

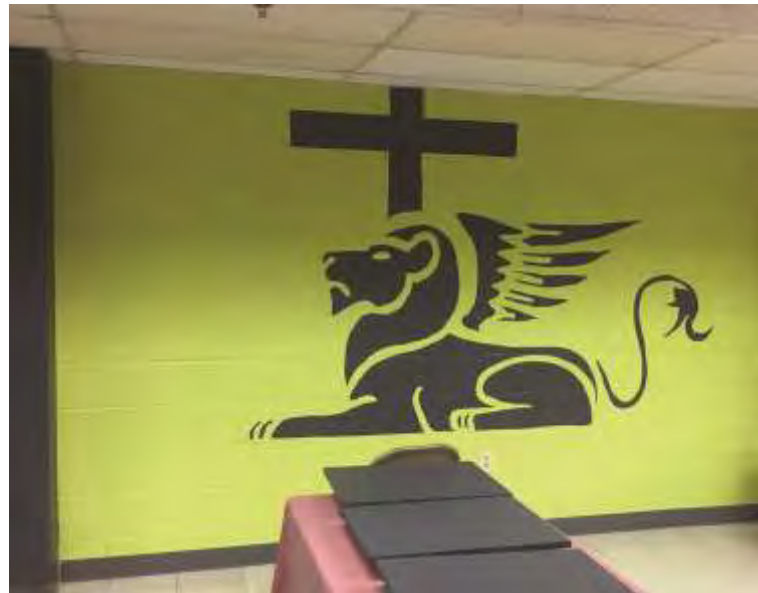
# God's Work, Our Hands



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

## The Great Paint Project

Wow. Take a look! Our basement has quietly been transformed. You won't believe how good everything looks! Many people from all areas of the church have pitched in to create an AWESOME new look for our FDL and youth program areas. They painted the hallways, created murals in Fellowship Hall, and scrubbed the kitchen and stove down to the bones. Many thanks to Greg Reiseck, Rick Reiseck, John Lankers, and Matt Greising for this amazing metamorphosis.



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## Prayers

**5:00 p.m.** Brett Deiter, Joe Jaras, Mary Kenner, Carol Lippert, Kathy Pippig, Charlotte Regis, Julia Taylor

**9:00 a.m.** Gavin Duffy, Russell Feltz, Sara Johansen, Debbie Manson, Kay McKeen, Bruce Nicholson, Lois Swan, Linda Weigand

**10:30 a.m.** Victoria Halsted, Burdell Hoth, Dennis Johnson, David Lippold, Sam Lisby, Terry Mueller, Helen Rachford, Greg Williamson

**Continuing Care:** Jim Anderson, Bill Beattie, Johanna Brinkman, Richard Brinkman, Laurie Dunn, Tad Dyer, Joanne Jackman, Tom Jones, John Lange, Bruce Lindgren, Mason McNamara, Terry Minor, Terry Mueller, Lauren Muscat, Grant Oestrich, Wendy Overstreet, Joe Rangel, Sharon Ross, Bessie Sclavos, Lorand Szekely

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*Sharing Christ's Abundant Love  
with Each Other and the World*



## Father's Day Outreach

In memory and honor of those who serve in our military, the Outreach Team has chosen **Hines Fisher House** for our Father's Day Outreach this year. We are collecting items to donate to families who stay in the house while a loved one is receiving medical care at the Hines VA Medical Center.

The house depends on donated cooking supplies, comfort items, and personal necessities to support families during medical care. Your donated items will help make this house a "home away from home" for all guests!

#### **Please stop by the Outreach Table to:**

- Pick up a list of requested items. (List is also printed in the Vineyard.)  
*NOTE: All the requested chairs have been donated!*
- Fill out the Memorial/Honor list for inclusion in the Father's Day Bulletin.
- Pick up cards to send to those whom you are honoring.
- Leave donated items in the bin. (If you are donating a gift card, please use one of the envelopes provided.)
- **ALL DONATIONS MUST BE BROUGHT TO THE CHURCH BY WEDNESDAY MORNING, JUNE 20.**

**Would you like to help deliver the donated items and gift cards, and take a tour of the home?** The Outreach Team invites you to car pool on **Thursday, June 21 at 9:00 a.m.** from the church parking lot. Please sign up at the Welcome Center so we can make sure everyone has a ride. (If you can drive, please let Barb Veeder know, 630-978-0536.)

