, is a small group for singles, parents, grandparents and seniors.

Our class objective is to be conformed to Christ's image by:

1. *glorifying God through class discussion and shared experiences;*
2. *nurturing each person's relationship with Christ;*
3. *practicing apologetics with a Biblical worldview.*

We look at a variety of genres (Bible, history, biographies, DVD series, movies, documentaries, faith based books, etc.) and sometimes go on field trips! Contact Barb Ewert at [beewert@colsonfellows.org](mailto:beewert@colsonfellows.org) for updates and questions.

## **THURSDAY EVENING STUDY-** (open to all)

This study meets on Thursday evenings at 7:00 in the church library and will meet weekly. Bring your Bible and prepare for some great conversation as we study God's word. Contact Lou Korom at [lkorom7@aol.com](mailto:lkorom7@aol.com) for questions.

## **SATURDAY STUDIES**

**Saturday Morning Men's Bible Study:** We meet every Saturday morning except the second Saturday of the month year round at 7:00am at Panera in Round lake. Each meeting consists of prayer, Bible study and fellowship. If you would like to know more about this meeting, please contact Gary Olson (847) 323-1034; [Olson1014@yahoo.net](mailto:Olson1014@yahoo.net). Classes are subject to change. Please keep up-to-date with class schedules in the weekly bulletin, bulletin board by Fellowship Hall, website, and monthly Voice.

## **H.I.S. Ministry**

Contact: Jerry Doran (847) 271-8632 or email [ministry2everyman@gmail.com](mailto:ministry2everyman@gmail.com) or more details.

H.I.S. Ministry began in September of 2018, with a vision of creating an environment where men sharpen each other, just like Proverbs 27:17- "As iron sharpens iron, so a friend sharpens a friend". Our 3 key principles helped us name the ministry: H - Humility, I - Integrity, and S - Spiritual. We have no room for boasting and should have a servant's heart (Humility). We must be honest and always take the higher moral ground (Integrity). Above all else, we must accept and trust Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior (Spiritual). When we get this right, we can have a positive impact on our families and our community. We always have room for one more man (age 15+). This group meets in person in the Fellowship Hall and by Zoom on the 2nd Saturday of each month at 700am for breakfast and 8:00am for training.

## **ALTAR GUILD**

Contact: Gae Michal (847) 571-8659 or [gmichal48@gmail.com](mailto:gmichal48@gmail.com); Service is usually once a month.

The Altar Guild takes care of setting up most everything you see behind the altar railing. Including, but limited to:

Banners	Laundering Pastor's & Acolyte robes
Paraments	Communion setup/cleanup
Flowers	Communion Bread baking
Candles	Holiday Decor
Altar Linens	

This is a wonderful ministry for those who may not want to be in the spotlight!! It also lends itself to a team effort!! Also consider it a way to meet new people, try new things!! None of the things we do needs a degree!! It does require, however, attention to detail. If there is not a position available in the category you might be interested in, there is ALWAYS a substitute list for fill-in if one of the regulars is not able to be available on their assigned date. Training is always given.

The "work" of the Altar Guild is seen and appreciated by many, however those that produce that "work" are seldom seen! All that is needed is a wish to quietly serve the Lord! Feel free to explore this ministry.

## **ALTAR SERVERS**

Contact: Carl Norlin (847) 370-1210 or [carl6126@att.net](mailto:carl6126@att.net)

Altar Servers, is a unique ministry at St, Mark. Servers are an important and much appreciated part of our worship experience. Other than the Pastors, no one else so closely plays a part in the presentation of the Elements of Holy Communion. Your participation as an Altar Server is special. When you serve with the Pastors, you serve the people of God, and above all, you serve Christ.

Altar servers are typically scheduled for Holy Communion every Saturday evening at 5:30pm and 1st and 3rd Sundays both 8am and 10:30am. One server assists serving the bread on Saturday and three for each service on Sunday.

As an Altar Server, you will do things that others will never do. You will learn things that others will never know. You will see the Worship service in ways that others may never see it. You will do it all for the Honor and Glory of God. You do it out of love for His Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.

## **ANGEL TREE**

Contact: Jill Decker (847) 445-7502 - [decker0393@yahoo.com](mailto:decker0393@yahoo.com)

Angel Tree gives our church the unique ministry of sharing Christ's love at Christmas each year with the families of prisoners. It helps meet their physical, emotional and spiritual needs. It is a great way to minister "to the least of these".

We, as a congregation, select Angel Tree ornaments, each bearing the name and gift wish of a child of an incarcerated parent. We purchase the gifts, wrap them, and distribute them to the children.

### **ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC**

Contact: Congregational Life Ministry Team - Shawn Frank (847) 533-9073 or robshawnfrank@aol.com; Donna Bergl (847) 612-4565 or d.bergl@yahoo.com; Tricia Cholewinski (224) 388-1659 or tcholewinski@gmail.com

This picnic is held as announced following the 2nd worship service. This is an opportunity for families and children to enjoy good food, games and fellowship. There is always a lot of preparation before, during and after the picnic. This is a great place to volunteer and meet other families. (Deb proofed up to here; formatting needed.)

### **AUDIT MINISTRY TEAM**

Contact: Finance Ministry Team - Pam Preston - nicowoof@att.net, and Lynn Wetterberg - attachlynn@aol.com

Each year the Finance Ministry Team asks for volunteers to assist in the auditing of the church's financial records. This is a limited time commitment. If you have a financial background, or no experience but are willing to give an evening or two in service, we would be glad to have you join us!

### **BELLS OF JOY**

Contact: Andy McBeath (847) 356-8140 or andy@smlc.info

The hand bell choir, ringing 3 octaves of bells, performs during worship services September-May. The hand bell choir is open to anyone high school age and up who loves to make music! We invite you to join our group whether you are a seasoned bell ringer, or have never rung before (some musical experience is helpful!) – we will train you! We need regular ringers, and substitutes.

