



SAINT MARK
LUTHERAN CHURCH

MAKING OUR MARK

March 2015

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Thank you to those members who volunteered to help set up the sanctuary for worship- you are amazing!

Thank you to those who have stepped up to be a part of the prayer chain, assist with writing thank you notes, to our photographer, to a member who agreed to document the fire, to our members and friends who are working on research of items lost in the fire. We are blessed to have so many volunteers, and have opportunities for everyone to get involved!

**St. Mark Evangelical
Lutheran Church**

*A Congregation of the Evangelical
Lutheran Church of America*

Pastor

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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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From Pastor Walt

Martha Kaphingst's funeral was this past Saturday. She was the wife of Pastor Harold Kaphingst, who served St. Mark right after the church building was built.

You may know of them because of their children and grandchildren, who still attend many of our services, dinners and boutiques... And you may know of them because of their love of art.



The Kaphingsts were responsible for having the stained glass windows in the Sanctuary installed. Given that our church building reflects a classic contemporary style - the windows were designed to inspire "wonder" as you meditate on the life story of Jesus in a contemporary way.

The flow of the Holy Spirit is evident in the wave of colors that envelop the Sanctuary.

The feel of the art is modern and forward feeling and thinking. It piques one's imagination and vision as to how our faith and tradition and rituals relate to our lives right now. It reflects a Sunday's Spirit to inspire us through the week.

Art does that. The Kaphingsts knew that. And we're so grateful to carry on the vision.

Pastor Walt



Luther Seminary 10th Annual Mission
Auction and Variety Show

Thursday, March 19 from 5-9 pm

Olson Campus Center

WE: Students, staff, and faculty foster community by sharing our interests, talents, and gifts.

WE: Donate an item or activity for the auction

WE Propose an act or come to the variety show

WE: Raise money to benefit St. Mark's Lutheran Church in St. Paul MN. Their building was destroyed by an arson fire in December 2014.

Volunteer @ Saintmark

- This month we have lots going on and we need your help!
- Please sign up for one of the following needs for March.
- ⇒ Bring soup to Lenten services at St. Stan's. Supper begins at 6:00pm
 - ⇒ Sign up to bring treats for coffee hour after worship.
 - ⇒ Homemade goodies or store bought are both enjoyed!
 - ⇒ Loaves & Fishes- Mon. the 23rd at St. Matt's. Cooking begins at 3:30, serving dinner and clean up ends about 6:45. Please help for whatever time you can!
- ⇒ Banner Room set up- we need strong people who are confident lifting while balancing on ladders! Date to be determined.
 - ⇒ Prayer chain- was activated to remind St. Mark members about worship in our church. Thank you to the awesome volunteers! Two more volunteers are still needed.
- Please contact me if you can volunteer-
volunteer@saintmark.info or call me at my home-651.646.4835.
- Katherine Hillier

LSS Safe House Opportunity

LSS Safe House provides emergency shelter for homeless youth ages 16-20. Would you consider becoming a shelter support volunteer? Volunteers assist staff by organizing youth activities, preparing meals, watching movies and most of all having fun! Your support will make a difference in the life of a youth who is experiencing homelessness, and it might just change your own life.

Safe House is located near the Merriam Park neighborhood of St. Paul. Various shifts are available from 7:00 pm – Midnight or 7:00 am – 9:00 am. For more information or to signup, please contact: Monica Jones monica.jones@lssmn.org 651-470-8801.

Volunteers must pass a DHS background check prior to their first shift.

SUN	MON	TUE
1 9:30am Service 10:30am Fellowship and Education 12:00 FAL Service	2	3 6:00pm AA @ St. Stan's
8 9:30am Service 10:30am Fellowship and Education 12:00 FAL Service	9	10 6:00pm AA @ St. Stan's
15 9:30am Service 10:30am Fellowship and Education 12:00 FAL Service	16 7:00pm Council Meeting	17 6:00pm AA @ St. Stan's
22 9:30am Service 10:30am Fellowship and Education 12:00 FAL Service	23 3-7pm Loaves & Fishes	24 6:00pm AA @ St. Stan's
29 Palm Sunday 9:30am Service 10:30am Fellowship and Education 12:00 FAL Service	30	31 6:00pm AA @ St. Stan's

WED	THU	FRI	SAT
4 @St. Stan's 6:00pm Pot luck Soup Supper 6:30pm Lent Service	5	6 7:00pm FAL Service	7
11 @St. Stan's 6:00pm Pot luck Soup Supper 6:30pm Lent Service	12	13 7:00pm FAL Service	14
18 @St. Stan's 6:00pm Pot luck Soup Supper 6:30pm Lent Service	19 5:00pm Gathering of Women @ Augsburg Variety Show	20 7:00pm FAL Service	21
25 @St. Stan's 6:00pm Pot luck Soup Supper 6:30pm Lent Service	26	27 7:00pm FAL Service	28 Noon- Women's Ecumenical Luncheon at St. Peter's
April 1	2 Maundy Thursday Services TBD	3 Good Friday Cross Walk- Noon 7:00pm Service	4

Mar	Acolyte	Usher	Reader	Fellowship
1	Kainoa Goldschmitz	Goldschmitz Family	Holly Goldschmitz	Mary Fashner
8	Elsa Schroeder	Dianne Testa & Steppat Family	Dianne Testa	Bonnie Jellinek
15	Devin Vibar	Cook Family	Laurel Gamm	Robin Martinson
22	Dejy Martens	Slama Family	Bonnie Jellinek	Open
29	John McGuire	Robin Martinson, Ramona Nelson	Bev Kisch	Open

Hosts Needed for Fellowship & Altar Flowers

Now that we are back in the St. Mark Sanctuary, we have resumed the need for Fellowship treats following service(basic cookies for now to minimize mess).

