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## PASTORAL ACTS

### Baptisms

Maclynne Olivia Naslund ~ 3/7/15  
Emily Michele Eissens ~ 3/14/15  
Jacob Thomas Eissens ~ 3/14/15

### **Planning a Baptism?**

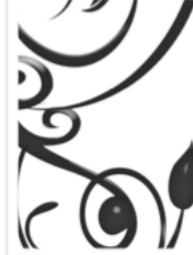
Visit the Welcome Center for a  
Planning for a Baptism at St. Mark's brochure.

### **Planning a Wedding?**

Visit the Welcome Center for a  
Planning for a Wedding at St. Mark's brochure.

### **HOSPITAL STAYS**

Under the federal Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA), hospitals are greatly restricted in their ability to disclose patient information. Consequently, the pastor or church office may not be notified that a parishioner has been admitted to the hospital. In the event you are hospitalized or ill and you would like the pastor to know, we please ask that you or a family member inform the church office directly. We care about you! 630-897-6891



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I am the vine, you are the branches. (John 15:5)



# The Vineyard Press

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### **Maundy Thursday** **Thursday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7:30pm**

As the sun goes down on Maundy Thursday, so begins the Easter Triduum, the three days from this Thursday night through to the sunset on Easter. Since the fourth century, Christians have gathered to mark Maundy Thursday as a time of remembering the Last Supper through the betrayal of Jesus. Maundy comes from the Latin *mandatum novum*, a new commandment. The emphasis of this service is on the actions and words of Jesus narrated in John 13, including time at table, and the washing of feet as a symbol of building a community of servant hood.

### **Good Friday Worship Opportunities** **Friday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>**



**At 3:00pm we journey the "Way of the Cross"**. This solemn pilgrimage gives us the opportunity to walk with Jesus and deepen our awareness of his final hours. Through hymns, prayers, narrative and artwork, we walk the *Via Dolorosa* together. In the Late Middle Ages, Christians were forbidden to visit the holy places

Jesus frequented during his earthly life. Those who could not journey to the actual sites began other methods of prayer such as the Labyrinth and the Stations of the Cross. Replicas of sacred places were constructed where people could gather to pray.

The Stations of the Way of the Cross displayed in the Sanctuary are the work and inspiration of artist Michele Hubbartt. They will remain in the Sanctuary throughout the Lenten season.

**At 7:30pm we gather for the "Service of Shadows"**. The reading of The Passion of Jesus is divided into seven sections from the Gospel of Luke. Between each reading there is silence for meditation followed by a musical piece. The Sanctuary gradually darkens until only the Christ Candle provides a flicker of light. The tomb is slammed shut, the bell tolls 33 times (once for each year of Jesus' life) and the congregation sings "*Were You There When They Crucified My Lord?*". We leave the Sanctuary in silence.

### **Easter Day - The Festival of the Resurrection** **Saturday, April 4<sup>th</sup> & Sunday, April 5<sup>th</sup>**

What is Easter anyway? Christians consider Easter to be the "first day" of resurrected life.

"After the Sabbath, as the first light of the new week dawned, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary came to keep vigil at the tomb."  
(*Matthew 28:1, The Message*)

From Easter comes the practice of worshipping on Sunday morning.

In the resurrected Christ, there is time after the end, life after death, restoration of what was broken, the brightening of what had gone dark.

You are welcome to join us in this life giving feast:

**On Saturday, April 4<sup>th</sup> at 5:00pm**, Academy Singers and FDL Singers will share music.

**On Sunday, April 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:30am, 9:00am, and 10:30am** there will be communion and special music; including Glory Ringers, Lion's voice choirs, and Easter brass on Sunday morning.

Worship is a "thin place" where heaven and earth meet.

### **First Communion** **Sunday, April 12<sup>th</sup> at 10:30am**

The day of First Communion is very exciting and one we look forward to with much joy and celebration! On the day of, we would ask families to **arrive a little early** and head to the **check-in table** with your student. There you will pick up **their binder** filled with all their work and **their corsage/boutonniere** to be worn during the service so we all know who our special boys and girls are that day.

