



MAKING OUR
MARK

November 2018



ST. MARK HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 17

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

Recap of the joint congregational meeting held November 3, at St. Luke's for the congregations of St. Luke's and St. Mark

In attendance: Pastor Joe Lees from the Saint Paul Area Synod and Pastor John Keller along with: 21 people from Saint Luke's and 15 people from Saint Mark for a total of 36.

Pastor Joe Lees led us and we started with introductions and devotions. He then shared statistics for each church on both attendance and financial figures. Then we met in five table groups with representatives from each church in each group and we discussed:

- Who/What is the church? ▪What are its purposes?
- What freedom exists in how we organize to carry out those purposes?
- What do the trends in attendance and giving tell us?
- How does sharing a pastor affect our ability to carry out God's mission?
- In what ways can this shared pastor arrangement be improved?
- What are realistic options in moving forward? ▪What are advantages and disadvantages of the current arrangement as compared with other options?
- How do we feel that God is calling us to proceed?

As you can imagine, there were a number of thoughts on each question but in general, the consensus of those in attendance was that we were able to be honest and open with one another and share a variety of ideas and suggestions with one another.

There were some common themes that came out of this session if we are to go forward together:

- The time of worship would need to be addressed at both churches
- We should considering Worshiping together more often
- Find more time to get to know the new pastor ▪ Find time for coffee hour that allows for more interaction with the pastor ▪ We need to know more about a proposed agreement to continue in shared ministry and then plan to vote on it along with constitutional changes ▪ Fully understand our current financial situation and discuss advantages and disadvantages
- Fully understand the reality regarding available candidates to fill such a position ▪We run the gamut from Merge the two churches ---- Shared Ministry ---- Go our own ways, with the majority of folks more interested in shared ministry

The meeting was closed with prayer after 2 ½ hours. Both congregations would vote on a motion to move forward together or not on November 4.

Currently St. Luke and St. Mark are sharing a pastor on an interim basis. The next step is to prepare a document that reflects a more stable, long-lasting relationship. Also the MSP needs to reflect the Shared Ministry Agreement so pastoral candidates understand the vision and mission of St. Mark. Once the two documents are completed, The Shared Ministry Agreement and MSP would need to come to the congregation for a formal vote at a special congregational meeting later this winter. Thus the vote on November 4th is not a final vote but rather a provisional vote that says that things are going well enough to take the next step. Another option would be to table (postpone) the motion until a later congregational meeting, but this would delay the calling of a new pastor to St. Mark.

At both churches on Sunday November 4th, a “tabled” motion was presented in which we agreed to suspend the decision to go forward immediately with an agreement to finalize together our Shared Ministry. After much discussion and an agreement to reach out in a variety of ways to our members regarding this decision, we tabled that decision until Sunday January 13, 2019. We will continue to be served by Pastor John Keller as our interim and in January we will once again visit this motion:

The council is authorized to proceed in preparing a formal Shared Ministry Agreement with St. Luke, the Ministry Site Profile (MSP) so as to reflect this agreement and to nominate a call committee. The council is to present the Agreement, MSP and call committee nominees at a special congregational meeting before February 28, 2019 for a congregational vote.

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	President	Eric Michelson	651-726-4927
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	Bonnie Jellinek		Organist
Julia Jackson		Bookkeeper	
Martin Brueggemann		Choir Director	
Johnny Hammond		Custodian	



Holiday Boutique

November 17th 10am– 3pm

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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 Apple Crisp. 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 need help with 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

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| <u>11/3</u> Katie Ford | <u>11/12</u> Laurie Ford |
| <u>11/4</u> Sharon Johnson | <u>11/21</u> Tony Steppat |
| <u>11/4</u> Candy Petersen | <u>11/26</u> Carrie Arnold |
| <u>11/5</u> Siri Kriesel | <u>11/27</u> Makayla Larson |
| <u>11/10</u> Kaylee Larson | <u>11/28</u> Kathleen Meldahl |



<i>November</i>	<i>Usher</i>	<i>Reader</i>	<i>Fellowship</i>
4	open	Marty Brueggemann	open
11	open	Nancy Redlin	open
18	open	Bev Kisch	open
25	open	Jerry Smith	open

Thanksgiving at St. Mark

Our very special annual Thanksgiving joint worship service will be held this year here at Saint Mark, November 22 - 9:00am

Operation Christmas Child

A reminder that we will be bringing in all of our completed shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child on Sunday, November 11th to be blessed during our worship service. Looking forward to sharing these great gifts!



Christmas Choral Season at St. Mark

Starting Wednesday, November 14th we will be beginning our choir rehearsals for our Advent and Christmas season. Whether you've joined us in the past or simply love the beautiful music of this most special season, any and all are welcome—we hope to see you there!

SUN	MON	TUE
<p>4</p> <p>9:30am Fellowship 10:30 Communion Svc 12:00pm <i>The Way</i> Svc</p>	<p>5</p> <p>6pm Confirmation (@ St. Mark) 6:30 - 9 Square Dncg</p>	<p>6</p> <p>6:00pm AA</p>
<p>11</p> <p>9:30am Fellowship 10:30am Service <i>Blessing the Shoeboxes</i> 12:00pm <i>The Way</i> Svc</p>	<p>12</p> <p>6pm Confirmation (@ St. Mark) 6:30 - 9 Square Dncg</p>	<p>13</p> <p>6:00pm AA</p>
<p>18</p> <p>9:30am Fellowship 10:30 Communion Svc 12:00pm <i>The Way</i> Svc</p>	<p>19</p> <p>6pm Confirmation (@ St. Mark) 6:30 - 9 Square Dncg</p>	<p>20</p> <p>6:00pm AA</p>
<p>25</p> <p>9:30am Fellowship 10:30am Service 12:00pm <i>The Way</i> Svc</p>	<p>26</p> <p>6pm Confirmation (@ St. Luke) 6:30 - 9 Square Dncg</p>	<p>27</p> <p>6:00pm AA</p>

WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2	3 10:30 Altar Guild
7 9:00am Bible Study (at St. Luke) 7pm AA OMD	8	9	10 6 - 9:30 Square Dncg
14 9:00am Bible Study (at St. Luke) 7pm <i>Choir practice</i> 7pm AA OMD	15	16 Boutique Setup 5-8pm	17 Holiday Boutique 10am-3pm
21 9:00am Bible Study (at St. Luke) 7pm <i>Choir practice</i> 7pm AA OMD	22 Thanksgiving 9:00 service at St. Mark	23	24
28 9:00am Bible Study (at St. Luke) 7pm <i>Choir practice</i> 7pm AA OMD	29	30	

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