



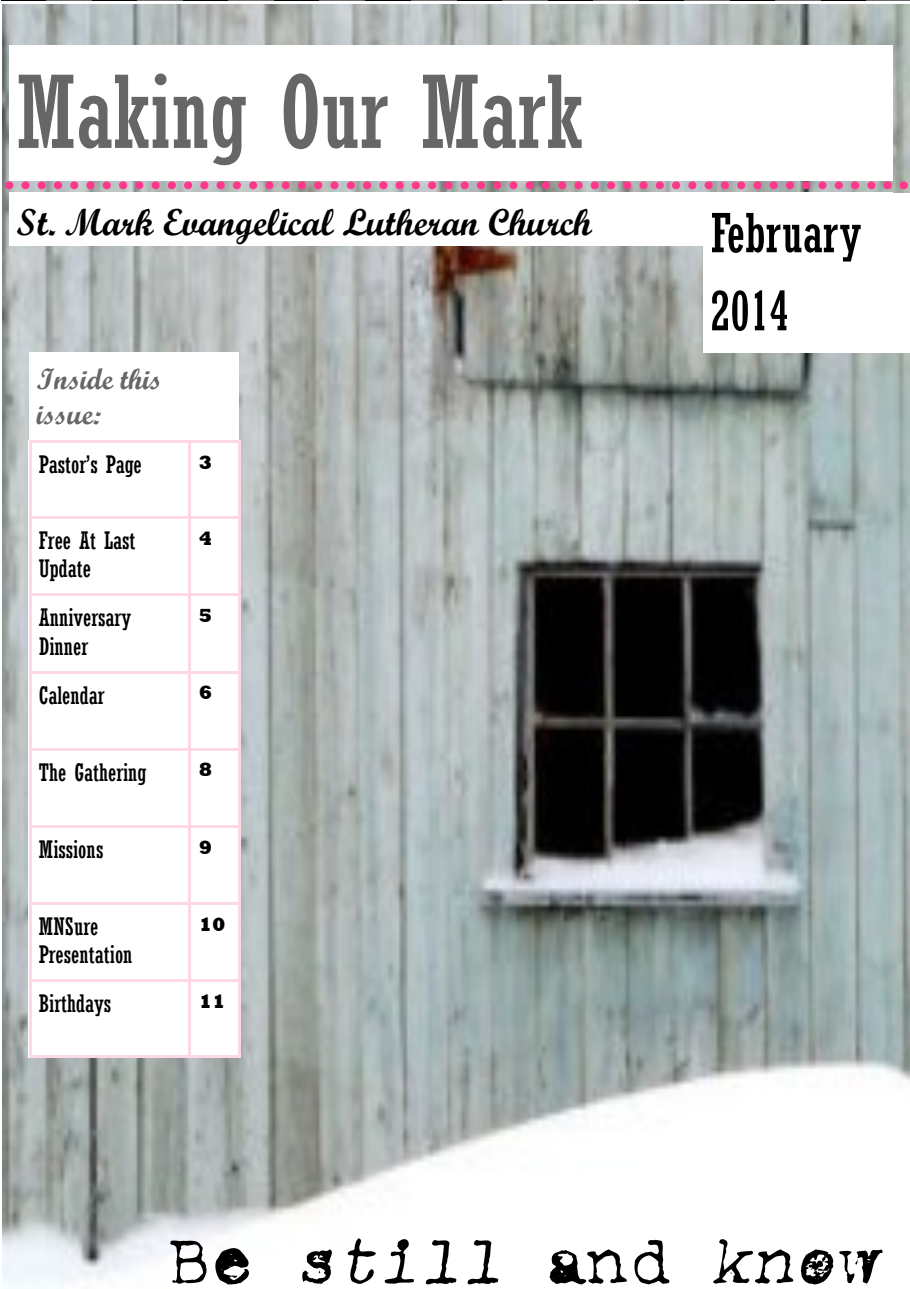
Making Our Mark

St. Mark Evangelical Lutheran Church


February
2014

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Be still and know
HE is God.





Thank you and blessings to Alyssa Fitzgerald

We would like to thank Alyssa for her service and commitment to the education of the youth at St. Mark over the past year!

She created some great bonds with the children and brought enthusiasm and excitement to the Sunday School and Confirmation program!

We wish her all the best as she finishes her degree and moves forward in her career!

*St. Mark Evangelical
Lutheran Church*

*A Congregation of the
Evangelical Lutheran
Church of America*

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*Sunday Worship 9:30 am
Holy Communion is
celebrated the 1st Sunday
of each month*

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Pastors Page

Now that the Cross and Spire are completed - here are some thoughts to meditate on as you gaze up. Believe me, the purpose of a heavenly glance is to transform our earthly concerns...