Feel free to take pictures in the Sanctuary **after the service**, or pictures before and after in the Nathex. Any questions don't hesitate to contact Kari Reiseck at: (630) 897-6891 or [kreiseck@stmarksaurora.net](mailto:kreiseck@stmarksaurora.net).



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OUTREACH

During the month of January, Outreach is highlighting St. Mark’s commitment to **PADS**.

St. Mark’s hosts **PADS** on the **2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday** of every other month. Each time we need your help to prepare dinner for about 200 men, women, and children.

As we have for the last several years, we would like to collect enough nonperishable items to take us through all of 2015. That’s six months of dinners. Please help us collect the items listed below which can be purchased at Sam’s Club, Gordon Food Service (GFS), and Costco. **If you prefer, you may make a money donation and we will purchase the item for you.**

**PADS 2015 Dates**

**May 9**  
**July 11**  
**September 12**  
**November 14**

**Join Us!**  
Sign up at the Welcome Center.

**Cold Weather Menu**

Cranberry Chicken

- Minute Rice  
5 – 72 oz. boxes
- Canned Fruit  
6 cans (6-7 ib.)
- Mixed Greens  
5 cans (6-7 lb.)
- Vegetables  
4 cans (6-7 lb.)  
corn, green beans
- **Decaf** coffee  
3 lb. can



**www.hesedhouse.org**

**Warmer Weather Menu**

Sloppy Joe’s

- 3 Bean Salad  
6 cans (6-7 lb.)
- Canned Fruit  
6 cans (6-7 ib.)
- Baked Beans  
6 cans (6-7 ib.)
- **Decaf** coffee  
3 lb. can
- 1 Lrg. liquid laundry Detergent each time we serve.

**How Can I Support PADS**

- Be a volunteer at PADS
- Give to our January food drive
- Donate on Souper Bowl Sunday
- Donate year around:
  - Hotel size toiletries
  - Wash cloths & bath towels
  - Twin size bed sheets
- Check PADS web site wish list at **www.hesedhouse.org**

**Thank you!**

Thanks to all our great PADS volunteers this year: Jim & Linda McArdle & family, Scott & Janet Mayhew & family, Pastor Al Bergh, Mark & Rebecca Walker & family, Tom & Jack O’Reilly, Adele Buss, and Brett Deiter. Please join us in 2015.

SERVERS FOR WORSHIP

April 4 & 5	Saturday, 5:00pm	Sunday, 9:00am	Sunday, 10:30am
Acolytes	David Hunger	Giovanni Sally, Gianina Sally	Bradley Regh, Nicholas Wan
Adult Worship Assistants	TBA	TBA	TBA
A/V Desk	Kasey M.	TBA	TBA
Altar Care	Don Bryant	Team A	Team A
Bread Baker	Matt / Jens / Susan	Matt / Jens / Susan	Matt / Jens / Susan
Hospitality Team	Bryant, Jaraz, Deiter, Ostreng	Team A	Team A
Reader	Pat Larson	Team A	Team A
Welcome Center Hosts	TBA	Team A	Team A
April 11 & 12			
Acolytes	Kaitlyn Fauth	Zac Uhm	Sam Walker, Sophia Bartell
Adult Worship Assistants	TBA	Greg	Greg
A/V Desk	Kathy W.	TBA	TBA
Altar Care	Sheila Johnson	Team B	Team B
Bread Baker	Pam Krasinski	Pam Krasinski	Pam Krasinski
Hospitality Team	Clark, Jensen, Lettow	Team B	Team B
Reader	Kathy Walz	Team B	Team B
Welcome Center Hosts	Martha Egeland	Team B	Team B
April 18 & 19			
Acolytes	TBA	TBA	Alyssa Mayhew, Eva Peterson
Adult Worship Assistants	TBA	Jeff	Jeff
A/V Desk	Nancy C.	TBA	TBA
Altar Care	Erik Egeland	Team C	Team C
Bread Baker	Susan Manning	Susan Manning	Susan Manning
Hospitality Team	Shadle, O’Connell	Team C	Team C
Reader	Kasey Minard	Team C	Team C
Welcome Center Hosts	Dick & Aggie Shadle	Team C	Team C
April 25 & 26			
Acolytes	Matthew Gorney, Michelle Gorney	TBA	TBA
Adult Worship Assistants	TBA	Don	Don
A/V Desk	Sheila J.	TBA	TBA
Altar Care	Debra Haddad	Team D	Team D
Bread Baker	Matt Greising	Matt Greising	Matt Greising
Hospitality Team	Toynton, Tomlin	Team D	Team D
Reader	Clare Toynton	Team D	Team D
Welcome Center Hosts	TBA	Team D	Team D

