

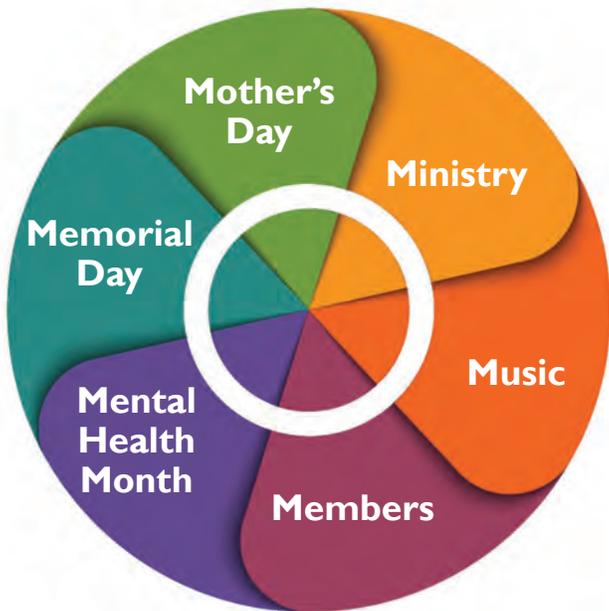


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ST. MARK'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
Sharing Christ's Abundant Love

"I am the vine, you are the branches." (John 15:5)



The Many M's of May

The month of May is delightfully conducive to alliteration, with all the "M" words that fill the calendar. The "merry month of May" launches with May Day and wraps up with Memorial Day. And, of course, there's Mother's Day sandwiched in between.

Here at St. Mark's, the M's are in full bloom:

Mother's Day: Mother's Day Outreach

Ministry: PADS dinner and Habitat for Humanity "Faith Build"

Music: Music Sunday and St. Mark's Academy of Music recital

Members: Reception of new members

Mental Health Month: May is Mental Health Awareness Month

Memorial Day: The launch of summer - VBS is just ahead!

Keep reading for all the details.

MOTHER'S DAY

Mother's Day Outreach

It's almost unbelievable that diseases such as measles, polio, tetanus, and tuberculosis are still major problems in the poorest sections of our world. There is an answer to the problem: vaccinations!

For our Mother's Day Outreach this year, we are pairing with ELCA Good Gifts ministry to help provide these vaccinations. \$30 is all it takes to protect one child! Any donation amount will help. Every time we reach another \$30, we'll add another "child" to the Outreach bulletin board.

You can give your gift in honor your mother, grandmother, godmother, or someone who has been like a mother to you. Gift cards are provided so you can notify them.

Please visit the table by the Outreach bulletin board to pick up a donation envelope, plus a gift card. Also, be sure to add your honoree's name to the dedication sheet. We'll be printing the names of these "mothers" in the Mother's Day bulletin on May 13th.

Sunday, May 6th
is the last day to add your dedication information to be included in the Mother's Day bulletin!



Place your donation envelope in the offering plate or give it to the host at the Welcome Center. Keep your eyes on bulletin board as we count the children receiving vaccinations. We can make an impact!

MINISTRY

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We're serving dinner. Will you help?

Saturday, May 12, 6-11 p.m.

PADS (Public Action to Deliver Shelter)

On the second Saturday of every other month, a team from St. Mark's makes and serves dinner for about 200 men, women, and children at PADS. This is a heart-warming experience. We not only provide a nourishing meal, but we also engage in conversations, play games with the residents, and listen if someone wants to talk. The people whom Hesus House serves may have lost a job or lost their home; they may have no one to help support them. We are there to offer hope and help them get back on their feet. Will you join us in May? *Please sign up at the Welcome Center.*



A Hesus House inspiration:

Mother of formerly homeless family now a nurse

Bad luck and an even worse business partner landed Ade (pronounced Ah-day) and her three kids at Hesus House on a Wednesday. By Sunday, the family of four were residents in the Transitional Living Community.

As soon as the family settled into TLC, Ade utilized onsite job training and career services that led her heart down a path to a nursing career. While she was a resident in TLC, she completed her CNA. Within two years, Ade's family moved into their own home. Ade has now completed her RN program, obtained employment, and two of her children have received collegiate athletic scholarships in the sports they started while living at Hesus House.