Thanks for making this Father's Day a blessing for Fisher House.

## THIS WEEK AT ST. MARK'S

**SUNDAY, June 10**  
9:00a Worship

Coffee & Fellowship hosted by the CDC Board

**"Triple Play" cookie fundraiser**  
10:00a Blood pressure screening  
10:30a Worship & Matile Baptism  
11:45a Council meeting

**MONDAY, June 11**

9:00a Lydia's Piecemakers & Knit Pickers  
9:30a Faith Circle  
6:00p Sanctuary Arts & Banners  
7:00p Fox Valley Festival Chorus rehearsal

**TUESDAY, June 12**

10:00a Adult Study: Women & Justice  
1:00p Staff meeting

**WEDNESDAY, June 13**

9:00a The Bread Wrappers  
1:00p Office volunteers  
6:00p HS Praise Team rehearsal

**THURSDAY, June 14**

7:00p AA meeting

**FRIDAY, June 15**

**LAST DAY TO REGISTER FOR VBS**  
6:30p Al-Anon

**SATURDAY, June 16**

5:00p Worship

**SUNDAY, June 17**

**FATHER'S DAY**  
9:00a Worship

Coffee & Fellowship hosted by Bread Wrappers

**Coffee Project sales**

10:30a Worship  
12:00p Aurora Pride Parade



**"Triple Play" cookie sale fundraiser**  
Saturday & Sunday, June 9-10

Our high school students are selling Cubs, Sox, and Cardinals cookies to raise money to cover their mission trip transportation costs. Whichever "team" sells the most cookies will become the "official" team we root for at St. Mark's. Support your favorite team, get cookies, and help our kids!



# Discipleship



Last day to register for VBS  
**Friday, June 15th!**

If you've been waiting to register your kid(s) until you have more time, NOW's the time! The 5-day "Shipwrecked" VBS program (July 16-20) is full of fun and faith discoveries for kids ages 3 to 5th grade. They'll make new friends, enjoy games and music, and learn about how Jesus rescues. There is a cost of \$25 per child, which covers all the supplies for the week. Register today at [stmarksauroraVBS.com](http://stmarksauroraVBS.com)

**We still need preschool and grade school crew leaders, plus a photographer.** Contact Kari Reiseck [kreiseck@stmarksaurora.net](mailto:kreiseck@stmarksaurora.net) or sign up when you register your kid(s).

**WOMEN AND JUSTICE:**  
One in Christ Task Force

**Adult Study: Women & Justice**  
Tuesday, June 12, 10:00 a.m.

**WEEK 2: "Analysis of Patriarchy & Sexism"**

Our June Adult Study is focusing on the ELCA draft of the "Social Statement on Women and Justice," which has been sent to all ELCA congregations for review. We invite you to come and discuss the content of this important social statement during a four-week study led by both pastors. (If you're attending WEEK 2, the reading material is the ELCA Draft pages 3-6, and 21-37.) **Pick up a copy at the Welcome Center or download it from [ELCA.org](http://ELCA.org).**



**Aurora Pride Parade**  
Sunday, June 17, starts at noon

The Pride Parade is an important event in our community, and we are walking in the parade to live out our ELCA teachings to be welcoming, compassionate, and loving toward all our neighbors. If you would like to walk with St. Mark's, please sign up at the Welcome Center.

**INFO FOR THOSE WHO ARE WALKING THE PARADE**

- **If you are attending the 10:30 service**, we will car pool from the church parking lot immediately following an abbreviated service.
- **If you are NOT planning on attending the 10:30 service**, please meet Pam Miller and Mary Mandel at 11:00 a.m. at the participant staging area, in front of the Aurora Public Library (101 S. River St, Aurora). Look for the St. Mark's banner.
- **Visit [aurorapride.org](http://aurorapride.org)** for information about parking and the parade route. (Enlarge the map for details.)

