



SAINT MARK  
LUTHERAN CHURCH

## MAKING OUR MARK

November 2017



ST. MARK HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18

10:00AM– 3:00PM

*Featuring a variety of vendors selling  
handcrafted items, Bake Sale, Raffle,  
Bob's Attic and Café.*

St. Mark Lutheran,  
*In the City for Good*

| <i>Nov</i> | <i>Usher</i> | <i>Reader</i>    | <i>Fellowship</i> |
|------------|--------------|------------------|-------------------|
| 5          | open         | Fran Hillier     | The Mena Family   |
| 12         | open         | Joyce Crozier    | Karen Larson      |
| 19         | open         | Bev Kisch        | John and Darla    |
| 26         | open         | Gary Brueggemann | Raija Wietzke     |

### 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*  
Fellowship / Education  
Hour  
after service

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

### Executive Committee

|              |                |              |
|--------------|----------------|--------------|
| President    | Eric Michelson | 651-726-4927 |
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| 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 |
|                          | Secretary      |
| Carol Gall & Janet Blair | Custodians     |

## Pastor's Message

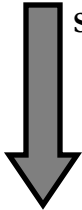
Our Confirmation Class begins every year in a cemetery. The youth observe the epitaphs of headstones stating things like, Beloved Mother, Honored Father, Loyal Friend, Brave Veteran... We talk about, "What do you want on your tombstone?", "How do you want to be known at the end of your life?" In order to leave that lasting impression, you must begin to live out that character now.

November's impression is similar. We observe the leaves falling, the days shortening and getting colder. Reminding us that something is coming to an end. The first Sunday of the month is All Saints Sunday. We remember all of our Saints who have gone before us and how they have made a difference in our life. November 26th is Christ the King Sunday, the last Sunday of the church year. The day, which reminds us how Jesus gives our lives ultimate meaning.

The character of the season (of collecting for Christmas Boxes and gathering around Thanksgiving Tables), is about thinking how God and everyone we look up to reflects Goodness and Grace and Charity... and then living this character out as our own.

This is why we focus on our stewardship of our time and talents, how we spend our days and charity to make a difference in not only our life, but the lives around us. If we hope to be known as, "the faithful, forgiving, kind, generous, charitable, active in mission, caring, respected and merciful to strangers and those with whom we don't get along and certainly beloved to family and friend alike...then our identity needs to be witnessed in how we live out these days. Each Sunday and Worship is a ritual inspiration that offers God's revelation that's an eternal life changer.

Pastor Walt

| SUN  | MON | TUE                                  |
|--|-----|--------------------------------------|
|  <b>Shoebox Packing Event!</b><br><i>Operation Christmas Child</i> |     |                                      |
| <b>5 Communion</b><br>9:30 Service<br>All Saints Day<br>10:30 Fellowship<br>12 J.T. Service  | 6   | 7<br>6:00pm AA<br>7:15 Men's Group   |
| <b>12</b><br>9:30 Service<br>10:30 Fellowship<br>12 J.T. Service   | 13  | 14<br>6:00pm AA<br>7:15 Men's Group  |
| <b>19 Christ the King</b><br>9:30am Service<br>10:30am Fellowship<br>12:00pm J.T. Service  | 20  | 21<br>6:00pm AA<br>7:15 Men's Group  |
| <b>26</b><br>9:30 Service<br>10:30am Fellowship<br>12:00pm J.T. Service  | 27  | 28<br>6:00 pm AA<br>7:15 Men's Group |

| WED  | THU  | FRI                                  | SAT  |
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| <b>1</b><br>8:30am Bible study<br>6:30pm Special Council Meeting<br>7pm Bible Study JT | <b>2</b><br>Square Dancing<br>6:30-8:30                            | <b>3</b>                             | <b>4</b><br>10:30<br>Altar Guild                 |
| <b>8</b><br>8:30am Bible Study<br>6:30pm Council Mtg<br>7pm Bible Study JT             | <b>9</b><br>Square Dancing<br>6:30-8:30                            | <b>10</b>                            | <b>11</b>  |
| <b>15</b><br>8:30am Bible Study<br>7 pm Bible Study JT                                 | <b>16</b><br>Square Dancing<br>6:30-8:30                           | <b>17</b><br>Boutique Setup<br>5-8pm | <b>18</b><br><b>Holiday Boutique</b><br>10am—3pm |
| <b>22</b><br>8:30am Bible Study<br>7pm Bible Study JT                                  | <b>23</b><br><b>Thanksgiving</b><br>9:30 service at St. Stanislaus | <b>24</b>                            | <b>25</b>  |
| <b>29</b>  | <b>30</b><br>Square Dancing<br>6:30-8:30                           |                                      |  |



## Holiday Boutique

November 18th 10am– 3pm

Featuring Handcrafted Items, Bake Sale,  
Raffle, Bob's Attic and Café

### Support the Holiday Boutique

We want to see all members and friends support our holiday boutique!

