



**MAKING OUR  
MARK**

January 2015

# WE'RE BACK!



**St Mark Lutheran  
invites the  
community  
to our**

**GRAND  
RE-OPENING  
CELEBRATION**

**on Saturday,  
October 3,  
2-4 pm**

**Thanks to the first responders, friends, neighbors and  
entire community, we are back in our building  
after our devastating fire in December, 2014.  
We are most grateful to all the people and organizations  
for their help and support.**

**Come and see the renovated part of our church  
and enjoy a treat on us.**

**Thank you to all who volunteered with the “heavy lifting” of moving boxes and furniture in and out of the Fellowship Hall in the last weeks. That was hard work and much appreciated!**



If you are able to volunteer, please contact Kath Hillier at [volunteer@saintmark.info](mailto:volunteer@saintmark.info) or call the office 224.0228

**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

Have a question? Concern?  
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Pastor's Page

*Saint Paul wrote to the Church in Philippi (known as the Rebuilt City) to challenge a declining culture with a new way "...forgetting what lies behind... I press on toward the upward call of God in Christ Jesus." Phil. 3:13-19*

When I was about 14, Martin Niemoller stayed for a while in our home. I have but a faint memory of this "kind, uncle type" of a man. Niemoller was one of the key Prisoners of War during World War II. Indeed, Adolph Hitler, personally had him arrested and sent him to Dachau concentration camp. My father would explain to me later, this man does not dwell on the horrendous past... instead Niemoller explained,

"I never think about those times, they are only like a bad dream... My thoughts are on this generation and what will happen tomorrow, how young people are affected by atheism and secularism. What Jesus means for them is my concern."

*"What some intend for evil... God can work for Good."  
Genesis 50:20*

We are poised for our Grand Re-Opening and our attention is clearly and excitingly on what Jesus has in store for Saint Mark and being in our City for Good.

*Pastor Walt*

*"My thoughts are on this generation and what will happen tomorrow"*



*In the Providence of God,*

*Jane Mills died in early 2015,  
please keep her friends and family  
in your thoughts and prayers.*

Grand ReOpening for our community



**SAINT MARK**  
LUTHERAN CHURCH

**On Saturday, October 3rd at our  
Grand ReOpening,  
we have the following volunteer opportunities.**

We are looking for:

16 people/ families to donate TWO DOZEN homemade bars or cookies

6 people to assist with set up from 1:00pm– 2:00pm

8 Building tour guides (must be able to walk stairs).

4 people from 2-3pm

4 people from 3-4pm

4 Office Tour Guides

2 people from 2-3pm

2 people from 3-4pm

8 people to replenish dessert/ coffee tables and tidy up

4 people from 2-3pm

4 people from 3-4pm

6 people to assist with clean up from 4-5pm

**This celebration is our thank you to the first responders, our neighborhood and community.**

***Let all St. Mark members be involved and thank everyone for their support!***

**To volunteer, please contact Kath Hillier at  
volunteer@saintmark.info or call the church office**

Stewardship Sunday October 11th

The Stewardship team has been working on this year's Time and Talent Survey and 2016 Pledge Cards.

We will be handing out the surveys (pledge cards will be printed on the back of the time and talent survey), along with each families 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter contribution statements, at the grand reopening celebration Saturday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> and at Sunday's service October 4<sup>th</sup>.

Families that don't attend either day will have their statement and survey/pledge card mailed to them Monday, October 5<sup>th</sup>.

**Sunday, October 11<sup>th</sup> is Stewardship Sunday** and we'd like you to thoughtfully fill out your survey and pledge card during the week of

October 5th and bring it to church on the 11<sup>th</sup> to hand in. As an option to writing a contribution check each week, **please consider signing up for Direct Deposit.**

2015 has been a very challenging and chaotic year for St. Mark with the fire, nine months of displacement, and many expenses that we incurred weren't part of our 2015 budget.

**Going forward, we plan to organize as many fundraisers as possible the rest of this year and during 2016. That's why your completed time and talent survey will be especially important this year.**



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We are so blessed!

Our church is almost back to “pre-fire” capacity. There are so many silver linings for us to celebrate!

Our very generous neighbors and friends

The strength, spirit and stamina of all our volunteers

A sparkling clean building, including all of the organ pipes

An enthusiasm for what we will become, that is simply unbridled

We have been very well served by our insurance company, our many skilled contractors, The St. Paul Area Synod and the City of St. Paul.

We are truly In the City for Good and In the City for God.

We have a number of great ideas and planned activities to continue our focus on education, for the children, youth and adults of our congregation.

Feel free to check out the newly refurbished office areas as well as the Sunday School Wing.

Thank you for your patience as we continue on this journey together!