### **BEST PRACTICES MINISTRY TEAM**

Contact: Bob Parmley (847) 702-0704 or bobparmlay@comcast.net; Laurie Kerns (847) 612-1510 or minedaffyduck@aol.com; and Lynn Wetterberg (847) 287-4478 or attachlynn@aol.com

Best Practices is a Council President-appointed advisory Ministry Team that reviews the various policies and procedures of the church to develop a "best standard" way of doing things. The Ministry Team's goals are to:

- Gather details of existing practices and determine need for creating new documented practices;
- Create or assist church Ministry Teams with proposed written policies, procedures and guidelines for the various practices.
- Evaluate practices to determine if improvements can be made;
- Evaluate practices for compliance with St. Mark Constitution and By-Laws and society's legal, moral and ethical standards;
- Assemble Council-approved policies and procedures into a common "Policies and Guidelines Manual";
- Make the "Policies and Guidelines Manual" known and available to Council and Ministry Team members as a reference document so that there is a consistency in practices year after year, even as Council and Ministry Team membership changes.

Best Practices is a standing Ministry Team for which members are not elected and do not rotate. The Ministry Team meets on the third Tuesday evening of the month when it has business to discuss. The current Ministry Team is composed of Laurie Kerns, Bob Parmley and Lynn Wetterberg. Persons interested in helping with this work are invited to contact one of the Ministry Team members.

## **BUSY BAGS**

Contact: Donna Bergl (847) 612-4565 or d.bergl@yahoo.com

This ministry assembles Busy Bags for small children to use during the worship services to help keep their attention, while still being able to be part of the worship service with their family. Bags are filled with little trinkets, crayons, and age appropriate sheets the children can color.

## **CAMP TIMBER-LEE**

Contact: Jori & Drew Bowen by email jmbowen@aol.com

Since 1947 Timber-lee (located in East Troy, WI) has been reaching out to the children and families of Northern Illinois and Southern Wisconsin. Almost a million individuals have been impacted by the ministry and it's work. This work continues today because a large Family of supporters and staff dedicate time, talents and treasure to carry out the ministry. Experience Timber-lee for the first time or join the Family and be a part of taking Timber-lee into the future.

The St. Mark Parish Education Ministry Team has created an incentive program to help your child, grades 2 -12, earn money towards their church camp fees! Basically, your child has the opportunity to perform various service projects for the church. Each task is worth a specific amount of points which transfers into dollar amounts. Your child will be able 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. Watch for more information in late Winter.

## **CANTORS**

Contact: Worship & Music Ministry Team; Wendy Weidner (262) 323-1639 or wendyweidner22@yahoo.com;

A Cantor participates in the 8:00am Sunday service by leading the Kyrie and Hymn of Praise portion of the service. Cantors are currently scheduled to serve every other month. Occasional substitutes would also be appreciated.

## **CARING CASSEROLES**

Contact: Lori McKenzie (847) 356-1048 or lorimckenzie119@gmail.com

Ministry Team chair people meet as needed.

Caring Casseroles is a program that provides a meal to those in need: following the birth of a baby, recovery from illness and/or surgery, death in the family, etc. Our goal is to re-affirm to those in need that God loves them (and so does St. Mark).

We currently have around 60 volunteers participating in our program. Our volunteers are divided into three groups. Each group has a chairperson. On a rotating basis, each group is called upon to provide a meal as the need arises. Each volunteer is called approximately once every 12 meals provided. As volunteers are called, they are asked to furnish one of three categories. The categories are main dish, salad and rolls/bread, or dessert and drink, New volunteers are always welcome.

*Contact the church office if you have a need to receive Caring Casseroles.*

## **COLLEGE & MILITARY CARE PACKAGES**

Contact: Cheryl Bengston (847) 245-3612 or cbengston@gmail.com; Sarah Boyle - srboyle3@gmail.com

St. Mark Church likes to keep in touch with our college students and/or servicemen who are away from home. We will be sending small remembrance packages, cards and helpful information throughout the year.

The packages generally include some fun things, some useful things like pencils, and some spiritual

remembrance. It's a small way to let our students or members of the service know that we at St. Mark are thinking and praying for them.

If you have a family member or friend who would enjoy these good wishes, please submit his or her current address to the church office. If you have any suggestions or contributions for things to send to the students, please leave them in the church office marked "College".

### **COMMUNITY FELLOWSHIP MINISTRY TEAM/EVENTS**

Contact: Stewardship Ministry Team - Carl Norlin (847) 370-1210 or carl6126@att.net

St. Mark is blessed to have Wendy's and Antioch Pizza in Lindenhurst donate a percentage of their proceeds to the church from the meals eaten at their restaurants during our designated fundraisers. The dates are posted in *The VOICE* and bulletins, plus you can download vouchers from [smlc.info/events](http://smlc.info/events). Have dinner with friends and neighbors; it all counts for money going back to the church. Total sales for the event must reach \$75.00 for the church to receive funds.

### **COMPASSION INTERNATIONAL** (Sponsored by St. Mark Lutheran Church)

Contact: Laurie Kerns (847) 612-1510 or [minedaffyduck@aol.com](mailto:minedaffyduck@aol.com); Youth Group - Mike Mol (847) 276-8739 or [memol2elks@gmail.com](mailto:memol2elks@gmail.com)

Compassion International exists as an advocate to release children from their poverty, be it spiritual, economic, social and/or physical difficulties. They work to enable these children to become responsible and fulfilled Christian adults.

Two children are sponsored through Compassion International by St. Mark - one by the church and one by the Sunday school and adult members! We send financial support as well as correspondence with each child.

Our sponsorship of love and support allows these two children to attend Sunday School, Bible class, and VBS, but most importantly they learn the word of God and can share with their families.

### **CONFIRMATION CLASSES**

Contact: Beth Miller (847) 356-3822; Johnna Morton (847) 245-4809; Lynn Johnson. Group email for contact is [Stmarkconfirm78@gmail.com](mailto:Stmarkconfirm78@gmail.com)

Open to any person that is in 7th grade through adult. Confirmation is a two-year program that will develop an individual's greater sense of God through worship, the study of God's word and fun. Classes focus on what it means to be a Christian, how to grow in the body of Christ.

Confirmation classes are held on Wednesday nights throughout the regular school year (Sept. - April). Class meets from 6:30-7:30pm. In person classes are held in the Education Center. Students must register in the fall prior to beginning class. Confirmation Sunday is in April.