# THRIVENT CHOICE DONATIONS

We are pleased to let you know that a deposit of **\$161.00** was made in St. Mark’s account on behalf of Thrivent Financial for Lutherans’ Thrivent Choice Program. Thank you for supporting St. Mark’s with your Thrivent choice dollars. If you have any questions contact Thrivent Representative, Brent Bartell at 630-598-2103.

Thank you to: **Beverly Fitzpatrick, Cornelia Jones, Sheryl Murphy, and Stephanie Unger.**

# FEBRUARY MONTHLY FINANCIAL RECAP

Monthly Information	
Monthly Budget Goal	\$ 71,093.00
Monthly Offering Information	
Envelopes – General Fund	\$ 56,767.05
Envelopes – Mortgage/Building	\$ 3,218.00
Other (loose, miscellaneous, Sunday School, interest)	\$ 289.84
Total General Fund Income	\$ 60,274.89
Monthly Surplus/Shortfall	\$ -10,818.11
Summary Information as of 2/28/2015	
Annual Budget	\$ 853,171.00
Percent of Year Completed	16.7%
Offerings/Commitments received year to date	\$ 125,307.48
Actual Expenses Year to Date	\$ 140,388.09
Budget Shortfall/Surplus Year to Date	\$ -16,887.69
Mortgage Balance as of 2/28/2015	
Balance Due on Church (not including CDC)	\$ 2,675,004.20

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# OUTREACH

## Lenten Outreach Challenge

Lent began on Ash Wednesday, February 18<sup>th</sup>. Many Christians are in the habit of “giving up something” for Lent. This year we challenge you not to give up something but to take action instead. Jesus’ final commandment was “To love your neighbor as yourself.” This year for Lent we challenge you to take action, be the blessing and the miracle. **Once again “Random Acts of Kindness” will be your challenge from Ash Wednesday through Easter, April 5<sup>th</sup>.** Business sized cards proclaiming, “You have been blessed by a member of St. Mark’s Lutheran Church - [www.stmarksaurora.net](http://www.stmarksaurora.net)” are **available at the Welcome Center**. Be part of the challenge and share your experiences with Pastor Brian.



## St. Paul’s Ministry



St. Paul’s Ministry will begin it’s second full year soon. Hopefully you have noticed the churches listed under the Prayer Requests section in the Courier. Hopefully, you are also praying for them. Being listed does not mean they are in serious need, but are simply an ELCA church in Illinois.

St. Paul’s Ministers are following in his footsteps by writing letters of encouragement and reminding them that they are not alone, but part of a larger church and Christians everywhere. This ministry fed off of the Adult Bible Study on the book of Colossians. Read it and you will find an outline that Paul followed in his letters: greetings, encouragement, cautions to stay true in the word, reminders of Jesus’ sacrifice, God’s love and grace, and finishing with promises of continued prayers for them. We suggest your red Colossians again.

If you feel the Spirit moving and would like to come have breakfast and hear more, please call Barbara Veeder at (630) 978-0536.

God’s Peace!

# CDC SUMMER CAMP

Thank you to all of our volunteers. We appreciate the help we receive on a daily basis.