Always grateful, Ade explains, "When I became homeless, I lost my dignity, I felt powerless. Hesus House provided me with constant and ongoing dignity and made me feel like a human being again."

Fox Valley Habitat for Humanity

We're a Faith Build partner congregation!



Groundbreaking: May 18
Walls go up weekend of May 19-20

Every year, Habitat for Humanity has a Faith Build Home that is built entirely by volunteers from local congregations. In 2017, there were 21 churches who came together to build a Faith Build Home in our Aurora community. At the beginning of 2018, there were 19 churches signed up to build the Faith Build Home. **We, at St. Mark's, are excited to announce that we are church number 20!** We are now part of a group of congregations in the Fox Valley area who will help build a new home for the Fernandez family. The home will be built right here in Aurora. We are so excited to partner and help build a safe, affordable home for this loving family.

If you are interested in learning more about this partnership and getting involved in the Faith Build, please contact Pr. Patrick Fish.

MUSIC



Join us for Music Sunday!

Sunday, May 20, 9:00 and 10:30 a.m.

On Sunday, May 20th we will celebrate Pentecost and the Holy Spirit. We will also be celebrating the gift of music as we lift up all those who share in this ministry. The Lion's Voice Choir and the Glory Ringers Handbell Choir will share at both Sunday services with special anthems:

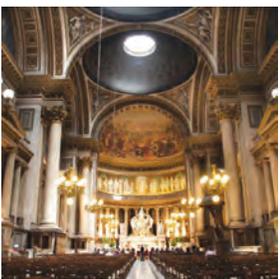
- "Spirit of God" by Michael Bedford, a lovely anthem incorporating choral, handbell and oboe.
- "Gracious Spirit Dwell With Me" by K. Lee Scott, the number-one anthem shared on Pentecost Sunday in liturgical churches.
- "Exuberant Joy" by Arnold Sherman, a rhythmically exciting bell piece.
- "Shout To The Lord," Darlene Zschech's classic praise song arranged for bells with mallets by Patricia Sanders Cota.



Music ... Spring ... Academy Recital!

Sunday, May 20, 5:00 p.m.

St. Mark's Music Academy students will be sharing their talents at the Spring Recital. It is amazing how much progress they've made in the course of just one year! From beginning piano and voice students, to clarinet and saxophone students, to advanced artistry in high school students, it is a wonder to hear what these young people can do. Family and friends are cordially invited to attend. Many thanks go to the staff and members of St. Mark's for their continued support of the Fine Arts.



Music ... Summer 2019 ... Travel with the choir!

June 30-July 10, 2019

Next summer the St. Mark's Festival Choir will be participating in the Paris Choral Festival commemorating the 75th anniversary of D-Day. The concert will be held on Monday July 8th at the beautiful Cathedral of La Madeleine in the heart of Paris, where Gabriel Faure served as music director. ***Would you like to be hear this concert? Non-singers are welcome to travel with the choir!*** The tour will include all the sights of Paris plus a memorable visit to the beaches of Normandy. Contact Kristin Young (kyoung@stmarksaurora.net) for information.

MEMBERS



New member orientation

Sunday, April 29, 11:45 a.m.

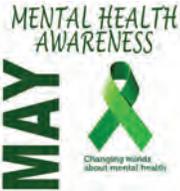
Sunday, May 6, 11:45 a.m.

Reception of new members

Sunday, May 20, 9:00 a.m.

Ten people have signed up for this spring's New Member Orientation. Over two Sundays, we'll be sharing the vision for ministry at St. Mark's and specific ways in which this vision is being lived out. Each person will have an opportunity to consider where they might participate in our fellowship, worship, work and future. (Lunch and childcare provided.)

MENTAL HEALTH MONTH



May is Mental Health Awareness Month. Because the mind, body, and spirit are interconnected, mental health is fundamental to our overall health and essential to our wellbeing.

To learn more about mental health and help erase the stigma of mental illness, visit:

- **National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI):** nonprofit mental health education, advocacy and support organization. nami.org
- **Kane County Mental Health Council:** dedicated to improving mental health services for children, adults and families in Kane County. wesupportmentalhealth.org
- **MentalHealth.gov** - find information about mental health services and resources in your area.