### **CONGREGATIONAL LIFE MINISTRY TEAM**

Ministry Team: Shawn Frank (847) 533-9073 or [robshawncfrank@aol.com](mailto:robshawncfrank@aol.com); Donna Bergl (847) 612-4565 or [d.bergl@yahoo.com](mailto:d.bergl@yahoo.com); Tricia Cholewinski (224) 388-1659 or [tcholewinski@gmail.com](mailto:tcholewinski@gmail.com)

The Congregational Life Ministry Team seeks to provide opportunities for fellowship and encourage an atmosphere of open communication in order to build a warm and caring church community. They will do this through a variety of congregational gatherings, small groups, membership support, and communication initiatives for example, Annual church picnic, Easter breakfast, caring casseroles, fellowship hour, new members, college and military, fellowship hour, potlucks and Stephen Ministry.

Ministry Team Meetings are held on the 4th Tuesday of each month at St. Mark. All Ministry Team meetings are open to the congregation. Please contact a member of the Ministry Team if you have something to



add to the monthly meeting agenda.

### **CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP SOUND TECHNICIANS**

Contact: Andy McBeath (847) 356-8140 or andy@smlc.info

The Sound Technicians make the Contemporary Worship Service possible by appropriately amplifying and balancing the sound of our Worship Bands, creating the perfect sonic environment for our congregation to join in worshipping the Lord.

If you are interested in volunteering for this ministry and becoming a Sound Technician, please contact the Worship and Music Ministry Team.

### **CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP BANDS**

Contact: Andy McBeath (847) 356-8140 or andy@smlc.info

Are you a closet musician or vocalist? Is God calling you to share the talent He blessed you with? If so, be a part of one of our several Worship Bands. These bands lead music in the Contemporary Worship Service. We also have spots for special music anthems throughout the year. If you would like to be part of one of the bands or do an anthem in the Contemporary Worship Service, please contact the Worship & Music Ministry Team.

### **COUNTING TEAMS**

Contact: Laurie Kerns (847) 612-1510 or minedaffyduck@aol.com

Counting teams are responsible for counting and depositing the weekly offerings. Each team made up of 3 to 4 people meet on their scheduled week once a month. They meet at a time convenient for their team making sure the deposit is done by Tuesday.

### **CRADLE ROLL**

Contact: Sharon Tatro (847) 269-1723 or berniesharon@comcast.net

All baptized members of St. Mark, ages birth to 3 years old, receive information packets that help parents chart the developmental growth of their child and encourage their Christian growth as well. On the anniversary of their birth and each six-month mark in between, another card is sent. Baptisms are scheduled through the Church Administrator, with the approval of Pastor.

### **ENDOWMENT MINISTRY TEAM**

Contact: Mel Ellingsen (847) 274-8144; mel-ellingsen@comcast.net

Jerry Doran, Mell Ellingsen, Bill Ersbo and Jim O'Neal met in Mid-2019 to put structure around an earlier \$25,000 gift to St. Mark designated for youth programs. The donor wanted to preserve the principle and gift the earnings. Today, the Endowment Fund has a market value over \$75,000 and has both a General Fund and Youth (Butterfly) Fund as a special resource for future income and stability for St. mark. The funds are invested with Thrivent Charitable Impact and Investing.

The Endowment Fund is ready to accept direct monetary donations via the offering plate and the St. Mark electronic giving tools as well as anonymous donations. It is understood that special gifts and bequests should not take the place of faithful stewardship of current income, but should be made to enable the Church to continue and extend its mission in the future, both here and abroad. The gifts to the Endowment Fund may include bequests in wills, charitable remainder trusts, transfers of real property, life income gifts, assignments of life insurance and special or memorial gifts. Such gifts are encouraged and shall be used with care and sensitivity.

## **EVANGELISM MINISTRY TEAM**

Ministry Team: Jeff McKenzie - lorijeff@hotmail.com or (847) 721-0382, Patrick Krook - pat@revmusclecars.com or (224) 430-0931, Chris Holmes - gettingrichnow52@gmail.com or (847) 356-3301 and Kurt Ulbricht krulbricht@msn.com or (815) 592-0511.

The Evangelism Ministry Team of St. Mark exists to mobilize our church body to demonstrate their love for God by loving and serving the larger community and the world. This is done first and foremost through prayer both individually and corporately. Further, by encouraging and empowering the body to use their gifts and talents to organically (in a real or natural way) share the love of God with others through word and deed. Ministry Team Meetings are held on the 4th Tuesday of each month at St. Mark. All Ministry Team meetings are open to the congregation. Please contact a member of the Ministry Team if you have something to add to the monthly meeting agenda.

## **FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN (FMSC)**

Contact: Mike Mol at (847) 276-8739 or [MEMOL2Elks@gmail.com](mailto:MEMOL2Elks@gmail.com)

Since being founded in 1987, Feed My Starving Children has given hope in Jesus' name in the form of nutritious MannaPack meals to so many who are hungry around the world. We ask His blessing and your support in the years ahead as we continue on, until all are fed.

St. Mark has supported FMSC for many years by giving of their time and their finances. Many people either individually, as a family, or with a group have packed meals either at one of FMSC's 8 permanent sites or one of its many MobilePack events. St. Mark also gives 10% of its benevolence to FMSC each year.

## **FELLOWSHIP HOUR**

Coffee: Gae Michal (847) 571-8659 or [gaemichal48@gmail.com](mailto:gaemichal48@gmail.com)

Every Sunday morning we provide hot coffee, juice and fresh donuts. If you would like to assist with coffee preparation, please sign up on the schedule outside of the kitchen. Training will be provided if needed.

## **FINANCE MINISTRY TEAM**

Council President, Council Treasurer; Pam Preston (847) 997-9695 or [nicowoof@aol.com](mailto:nicowoof@aol.com); Lynn Wetterberg (847) 356-7856 or [attachlynn@aol.com](mailto:attachlynn@aol.com)

This Ministry Team is responsible for reviewing the financial records of the church on a monthly basis; working with standing Ministry Teams during the budgeting process; vetting the organizations we support with our benevolence money by reviewing the annual reports of the organizations and reviewing, monitoring and revising the financial policies of the church. They work with the Treasurer to review the financial practices of the church, recommend policy and procedures for the management of the church's assets and assist in the monitoring of the church's fiscal affairs. They are also responsible for forming an independent Audit Ministry Team to conduct an annual audit of the financial statements and to provide the findings of that audit to the council and congregation. The Memorial Ministry Team works with other Ministry Teams to create a list of Council approved Memorial items. The Memorial Ministry Team then assures that the memorial gifts given are used in the manner in which they were designated.