We are looking forward to summer, finally. We have many exciting activities in our summer calendar for all of our age groups. We will be having a professional marionette group visit, baby farm animals will be here to pet, and exotic animals will also come to see us. We have an active calendar for our school age group that includes swimming, visiting the butterfly house, skating, miniature golf, visiting the Indian museum, and exploring Devil's Cave. **We are enrolling now for a fun-filled, fun-packed summer of activities.** Keep your children safe and involved in fantastic activities at the St. Mark's Child Development Center.





# FELLOWSHIP & MINISTRY


## Newsletter Submission Information

Submissions for the **weekly Courier** are due each **Wednesday by noon** for that weekend's publication. Submissions for the **May Vineyard** are due by noon on **Wednesday, April 8<sup>th</sup>**. Submissions will be added in the order in which they are received. Early entry of your submissions is welcomed!

Please email articles for the Vineyard and Courier to Nicole Ferrier at: [nferrier@stmarksaurora.net](mailto:nferrier@stmarksaurora.net) or place handwritten articles in her mailbox. If you have any questions please email or call Nicole at: (630) 897-6891 ext. 27.




## Join Us For Palm Sunday Pancake Breakfast

 Palm Sunday Breakfast will be on Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup> from 9:30 - 11:00am. There will be a free will offering with proceeds going to fund the Pillowcase Dress Ministry. Thank you for your support and we hope to see you there!




The Pillowcase Dress Ministry has made over 2,000 dresses so far, and will continue to put smiles on little girl's faces all over the world as they continue to sew more dresses.

## Please Join Us For Easter Breakfast

 Breakfast will be served from **8:00am to 10:15am on Easter Sunday, April 5<sup>th</sup>**. Scrambled eggs, sausage, pancakes, hash browns, bagels & cream cheese, fresh fruit, donuts, juice, milk, and coffee will be served. **Free will donations will be accepted with all proceeds going directly to this year's High School Youth Group.**


## Lutheran World Relief Spring Luncheon

 **Guest speaker Ambassador Daniel V. Speckhard**, Lutheran World Relief's President and CEO, and a former U.S. Ambassador to Greece and Belarus, will be at the **Avalon Banquets**, 1905 E. Higgins Rd., Elk Grove Village, on **Friday, April 24<sup>th</sup> at 11:00am**. **Lunch will be served at Noon, and includes entrée choices of chicken or vegetarian at a cost of \$25.** Ambassador Speckhard will be sharing his vision for the future work of LWR. Individuals and church groups are invited to bring quilts and care kits for display, and there will be donation envelopes provided to accept any gifts of support. **Reservation forms can be found at the Welcome Center and are due by April 14<sup>th</sup>.**

## Women's Wellness Morning - "Healing Life's Hurts"

**Please join us on Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup> from 9:00-11:00am at St. Marks** for a presentation on how our woundedness from life's journey causes stress that in turn affects the health of our minds, bodies, and spirits. Our presenter will help us understand how faith and humor can help us to to heal and move forward with hope and wholeness. There will be a light continental breakfast, complimentary chair massages beginning at 8:30am, and a suggested donation of \$5. **Reserve your place by signing up at the Welcome Center, calling Jean Clementz @ (630) 897-6891 X-23, or by email: [jean.clementz@presencehealth.org](mailto:jean.clementz@presencehealth.org).**

## St. Mark's Music Academy Lessons

 The following private weekly music lessons are available from the music academy: piano, drums, guitar, violin, clarinet, and voice. These lessons are taught right here at St. Mark's by degreed and skilled teachers. **Please contact Kristin Young at: [kyoung@stmarksaurora.net](mailto:kyoung@stmarksaurora.net) to learn more and to start the enrollment process.**

## Lutheran-Catholic Women's Gathering

Join other Metro-Chicago Lutheran women and Archdiocese Catholic women on **Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup> for a day of fellowship, fun, and prayer**. Pastor Brian Wise will be our homilist and also lead us in joyful singing. We will start with a continental breakfast, then have our program and worship service, and end with a delicious lunch. Gather your friends and lets get a carpool going to the beautiful **St. Julie Billiard Parish in Tinley Park**. **Registration forms are at the Welcome Center.** Please grab one, fill it out, enclose your check, mail it in, and lets have a fantastic day. You don't want to miss this event. If you have any questions, contact Nicky Draves at: [ndraves55@gmail.com](mailto:ndraves55@gmail.com) or (630) 788-8237.



