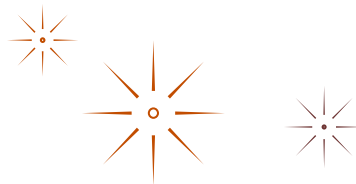
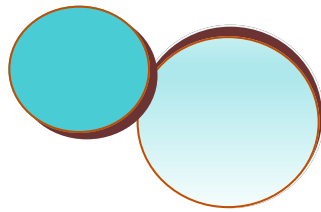




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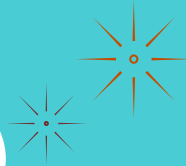
April 2017



Spring Dinner



Sun, April 30
11am–2pm



550 West 7th St.
St Paul, MN 55102
651-224-0228

**ST MARK
LUTHERAN CHURCH**

Roast Beef & Roast Pork Dinner
*Served with a variety of sides,
beverage and dessert.*

Tickets:
\$15.00 adults
\$5.00 children under 12

BAKE SALE

Anniversary Dinner

Thank you to everyone who attended and contributed to the success of the Anniversary Dinner at DeGidio's on Sunday.

Eighty-three (double last year's attendance) attended and enjoyed the social hour,

delicious food, good entertainment by the Mellow Fellows and lots of raffle prizes.

Our profit for the Capital Campaign Fund was \$1028.



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Sunday Worship
9:30 am

Holy Communion is celebrated the 1st Sunday of each month
 Fellowship / Education
 Hour
 after service

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Bonnie Jellinek	Organist
Julia Jackson	Bookkeeper
Martin Brueggemann	Choir Director
Holly Goldschmitz	Secretary
Carol Gall & Janet Blair	Custodians

Pastor's Easter Message

The people of the City gathered at the Door. Mark 1:33

Have you noticed this Bible verse etched in the glass pane above our front doors? It piques the imagination of why we gather here at Saint Mark, especially during this season.

During Lent, Holy Week and Easter, other people, besides our members, will gather with us. And for many reasons... church is a place:

- Welcoming all who seek the need of care and spirituality.
- Where seekers wonder with curiosity.
- Where education and nurture are offered for children of all ages.
- And worship provides perspective, happening with neighbors praying and praising God next to each other.

The character of the Gospel of Saint Mark and **“we – the namesake Church”** – opens with people gathering at the doors of the city, the temples and the houses... and culminates with the gathering at the “door” of the tomb. The uniqueness of Saint Mark’s last chapter, actually announces the **beginning for the gathered**... to not only encounter something that we know in our gut and soul to be important, now, we go out as disciples and friends with a resolve to be in the City for God and good.

Every Sunday in April reflects the Lent/Easter experiences of solemn reflection, joyful reassurance, even the fellowship of a Spring Dinner and most importantly the fellowship inspired by the Communion with our Resurrected Lord. Come, let us gather together for Good News.

Pastor Walt

Holy Week and Easter Services

Palm Sunday
Service 9:30am



Maundy Thursday
Services at 12pm & 7pm



Good Friday Crosswalk
12pm beginning at the
Salvation Army



Good Friday Service
at 7pm



Easter Sunday Service
at 9:30am

Good Friday Cross Walk

Join in on the Good Friday Crosswalk with other churches in our faith community as we walk and remember the last words of Christ.

The walk begins at the Salvation Army at Noon and will progress to each church in West 7th.





Spring Dinner

Sun, April 30
11 a m – 2 p m

Our ability to hold
the Dinner depends
fully on the help of
all members
committing to assist.

- * This dinner is one way in which we “meet our neighbors” and introduce ourselves to them.
- * This is more than a fund raiser for our church.
- * We VERY much value the time of everyone that is able to help, either before the meal, during or afterwards.
- * When you sign up for a task, please know that we are counting on you to fulfill that job. If for some reason you are not able to or you need a break, PLEASE ensure that someone will cover your tasks.
- * We prefer to have all of our volunteers signed up ahead of time for their favorite job, but of course if you are not able to do that, we welcome you on the day. We respectfully ask that you are flexible with us as to where the need is greatest.
- * One week prior to the dinner we will hold an “ALL VOLUNTEER” session so that all of the roles can be clearly outlined. We hope you make that meeting a priority.
- * Bake Sale items are appreciated for the Bake Sale.
- * **Please see Jackie Brueggemann or Dianne Testa to sign up for your volunteer task to assist with the Dinner.**

SUN	MON	TUE
<p>2 Communion</p> <p>9:30am Service 10:30am Fellowship 12:00pm J.T. Service</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p> <p>6:00pm AA</p>
<p>9 Palm Sunday</p> <p>9:30am Service 10:30am Fellowship 12:00pm J.T. Service</p>	<p>10</p> <p>7-8:30pm Square Dance</p>	<p>11</p> <p>6:00pm AA</p>
<p>16 Easter Sunday</p> <p>9:30am Service 10:30am Fellowship 12:00pm J.T. Service</p>	<p>17</p> <p>7-8:30pm Square Dance</p>	<p>18</p> <p>6:00pm AA</p>
<p>23</p> <p>9:30am Service 10:30am Fellowship 12:00pm J.T. Service</p>	<p>24</p> <p>7-8:30pm Square Dance 3:00pm– 7:00pm Loaves & Fishes</p>	<p>25</p> <p>6:00pm AA</p>
<p>30 Spring Dinner</p> <p>9:30am Service 11:00am-2pm Dinner 12:00pm J.T. Service</p>	<p>May 1</p> <p>7-8:30pm Square Dance</p>	<p>2</p> <p>6:00pm AA</p>

WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<p>5</p> <p>8:30am Bible Study 6PM SOUP SUPPER 6:45PM SERVICE AT ST. MARK 7:15pm Choir</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>1/8</p> <p>1st 10:00am Altar Guild</p>
<p>12</p> <p>8:30am Bible Study 7:15pm Choir</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Maundy Thursday Services at 12pm & 7pm</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Good Friday Cross Walk at 12pm @ Sal 7pm Service</p>	<p>15</p>
<p>19</p> <p>8:30am Bible Study</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p> <p>12pm Women's Ecumenical Luncheon Here</p>
<p>26</p> <p>8:30am Bible Study</p>	<p>27</p> <p>9am– Noon Pie Making for Spring Dinner</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p> <p>9am– Noon Tables & Décor for Dinner</p>
<p>3</p> <p>8:30am Bible Study</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p> <p>10:00am Altar Guild</p>

April	Usher	Reader	Fellowship
2	Brueggemann Family	Gary Brueggemann	Brueggemann Family
9	Laurel Gamm & Charles Stephens	Laurel Gamm	Rick & Candy Petersen
16	John & Rose Cook	Nancy Redlin	Easter Sunday
23	Mike & Robin Martinson	Bonnie Jellinek	Open
30	Dorothy LaFrooth & Kathy McGuire	Bev Kisch	Spring Dinner

ST. MARK FINANCIAL SUMMARY

YEAR TO DATE CHANGE ON OVERALL FINANCES SINCE 1/1 = DECREASE OF \$2,662 (beginning mo bal - last reported mo balance + investment & saving reductions - amts back to investments & savings)

CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANCES

Checking Accounts	January	February
General	\$19,717	\$18,967
Capital Campaign	\$3,626	\$3,313
Funeral	\$1,476	\$1,476
Memorial	\$14,695	\$14,596
Total	\$39,514	\$38,352

INVESTMENT & SAVINGS ACCOUNT WITHDRAWALS

Thrivent Investment	\$1,500	\$1,500
Withdrawals YTD	\$1,500	
CC Savings Withdrawal		
Transfers to Investment		

Gerten's Plant Sale

For those of you who plant gardens every spring, we are selling spring garden plants again this year from Gertens.

The colorful brochures are available in the Narthex, in the Social Hall or see Bonnie for copies.

Orders and payment must be received by no later than Wed, April 12th.

Plants may be picked up on Saturday, May 20th from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm and on Sunday, May 21st from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm

If you have any questions, please contact Bonnie Jellinek at (651) 738-1399 or at bonniejell@aol.com.

If you can't decide what you want by April 12th, you may purchase Gertens gift cards which can be used to purchase your garden plants at Gertens in Inver Grove Heights any time. They do not expire. The gift cards cannot be used for anything but plants and flowers. We will sell the plant cards year round. They are available in \$25, \$50 or \$100.

This is a great fund raiser for the Church. Please invite your family, friends, and neighbors to participate.



For a complete list of vendors or to purchase a gift card, contact Mary Miller (651) 483-0671 msquared47@msn.com

Mission Update

Coins in the African basket for March and April are going to Women's Advocates of St. Paul.

www.wadvocates.org/donate/womens-advocates-wish-list

Join the **Witness the Journey- A tour our Women's Advcates** Event on Tuesday, April 18th from 5-7pm at 588 Grand Ave.

Register to attend this free event at 651-726-5212.

Learn about domestic violence in our community and how you can make a difference. This open-house style event will feature light refreshments and tours of our historic buildings. At 6pm, there will be a 15 minute program.



Sheridan's Story

The Backpack project began the week of March 2nd, right now it is just the Monroe Campus

Coins collected in Jan and Feb totaled **\$310.00** and are being donated to pay for food expenses this year. Currently 23 students have signed up, but that is expected to grow as the word gets out about the program.

In collaboration with Awaken Church, we will sponsor classrooms that will help provide food that will go home in student's backpacks for the weekend.

www.thesheridanstory.com Please take some time to read and learn more about Sheridan's Story program.

Dates for the remainder of the school year (St. Mark has the 2nd Friday) 1 additional volunteer needed

May 12th *Your Name Here*

June 9th *Your Name Here* (last day of school so date could change to Thursday).

Almost 70% of the students between 2 campuses Monroe/Linwood receive free or reduced lunches. What is that in real numbers it's about 536 children!!! It costs about \$130 per student for the school year or about \$3.71 a bag.

Birthdays this month

Week of April 1-8

Lucy O'Brien

Raija Wietzke

Lorraine Dreher

Week of April 9-15

Matilda Breimhorst

Eileen Ellis



Week of April 16- 22

Holly Goldschmitz

Week of April 23- 30

John Cook

Martin Brueggemann

Operation Christmas Child

I know it's only April but asking you to watch for seasonal sales.

Be on the lookout for after Easter Sales for items such as, Headbands, socks, pencils small stuffed animals, small toys, and musical instruments. Good places to look Walmart, Michaels, Walgreens, Target and Dollar store.

Also this year I have 31 ball pumps that need soccer balls to go with them, consider picking up a ball this month. Walmart has good prices and they come in a variety of sizes. Balls can be left in Walt's office. As of this newsletter I have 5 balls, so we have a ways to go but some time to get it done.

Blessed Thanks to all of you

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Robin Martinson -Mission Chair



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