## **FUNERAL LUNCHEONS**

Contact: Karen Perrone (847) 404-3394 or [kannperrone@gmail.com](mailto:kannperrone@gmail.com)

St. Mark has a little known ministry that provides a helping hand during a time of need. With help provided by volunteers from the church, catered luncheons (provided by the family) after a funeral service can be held in the fellowship hall. The volunteers handle the set-up, clean-up, and serving of the refreshments and desserts while other volunteers bake and donate the desserts. Speak with the Pastor if you would like to use this ministry, or call the office to volunteer.

## **GOOD SAMARITAN EMERGENCY FUND**

Contact: Church Office (847) 356-8140

Ministry Team: Pete Bolender, Jeff McKenzie, & Deb Zuchowski.

The Good Samaritan Fund is a source of emergency funds available to St. Mark members and also non members, helping them manage through times of severe financial crisis. These funds are meant to assist people with rent and utilities (paid directly to the vendor). Fund requests from those in need will be handled with confidentiality, fairness and discretion. The Pastor, Church Administrator and a designated member of the congregation may know the circumstance of requests in order to make the appropriate decisions in a consistent manner.

## **HELPING HANDS**

Contact: Mike Mol (847) 276-8739 or MEMOL2Elks@gmail.com

What started out as an idea to help Senior Citizens during the start of Covid-19 get groceries and/or pharmaceutical needs, has continued and grown to where it is now. We are here to help anyone, REGARDLESS of age, in need of almost anything. We're still here to help with a grocery and/or medicine pickup, but if you need something else - a lawn mowed, some yard clean-up, a sidewalk shoveled, help moving things in or out of the house, etc. Please ask and we'll figure out what we can do to help you. My Team of "helping hands" are always available for you if you need our help!!

## **HOLIDAY DINNER IN A BAG**

Contact: Congregational Life - Shawn Frank (847) 533-9073 or robshawnfrank@aol.com; Donna Bergl (847) 612-4565 or d.bergl@yahoo.com; Tricia Cholewinski (224) 388-1659 or tcholewinski@gmail.com

The Holiday Dinner in a Bag is a ministry of the Congregational Life Ministry Team. It is a project that provides the staples for a Thanksgiving dinner for an individual or family that is in need. Food donations are collected for this project in November and delivered to the families by St. Mark volunteers on the Sunday prior to Thanksgiving.

## **HUMAN RESOURCES MINISTRY TEAM - Under construction**

## **JOYFUL HEARTS SINGLES GROUP**

Contact: Nancy O'Connor at [neoconnor@comcast.net](mailto:neoconnor@comcast.net), (847) 902-8308; or Patty Lindholm at [lindholm\\_patricia@yahoo.com](mailto:lindholm_patricia@yahoo.com), (847) 902-9673

Members Nancy O'Connor and Patty Lindholm have established a new group at St Mark called Joyful Hearts. We are a group of single people, men and women, who gather together for Christian fellowship and socializing. All are welcome if you are single; widowed, divorced, or just never took the plunge! We meet several times a month and do a variety of great activities.

Our first "ice breaker" was at a member's home, where we enjoyed getting to know one another better. We felt this was important because of the three different church services at St Mark, many of us did not know each other. We've met for free movies at the Antioch movie theater that happen twice a month.

We usually get together once a month for dinner at a restaurant, and plan new additional fun activities throughout the month. We welcome suggestions on future activities!

It really has been great getting to know people that attend the church! We are a new group and are looking for suggestions and ways we can build friendships and support the church.

## **MEALS ON WHEELS**

Contact: Laurie Kerns (847) 612-1510 or minedaffyduck@aol.com

The Meals on Wheels program is a wonderful and rewarding ministry. The program is run by Catholic

Charities. Volunteers pick up hot catered meals from Antioch Township offices located at 1625 Deep Lake Road. St. Mark has the responsibility of delivering meals to Seniors one week every 5th week through the year. We usually deliver approximately 10 – 12 meals and delivery takes just a little more than an hour. I arrange a "ride along" for any person interested so that there is an opportunity to see the route before

they volunteer. There are opportunities to be either a full time volunteer or be placed on the Substitute Driver's list. If you feel you have a heart for this ministry please contact me.

### **MEMORIAL MINISTRY TEAM**

Contact: Judy Dunfrund (847) 209-5825 or judykless@gmail.com; Lynn Wetterberg (847) 356-7856 or attachlynn@aol.com; Bonnie Millsop (847) 489-3945 or bonniemillsop@sbcglobal.net

The Memorial Ministry Team works with other Ministry Teams to create a list of Council approved Memorial items. The Memorial Ministry Team then assures that the memorial gifts given are used in the manner in which they were designated.

### **MINISTRY BOOK MINISTRY TEAM**

Contact: Stewardship Ministry Team - Laurie Kerns (847) 612-1510 or minedaffyduck@aol.com

The Stewardship Ministry Team oversees revising and updating the Ministry Book and organizes the Ministry Palooza every three years. You are looking at the current Ministry Book. If you are interested in learning about the ministries at St. Mark or helping with the Palooza, contact the Stewardship Ministry Team.

### **MINISTRY PALOOZA**

Contact: Stewardship Ministry Team - Laurie Kerns (847) 612-1510 or minedaffyduck@aol.com

Every three years St. Mark holds a Ministry Palooza. The Palooza allows all ministries of St. Mark to show what they do. This is a great way to meet and work with others as we all grow in faith and become more like Jesus.

### **MITTEN TREE**

Contact: Shannon Lunkenheimer (847) 265-6682 or rttisal@comcast.net

The purpose of the Mitten Tree is to collect new hats, gloves, mittens and scarves for individuals within our community who are in need. This is an opportunity for individuals, families, and groups to support this local program and help a child/children, adults and/or seniors to stay warm during the winter months. Hats, scarves, mittens and gloves can be store bought or home made. The tree will be in the Narthex during the late fall months.

**NEW MEMBER CLASS** Cheryl Bengston (224) 436-3613 or cbengston58@gmail.com or Joyce Mol (847) 276-8740 or jempetersen@gmail.com;

The New Member Class is for those considering church membership. These classes give information about the mission and beliefs of St. Mark, as well as orient attendees to church programs and processes. The classes are held on Sunday mornings during Sunday School hour for 2-3 consecutive weeks. Classes are led by the Pastor and Ministry Team members. Watch the VOICE and weekly announcements for information on the next class.