Our Cross atop the Spire is similar to the classic Jerusalem Cross in design. The golden halo represents precious eternity and the copper green represents earthly life.



The Cross with 4 little cornered crosses:

4 nails to pierce Christ

Big Cross - the spear to pierce Christ

4 Gospels: Matthew, Mark, Luke and John with Christ as their center.

4 cornered square:

4 corners of the World - East, West, North and South

4 Seasons

Reminds us of the Crown of Thorns

Square Halo implies "Living" Saint

Square creates a focus on the Cross and represents a window into the Character of God

Enclosed square centered on Cross equals:

The Cross itself is a sign of our Eternal Connection with the Divine.

The inside of the Square represents Volume. That, in this Earthly Space is a place where the Grace of God is known.

In this Space is where we know that **We are the Living Saints in This City for Good - for God.**

These are a few thoughts to contemplate. I encourage everyone to think about and ask questions of what the purpose and significance of a Cross on a Church means, not only for us, but for neighborhood and





MNsure Informational presentation

Sunday, February 23rd, We will host a Presentation about MNsure.

What will be presented? - The basics of MNsure, the new health insurance marketplace in Minnesota created under the 2010 Affordable Care Act (Obama-Care).

The presentation covers what a marketplace is and how it functions, what benefits are available, what the eligibility requirements are, the enrollment process and how to access help from MNsure.

See the full flyer on page 10 of this newsletter.

Open to the community as well!

Free At Last Congregation Update

At its February 17th meeting, the Council will review and take final action on the proposed lease arrangement with Free At Last Church described in the Council Chair’s all-congregation letter last week and discussed at our Congregational Meeting on January 26.

“many of you have expressed support and excitement for the possibilities this presents”

While sharing our facilities with a congregation larger than our own will be a significant change, many of you have expressed support and excitement for the possibilities this presents.

The Executive Committee will continue to meet with Free At Last representatives prior to finalizing a lease, and welcomes any/all thoughts, ideas or concerns you may have.

Please contact:

Tom Schroeder (612-385-8838),

Alan Stage (651-675-9952),

Bev Kisch (651-994-7161) or Pastor Walt for further information.





St. Mark Lutheran

Cordially invites you to celebrate
the 58th Anniversary of our current building.



Anniversary Dinner

At DeGidio's Restaurant, 425 7th St W

February 16th
3:30pm- 7:00pm

Tickets: \$25 per person

Make checks payable to:
St. Mark Capital Campaign

*Dinner includes: Dinner Buffet, Coffee,
Soda, Dessert and One Raffle Ticket.*

*Raffle Tickets
will be available
for purchase
the night
of the event.*

Tickets are available from: Fran Hillier,
Bonnie Jellinek, Dianne Testa, Myra
Larson, Candy Petersen or Kath Hillier and
the Church Office.

\$8.00 of your ticket price is tax deductible

If unable to attend, please consider a donation to the
Capital Campaign Fund.

Office: 651-224-0228 secretary@saintmark.info



*Ticket are available now!
We hope to see you for a night of fun celebrating St. Mark!*





Sun

Mon

Tue

February

2

9:30am Service
10:30am Fellowship and
Education

3

4

6:00pm AA

9

9:30am Service
10:30am Fellowship and
Education

10

11

6:00pm AA

16

9:30am Service
10:30am Fellowship and
Education
**3:30pm Ann. Dinner
@ DeGidio's**

17

7:00pm Council
Meeting

18

6:00pm AA

23

9:30am Service
10:30am Fellowship and
10:45am **MNsure
Presentation**

24

3:30-7pm
Loaves & Fishes

25

6:00pm AA





Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><i>“Success is living up to your potential. That’s all. Wake up with a smile and go after life ... live it, enjoy it, taste it, smell it, feel it.” – Joe Knapp</i></p>			<p>1</p> <p>10:00am Altar Guild</p>
<p>5 8:00am Bible Study 6:00pm Confirmation 7:00pm Choir</p>	<p>6 7:00pm Bible Study</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8 7pm Square Dancing</p>
<p>12 8:00am Bible Study 6:00pm Confirmation 7:00pm Choir</p>	<p>13 7:00pm Bible Study</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15</p>
<p>19 8:00am Bible Study 6:00pm Confirmation 7:00pm Choir</p>	<p>20 7:00pm Women Gather 7:00pm Bible Study</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p>
<p>26 8:00am Bible Study 6:00pm Confirmation 7:00pm Choir</p>	<p>27 7:00pm Bible Study</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>March 5- Ash Wed. Lent Begins</p>





