Mark your calendars for a joint worship service and picnic with the congregations of Saint Luke and Saint Mark.

**This event will be held at Saint Luke on Sunday July 30th**

**9:00 AM Worship Service**
(Outside, weather permitting, bring along a lawn chair!!)

Following worship we will have a speaker, Rev. Joe Lees from the Saint Paul Area Synod.

Following this time of education, we will share in a potluck picnic (hot dogs, buns and beverages will be provided), other items will be gratefully accepted to enhance our meal together.

We will also have games for kids of all ages!!

**We look forward to having a great day together of worship and fellowship.**
Mops for May
Thank you to all the folks that donated Mops for May!
We received 7 mops that have been delivered to Naomi Residence in St. Paul.
Mission coins for the months of July & August will be going to the West 7th Boys Club, helping families in the West Seventh area.

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Julia Jackson Bookkeeper
Martin Brueggemann Choir Director
Holly Goldschmitz Secretary
Carol Gall & Janet Blair Custodians
Have you ever wondered...

"Lord, What do you want me to do?"

Don't you think about this every day?

These are the words that we sing in worship (John 6:68). Because, the liturgy of our worship simply reflects the very thoughts and things that any one of us does every day. Of course, this is more than just a "church" question - it's a personal question. And the answer?

I know some make fun of how Martin Luther (since this is the 500 Anniversary of the Reformation - he comes to mind) advised: "sin boldly" ... just do something! However, what they (willfully?) ignore is the rest of the statement

"sin boldly, but believe boldly!" In other words, yes, do something... but do it believing you are trying to do what God would have you to be doing, however, be humble enough that you may realize that you might be wrong... still it is important to do something. You can always "reform" your answer and action.

On July 30th, Rev. Joe Lees (Assistant to the Bishop) is going to lead us in Worship raising this very question! He has a wonderful way to prayerfully think about how God is in our lives! Yes, everyone of us will ask ourselves "What does God want of me?". However, we also ask this question as the "Body of Christ" as members of Saint Mark. It's interesting to hear about how others witness an answer. It's so important that we want this to be a shared experience with our friends at Saint Luke.

What does God want us to do?

To intentionally join with fellow members of our church, at Saint Luke, to worship and wonder, to pray and play and picnic together!

Pastor Walt
Summer Sundays – Children’s Activity Table
Although formal Sunday School ended with the school year, we're going to continue the fun on a smaller scale throughout the summer.

For a half-hour after service, children are encouraged to join in on a faith-based craft, activity or game at a staffed table in the fellowship hall.

There will be something for all ages, so stop by and check it out!

Wedding Announcements
Alyssa Dupont and Brian Kingsbury
(daughter of Doug and Theresa Dupont) will be married on July 7, 2017.
They will reside in Ramsey, Minnesota.

Rebecca Burdash and Rodolfo d'Arbelles
(daughter of Emmet Burdash & niece of Bonnie and Michael Jellinek) will be married on July 7, 201.
They reside in Westminster, Colorado.

Congratulations from all of St. Mark!

Baby Announcement
Congratulations to Brian and Kristen Durant on the birth of their daughter, Everly Ann Durant
(granddaughter of John & Darla Durant)
Born on June 14, 2017 at 7lbs 6oz and 20” long.

Baby and parents are all doing well!
August 8th Lutheran Night @ MN Twins

Join us at the ballgame and get your Lutheran on!

Tuesday, August 8th - Pre-game at 6pm, Game time is 7:00pm

Ticket $22.00 each on sale now, see signup sheet with Pastor Walt.

Singing along with the National Lutheran Choir?
Please check the box at signup.

All tickets must be paid for at the time of reservation.

VBS August 1-3 from 5:30 pm – 8:00 pm

Vacation Bible School- Save the date and sign up now!

This year we will be having VBS on a Tuesday– Wednesday– Thursday

Sign up your Students and for adult volunteers.

To sign up your children or to volunteer as an adult,
please call the church office at 651-224-0228
or speak with Carrie Arnold, VBS Director.
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MAKING OUR MARK

July Usher Reader Fellowship
2 Larry Raasch Nancy Redlin Mary Miller
9 Laurel Gamm & Charles Stephens Laurel Gamm OPEN
16 John & Rose Cook Gary Brueggemann OPEN
23 Dupont Family Bonnie Jellinek OPEN
30 9am shared service at St. Luke Lutheran with guest speaker and pot luck picnic following service.