12 signs of a healthful lifestyle

1. Persistent presence of supportive friends.
2. Chronic positive expectations - a tendency to frame events in a positive light.
3. Regular signs of joy in living.
4. Sense of spiritual renewal in the Lord.
5. Increased sensitivity to others.
6. A tendency to adapt to changing conditions.
7. Increased appetite for physical activity.
8. Tendency to identify and communicate feelings.
9. Repeated episodes of gratitude and generosity.
10. Compulsion to care for other people.
11. Persistent sense of humor; known to laugh out loud.
12. A life centered in the forgiveness of Christ!

“May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.”
Romans 15:13

Dear Members of St. Mark’s,

It is with mixed emotions that I write my last Vineyard article. My husband and I will be moving north to Minnesota to be closer to our grandson—a very happy thing! However, I will miss the people and spirit of St. Mark’s. You have enriched and enhanced my life in so many ways. I’m so grateful to Presence Mercy Medical Center for the gift of faith community nursing, to the many members who have touched my life, and to a wonderful staff for supporting me and our health ministry. St. Mark’s will always remain in my heart.

Wishing you all good health and God’s peace,
Jean Clementz, RN



Farewell to Jean Clementz, Faith Community Nurse

It is with gratitude and sadness that we say farewell to our Faith Community Nurse, Jean Clementz. Jean and Chris are moving to

Minnesota in order to be closer to their son, Matt; his wife, Mandy; and their son, Oliver.

Over almost eight years, Jean has informed and inspired us to take care of ourselves, family members, and friends. It would be hard to exaggerate the value of her ministry among us. Some of the ministry efforts that Jean leaves us with include:

- Partnering with LSSI to transform the underutilized Parish House to a group home for autistic men. This was a pilot project in the state and is now replicated elsewhere!
- Funeral planning guide. Yes, we are all dust, and to dust we shall return. Thanks for helping us face our mortality with confidence in God’s presence and peace.
- Screenings, blood pressure and hearing. Lives were saved through the blood pressures screenings. Really. And lives were changed with the hearing screenings. Thanks for keeping us calm and connected.
- Emergency plans. Throughout the building, there are flip charts to help us in just about any emergency. A plan of action is a gift!
- Visioning leadership with McCleery School and BeFriender’s ministries.
- Arranging for speakers on various topics, recently “Preparing for Your Future” with an attorney.
- Leadership with the Health and Wellness Ministry Board.
- Coordinating Lenten lunches and dinners, for many years.
- One-on-one guidance, support, referrals, and compassion.

Jean has truly been Christ’s healing presence amongst us. We are grateful and will do our best to continue with what we have learned and seen.

Thank you, Jean, for living the Good News with us!

Blessings to you and your family,
Pastor Patricia Geiseman, and all of us



May Adult Fellowship

**Lovejoy Homestead
Princeton, Illinois
Thursday, May 24**

Sign up by Sunday, May 20

Our May outing will be a tour of the Lovejoy Homestead in Princeton, Illinois, originally owned by an outspoken abolitionist minister. This home was an important station on the underground railroad in Illinois and has been awarded National Landmark status. We will also tour the Colton Schoolhouse, built in 1849, on the same property. It is furnished as a typical example of the one-room schoolhouse. The tour cost is \$3, and we'll be lunching at Wise Guys.

Sign up at the Welcome Center.

We will meet in St. Mark's parking lot at 9 a.m. to carpool. When you sign up, please indicate if you will need a ride or would like to be a driver.



June Adult Fellowship

**A musical/comedy tribute to
The Carol Burnett Show
White Pines Theater
Thursday, June 28**

Sign up & pay by Sunday, May 20

When you're feeling nostalgia for good ole' television fun, nothing fills the bill like The Carol Burnett Show. Join us for a trip to the White Pines Playhouse for a live stage show where talented singers, actors, and comedians will recreate some of the favorite sketches from the laugh-filled, clever hour that was Carol Burnett's gift to viewers. Which will be your favorite: Tudball and Wiggins, The Dentist, Broadway Medleys, Hollywood spoofs, or Mama's Family?