# WOMEN'S WELLNESS MORNING

## "Healing Life's Hurts"

### Women's Wellness Morning

Sat. April 25<sup>th</sup> 9:00am -11:00am

St. Mark's Lutheran Church

27 S. Edgelawn Drive Aurora

This presentation will help participants understand how our woundedness from life's journey causes stress that in turn affects the health of our minds, bodies, and spirits.

Our presenter will help us understand how faith and humor can help us to heal and move forward with hope and wholeness.

#### Reserve your place by:

Signing-up at the Welcome Center, calling Jean at 630-897-6891, X-23 or emailing [jean.clementz@presencehealth.org](mailto:jean.clementz@presencehealth.org).

**Suggested Donation: \$5**

**Light Continental Breakfast will be served.**

**Complimentary chair massages will be offered beginning at 8:30am.**

**Presenter: Mary Michaelsen, OTR/L**



# NURSING THE SPIRIT

## National Distracted Driving Awareness Month

Each day in the United States, more than 9 people are killed and more than 1,153 people are injured in crashes that are reported to involve a distracted driver. Distracted driving is driving while doing another activity that takes your attention away from driving. Distracted driving can increase the chance of a motor vehicle crash. There are three main types of distraction:

- Visual: taking your eyes off the road;
- Manual: taking your hands off the wheel; and
- Cognitive: taking your mind off of driving.

Distracted driving activities include things like using a cell phone, texting, and eating. Using in-vehicle technologies (such as navigation systems) can also be sources of distraction. While any of these distractions can endanger the driver and others, texting while driving is especially dangerous because it combines all three types of distraction.

*The best way to help fight distracted driving is to get educated. Below are answers to some frequently asked questions that will help you better understand the safety threat posed by texting and cell phone use on America's roadways.*

**If distracted driving so dangerous, why do people do it?** Some people still don't know how dangerous distracted driving is. Others know about the risks of texting and talking while driving, but still choose to do so anyway. They make the mistake of thinking the statistics don't apply to them, that they can defy the odds. Still others simply lead busy, stressful lives and use cell phones and smartphones to stay connected with their families, friends, and workplaces. They forget or choose not to shut these devices off when they get behind the wheel.

**Who are the most serious offenders?** Our youngest and most inexperienced drivers are most at risk, with 16% of all distracted driving crashes involving drivers under 20. But they are not alone. At any given moment during daylight hours, over 660,000 vehicles are being driven by someone using a hand-held cell phone.

**Sending or reading one text is pretty quick, unlike a phone conversation - wouldn't that be okay?** Texting is the most alarming distraction because it involves manual, visual, and cognitive distraction simultaneously. Sending or reading a text takes your eyes off the road for 5 seconds. At 55 mph, that's like driving the length of an entire football field, blindfolded. It's extraordinarily dangerous.

**Is it safe to use a hands-free device to talk on a cell phone while driving?** So far, the research indicates that the cognitive distraction of having a hands-free phone conversation causes drivers to miss the important visual and audio cues that would ordinarily help you avoid a crash.

**Why doesn't the U.S. Department of Transportation make distracted driving illegal?** Passenger car driving behavior falls under the jurisdiction of the individual states, so the U.S. DOT can't ban it. Many states have stepped up to pass tough laws against texting, talking on a cell phone, and other distractions. You can visit our State Laws page to learn about the laws in your state.