ST. MARK FINANCIAL SUMMARY

YEAR TO DATE CHANGE ON OVERALL FINANCES SINCE 12/31/16 Bal of $37,959 = increase of $4,782
(current mo bal - end of Dec mo balance - investment & saving reductions + amts back to investments & savings)

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F e a t u r e d  M e m b e r s

We intend on using this section to feature members of St. Mark that have a story to tell about helping the community, other members, family members or an organization.

If you know of a St. Mark member we should acknowledge in the future, please contact Mary Miller at 651-483-0671 (msquared47@msn.com) or Nancy Redlin at 651-293-1862 (nredlin@joimail.com).

R a m o n a  N e l s o n

This month we are featuring Ramona Nelson. Ramona has been a St. Mark member for approximately 15 years. Ramona has been a regular volunteer at St. Mark’s Spring Dinner and assists with Sunday morning coffee hour. She has also assisted with communion and bringing Sunday treats.

Ramona volunteers at the Richard M. Schulze Family American Cancer Society Hope Lodge and was recently recognized by them for her more than 700 hours of volunteering (See the Hope Lodge article below). Please personally congratulate Ramona when you next see her!

More than 700 hours of volunteering!

Richard M. Schulze Family ACS Hope Lodge

Volunteer Spotlight

Ramona Nelson is a veteran Hope Lodge volunteer.

“I started volunteering at the Minneapolis Hope Lodge in April of 2008,” she said. “I am a breast cancer survivor, and my cancer support group meets in the Hope Lodge conference room.”

Ramona learned on her visits to Hope Lodge facility that there were ways she could help. “This connection with the lodge made me aware of their need for volunteers,” she said. “I quickly realized that I could make the greatest impact in guest services because I worked at front desks in several situations before retiring and I love to interact with people.”

Ramona has a regular schedule that she maintains with her Hope Lodge volunteering. “Currently, I come in to volunteer at the Hope Lodge the mornings before my cancer support group meets, as well as the first Tuesday of the month,” she said.

Over the years Ramona has seen countless people come through the doors of our Hope Lodge facility. “It has been a great and humbling experience to volunteer at Hope Lodge,” she said.

“That’s not only due to the amazing people I get to cross paths with, but also because I’ve come to realize that my own experience with breast cancer pales in comparison to what some of the guests of Hope Lodge are fighting through.”

Hope Lodge manager Mary Wiles said, ”Ramona is one of our most dedicated volunteers. She has volunteered more than 700 hours, and is truly part of our Hope Lodge family. Thank you, Ramona!”
The Church Still Stands

St. Mark Evangelical Lutheran Church
A seventh street landmark just west of downtown.
For reason’s unknown, in an attack on God’s home
Someone tried to burn it down!

Human-sparked ruin can always be fixed
Because nothing of this earth can hinder God’s plans.
Regardless the damage to mortar and bricks
The Church…Still…Stands!

Churches aren’t based on blueprints and designs
Because buildings can be broken and swept away.
God’s church will always be simply defined
By the folks who enter to pray.

Generations of families and friendships
Countless Christian foundations laid.
Through the unknown and the fear, we must persevere
And let none of St Mark’s cherished memories fade.

While rebuilding may take some patience
Fear not St. Mark, your true work carries on.
When construction’s complete…on West Seventh Street
We’ll see a church still standing and strong!

Where do we go from here…
So, continue your ministry in upheaval’s midst
Let nothing hinder God’s plans.
And rejoice…despite damage to mortar and bricks
The Church…Still…Stands!

Walk on…
Dave Shaw (son of Gifford & Signe Ovre)
Happy July Birthdays!

Week of July 1-8  Rosemarie Clark
Anna Goldschmitz  Week of July 23-29
Alicia Chavez– Mena  Linda Fogel
Donald Clark

From the Secretary

I’m writing you, my friends, to let you know that I have accepted a fulltime job offer and giving notice as Secretary of the church.

I have not made this decision lightly as you are my family and I love the work I do for St. Mark. Working two jobs and maintaining my family life has been difficult and one fulltime job I hope will make things more manageable. I am excited for the possibilities of this new position.

My last day as secretary will be Friday, July 14th

I want you all to know I love you and will continue participate in events and continue our friendship. This family has been a big part of my life and with a heavy heart, we will open a new page and look to the future.

You are a great bunch I am proud to call my church family!

Holly Goldschmitz

Save the Date- Fall Rummage Sale

The Fall Rummage Sale Date has been set for Thursday and Friday, October 5 & 6

Merchandise and volunteer sign ups will begin in mid– September.

Many hands and volunteer hours go into the set-up, sale and clean up for this much loved neighborhood sale!
Sunday, July 30th
9am Service
at St. Luke's, w/ picnic following