The cost is \$38.00 per person and includes:

- Fabulous home-cooked buffet with three meats, salads, vegetable du jour, homemade mashed potatoes and gravy, fresh-baked breads, beverage and dessert
- Theatre ticket, tax and gratuity



We will meet in St. Mark's parking lot at 10:00 a.m. to carpool. Any questions? Call Priscilla Offhaus at 630-553-0543. **Sign up at the Welcome Center.**
Prepayment is needed by May 20.



Adult Study

**"Heaven, Hell and
Life after Death"**

Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m.

Our six-week Adult Study concludes in May with these three important topics:

Tuesday, May 1: *What is the Kingdom of God?*

Jesus is constantly talking and teaching about the Kingdom of God. We will discover together how these teachings impact our lives RIGHT NOW and how we don't need to wait to live into God's Kingdom.

Tuesday, May 8: *What comes after death for us?*

We will look at the concept of purgatory and discuss what Scripture teaches us about what to expect when we die.

Tuesday, May 15: *What do the cross and resurrection have to do with Christian life?*

To end our Adult Study series, we will look back at all our learnings and discuss what Jesus' life, death and resurrection means for us, as resurrection people.

We hope you will join us for these important conversations led by Pastor Patrick.



St. Mark's Book Club

Friday, May 11, 10:00 a.m.

The book we're reading for discussion in May is *Gentle Spirit: Memoirs by Marie Wilkinson*. Known for the food pantry she founded, Marie is considered the "mother of Aurora." It

is amazing how much this one woman accomplished for people struggling to make ends meet!

If you are reading the book, you might be especially interested in the Wilkinson Family Collection that has been gifted to Aurora Public Library. It will be displayed the month of May at Santori Library (101 S. River St in Aurora).

Contact Marge Gugerty at 331-262-2784 if you have questions.

Confirmation retreat 2018 was amazing



24 kids and 4 adults had a blast at LOMC!

"What a fun weekend spent in nature! Our discussions and learning centered around 'grace upon grace.' The kids participated in team-building activities, hikes, Gaga ball, arts and crafts, zip lining, campfires, and most of all . . . building stronger friendships! This was a great group of kids, and we were blessed to have awesome weather and many laughs!"

—Julie Bremer-Hopkins, retreat leader



Mission trip update

Blue Ridge Mountains



Our final deposit was sent in! Vans are paid for! It's official! 18 youth and 3 adult leaders will be spending a week of their summer in the Blue Ridge Mountains of North Carolina, doing service projects to help share Christ's abundant love.

Please pray as we make final preparations for the trip. We thank everyone who helped support this trip by participating in the Easter Breakfast and Giving Tree fundraisers. You make these trips possible and affordable. If you want updates of the trip while we are down in North Carolina, check out our St. Mark's Youth Group (Aurora, IL) Facebook page.

THANKS



Teachers & volunteers rock!

We could not provide the amazing programming for children and teens that we do without SOOO much participation! We have over 25 volunteers on Wednesdays nights and about 12 on Sunday mornings. These volunteers give so much of their time and effort to prepare lessons, prepare food, research crafts and games, teach music, and engage the kids in faith formation.

On **Sunday, May 6**, we will have a thank-you celebration for our Sunday teachers during Sunday School, with treats between worship services.

On **Wednesday, May 9**, we will have a thank-you and "Step Up Night" for our Wednesday volunteers at 7:00 p.m., with treats to follow. Thanks again for investing your time in our children's and teens' faith formation!



Can you help out at VBS?

Monday, July 16 through Friday, July 20
Setup: Sat/Sun, July 14-15

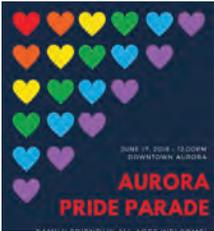
VBS is quickly approaching, and we still need some more volunteers! We are expecting about 100 kids and need many hands to make this a successful week. We need several station assistants, games leaders, AV/tech leader, crew leaders, and a photographer. We also need help setting up decorations, sorting supplies, etc. on Sat/Sun, July 14-15. Lastly, we need help cleaning up and tearing down sets and decorations on Friday, July 20th. There's a job for everyone. Please join in this super fun, high energy week celebrating the love of Christ with our kids.



Register your kids AND register yourself as a volunteer at StMarksAuroraVBS.com!