### **NOAH'S NURSERY**

Contact: Deb Heide, Nursery Supervisor (312) 391-4907 or heidedeborah@gmail.com

Location: Midway down the hall from the main entrance on the left, just pass restrooms

Available every Sunday during 8 AM and 10:30 AM services, and during 9:20 AM Sunday School hour. The nursery is also made available during the midweek Lenten and Advent services and special church events.

Our ministry is to provide quality childcare to children ages 4 years and younger during church services and to children 3 years and younger during Sunday School hour. This allows parents of young children time to worship and participate in adult Sunday School classes.

We are looking for people who enjoy working with young children. We need adult and teen volunteers for all Sunday morning services as well as adults during the Sunday School hour. You may pick the day and time you would like to help, or you may be assigned to a rotating volunteer schedule. Prayerfully consider sharing your time and talents in this ministry.

### **OPEN ARMS FOOD PANTRY**

Contact: Ron Placko by email at rdplacko@comcast.net

A ministry of the Outreach Ministry Team, St. Mark volunteers a staff of 8 volunteers one night a month (3rd Wednesday) at the Open Arms Food Pantry in Antioch. Hours are 4 PM – 6:30 PM.

Open Arms Food Pantry supplies food to over 250 families in the Antioch, Lake Villa and Lindenhurst communities. To learn more about volunteer opportunities at Open Arms contact Ron Placko or sign up on the Social Ministry Board in the Fellowship Hall. You can sign-up for one month at a time. New people are always welcome!

St. Mark collects specific food items each month and delivers them to the Open Arms Food Pantry in Antioch. Watch the weekly announcements for the monthly item requested, but all staple food items are always welcome! Drop off items in one of the large yellow containers found near the entryways.

### **OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD**

Contact: Congregational Life - Shawn Frank (847) 533-9073 or robshawnfrank@aol.com; Donna Bergl (847) 612-4565 or d.bergl@yahoo.com; Tricia Cholewinski (224) 388-1659 or tcholewinski@gmail.com

Operation Christmas Child is a unique way to provide the joy of Christmas to kids in need. Funded by Samaritans Purse, churches pack shoe boxes full of clothes, toys, school supplies, hygiene products, and more to be sent off to the various countries around the world. We will be having a "Packing Party" where all families are invited to pack a shoebox or two. Items will be collected the weeks prior to the packing party."

### **PADS - Public Action to Deliver Shelter**

Contact: Jill Decker, Volunteer Coordinator (847) 265-9233 or padsatstmark@gmail.com; Laurie Kerns, Food Coordinator (847) 612-1510 or minedaffyduck@aol.com

PADS is a county wide program to help care for the homeless. Each night from October 1st to April 30th different churches open their doors from 6pm to 6am to provide homeless guests with a hot dinner, place to sleep, breakfast and a sack lunch. St. Mark is open on Friday nights.

Volunteers are always needed to set-up beds, prepare food, work the evening, overnight or morning shifts, help with cleanup or take bedding to be washed and returned the following week. To volunteer for any part of this program contact any of the above people.

### **PARISH EDUCATION MINISTRY TEAM**

Ministry Team: Lori McKenzie (847) 721-0384 or lorimckenzie119@gmail.com; Jane Milani (847) 899-2511; lvmom76@att.net or Dean Miller (847) 309-9941 or dmiller0122@gmail.com

The goal of the Parish Education Ministry Team is to provide programs to help all of God's children understand the Word. We need to continually study God's Word and follow the examples portrayed within its pages. As we grow as Christians, we need to learn how to use God's word in our daily lives as well as how to share the Gospel with others. Some of the educational opportunities currently available are Sunday

School, Adult Bible studies, Confirmation, Vacation Bible School, Church Library resources, Nursery, Cradle Roll and Youth Groups.

Ministry Team Meetings are held on the 4th Tuesday of each month at St. Mark. All Ministry Team meetings are open to the congregation. Please contact a member of the Ministry Team if you have something to add to the monthly meeting agenda.

### **POT LUCK MEALS**

Contact: Congregational Life Ministry Team - Shawn Frank (847) 533-9073 or robshawnfrank@aol.com; Donna Bergl - (847) 612-4565 or d.bergl@yahoo.com; Tricia Cholewinski - (224) 388-1659 or tcholewinski@gmail.com

We come together to celebrate different occasions that include February/March Lenten Soup Suppers, April Easter Breakfast, August annual church picnic, November Thanksgiving Eve Pie Social, December Christmas Potluck and Advent Soup Suppers. Other special occasion Pot Luck Meals happen during the year. Lutherans are known for their love of food and fellowship!

### **PRAYER CHAIN**

Contact: Connie Saunders (847) 899-2777

**To submit a prayer request, send an email to [smlcprayers@gmail.com](mailto:smlcprayers@gmail.com).**

Anyone willing to receive prayer requests and thanksgiving and commit to pray for each request may join the email prayer chain. We pray for individuals, the congregation, as well as community and global needs. This group of people committed to prayer takes action on behalf of the congregation on Jesus' words to "ask and you will receive, seek and you will find, knock and the door will be opened." (Matthew 7:7). The importance of the prayer chain is that it faithfully intercedes on behalf of others in need by lifting up specific requests, concerns and emergency situations. To join the prayer chain, please call or email Connie.

### **PRAYER GROUP**

Contact: Pam Burke (224) 430-6226 or Barb Ewert at [b1182ray@aol.com](mailto:b1182ray@aol.com) for zoom link.  
Meetings: Tuesdays @ 7:00pm via Zoom

Please join the prayer group for 1 hour of worship in song, testimony reports, and prayer requests. We pray in unity of the Holy Spirit from St. Mark weekly Prayer Chain list and lift concerns for our community, state, nation and worldwide. We praise JESUS for granting us the audience of the King through His sacrifice. Join us in humbling ourselves before our King, confession, worship and praise, thanks and supplication. *This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us. And if we know that he hears us-whatever we ask-we know that we have what we asked of him.* - 1 John 5:14-15

### **PRAYER PALS**

Contact: Beth Miller (847) 356-3822 or [bethmiller949804@gmail.com](mailto:bethmiller949804@gmail.com)

Each year the members of St. Mark have the opportunity to sponsor a first year Confirmation student. As a Prayer Pal you are asked to diligently keep the student in your daily prayers and approximately once a month send the student an anonymous spirit filled note of encouragement through the mail. The commitment is for the length of Confirmation instruction which is two years. As a Prayer Pal you receive the student's picture and information sheet once Confirmation instruction has begun. Your identity as a Prayer Pal is revealed at the Confirmation Tea which is held the Wednesday evening before Confirmation Sunday. The Prayer Pal program is a wonderful opportunity to make a simple time investment in the future of St. Mark. Prayer Pal sign up forms are available each Fall. Please watch for the announcements in the Sunday bulletin and The VOICE.