# Announcements



**Mission trip devotional partners**  
**Sign up this weekend**

We still need a few more devotional partners for our high school students going on this summer's mission trip. Your part would be to write a daily inspirational note (and include a small gift, at your discretion). This means a lot to the students and is a great opportunity to connect with our youth. E-mail [Heather.Rehg](mailto:Heather.Rehg) and she'll be in touch ([rehg@comcast.net](mailto:rehg@comcast.net)).



**Blood pressure screening**  
Sunday, June 10, between services

Nurses from the Health Ministry board are offering free blood pressure screenings once a month. Please take advantage of this important health service! (NOTE: There is NO screening offered in July; the next screening is Sunday, August 12.)



**High School Praise Team**  
**Hear them for the first time**  
June 17, at the 10:30 service

Our High School Praise Team will be sharing in worship for the first time starting Sunday, June 17 at our 10:30 service. This is an exciting time for our contemporary worship and for our students. If you are interested in joining the team, contact Kristin Young ([kyoung@stmarksaurora.net](mailto:kyoung@stmarksaurora.net)). Rehearsals will follow the 10:30 service each Sunday. There is an **extra rehearsal on Wednesday, June 13 at 6:00 p.m.**



**BeFriender information meeting**  
Thursday, June 21, 7:00 p.m.

BeFriender ministry volunteers at St. Mark's are trained to provide support, companionship, and a listening presence for members who are experiencing grief, loss, transition, or other life concerns. If you are interested in learning more about this ministry to see if it might be something you'd like to consider, you are invited to come for an informal presentation of what being a BeFriender entails and to talk with current BeFrienders.



**Mulch day**  
Saturday, June 23, 8:00 a.m.

We're laying mulch on the church playground and the CDC Downer Place playground. Please sign up at the Welcome Center if you can help.



We've been waiting for you!

Our mission at St. Mark's Lutheran Church is to share Christ's abundant love with each other and the world. We are called to reach out to persons of all ages and life situations with Christ's own hospitality and acceptance, to invite you to be our companion on the spiritual journey as we discover together the ways that Christ is offering hope, healing, and a renewed sense of meaning for our lives. If you are not a member, we would love to talk with you about our ministry. We invite you to talk to one of our pastors or stop at the Welcome Center near the church entrance. May your worship experience here at St. Mark's draw you closer to Christ and his abundant love!

*For your reflection: today's Worship focus*



A lot has happened since last week with the call of young and eager Samuel. This week, Samuel, the beloved leader and follower of Yahweh, is old. His sons are too corrupt to inherit his office.

Who will provide leadership in shaky times?

The elders make a bold and unexpected request. They want to be like other nations. They want a king. This request is an abandonment of their identity as people of the covenant, who are *not* to be like other nations. The elders are warned: The cost will be high. The monarchy will "take." (In contrast to God who "gives.")

The decision to go for a king will take them backward to a time of captivity rather than forward into freedom. Nevertheless, a king they shall have.

We, too, make decisions related to leadership that impact justice and economic power. The old story asks us to consider leadership, direction, and guidance. In what ways do we want to be "like other nations"? How do we use power? For justice or domination? To take or to give?

*For your consideration: next week's Worship focus*



Two events influence how we look at this week's scripture. We give thanks for all our fathers and celebrate all the men in our lives whom serve as father figures. We are also walking as an ally congregation in Aurora's first Pride Parade.

Our story is about the calling of David. David is out tending the sheep when the prophet Samuel arrives to anoint Israel's next King. Samuel believes God will choose one of Jesse's older, established, and stronger sons. But God is set on someone else. Someone that no one expects. God chooses the youngest son, David, to serve as Israel's next King.

This story reminds us that God doesn't focus on outward appearance. While the world may focus on those surface level things, God is concerned with our hearts. While David doesn't seem to have the appearance or qualifications of a king, David is the person who God will work in and through.

The calling of David also importantly points out that no one is beyond God's love. No one is beyond God's call. The truth we proclaim is that everyone of us—regardless of age, sex, gender, sexual orientation, circumstance, or appearance—has a role and purpose to play in God's work.