In addition to the variety of vendors, come have lunch in the café with Kenny's homemade rolls, Chicken Wild Rice Soup, Beef Stew and Sandwich Wraps. Take out available!

The bake sale has a nice mix of old and new favorites for everyone; In Bob's Attic, there is always that special something to give your

holiday a touch with a decoration or vintage item.

Love to help with the boutique? We are always looking for servers in the café, Donation of Bake Sale items, Cool items for Bob's Attic and of course, help with the clean up after the event.

Can't wait to see you there!

Bob's Attic  
is now  
taking  
collectables,  
brand new  
gift items,  
antiques  
and  
Christmas  
items.  
Please see  
John Cook  
with  
questions.

## November Birthdays

Week of Nov 1-4

Katie Ford

Laurel Gamm

Kristi Iverson

Sharon Johnson

Shawn Marhoun

Candace Petersen

Week of Nov 5-11

Siri Kriesel

Kaylee Larson

Week of Nov 12-18

Laurie Ford

Week of Nov 19-25

Tony Steppat

Week of Nov 26-30

Carrie Arnold

Makayla Larson

Kathleen Meldahl



If you did not receive a Small Catechism  
on Reformation Sunday, please see  
Pastor Walt to pick up your own copy

**PRAY****MISSION****COMMUNITY**

3 of our 4-foot tables are missing—if you  
have borrowed them, would you please bring  
them back to the church,  
Thank you



*We continue to collect items for our Grand Assembling Event on November 5. We are also encouraging everyone to make this a personal event to complete your own box—praying and thinking about a child as you buy items and pack them. Our Blessing and Sending Event will be on November 12.*

*This can be a fun family activity. Not sure how to pack a box? Information will be provided in the next few weeks. Or go to*

**[www.samaritanaspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/pack a shoe-box](http://www.samaritanaspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/pack-a-shoe-box)**

*Courtney Bremer will be our coordinator this year.*

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*Suggested Items:*

*Soccer balls*

*Pencil sharpeners*

*Bars of soap*

*Small stuffed animals (a great way to get rid of any beanie babies you might have)*

*Flip flops*

*Scissors*

*Jump ropes*

*Pencils*

*Socks*

*Bead kits ( beads and nylon or elastic string to make your own bracelets)*

*Sewing kits (thread, needles and small scissors)*

*Or any small toy is appreciated*

*Please note this year*

**\*\*\* NO TOOTHPASTE OR CANDY WILL BE ALLOWED\*\*\***

*These items can be placed in the box in the Fellowship Hall*



### ***A Shared Ministry Update:***

On Sunday October 29<sup>th</sup>, Reformation Sunday, we once again shared our worship service with Saint Luke. We were very fortunate to have as our guest speaker, Professor Hans Wiersma from Augsburg College. He shared with us both a reformation message and a travelogue through Wittenberg, Germany. His talk was recorded by Eric Michaelson, feel free to ask Eric to view it. This was our third joint worship service with Saint Luke on our Shared Ministry journey together. It is our intent to plan joint services with them in months in which there are five Sundays. Our next opportunity to do this will be in April of 2018, at Saint Luke. We also blended our two choirs for a wonderful choral experience. Amy Commers led the children of the congregation in a delightful Children's Sermon, asking what theses we could add to our own Church door. Our service was followed by a delicious potluck meal. We continue to look forward to additional opportunities to share in ministry with our friends at Saint Luke. A small group of us meet monthly with a small group from Saint Luke. Please feel free to share any ideas for consideration with anyone on this team.

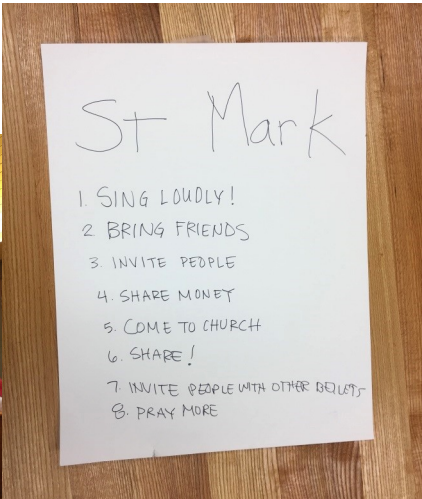
(Nate Arnold, Jackie Brueggemann Eric Michaelson,  
Nancy Redlin, and Pastor Walt)



Grand Oak Opry  
community concert



# 500 YEARS OF REFORMATION



## St Mark

1. SING LOUDLY!
2. BRING FRIENDS
3. INVITE PEOPLE
4. SHARE MONEY
5. COME TO CHURCH
6. SHARE!
7. INVITE PEOPLE WITH OTHER BELIEFS
8. PRAY MORE



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