St. Mark's Calendar May 2018

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
6 EASTER 9:00a Worship 9:00a Last day of Sunday School Teacher appreciation Coffee sales 10:30a Worship 11:45a New member orientation	7:00p Naomi Circle Fox Valley Festival Chorus rehearsal	10:00a Adult Study 1:00p Staff meeting 7:00p Glory Ringers rehearsal	9:00a The Bread Wrappers 1:00p Office volunteers 5:00p Roaring Ringers 5:30p Joyous Praise Bells 5:30p FDL 6:00p Confirmation classes	7:00p AA meeting 7:00p Lion's Voice Choir rehearsal	6:30p Al-Anon 7:00p Taylor recital	6 EASTER 11:00a Sampson recital 5:00p Worship Coffee sales
7 EASTER MOTHER'S DAY 9:00a Worship 10:30a Worship 	14 5:30p Council meeting 6:00p Sanctuary Arts & Banners 7:00p Fox Valley Festival Chorus rehearsal	15 10:00a Adult Study 1:00p Staff meeting 7:00p Glory Ringers rehearsal	9:00a The Bread Wrappers 9:30a WVMTRA meeting 1:00p Office volunteers	7:00p AA meeting 7:00p Lion's Voice Choir rehearsal	 Habitat for Humanity Faith Build Home Groundbreaking 6:30p Al-Anon 7:00p Arnold recital	DAY OF PENTECOST Faith Build Home 1:00p Nielsen recital 5:00p Worship
DAY OF PENTECOST MUSIC SUNDAY 9:00a Worship & reception of new members Coffee sales 10:30a Worship 3:00p Churnpragraph recital 5:00p St. Mark's Music Academy recital 	21 7:00p Fox Valley Festival Chorus rehearsal	22 1:00p Staff meeting	8:30a Lifeline Screening 9:00a The Bread Wrappers 1:00p Office volunteers	9:00a Adult Fellowship Lovejoy Homestead 7:00p AA meeting Youth & Family Ministry meeting	6:00p Fecht/ Golembeck rehearsal 6:30p Al-Anon	THE HOLY TRINITY 10:00a Fecht/ Golembeck wedding 5:00p Worship
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Aurora Pride Parade

Sunday, June 17, 12 noon
Downtown Aurora

On June 17th, Aurora will have its first ever Pride Parade. The parade is intentionally being coordinated and

organized to be a community, kid-friendly event. This is a big moment for Aurora, and we, as a community leader, feel it's important that we have a positive presence at this event.

Our council voted and all agreed that we, as St. Mark's Lutheran Church, would participate in the Pride Parade. We will join other local Aurora congregations in showing that we are a congregation who puts our faith and beliefs into action. As you know, our church's mission statement is to share Christ's abundant love with each other and the world. We don't just share that love with some people in our world. We share Christ's love abundantly with every person in our community, without exception.

By participating, we are also following the example and vision set by ELCA Churchwide. St. Mark's is not a congregation by itself. We are a congregation of the Evangelical Church in America (ELCA). In 2009, at the ELCA Churchwide Assembly in Minneapolis, the social statement on "Human Sexuality: Gift and Trust" was adopted.

This social statement not only lays out the complexities of human sexuality, but also affirms that we strive to be a Church that shows love and compassion for all people. The document outlines our vision to be a Church that believes all people are created in God's image. It lays out our path forward to be a Church that appreciates diversity and difference, paying close attention to those on the margins, including but not limited to the LGBTQ community.

You can read the entire social statement on the ELCA website. Go to ELCA.org and click on the "Faith" tab. Then click on "Social Statements." Scroll down the list of ELCA Social Statements and click on "Human Sexuality."



Coffee sales

May 5-6, May 20

Ready to restock your favorite coffee and chocolates/ The Coffee Team will be in the narthex on Saturday, May 5 and between services on Sunday's May 6 and 20. If you attend the 10:30 service, please come a little early to make your purchase.



New phones

Our 1984 phone system is history! As of April 18th, we have a Comcast Business VoiceEdge system installed and running. It was quite a job to bring us into the 21st century. We had to run over 4000 feet of

new voice and data wire throughout our building, plus add new voice and data ports in all phone locations. Our in-house work was completed by George Huensch, Roger Shields, Dick Shadle, and Al Lettow. Many hours were spent to accomplish this phone update, so a big thank you to everyone!



