



## MAKING OUR MARK

September 2015

**What are your memories about Sunday from childhood?**

**What is your Sunday rhythm now?**

**How do you feel connected to the past or future in worship?**

**How might we make Sunday set aside not through restrictions but through special actions, in what we wear, cook, share or eat?**

**(Excerpt from Sept. Gather Women's Bible Study)**



Church Grounds

**Our church grounds at St. Mark have long been a shining spot in our neighborhood. Donations are being requested for the church grounds this summer to keep it looking sharp.**



A dollar or five in addition to your regular offering would be most appreciated!

**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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## A message from the Pastor

When St. Paul said those words (right) to the Church at Corinth, he was actually reminding them of the time when the Israelites would party without thinking about God. When they didn't put God first - they ended up getting into trouble.

St. Paul wasn't against the people gathering together to eat and drink and then having a good time. His words were shared so that they would always be mindful of God, even when they played.

The God of Creation and Re-Creation loves recreation and our enjoyment of it!

**On September 13**, we will gather with our partnered congregation, Free At Last, at Newell Park for a picnic to eat, drink, praise and play. We do it intentionally.

- Our Worship setting will be surrounded by God's Outdoor Creation.
- This Sunday will also be a sign of our Re-Creation, because the rest of our building should be opened and ready for our programs of Mission, Education and Fellowship soon.

We all know "the Church" is not the "building", it's our life and activity inside and outside of the walls.

We are going to make a statement about what it means to say,

"We are In the City for Good!"

God loves our Ecumenical Spirit, Missions, Friendships and the fact that God is with us even when we sit down to eat and drink, praise and rise up to play! *Pastor Walt*

*“The people sat down to eat and drink and rose up to play.”*

1 Corinthians  
10:7

# Outdoor Service & Picnic at Newell Park

Free at Last, Church of God in Christ and St. Mark Lutheran will come together to enjoy a day of worship, fellowship, food and games to celebrate our unity in Christ.

## Sunday, Sept. 13



**11am Service**  
12pm Meal  
1pm Activities

**Please sign up your family** for attendance and what you will be bringing for food stuff.

We are also looking for many volunteers to help with food prep, site set up, worship, food service, clean up, games and activities.

What is provided:  
All Beef Hot Dogs,  
Chicken and Baked Beans

What can I bring?  
Beverages  
Desserts  
Chips  
Watermelon & Fruit  
New or like new prizes for games

## CALLING ALL PEOPLE OF ST. MARK .....

**We have a full calendar of fantastic events coming up  
and will need lots of volunteers!**

The last weekend of August we will be moving items in the lower level for the restoration company to begin cleaning! Thank you to those who volunteered!

- ◆ **Over the next couple weeks** will be sorting and moving the items from the lower level to their permanent places. We also will be cleaning the entire contents of the kitchen and setting up the Sunday School rooms. The offices also need to be put in order. For each step of the projects, weekend and week day evening and day hours will be available so everyone can volunteer!
- ◆ **September 13<sup>th</sup>, PICNIC** with Free At Last Congregation- we need volunteers to “lead” each area of the picnic: set up, food, activities and clean up. We also need lots of help in each area listed. Volunteers are needed to provide desserts, bottled water, chips and fruit. Please call the church office with food donations. Don't miss this opportunity for a wonderful time of food, fun and faith!
- ◆ As we prepare for the re-opening of the entire building, **special worship services** are being planned and we need everyone to get involved- let us celebrate together!
- ◆ A **fall rummage sale** is planned for Oct. 22 & 23, and will require lots of helping hands! NO items will be accepted at the church until a few days before the sale. Watch for more information.
- ◆ The **Holiday Boutique** is being planned for November 21st; volunteers can help with set up and/or break down and various jobs during this festive event.

With so many exciting and fun events coming up for our church, ***we need everyone to volunteer***, so all the projects don't fall to just a few. Please contact Kath Hillier at [volunteer@saintmark.info](mailto:volunteer@saintmark.info) or call her directly at 651.646.4835, or leave a message with the church office.

LET'S CELEBRATE TOGETHER!

SUN	MON	TUE
<p>Volunteers needed to return our church to business.                      Kath Hillier (952) 693-8538                      volunteer@saintmark.info</p>		1
<p>6                      9:30am Service                      10:30am Fellowship                      12:00pm FAL Service</p>	7	<p>8                      6:00pm AA @ St. Stan's                      7:00pm Council Meeting</p>
<p><b>13 Outdoor Service &amp; Picnic at Newell Park</b>  <b>11am Service</b>  <b>12pm Picnic</b></p>	14	<p>15                      6:00pm AA@ St. Stan's                      7:30pm SM &amp; FAL Liaison Meeting</p>
<p>20                      9:30am Service                      10:30am Fellowship &amp; Education Hour                      12:00pm FAL Service</p>	21	<p>22                      6:00pm AA@ St. Stan's</p>
<p>27                      9:30am Service                      10:30am Fellowship &amp; Education Hour                      12:00pm FAL Service</p>	<p>28                      3:00pm– 7:00pm                      Loaves &amp; Fishes</p>	<p>29                      6:00pm AA@ St. Stan's</p>