## **PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY**

Contact: Gae Michal (847) 571-8659 or gmichal48@gmail.com

Whether they are called Prayer Shawls, Comfort Shawls, Peace Shawls, or Mantles, etc. the shawl maker begins with prayers and blessings for the recipient. The intensions are continued throughout the creation of the shawl. Upon completion, a final blessing is offered before the shawl is sent on its way. If you would like to make a shawl, please make the shawl a rectangle about 3-4 feet wide and 5-6 feet in length. Some recipients have continued the kindness by making a shawl and passing it onto someone in need. Thus, the blessing ripples from person-to-person, with both the giver and receiver feeling the unconditional embrace of a loving God! After the shawls are completed, they are stored in a large plastic box in the balcony banner closet (right side as you go up the stairs). Place your completed shawl in the box and know someone will receive it with much gratitude and appreciation.

Please contact us to let us know of someone in need of a prayer shawl or if you would like to help make them!

## **PRISON MINISTRY**

*Bill Glass Behind the Walls*

Contact: Jeff McKenzie (847) 721-0382 - lorijeff@hotmail.com or any Prison Ministry participant

"Behind the Walls" assists the church by igniting Christians to share their faith in Jesus Christ. Their purpose is to fulfill the great commission of Jesus Christ, bring hope, offer God's vision to people, reach the lost, put families back together, reduce crime, restore lost lives, and restore people to God.

The Bill Glass Behind the Walls Events feature Christian professional athletes and entertainers in programs that make it easy to present the Gospel to men, women and youth in nearby prisons and youth centers. We need more Christian "teammates" to share their faith in this way.

The need to evangelize troubled youth is crucial and about 85% of incarcerated youth in Illinois and Wisconsin are housed a short ride away (1 – 1 ½ hrs.) This represents a unique opportunity for our church as thousands are reached annually in this way.

## **PRISON MINISTRY - SCHOOL MINISTRY**

Contact: Jeff McKenzie (847) 721-0382 - lorijeff@hotmail.com or any Prison Ministry participant

Arrangements are made with local middle and high school principals for former NFL players to address students in all school assembly programs. The players are trained to address life's issues and they discuss the importance of character and values, helping them to make life changes. They share personal experiences and present the consequences of alcohol, drugs, crime, peer pressure, and violence and encourage students to try their best at academics, sports and life.

The athletes talk about the importance of values such as honesty, caring, responsibility, and faith, while explaining how they have been able to overcome problems through their faith in God.

## **PROPERTY MANAGEMENT MINISTRY TEAM**

Ministry Team: Robin Korom (847) 980-0504, robin.korom@gmail.com & Jim Schaufel (847) 340-6387, James.schaufel@yahoo.com

Our mission is to maintain a healthy, safe and functional environment for worship, education, and fellowship.

Our goals are to maintain our present facilities in a functional condition and make improvements when necessary. We will accomplish this through a cooperative effort of Ministry Team members and available

funds to meet required upgrades in the property.

We would benefit from the experience of those who work in the trades to guide our decision-making. If you are interested in renting St. Mark facilities, please contact the church office.

Please contact a member of the Ministry Team if you have something to add to the monthly meeting agenda.

### **QUILTING GROUP**

Quilting group is several ladies that get together to quilt and have Christian fellowship on the second and fourth Thursday of each month from 9-12 in the library. We teach each other new techniques. Additionally we are in the process of donating some quilts to charity. It is a wonderful way to be able to have Christian fellowship and learn new ways of quilting.

If you have questions please contact Sharon Tatro (847) 269-1723 or email [berniesharon@comcast.net](mailto:berniesharon@comcast.net)

### **RUMMAGE SALE**

Contact: Laurie Kerns (847) 612-1510 or [minedaffyduck@aol.com](mailto:minedaffyduck@aol.com)

The annual St. Mark Rummage Sale takes place in August and is a great way for you to declutter your house while helping raise money for programs, projects and repairs at church. The sale needs many volunteers for sorting, setting up, and working during the sale to be successful. Volunteer sign up sheets are posted prior to the sale. We are always looking for new volunteers. Join us for fun and fellowship and yes, work.

### **SAFETY AND SECURITY**

Contact: Mike Mol (847) 276-8739 - [memol2elks@gmail.com](mailto:memol2elks@gmail.com); Deb Zuchowski (847) 691-5327 or [deb@smlc.info](mailto:deb@smlc.info)

The Safety and Security Ministry Team helps ensure our facilities are secure from all dangers from viruses to tornadoes to possible intruders. This Ministry Team develops policies and procedures that help provide our members with a sense of comfort, safety, and security. The Ministry Team's current plans combine effectiveness in preventing and containing threats to the congregation without changing the worship experience for our members.

### **SCRAPBOOKING**

Contact: Lori Quane (847) 970-1603, email [Robertq14@att.net](mailto:Robertq14@att.net)

Schedule: As Announced

We are a fun bunch of ladies who like to get together to preserve our family memories. Friends are invited to our gatherings. We try to meet quarterly, and registration forms are posted in the weekend announcements as well as in The VOICE. Cost for the all-day event is very minimal and includes dinner! Each guest is given a full table to craft on and plenty of sharing ideas and supplies takes place. Crafters bring their own supplies to work on and a snack to share. New to the craft? Let us know and demonstrations can be arranged. To be notified of the next "Scrap till you drop" date please email Bridget and she'll add you to the list!

### **SING & PRAY**

Contact: Pam Burke (224) 430-6226 or [pamelaburke02@gmail.com](mailto:pamelaburke02@gmail.com)

St Mark Church has opened our doors with the opportunity to come together corporately and pray. We are so privileged to live in a country enabling us to pray openly and experience God's wonder working power. All are welcome to join Sing & Pray every first Friday of the month from 7:00 to 8:00pm in the sanctuary.