YTD Total Weekly Offering December Month End	\$115,112				
YTD Total Weekly Offering December Month End	\$ 124,000				
YTD Comparison Positive or Negative	\$ -8,888				
<p>Changed the comparison to reflect differences in real YTD giving between last year and this year</p>					
		Acolyte	Usher	Reader	Fellowship
		2 John McGuire	Ramona Nelson, Linda Robinson, Larry Raasch	Fran Hillier	Souper Bowl Sunday
		9 Elsa Schroeder	Brueggemann Family	Brueggemann Family	Joyce Crozier
		16 Devin Vibar	Dorothy LaFrooth, Kathy McGuire, Gloria Opsahl	Bev Kisch	OPEN
		23 Mary Alice Geib	Curran Family, Dianne Testa	Pat Curran	OPEN

Fellowship Hosts are needed in February & March

The February Meeting of “The Gathering” will be held on Thursday February 20th.



We will be inviting Abigail to join us, so please read all about her in your January/February Gather Magazine, bring it along with you and come prepared to discuss her!!



We will meet in the Fireside Room from 7:00-8:30 P.M. and also talk about your ideas for 2014, perhaps having Secret Pals? Details about previous meetings along with the quarterly newsletter, “The Bridges” from the Saint Paul Area Synodical Women’s Organization can be found on the bulletin board in the social hall. We also will always need a volunteer to present devotions and someone to bring treats, so feel free to sign up for those as well.



**African
Basket/
Widows Jar**

**LSS Metro Homeless
Youth Programs**

In February .
Your coins will
go to Rezek
House –Lutheran
Social Service
Youth Homeless
Shelter. Please
shake out those
piggy
banks.....to help
so many
homeless youth
who need our
help.

The LSS Metro Homeless Youth Programs offer a continuum of holistic services to runaway, homeless, and street-dependent youth ages 16-21 and their children in the Twin Cities Metro Area.

These services are committed to helping youth build on assets and strengths, and connecting them with caring, supportive adults. They do street outreach, have a thirty day emergency shelter for homeless youth, two on-site transitional living programs and an off-site transitional living program for homeless youth and their children.

We provide case management, life skills education and parenting skills education in our programs.

Our programs are non-religious in programming and serve a diverse range of youth.

We have 3 program locations, two located near the midway area of St. Paul and one off of 35E and Maryland Ave. in St. Paul.





Better Health Coverage Through MNSure?

Saint Mark Evangelical Lutheran Church and the Minnesota Council of Churches invite the community to attend a February 23rd presentation on connecting with better health care through MNSure.

You may be surprised how many people are uninsured or under-insured. You may be among them without even knowing it! For people in this situation, MNSure offers real possibilities.

Be a good steward of your health and finances by protecting yourself against the catastrophic costs associated with sudden illness or injury.

Learn about MNSure, Minnesota's health insurance marketplace. You will find out what the marketplace is and how it functions, which benefits are available, what the eligibility requirements are, how to enroll, and how to access help from MNSure.

*"Very valuable" "Provides good info." "Do it."
-people who've attended previous MCC MNSure presentations*

MCC MNSure Presentation

Sunday, February 23, 10:45 am
Saint Mark Evangelical Lutheran Church
550 W. 7th St., Saint Paul, MN 55102
Please call to register 651-224-0228

The speaker will be a trained Minnesota Council of Churches MNSure Faith Ambassador. The Minnesota Council of Churches' mission is to manifest unity in the church and to build the common good in the world. With our 24 member denominations we represent one million Minnesota Christians.



2014 Women's Ecumenical Luncheon

Saturday March 8th
at noon at Saint
Stan's, women of all
the neighborhood
churches will
gather together for
a luncheon.

St. Mark is to bring
8 dozen dinner rolls
and relishes.

They expect 100-
125 women.

Please see sign up
sheet in the
Fellowship Hall
closer to the date.

February Birthdays

1st- Lahela Goldschmitz

3rd- Victoria Fleming & Jean Johnson

6th- Karen Slama

9th- Ken Geib

10th- Brittany Smith

11th- Gary Brueggemann

& Shane Geib

16th- Madelyn McGuire

18th- Danielle Martinson

19th- Alan Schultz

20th- Melissa Fogel

21st- Elsa Schroeder

22nd- Cynthia Wood

A special Thank you to Bob Beck who fabricated
the copper clad cross &
Thank you to John Yust who donated the gold leafs
for the halo...It turned out beautiful!

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