A St. Mark's garden in process

Last Fall, Sanctuary Art and Banner Team suggested an idea for the north lawn of our property. Members promised plants from their yards, and memorial money has been designated for this project. Now it's time to make it a reality, since the best time for transplanting perennials is early spring.

Katrina Chipman offers these transplanting tips: To divide, use a spade to cut around the pieces of the plant you want to remove, leaving the original in the ground. Leave some dirt intact around what you dig up, and pot it in a container with potting mix. (The Banner Team has potting containers available; contact Jill Fox, zoo3foxj@netscape.net.) Make sure to water both the original plant and the new transplants.

When you're ready to dig out your beauties, please contact Sue Hilderbrand (shilderbrand@stmarksaurora.net) with the name(s) of the plants you are donating so Katrina can better design the garden. Thank you for helping make St. Mark's beautiful!



Coming to St. Marks on Wednesday, May 23

Life Line Screening offers advanced screening for stroke, heart disease, and aneurysm risk. Consider what early detection might mean for you! A package of 4 tests

(\$139) includes carotid artery (plaque) screening, heart rhythm screening (atrial fibrillation), abdominal aortic aneurysm screening, and peripheral arterial disease screening. You can add an osteoporosis risk assessment for only \$10 more. Pick up a flyer at the Welcome Center for details; go online to lifelinescreening.com for more information. **Pre-registration is required.**



Thrivent Choice

Eligible Thrivent Financial members can use the Thrivent Choice grant program to direct their "Choice Dollars" to St. Mark's or to another participating nonprofit organization or congregation. Last month, Thrivent deposited \$475 in our account, thanks to:

Deborah Arcilla, Rev. Alvin and Phoebe Bergh, Allen and Mary Close, Michael and Beverly Fitzpatrick, Martha Hosler-Fitzgerald, Sheila Johnson, Richard Offhaus III

These gifts help St. Mark's in its ministries. Thank you for directing your Thrivent Choice Dollars here!



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Save the dates!

SAVVY SOCIAL SECURITY PLANNING

Thursday, June 21, 12 p.m. or 6 p.m.

Tuesday, June 26, 12 p.m. or 6 p.m.

Houlihan's, Geneva Commons

Wednesday, June 27, 9:30 a.m.

Batavia Public Library

Thrivent Financial is offering free sessions in June for people in or nearing retirement. The session will cover:

- Social Security and strategies for maximizing your benefits
- the ideal time to apply for Social Security
- Ways to minimize taxes on Social Security benefits

To reserve your spot, call 708-672-0571 or email denise.sauter@thrivent.com,

Monthly budget recap for March 2018

Monthly Information

Monthly Budget Goal		\$ 71,753.33
Monthly Offering Information		
Envelopes – General Fund	\$ 58,672.50	
CDC Rent.Administraion	\$ 4,387.50	
Miscellaneous	\$ 2,143.35	
Other (loose, Sunday School, interest)	\$ 477.81	
Total General Fund Income	\$ 65,681.16	
Monthly Surplus (Shortfall)	\$ (6,072.17)	

Summary Information as of 3/31/2018

Annual Budget	\$ 861,040.00
Percent of Year Completed	25%
Offerings/Commitments received Year to Date	\$ 238,560.04*
Actual Expenses Year to Date	\$ 198,493.41
Actual Expense Surplus (Shortfall) Year to Date	\$ 43,066.63
Budget_Surplus (Shortfall)Year to Date	\$ 23,300.04

* NOTE: \$27,445 of this income came from 2018 pledges prepaid in 2017

Share and Secure Capital Campaign

Giving to Share and Secure to date	\$ 421,343.90
Transferred to Outreach	\$ 43,227.57
Principal payments to Mortgage	\$ 375,469.85

Mortgage Balance as of 3/31/2018

Balance Due on Church (not including CDC)	\$1,879,459.16
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IQ Giving Statement

You should have received your IQ 2018 giving statements by now (or soon will). You will notice that the report has a somewhat different look. All of the same information is still on the report, but it is moved around a bit. The pledge information is now at the end of the report, along with the cumulative giving information for 2018 and the capital campaign.

If you have any questions, please send email or call.