WED	THU	FRI	SAT
2	3 7pm Service/ Picnic Meeting	4 7:00 FAL Bible Study & Service	5 10:00am Altar Guild
9 8:00am Bible Study	10	11 7:00 FAL Bible Study & Service 8pm Picnic Mtg	12
16 8:00am Bible Study	17	18 7:00 FAL Bible Study & Service	19
23 8:00am Bible Study	24 7:00pm Women Gather	25 7:00 FAL Bible Study & Service	26
30 8:00am Bible Study	<p>Looking for something to do on a slow Monday Night? Join the crew at Loaves &amp; Fishes on the fourth Monday of the month.</p> <p>Come help, prepare and serve a meal to those experiencing hunger in our area. See Pastor Walt</p>		

SEP	Acolyte	Usher	Reader	Fellowship
6	Kainoa Goldschmitz	Robin & Mike Martinson, Larry Raasch	Bev Kisch	Mary Fashner
13	<b>Outdoor Service and Picnic at Newell Park Service at 11am– Picnic at Noon– Fun &amp; Games at 1pm</b>			
20	Elsa Schroeder	Linda Robinson	Open	Kristi Iverson
27	Dejy Martens	Pat & Dianne Curran	Pat Curran	Larry Raasch & Marge Sayers

*Worship Matters*

During the summer months we have tried some new ideas to enhance our worship services. If there was a themed Sunday that you liked, let us know. We are open to trying new things during our worship services so if you have an idea, share it with us. Maybe you have a favorite hymn you would like to sing on a particular Sunday, please see Bonnie Jellinek with your ideas!

2015 Budget ( \$ 190,785)					
	2014 July Month End	2015 July Month End	2014 YTD Annual	2015 YTD Annual	2015 YTD Budget
Revenue	\$ 12,665	\$ 9,728	\$ 97,419*	\$ 82,087	\$ 111,291
Expense	\$ 13,186	\$ 15,321	\$ 102,436	\$ 110,096	
Net Negative		<b>\$ - 5,593</b>		<b>\$ -28,009</b>	
YTD Transfer In from Investments Needed for General Checkbook = \$20,000 for 2015. * Includes \$13,000 transfer from investments. Not included in 2015 Revenue is the parsonage sale amount of \$113,038					



### Education for September

As summer draws to a close, the Education Team is ready to jump into another exciting year of learning!

Please join us Sunday, September 20: Education Kick-Off & Open House, immediately following 9:30am worship.

Learn how we can grow in Christ. Tell us about programming you'd like to see. Open house format. Intended for ALL ages, not only children.



### Women Gather at St. Mark

Join the women of St. Mark as we gather for a Thursday September 24th at 7pm for a Bible Study.

All women are welcome to attend and bring a friend! Snacks provided!

We will be using the Bible Study from the Gather Magazine. This months theme is about Slow Faith.

[Click Here](#) for the Gather website

“Slow Faith,” explores a Biblical vision for the pace of our lives.”

### Feed My Starving Children

SAVE THE DATE!  
GREAT  
VOLUNTEER  
OPPORTUNITY!

Please join me in packing meals for children all over the world at Feed My

Starving Children, on Wednesday, October 21st from 6:00-7:30pm in Eagan (990 Lone Oak Rd Suite 136, Eagan, 55121). Please see Ann Blumer-LaMotte to RSVP!



**The office is almost complete and the crews have begun cleaning the floors in the Sunday School Wing. Exterior Doors have been installed and some moving of contents took place over the weekend.**



The checklist can be found in the Narthex. The list will be updated weekly as the items are completed.

Our safest guess is that all the work will be completed by the second week of September.

**We are requesting volunteers to help clean the contents of the Fellowship Hall, kitchen and Sunday school area after Superior Const. has cleaned the walls floors and ceilings. We need all of you to help! Please see Kath Hillier with your ability to volunteer in this project. the more people that can assist, the quicker we can get the job done!**

Once these things have been completed, we still must wait until we have a final inspection and a Certificate of Occupancy from the City of St. Paul. No Exceptions.

***Please remember that the building is still off limits! No persons or items can go into the building until we have authorization from the city!***

If you have any questions about the reconstruction, please call Ron Fogel 651-726-4943 or Holly Goldschmitz 651-283-2804.

Volunteering questions?

**Volunteer@saintmark.info** Kath Hillier 952-693-8538

### Widow's Jar and African Basket

For the months of September and October our offering coins will be designated to Project Christmas Child.

The shoebox event is an all church favorite and well supported! We couldn't do it without all of you!

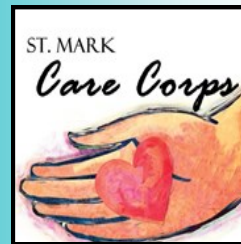
Keep collecting those shoeboxes and good stuff to fill them, now is a great time to pick up much needed school supplies for filling the boxes.

Our box packing date in October will be here before you know it!



### Happy September Birthdays!

Ryan Petersen	5th
Wayne Goldschmitz	8th
Kathy McGuire	
Tom Schroeder	
Matt Howe	10th
Will Brueggemann	12th
Juan Mena	13th
Amber Lauren	16th
Alyssa DuPont	22nd
Delaney Ryan	27th
Dejy Martens	28th
Glen Petersen	
Larry Raasch	



All levels of time commitment and cost are available: take a minute or two to pray for someone, bake a treat or make a full meal, or buy a stamp and send a note, or drive to deliver some comfort.

Please prayerfully consider volunteering for this important project!

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