Jackie Brueggemann

On behalf of your Church Council



ITEMS ACCEPTED  
STARTING  
OCT 18th

MERCHANDISE WE ARE LOOKING FOR

- Collectables
  - Fall and Winter Clothing
  - Household Goods
  - Jewelry
  - Furniture in Good Condition
  - Lawn & Garden Items
  - Knick Knacks
  - Tools
  - Children's Toys
  - Books
  - Shoes
- Baked Goods needed for the Bake Sale**

ACCEPTING ITEMS OCT 18TH  
FOR THE FALL RUMMAGE SALE



550 West 7th St.  
St. Paul, MN 55102  
651-224-0228

SALE DATES	
Thursday, Oct 22th	8am– 6pm
Friday, Oct 23th	8am– 6pm
Saturday, Oct 24th	8am-12pm

Call for drop off arrangements 651-224-0228

We are unable to accept:  
Chemicals and other hazardous materials, Electronics, Computers,  
Baby Car Seats, Cribs, and Infant furniture.

**Please get these dates on your calendar and plan to volunteer your time working the set up, sale, in the kitchen, take down or donating bake sale items!**

**All members of St.. Mark are needed to continue this sale tradition!**

SUN

MON

TUE

Coming in November

Nov 8th– Operation Christmas Child

Nov 21st– Holiday Boutique

<p>4</p> <p>9:30am Service 10:30am Fellowship &amp; Ed Noon-4pm FAL Service &amp; Ann Celebration</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p> <p>6:00pm AA 7:15pm Council Meeting</p>
<p>11 <b>New Life Band</b></p> <p>9:30am Service 10:30am Fellowship &amp; Education Hour 12:00pm FAL Service</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p> <p>6:00pm AA</p>
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<p>25</p> <p>9:30am Service 10:30am Fellowship &amp; Education Hour 12:00pm FAL Service</p>	<p>26</p> <p>3:00pm– 7:00pm Loaves &amp; Fishes</p>	<p>27</p> <p>6:00pm AA</p>



WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2 7:00 FAL Bible Study & Service	3 10:00am Altar Guild <b>2-4pm Grand ReOpening</b>
7 8:30am Bible Study 7:00pm Choir	8 7:00pm Bible Study	9 7:00 FAL Bible Study & Service	10 4-5pm New Life Band Community Concert
14 8:30am Bible Study 7:00pm Choir	15 7:00pm Women Gather 7:00pm Bible Study	16 7:00 FAL Bible Study & Service	17
21 8:30am Bible Study <b>Feed My Starving Children Event</b> <b>SALE SET UP</b>	22 <b>SALE 8am- 6pm</b> <b>Rummage Sale</b>	23 7:00 FAL Bible Study & Service <b>SALE 8a-6p</b>	24 <b>SALE 8a- 1p</b> <b>Rummage Sale</b>
28 8:30am Bible Study 7:00pm Choir	29 7:00pm Bible Study	30 7:00 FAL Bible Study & Service	31

JAN	Acolyte	Usher	Reader	Fellowship
4	Kainoa Goldschmitz	Goldschmitz Family	Goldschmitz Family	OPEN
11	Dejy Martens	Linda Robinson Larry Raasch	Bev Kisch	OPEN
18	Elsa Schroeder	Schroeder Family	Schroeder Family	OPEN
25	John McGuire	Kathy McGuire Gloria Opsahl	<i>The Confirmands</i>	OPEN

Fellowship Hour Hosts Needed

Everyone likes a little snack and coffee or juice after service.

Hosts are needed for fellowship time after service.

This is a great time to catch up with old friends, meet some new friends and enjoy a few minutes of your Sunday with nothing to do but enjoy it.

Please check out the sign up sheet in the Fellowship Hall to see if a week works for you. Sign up with a friend or a group of friends to bring snack one day. It doesn't have to be expensive or complicated, *just a little snack*.

2015 Budget ( \$190,785)					
	2014 Aug Month End	2015 Aug Month End	2014 TYD Annual	2015 YTD Annual	2014 YTD Budget
Revenue	\$ 13,219	\$ 13,470	\$ 110,638	\$95,557	\$ 127,190
Expense	\$ 13,077	\$ 11,058	\$ 115,514	\$121,154	
Net Negative		\$2412		<b>\$25,597</b>	

YTD Transfer In from Investments Needed for General Checkbook = \$20,000 for 2015.  
 \*Included \$13,000 transfer from investments  
 Not included in 2015 Revenue is the parsonage sale amount of \$113,038 which has been deposited into Thrivent Investment Account.

## Operation Christmas Child Nov 5th

Our Widow's Jar/ African Basket for the months of September and October will be for Operation Christmas Child.

A collection bin will be placed in the Fellowship Hall the Sunday following the Rummage Sale to gather items to fill the shoeboxes. Keep on the lookout for great items to build a shoebox for kids across the world!