Prayers are petitioned before our mighty Lord for world situations, our country, current events, our church, the lost, family, friends, and of course personal prayer requests. Please consider bringing those in your life who need prayer.

The session will wrap up around 8:00pm however feel free to come and go as you please. Stop in for 30 minutes or stay until the end whatever works in your schedule. We want to keep our gathering informal. Pray whatever is on your heart silently, in agreement, or out loud. No pressure. No expectations. Just God's people coming together to pray and seek his face.

"Devote yourselves to prayer" Colossians 4:2

### **ST. MARK CHOIR**

Contact: Worship & Music Ministry Team - Wendy Weidner (262) 323-1639 or wendyweidner22@yahoo.com

Senior Choir is comprised of people who love the Lord and love to sing. This group is for people ages high school and older. No musical experience is necessary! Please come and fellowship with the Senior Choir.

### **ST. MARK CHURCH LIBRARY**

Contact: Linda Pohlman (847) 431-8479 or glbsbrules@comcast.net

Location: Side rooms off the Fellowship Hall

The church library's mission is to have a wide variety of Christian-based materials available for all age groups. There are books, DVDs and CDs available for check out by all members of St. Mark.

The library now has an online catalog and check out system. Linda will host training sessions during the fellowship hour for members to learn how to use the new online catalog to check out books. We encourage everyone to come in and see what is available. Please look for our St. Mark Author's Corner which can be found on the counter by the non-fiction bookcase. The library accepts donations of new or gently used Christian books, CDs and DVDs that have been published within the last 10 years or so. Donations are catalogued, labeled and shelved.

### **STEPHEN MINISTRY**

Contact: John/Marilyn Florip (847) 838-1510 or johnflorip@aol.com; Judy Dunfrund (847) 209-5825 or judykless@gmail.com; Carin Kveton (715) -938-3791 or clkveton3@gmail.com; Deb Zuchowski (847) 691-5327 or deb@smlc.info

Stephen Ministry is a one-to-one caring ministry. Stephen Ministers are trained lay caregivers who provide confidential care, encouragement, and emotional and spiritual support to people who are going through a difficult time, such as divorce, grief, hospitalization, unemployment, terminal illness, relocation, chronic illness, or loneliness. Our Stephen Ministry team is looking for people with the gifts for caring, encouragement, and listening to prayerfully consider joining this exciting and important ministry.

To find out more about becoming a Stephen Minister or how you or someone you know could be matched with a Stephen Minister, talk with one of our Stephen Ministry Leaders listed above.

### **STEWARDSHIP MINISTRY TEAM**

Ministry Team: Laurie Kerns (847) 356-6816 - minedaffyduck@aol.com; Carl Norlin (847) 356-6084 or carl6126@att.net

The Stewardship Ministry Team oversees the following Ministry Teams or tasks:

- Supervise Counting Teams and revise process as needed
- Educate the congregation on the Endowment Fund and encourage participation

- Develop and promote Restaurant Coupon Nights
- Support Rummage Sale Ministry Team as needed
- Monitor and approve all fundraising initiatives
- Ministry Palooza
- Good Samaritan Ministry Team
- Develop and maintain the Ministry Guides
- Developing, administering and monitoring of time and talent sheets
- Promote Thrivent members to direct their Choice Dollars to St. Mark and to participate in action teams
- Encourage electronic giving and hold enrollment drives

Ministry Team Meetings are held on the 4th Tuesday of each month at St. Mark. All Ministry Team meetings are open to the congregation. Please contact a member of the Ministry Team if you have something to add to the monthly meeting agenda.

## **SUNDAY SCHOOL**

Coordinator: Denise Schaufel (847) 340-6386 or dschaufel@gmail.com or Melissa Grandt (708) 646-2479 or mgrandt12@gmail.com

Sunday School Mission Statement: To provide a safe and loving environment where children find and love God, explore His Word, build relationships with His family, and discover their own God-given uniqueness. St. Mark Sunday School is held each Sunday from September through May from 9:20am to 10:20am. Classes are available for pre-K through 8<sup>th</sup> grade.

Positions in this area include Sunday School coordinators, teachers, assistant teachers, song leaders and accompanist.

If you would like to become involved in the Sunday School program, please contact one of the coordinators or the Parish Education Ministry Team. Please continue to hold our young people and programs in your prayers throughout the year.

## **THRIVENT**

Contact: Stewardship Ministry Team and/or Jerry Doran (847) 271-8632 or (jerry.doran@thrivent.com)

Thrivent Financial is a fraternal benefit society, our members own Thrivent and our not-for-profit status creates some unique benefits as we help our members be wise with their money journey. We envision a world where Christians are more confident, content and living their God-given callings in service to one another, their churches and their communities. We believe we are all on a lifelong journey to be wise with money and live generously. We believe all we have is a gift from God. We believe we are called to be wise stewards of these gifts. We believe Generosity is an expression of faith.

Our benefits, tools and resources help you focus on what's important to you—whether that's meeting a community need, dealing with the unexpected, or finding inspiration and guidance. We all want to give back, but sometimes it's hard to know where to begin. If you're wondering how you can make a difference, we can help. Thrivent Action Teams are a great way to make a positive impact in your community. Simply gather a team of neighbors or friends for a fundraiser, educational event or service activity. Thrivent offers all the resources you need to get started, including up to \$250 in seed money. Your team provides the passion that brings your project to life. Three ways to become a Thrivent Member: 1. Own a Qualifying Product, 2. Join the Credit Union, or 3. Pay an Annual Fee.

Questions about member benefits or how to become a member can be directed to area representatives and/or: [Jerry.Doran@thrivent.com](mailto:Jerry.Doran@thrivent.com) / (847) 271-8632

### **THURSDAY MEN'S BREAKFAST GROUP (Breakfast Boys)**

The men of St. Mark and those in the community meet for breakfast on Thursday morning at 8:00 AM. We meet in the Fellowship Hall during colder months and in the Gazebo behind the Education Center in warmer months. Bring your breakfast or pick it up at McDonalds and participate in fellowship and discussions that help each of us become more informed Christians and better equipped to deal with our everchanging world. If you think it, we talk about It!

