



MAKING OUR MARK

June 2017

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**RISE UP
START FRESH
SEE THE BRIGHT
OPPORTUNITY
IN EACH
NEW DAY**

Living Lutheran Magazine

Many members enjoy the subscription to Living Lutheran and read it monthly.

The group rate for St. Mark members to receive the magazine is \$9.00 a year.

If you are receiving and enjoying the magazine, we are asking that you include a \$9.00 contribution in your envelope if you have not already this year.

If you are receiving the magazine but would like to be removed from the subscription, please call the office.



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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*
Fellowship / Education
Hour
after service

Have a question? Concern?
Office: (651) 224-0228

Executive Committee

| | | |
|--------------|----------------|----------------|
| President | Eric Michelson | (651) 726-4927 |
| Secretary | Mary Miller | (651) 483-0671 |
| Treasurer | Nancy Redlin | (612) 270-7127 |
| Cong Liaison | Candy Petersen | (651) 249-1981 |

Committee Chairs

| | | |
|---------------|--------------|----------------|
| Property | Nate Arnold | (651) 485-1876 |
| Evang/Mission | | |
| Worship | Larry Raasch | (651) 238-3531 |

Church Staff

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

Pastor's June Message

Ruth inspires! John noticed that the Ruth statue in the narthex wasn't lit on Sunday and let me know, "I look at the statue of Ruth and when I see the lighted candle, it's as if she's teaching me everything about the Bible story."

Ruth represents Biblical Wisdom, welcome of strangers and foreigners, modesty, faithfulness, work ethic and the foretelling of Christmas (She's Jesus' great, great, great... grandma). Ruth is a saint – she makes Bible study come alive just by looking at her!

June is a month, in which the children will lead us in Worship on the 11th and we start another Bible study on Thursday nights at 7pm – Wednesday mornings' studies continue at 8:30am. Even though we won't have the traditional "Education time" after worship, we are committed still to engage in conversation and lessons, discussing Biblical, cultural and family issues.

What are you curious about?

Our Bible stories and the life examples of the Saints are so inspiring and worthwhile. Summer is not only a time of Re-creation, but of Re-newal and Re-viving our spirit. Everyone is welcome!

June commemorates the apostles St. Peter and St. Paul with this prayer.

Almighty God, whose blessed apostles Peter and Paul glorified You by their martyrdom: Grant that Your Church, instructed by their teaching and example, and knit together in unity by Your Spirit, may ever stand firm upon the one foundation, which is Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.



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**YOUR
PEOPLE
WILL BE
MY PEOPLE**

Pastor Walt

Annual Meeting Recap

On Sunday May 21st, we held our Annual Congregational Meeting. Twenty-seven people were in attendance, compared to forty-three last year. The purpose of this meeting was to elect new council members and continue a discussion regarding “Shared Ministry”. The following council members completed their terms and were thanked for their many efforts: Robin Martinson, Dianne Testa, Lisa Weicht, Holly Goldschmitz and Jackie Brueggemann. The following new council members were elected: Eric Michelson (President), Nate Arnold and Larry Raasch (both “At Large Members”); along with these three remaining members: Nancy Redlin (Treasurer), Mary Miller (Secretary) and Candy Petersen (VP/Congregational Liaison). The new council will take effect on 6/1/2017 and they will be “installed” during Worship on Sunday June 4th with a reception to follow.

Nancy provided a brief financial overview and we reviewed and approved the minutes from 5/15/2016.

I provided a brief overview of the work that has been completed on our “Shared Ministry” discussions with Saint Luke. Nate Arnold, Pastor Walt and I have attended two meetings with representatives from Saint Luke (monthly meetings will continue) and plans are underway for a joint service and picnic to be held at Saint Luke on Sunday July 30th at 9:00 A.M. This time of worship together will also include an adult forum on the topic of “Shared Ministry”, to be led by Joe Lees from the Saint Paul Area Synod. PLEASE let us know if you are able to help with the many aspects of



**Thank
you to
the
outgoing
and
incoming
Council
Members
for your
service!**



Annual Meeting Recap cont.

this event.

We have learned about seven areas of shared ministry and a number of ways in which a congregation “at risk” can consider as they look to their future;

We are looking for logical ways in which to begin to work together;

We have worked with them on Loaves and Fishes, we worshiped in their building during our fire restoration and we have assisted each other for our Stewardship Brunches;

We will continue and expand upon our ongoing shared ministries with Saint Stan’s, Joseph’s Temple and other churches in the West Seventh Neighborhood. (Bible Study, Women’s lunch, Crosswalk, Soup Suppers etc.)

We are also asking for your feedback, both on what excites you about this opportunity and what concerns you may have. Please use the form inserted in the Sunday Bulletins to let us know your thoughts. The forms may be given directly to Candy Petersen, placed in the offering plate or placed in the suggestion box in the fellowship hall.

Thank you for the opportunities you have given to me. Let’s see where God Leads Us!

Jackie Brueggemann



**Your
feedback
on
Shared
Ministry
is
needed.**



SUN

MON

TUE

Wear RED for Pentecost on June 4th!