The date is fast approaching!

**The date for the shoebox assembly is Sunday, November 5th and a fun event for all ages!**

Please see the list below for ideas and gift suggestions.

**Small Toys:** balls, music makers, stuffed animals, cars

**School Supplies:** Pens, pencils, paper, sharpeners, stamps and ink, solar calculators

**Hygiene Items:** Toothbrushes, mild bar soap, combs, washcloths, plastic cups

**Other Stuff:** T-Shirts, socks, ball caps, sunglasses, watches, hair clips



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## Feeding God's Children

Feed My Starving Children (FMSC) is a non-profit Christian organization whose approach is simple: children and adults hand-pack meals specifically formulated for malnourished children and ship these meals to their distribution partners.

Join us on Wednesday, October 21<sup>st</sup> from 6:00-7:30pm at FMSC in Eagan as we use our hands for God's works. Please contact Ann Blumer-LaMotte to register or register online at [www.tinyurl.com/fmsc2015](http://www.tinyurl.com/fmsc2015)



### Knowledge is Power

We are really excited to kick-off a new year of education! **Join us on Sunday, October 4th for the official 2015-16 EDUCATION RALLY.**

Children may explore the renovated Sunday School room; Adults can see examples of



curriculum their children will delve into and ask questions about the upcoming year. Weekly

Sunday School classes have resumed immediately following the

worship service. Please see Ann Blumer-LaMotte to register.

The Gathering of Women will occur on Thursday, October 15th at 7pm, meeting at the church.

Our topic this month will be, "Make Haste, O Lord" referencing Psalm 31: 15.



Each month, we meet to study the Bible using the bible study found in the Gather Magazine and online at [www.gathermagazine.org](http://www.gathermagazine.org)

We always have a lively discussion, great devotional time, refreshments and plenty of laughter!

We will also begin again to work on some craft items to sell raising funds to attend the Women of the ELCA Triennial in July of 2017 held in Minneapolis.

We challenge you to join us just once to check it out for yourself! You won't be disappointed you came!

WELCA South Central Cluster Breakfast

Join the women of St. Mark attending the our WELCA breakfast, October 10th from 9:30– 11:30am at St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church (2323 Como Ave, W. St. Paul)

The speaking topic for October is “Nursing Education in Rural Tanzania” by Sara Jennerjohn Sara, who is a member of SAPLC and has served on the Church in Society Commission, on the cabinet and in choir. Sara is pursuing a Master of Nursing degree at the U of MN

and will become an RN. She was selected to be in an interdisciplinary team to train health care workers at Ilula Lutheran Hospital in Tanzania as they start nursing school. Cost is \$8.50 Reservations are due October 6th.

An offering will be taken and material offering of hand towels and bath size Ivory soap will be collected for Global Health Ministries.

Please register with Jackie Brueggemann before Oct 4th.



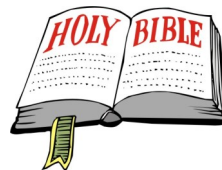
Looking for a Bible Study?

Check out one of these Bible Studies!

8:30am Wednesday morning Breakfast Bible Study.

7:00pm Thursday Evenings at Church.

7:00pm Third Thursdays– Women Gather



**31<sup>ST</sup> Annual  
St. Luke Lutheran Church**

**FALL  
BAZAAR**

**Saturday  
October 10, 2015  
9:00 AM to 2:30 PM**



- Food
- Bake Sale
- Rummage Sale
- Crafts
- Holiday Items
- Bingo,  
10AM to 11AM
- Raffle Drawing
- Kiddie Room,  
9AM to 12PM

*31 years of fun and fellowship... join us!*

**Edgumbe Road at Field Avenue**

651-698-9443

[www.saintlukechurch.org](http://www.saintlukechurch.org)

## Happy October Birthdays!

2nd	Marge Sayers	13th	Jason Jackson
5th	Courtney Bremer		Cletus Togba Jr.
	DJ Meldahl	15th	Mary Alice Geib
	Meghann Ovre-	20th	Michael Goetz
	Kriesel		Dean Meldahl
8th	Kathy Klemetson	21st	James Arnold
11th	Warren Larson	24th	Terry Ford
	Dorothy LaFrooth	25th	Lisa Weicht
12th	Celestian Briemhorst	27th	Jeneane Frost
	Jaden Mlenar	29th	Nancy Redlin

**Community Events in West Seventh****West Seventh Community Center**

Annual Spaghetti Dinner

Thurs. Oct 8th 4:30– 7:30pm

Adults \$8– Seniors \$7– Children \$3

**St. Stanislaus Catholic Church**

Annual Craft Fair

Saturday, October 3rd 9am– 4pm

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