### **TRADITIONAL SPECIAL MUSIC**

Contact: Worship & Music Ministry Team - Wendy Weidner (262) 323-1639 or [wendyweidner22@yahoo.com](mailto:wendyweidner22@yahoo.com) & Andy McBeath (847) 356-8140 or [andy@smlc.info](mailto:andy@smlc.info).

St. Mark is currently seeking musicians to contribute their time and talents to our traditional worship services. If you sing or play an instrument, please consider playing during the offering time.

### **TUESDAY GROUP (Men)**

Contact: John Florip (847) 838-1510 or [johnflorip@aol.com](mailto:johnflorip@aol.com)

The first thing the Tuesday Men's Group does each Tuesday morning is to straighten out the church pews – making sure pencils, extra church envelopes, and bookmarks are available for use during the church services and post the songs on the hymn boards in the sanctuary.

We are currently a group of about 10 men who meet each week. The group meets from 9:00-11:00am every Tuesday. We stop for a coffee break to visit for a bit and then it's back to work! Please join us!

Tuesday Group Women also meet periodically to send out encouragement cards to members and visitors.

### **USHERS**

Contact: 5:30pm Lynn Johnson (847) 356-8464 or [rcjlmj@comcast.net](mailto:rcjlmj@comcast.net); Jim Schaufel, 8am (847) 340-6387 or [james.schaufel@yahoo.com](mailto:james.schaufel@yahoo.com); Kevin Graul, 10:30am (224) 223-2786 or [Kevinandtracy1@comcast.net](mailto:Kevinandtracy1@comcast.net)

Ushers are a key component to making sure worship services run smoothly. They pass out bulletins, pick up attendance slips, collect the offering, direct and help visitors and members, and other things behind the scenes. We are always in need of more volunteers.

### **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (VBS)**

Organization team: Beth Miller (847) 356-3822; Julie Rick [Stmarkvbsfun@gmail.com](mailto:Stmarkvbsfun@gmail.com)

VBS is an annual summer youth program. It is available to members of the church as well as nonmembers. It is an outreach to the community that gives St. Mark an opportunity to teach, share and introduce the words of God to children ages 3 years old to 6th grade. Bible lessons are taught through drama, Bible stories, music, crafts and games. The important thing is getting the Gospel messages spread through a fun interactive environment.

Volunteers are needed to run the program. Ages 7th grade through adult are accepted. Positions available include Registration Coordinator, Decoration Coordinator, Station Leaders (music, craft, Bible, food, drama, games), and Crew Leaders.

A Donation list will be posted on bulletin boards outside the fellowship hall closer to VBS time.

## **WELCOME TEAM**

Contact: Joyce Mol (847) 276-8740 or jempetersen@gmail.com

The Welcome Team members greet St. Mark members and our guests and welcome them to our services. The team members stand at the two outside entrances and open doors for people arriving for services. A member also stands at the Welcome Table after services to greet and provide information on St. Mark. The member will also present guests with a welcome gift.

## **WORSHIP & MUSIC MINISTRY TEAM**

Ministry Team: Wendy Weidner (262) 323-1639 or wendyweidner22@yahoo.com; Charlie Burke (847) 406-9105 or barliechurke@hotmail.com

The Worship and Music Ministry Team has the primary responsibility of supporting the worship service at St. Mark Lutheran Church. Members of this Ministry Team work with the Pastors, the Music Coordinator, the Choir Director, the Ushers, Altar Guild, Altar and Communion servers, the Office Staff and others as necessary.

Among the responsibilities that support the Pastors conducting worship are preparing communion, scheduling servers and ushers, the floral arrangements, power point operation and set-up, running the sound board and helping any areas that are needed for the worship service. All of these responsibilities are done by volunteers that work under one of the groups or individuals above. There is always an opportunity for volunteers with the right heart and skills. Whether you have a servant's heart or musical and technical skills, you could help make the worship service a great way for people to praise and honor our Lord.

Ministry Team Meetings are held on the 4th Tuesday of each month at St. Mark. All Ministry Team meetings are open to the congregation. Please contact a member of the Ministry Team if you have something to add to the monthly meeting agenda.

## **YARBROUGH MISSION FUND**

Contact: First Lutheran Church in Princeton, IL; (815) 875-1685

The Robert Yarbrough Mission Fund supports evangelism, discipleship, and refugee aid in developing nations. Since 1989 Bob has been involved in pastoral training outside the U.S. Bob served as a pastoral assistant at St. Mark from 2001 until he moved to St. Louis in 2010. Since then, he has continued to be a guest preacher at St. Mark four weekends each year.

St. Mark consistently and generously supports this fund in support of ministries in eastern Europe, Africa, and Asia, in universities, churches, and other settings. In response to requests for Gospel teaching and other assistance in needy sites worldwide, the goal has been to respond to these requests as God gives opportunity. Recent important initiatives include pastoral training conferences touching thousands of lives in Africa. Connected with this has also been the distribution of Bibles, food, clothing, medical supplies and other life necessities.

These projects stand in constant need of prayer, for Bob & Pastor Bill Shields, as they travel and speak, and for the people to whom they minister. In the past such intercession has resulted in substantial outreach through the generous giving of St. Mark members. To God's glory, you are making a difference!

Checks to be made payable to: First Lutheran Church. (Record "Yarbrough Mission Fund" on memo line)

Mail checks to:  
First Lutheran Church  
116 N. Pleasant Street  
Princeton, IL 61356

## **YOUTH GROUPS**

Contact: Mike Mol (847) 276-8739 or [memol2elks@gmail.com](mailto:memol2elks@gmail.com)

**High School (9th-12th Grade) Youth Group:** The High School Group meets Sunday nights. They meet in the Education Center from 6:30 to 8:30pm. They also have various off-site events once a month so look out for those fun activities! They are always looking for more adult leaders so please email Mike at [memo12elks@gmail.com](mailto:memol2elks@gmail.com) if you are interested in volunteering or if you have any questions.

**Quake (6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grades) -** a weekend winter retreat.

The following groups use our facilities to hold their meetings/events. You are welcome to participate in these groups! To find out more about any of these programs call the church office at (847) 365-8140.

### **AA (Alcoholics Anonymous)**

Meets every Monday at 7:30 pm in the back multipurpose room

### **Al-Anon (For Family Members of Alcoholics)**

Meets every Monday at 10:00 am in the Church Library

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7-8	College and Military Care Packages
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# Ministries By Over-seeing Ministry Team

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