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| <p>4 Communion</p> <p>9:30am Pentecost Service</p> <p>10:30am Fellowship</p> <p>12:00pm J.T. Service</p> | <p>5</p> | <p>6</p> <p>6:00pm AA</p> |
| <p>11 Holy Trinity</p> <p>9:30am Service</p> <p>10:30am Fellowship</p> <p>12:00pm J.T. Service</p> | <p>12</p> <p>6-9pm Square Dance</p> | <p>13</p> <p>6:00pm AA</p> |
| <p>18 Father's Day</p> <p>9:30am Service</p> <p>10:30am Fellowship</p> <p>12:00pm J.T. Service</p> | <p>19</p> <p>6-9pm Square Dance</p> | <p>20</p> <p>6:00pm AA</p> |
| <p>25</p> <p>9:30am Service</p> <p>10:30am Fellowship</p> <p>12:00pm J.T. Service</p> | <p>26</p> <p>6-9pm Square Dance</p> <p>3:00pm– 7:00pm Loaves & Fishes</p> | <p>27</p> <p>6:00pm AA</p> |

| WED | THU | FRI | SAT |
|---|-----------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| | 1 7pm Bible Study | 2 | 3 10:00am Altar Guild |
| 7 8:30am Bible Study | 8 7pm Bible Study | 9 Last Day of School for SPPS | 10 |
| 14 Flag Day 8:30am Bible Study | 15 7pm Bible Study | 16 | 17 |
| 21 <i>Summer Begins</i> 8:30am Bible Study | 22 7pm Bible Study | 23 | 24 |
| 28 8:30am Bible Study | 29 7pm Bible Study | 30 | July 1 10:00am Altar Guild |

| June | Usher | Reader | Fellowship |
|------|------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 4 | Rick & Candy Petersen | Candy Petersen | Joyce Crozier |
| 11 | Mena Family | John Durant | Fran Hillier & Ramona Nelson |
| 18 | Laurie & Terry Ford | Terry Ford | <i>Need Volunteer</i> |
| 25 | <i>Need Volunteer</i> | <i>Need Volunteer</i> | <i>Need Volunteer</i> |

ST. MARK FINANCIAL SUMMARY

YEAR TO DATE CHANGE ON OVERALL FINANCES SINCE 12/31/16

Bal of \$37,959 = increase of \$4,507 (current mo bal - end of Dec mo balance - investment & saving reductions + amts back to investments & savings)

CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANCES

| Checking Accounts | January | February | March | April |
|-------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| General | \$19,717 | \$18,967 | \$17,634 | \$28,409 |
| Capital Campaign | \$3,626 | \$3,313 | \$3,977 | \$3,333 |
| Funeral | \$1,476 | \$1,476 | \$1,476 | \$1,476 |
| Memorial | \$14,695 | \$14,596 | \$14,597 | \$15,248 |
| Total | \$39,514 | \$38,352 | \$37,684 | \$48,466 |

INVESTMENT & SAVINGS ACCOUNT WITHDRAWALS

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

Bible Studies at St. Mark

Join us for one of the Bible Studies at St. Mark!

Wednesday Mornings, Breakfast Bible Study at 8:30am.

Thursday Evenings Bible Study at 7pm.

All are welcomed, feel free to bring a friend!



Well Done Graduates!

All graduating from Central High School this spring are:

Cel Breimhorst, will be attending St. Catherine's in the fall.

Alice O'Brien, will be attending University of Wisconsin, Stout in the fall.

Siri Schroeder, will be attending University of Wisconsin, Madison in the fall.

Evan Smith graduated from the University of Minnesota, Morris and will continue graduate study in the fall.



ELCA at Valley Fair

Monday, June 12th will be ELCA Day at Valley Fair!

Enjoy a day at Valley Fair at a discounted rate! Groups of any size are welcome.

You can order tickets by calling Pastor Mary Kaye Ashley at 612-532-7083 or email at carmae24@comcast.net.

Make all checks out to St. Paul Area Synod.

Ticket price is \$26.75 ea.



African Basket/ Widow's Jar

For the months of March and April, we have collected \$ 300.00 for Women's Advocates helping Women and Children in crisis.



Sheridan's Story

We received a recognition letter that thanked us for a food donation of 84lbs. It was a variety of box, canned and bagged food. In the fall we will pick back up when school starts with packing backpacks.



Cards for Annamay

Kathie Klemetson's mom, Annamay Seefeld recently broke her hip and is facing a long recovery. Help brighten her spirits by sending her a card for encouragement!

Good Samaritan Society C/O Annamay Seefeld
1301 50th Street East Room #14
Inver Grove Hts, MN 55077

Happy June Birthdays!

Week of June 1-3

Fayanna Bolden

Week of June 4- 10

Paul Ryan

Dennis DeMike

Week of June 11- 17

June Turtness

Michael Martinson

John Mena

Ann Schroeder

Week of June 18- 24

Elizabeth Bremer

Week of June 25- 30

Dee Smerud

Jan Bloom

Laura McGuire



St. Luke VBS June 19, 20, 21

5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Registration deadline: June 12

Kindergarten (age 4+) thru 6th Grade
\$10.00 per child.....Light supper included.

To register: call us at 651-698-9443
specify age/number of child(ren) and phone number.
1807 Field Avenue, St. Paul, 55116
www.saintlukechurch.org

St. Luke Farmers' Market

**Third Annual Farmers Market at St. Luke Church,
begins on Saturday, June 17 and runs through October 7.**

Open 8 AM to noon every Saturday.

Come, peruse the wonderful array of fresh produce, visit with your neighbors, and support this valuable mission of community and outreach for our area.

St. Peter Lutheran Rummage Sale

Friday, June 9th from 9am– 5pm

Saturday, June 10th from 9am– Noon

530 South Victoria St, St. Paul, MN 55102 (651)228-1482

Lyngblomsten Mid-Summer Festival

Friday, July 21st from 2-9pm

1415 Almond Ave, St. Paul, MN 55108

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