We have also resumed the Altar Flowers that brighten our sanctuary each Sunday. This is a great way to celebrate special days with your church family.

See sign up sheets in the Narthex or see Kath Hillier for more info.

2015 Budget (\$ 190,785)				
	2014 Jan Month End	2015 Jan Month End	2015 TYD Actual	2015YTD Budget
Revenue	\$ 8,336	\$ 8,337	\$ 8,337	\$ 15,899
Expense	\$ 17,545	\$ 14,984	\$ 14,984	
Net Negative			-\$6,647	
YTD Transfer In from Investments Needed for General Checkbook = \$1,000 YTD Transfer In from Investments				

Message from Candy Petersen

Finally, we are back in our beautiful church! It has been a roller coaster of a journey but with God's guidance and our dedicated members we will be stronger and serve our community better!

I want to thank Jackie Brueggemann for her leadership as project manager she has performed admirably!

I want to express my gratitude to all our members for their diligence and patience as we continue to complete the final stages!

Please feel free to contact me or any Council members with any concerns, questions or comments.

Thank you and God Bless St. Mark!

The Gathering of Women of St. Mark

Women of St. Mark and their friends, sisters and neighbors are invited to join us each Wednesday of the month for a women's Bible study.

This month we are going on a field trip to **Luther Seminary 10th Annual Mission Auction**

and Variety Show on the Olson Campus.

Thursday, March 19 from 5-9 pm.

They are donating the proceeds from the show to St. Mark Fire Fund.

Invitation to Parents from St. Stan's

Join us on March 11th from 6:30-8 in the basement of St. Stanislaus church (395 Superior St.) to hear national Youth Specialties speaker, Tiger McLuen speak on "Parenting Well."

This event will provide a safe, positive environment to gain wisdom on parenting and raising healthy families.

Thank you,
Kristine Ranweiler
St. Stanislaus youth minister

March Birthdays

3rd– Dainne Curran

John McGuire

5th– Bill Kansas

6th– Samantha Bremer

8th– Shirley Such

9th– Cindy Steppat

11th– Michael Goetz Jr.

Zach Ryan

Gunnar Thompson

12th– Kainoa Goldschmitz

19th– Evan Smith

22nd– Sue Seline

23rd– Chris McGuire

24th– Kahele Goldschmitz

27th– Claire Thompson

31st– Maren Schroeder

Mission Opportunity

Who is up for a super FUN volunteer opportunity?

Please join me at Feed My Starving Children in Eagan on Tuesday, May 5th from 6:00-7:30pm.

The approach is simple: children and adults hand-pack meals specifically formulated for malnourished children, and then ship these meals to nearly 70 countries around the world.

To sign up as a volunteer with our team, please email me the participant names (SaintMarkEducation@gmail.com) OR sign up at this link: <http://volunteer.fmssc.org/Register/Group/JoinGroup.aspx?gid=643763>

Ecumenical Luncheon

Join the women of the West Seventh Churches for this year's **Women's Ecumenical Luncheon on Saturday, March 28th at Noon.**

This year the luncheon will be hosted by St. Peter's Church at 530 south Victoria St.

St Mark women are asked to provide dessert for 75-100 women.

A dollar donation or a non-perishable food item is requested to help support hunger relief in the neighborhood.

Please RSVP to Robin Robinson or the church office if you are able to attend by March 22nd.

Introducing Ann Blumer-Lamotte

I wanted to take this opportunity to briefly introduce myself. My name is Ann Blumer-LaMotte and I am really excited to be the new Christian Education Director for St. Mark Evangelical Lutheran Church.

I consider it a privilege to be in a position to help shape the hearts and minds of our children.

My husband and I have 4 precious children --3 daughters (ages 9, 10 and 14) and 1 son (age 8). We live on the West side of St. Paul.

I am a recent graduate from Metropolitan State University with a Communications degree with an emphasis on elementary education.

In my free time, I enjoy photography, scrapbooking, reading, volunteering, and playing games with my family.



I want you to know that as the Education Director, I am here to serve you and your family. Working together we can create partnerships that will grow our awesome community and make it a phenomenal place for our children to flourish.

If there is anything you have concerns or questions about , please do not hesitate to contact me (SaintMarkEducation@gmail.com or 612-328.5641).

Seeking a West 7th apt for a young woman in need.

If anyone at St. Marks knows of someone who is renting an apartment and needs a responsible, reliable tenant.

The woman in need of an apartment is expecting a baby in early April. Her current roommate does not want a newborn living with them, so she is trying to find

someplace centrally located between her job sites. She works at the U of M, Inver Hills Community College, and is a music director at a church in Mendota Heights.

If you know of someone please contact Mary Hansen at 651-227-6671.

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