**What can I do to help?** You've already taken the first step by reading this article and learning about the dangers of distracted driving. The next thing you'll want to do is protect yourself. Take the pledge to drive phone-free and turn your cell phone off when you turn your ignition on. And if you're a passenger, make sure your driver does the same. For more information about distracted driving, please visit: <http://www.distractation.gov/get-involved/take-the-pledge.html>

Sources: [www.distractation.gov](http://www.distractation.gov) and [www.cdc.gov/motorvehiclesafety/distracted\\_driving/](http://www.cdc.gov/motorvehiclesafety/distracted_driving/)

**I'm grateful for the opportunity to work with you and serve St. Mark's faith community. If I can be of assistance to you or someone you know, please call me at (630) 897-6891, ext. 23.**

Jean Clementz, RN  
Presence Mercy Medical Center  
Faith Community Nurse at St. Mark's Lutheran Church



# WORSHIP & THE ARTS

## St. Mark's Festival Choir Tour 2015

**Next summer the St. Mark's Festival Choir will Tour Munich, Salzburg, Prague, and Vienna.** During that time we will be a part of the Cantus Salzburgensis and perform Mozart's Missa Solemna with orchestras and other choirs from around the world at the Salzburg Cathedral under the direction of Professor Janos Czifra. We will also be a part of the Salzburg Folk Festival and present a 12 minute concert of American folk songs at the Great Hall Mozarteum.

Along the way we will: tour Munich, eat at the famous Hofbrauhaus, tour the Herrenchiemsee Palace approachable by boat only, Tour Salzburg, visit Mozart sites, Sound of Music sites, present a concert at Golling Medieval Fortress, partake in an authentic Austrian dinner with dancing, lunch along the Vitava River in the ancient town of Cesky Krumlov, tour Prague, present a concert at St. Nicholas Church, have an authentic Czech dinner with entertainment, tour Vienna and Schonbrunn Palace, and give a concert at St. Stephen's.

**You are welcome to join us for the singing, for the fun, or just for an amazing trip. You don't have to sing to join us.** Fliers and enrollment forms are at the Welcome Center. For more Information please contact Kristin Young.

## Handbell Ringers

Are you interested in participating in the ultimate team sport? Do you want to give your brain a full-body workout? Come join the Glory Ringers! (HS, College, Adults). **Rehearsals are once a week on Tuesdays, 7-8:30pm. We ring at least one Sunday a month and Festivals.** High Schoolers participation in choir counts toward NHS Credits. **Please note that during Lent, February 22nd thru March 22nd, the Glory Ringers will rehearse on Sundays from 11:45am - 1:30pm. Any questions please contact Sue Hilderbrand ext. 24 or [sa.hilderbrand@yahoo.com](mailto:sa.hilderbrand@yahoo.com).**



# CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

## Sunday School and FDL Families

There will be **no Sunday school on Sunday March 29<sup>th</sup> or Sunday April 5<sup>th</sup>** to allow our families to worship together for Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday. We will also **not have FDL on Wednesday, April 1<sup>st</sup>** because of Holy Week.

**The last day of FDL will be Wednesday, April 29<sup>th</sup> and the last day of Sunday School will be Sunday May 3<sup>rd</sup>.**

## Vacation Bible School Needs Your Help!

It may seem early but we are already in the midst of planning for this summer's VBS program. **We are planning to hold VBS the week of June 22-26.** VBS is such an important part of our church's children ministry and **we really need your help to make it happen!**

Did you know that there are 25 million children in the US between 6 -11 years old and only 12% of them attend VBS? VBS is such a far reaching ministry; it is a wonderful community outreach, gets kids excited about God and coming to church, helps connect families, supports a local or international mission, creates lifelong memories, and gives our members the opportunity to serve the Lord!

**We are currently signing up volunteers** so that we know how many kids we can safely accommodate this summer. This will also help us determine how many days we can hold VBS. Anyone can help from youngest to our oldest members – we have a wide variety of volunteer opportunities!

**Please see the VBS table in the Narthex** for more information and to sign up to help support and commit to our kids this summer!