Jim Erickson, St. Mark's
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Council highlights April 2018

- The balance on our smaller mortgage loan is now down to \$408,000.
- Our offering the first two weekends in April totaled \$54,749.52, which is positive. This needs to continue.
- After much discussion, the council voted to increase our benevolence contributions to the ELCA from \$644 per week to \$800 per week, effective immediately.
- Historically, our giving has been down in the summer months. We need to ask the congregation to please continue to mail in their offering or sign up for direct deposit when they are away during the summer, so that we do not have to borrow money from special funds to pay bills during the summer. Also, we plan to have online giving through our website by early summer as well.
- New members will be received on Sunday May 20th at the 9:00 a.m. worship.
- Jean Clementz submitted her last report to St. Mark's Council. Her last day of work will be on Tuesday, May 1st. She has been a great asset to St. Mark's. Her leadership in our Health Ministry, Be-Friender Ministry and McCleery Mentor Ministry will be greatly missed. We wish her well as she moves to Minnesota to a new home with her husband Chris, to live near their son, daughter-in-law and grandson.



Do you like to organize?

Do you like to sort photos?

Are you interested in preserving the photo history of St. Mark's?

We're looking for someone who would be interested in helping us organize our growing digital photo collection into a useable system that would allow us to archive the pictures well and create easy access to current pictures we need. If such a project appeals to your orderly heart, please contact Marcia Broucek, news@stmarksaurora.net.

Pastoral Acts

Memorial service:

Marlene Bryant - March 23, 2018

Patricia Russ - April 3, 2018

Baptism:

Stella Lillian Steinheimer - April 22, 2018

St. Mark's staff

(phone is 630-897-6891, unless indicated otherwise)

ALERT: Because of the new phone system, please note that everyone's extension is changed!

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Have information to share? Cutoff time for the weekly *Courier* is **noon each Monday**, and for the monthly *Vineyard*, the **15th of the month**. Email your article to news@stmarksaurora.net, or drop it in Marcia Broucek's mailbox.

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May 5 & 6	Saturday, 5:00pm	Sunday, 9:00am	Sunday, 10:30am
Acolytes	TBA	L. Blickem, S. Dunn, I. Jones	Delaney Hopkins
Adult Worship Assistants	Bob Johnson	Greg Jackman	Don Friend
A/V Desk	Kasey Minard	TBA	TBa
Altar Care	Don Bryant	Team A	Team A
Bread Baker	TBA	TBA	TBA
Hospitality Team	Shell & Lynida Tomlin, Don Bryant	Team A - Mark Perry	Team A - Deb Steinheimer
Reader	Bob Johnson	Team A	Team A
Welcome Center Hosts	TBA	Team A	Team A
May 12 & 13			
Acolytes	Kai Veeder	Aiden Hobson	TBA
Adult Worship Assistants	Bob Johnson	Anna Themanson	-
A/V Desk	Kathy Walz	TBA	TBA
Altar Care	Erik Egeland	Team B	Team B
Bread Baker	TBA	TBA	TBA
Hospitality Team	Dave & Nancy Clark, Steve Kuhn	Team B—Bruce Wood	Team B - Youth Group
Reader	Erik Egeland	Team B	Team B
Welcome Center Hosts	TBA	Team B	Team B
May 19 & 20			
Acolytes	TBA	Olivia King, Jordan Bjork	TBA
Adult Worship Assistants	Bob Johnson	Don Friend	-
A/V Desk	Nancy Clark	TBA	TBA
Altar Care	Debra Haddad	Team C	Team C
Bread Baker	TBA	TBA	TBA
Hospitality Team	Jim & Clare Toynton, Debra Haddad	Team C - John & Terry Thorsen	Team C - Mike Flynn
Reader	Clare Toynton	Team C	Team C
Welcome Center Hosts	TBA	Team C	Team C
May 26 & 27			
Acolytes	TBA	TBA	TBA
Adult Worship Assistants	Bob Johnson	Sheryl Campen	-
A/V Desk	Sheila Johnson	TBA	TBA
Altar Care	Debra Haddad	Team D	Team D
Bread Baker	TBA	TBA	TBA
Hospitality Team	Jens Jensen, Matt Hicks, Don Bruant	Team D - John & Terry Thorsen	Team D
Reader	Miriam Hicks	Team D	Team D
Welcome Center Hosts	TBA	Team D	Team D



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