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			<b>1</b> 9:30a Bread Wrappers 1:00p Office Volunteers	<b>2</b> <b>MAUNDY THURSDAY</b> 7:30p Maundy Thursday Worship & Communion	<b>3</b> <b>GOOD FRIDAY</b> 3:00p Stations of the Cross 6:30p Al-Anon 7:30p Service of Shadows	<b>4</b> <b>HOLY SATURDAY</b> <b>5:00p Worship</b>
<b>5</b> <b>7:30a Easter Worship</b> 8:00a Easter Breakfast <b>9:00a Easter Worship</b> <b>10:30a Easter Worship</b>	<b>6</b> <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b> 5:00p Herbie's Friends 7:30p Fox Valley Festival Chorus	<b>7</b> 6:00a Consolidated General Election 1:00p Staff Meeting 7:00p Glory Ringers Rehearsal	<b>8</b> 9:30a Bread Wrappers 10:00a WVMTA Meeting 1:00p Office Volunteers 5:00p Roaring Ringers 5:30p FDL, Confirmation, High School 5:30p Joyous Praise Bells 5:30p Learning Circle 7:30p Academy Singers	<b>9</b> 7:00p Lion's Voice Choir	<b>10</b> 6:30p Al-Anon 8:00p Dreyer Nurses Training	<b>11</b> <b>5:00p Worship</b>
<b>12</b> <b>9:00a Worship</b> 9:00a Sunday School <b>10:30a Worship</b> 10:30a Come Together 10:30a First Communion 11:30a Gonzales Lunch 11:45a Council Meeting 2:00p Livanov Piano Recital	<b>13</b> 9:00a Spiritual Journaling 9:30a Faith Circle 6:00p Sanctuary Arts & Banner Team 7:00p Hannah Circle 7:00p Naomi Circle - Arlene Flynn 7:30p Fox Valley Festival Chorus	<b>14</b> 1:00p Staff Meeting 7:00p Glory Ringers Rehearsal	<b>15</b> 10:00a Bread Wrappers 1:00p Office Volunteers 5:00p Roaring Ringers 5:30p FDL, Confirmation, High School 5:30p Joyous Praise Bells 5:30p Learning Circle 7:30p Academy Singers	<b>16</b> 6:30p Brewing Questions - Ballydoyle's 7:00p Lion's Voice Choir	<b>17</b> 7:30a Dreyer Meeting 6:30p Al-Anon	<b>18</b> 4:15p Blood Pressure Screening <b>5:00p Worship</b>
<b>19</b> <b>COFFEE SALES</b> <b>DOUGHNUT &amp; COFFEE CONNECTION</b> <b>9:00a Worship</b> 9:00a Sunday School 9:30a Blood Pressure Screening <b>10:30a Worship</b> 10:30a Come Together 11:45a New Member Orientation - 1 Of 2 2:00p Carol Hoepe Piano Recital	<b>20</b> 9:00a Ruth Circle 6:45p Rollingwood Colony Meeting 7:30p Fox Valley Festival Chorus	<b>21</b> 1:00p Staff Meeting 7:00p Glory Ringers Rehearsal	<b>22</b> 10:00a Bread Wrappers 1:00p Office Volunteers 5:00p Roaring Ringers 5:30p FDL, Confirmation, High School 5:30p Joyous Praise Bells 5:30p Learning Circle 7:30p Academy Singers	<b>23</b> 7:00p Lion's Voice Choir	<b>24</b> 6:30p Al-Anon	<b>25</b> <b>St. Mark's Evangelist Day - Wear Red</b> 7:30a Women's Wellness Set-Up 9:00a Women's Wellness Event <b>5:00p Worship</b>
<b>26</b> <b>9:00a Worship</b> 9:00a Sunday School <b>10:30a Worship</b> 10:30a Come Together 11:45a New Member Orientation - 2 Of 2 2:00p Birthday Party Open House	<b>27</b> 9:00a Lydia's Piecemakers & Knit Pickers 7:30p Fox Valley Festival Chorus	<b>28</b> 1:00p Staff Meeting 7:00p Glory Ringers Rehearsal	<b>29</b> 10:00a Bread Wrappers 1:00p Office Volunteers 5:00p Roaring Ringers 5:30p Final FDL, Confirmation, HS 5:30p Joyous Praise Bells 5:30p Learning Circle 7:00p Hope Circle 7:30p Academy Singers	<b>30</b> 7:00p Lion's Voice Choir		