

#### **SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5**

**COFFEE SALES DOUGHNUT & COFFEE CONNECTION** 

9:00a WORSHIP

9:00a Sunday School

10:30a WORSHIP

10:30a Come Together

12:00p Pastor Appreciation Luncheon

1:00p Pet Blessing

#### MONDAY, OCTOBER 6

7:00a Dreyer Meeting

5:30p Herbie's Friends

7:00p Health Ministry Board Meeting

7:00 Naomi Circle - Barb Price

#### **TUESDAY, OCTOBER 7**

10:00a Learning Circle

1:00p Staff Meeting

7:00p Glory Ringers

#### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 8

9:15a WVMTA Meeting

10:00a Bread Wrappers

5:00p Roaring Ringers

5:30p FDL. Conformation. High School Classes

5:30p Joyous Praise Bells

5:30p Learning Circle

7:30p Academy Singers

#### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 9

7:00p Lion's Voice Choir

#### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 10

6:30p Al-Anon

#### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11

5:00p WORSHIP

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10:30a Kessen Baptism

11:45a Council Meeting

## **Evangelical Lutheran Church in America** God's work. Our hands

### Abundant Joy, Overflowing Generosity

This month we move from the Season of Creation to consider our response to the gift of Creation and our responsibility as God's people. Our theme is anything but new, "Abundant Joy, Overflowing Generosity" comes to us from the Apostle Paul in 2 Corinthians 8:1-7: We want you to know, brothers and sisters, about the grace of God that has been granted to the churches of Macedonia; for during a sever ordeal of affliction, their abundant joy and their extreme poverty have overflowed in a wealth of generosity on their part. The Macedonians gave gladly, decidedly and with generosity, in a way that still inspires us today. They gave not only of money, but most importantly of themselves.

As we begin the Season of "Abundant Joy Overflowing Generosity", please notice the display of 4 bowls in the Sanctuary in front of the altar. Each bowl is to help you visualize each of the 4 themes. As the weeks progress, the designated bowl will be rest on the wooden cube for highlighted focus. Week 1: Giving of Our Day - A pottery, earthenware bowl was selected for this week as we focus on our daily life. The bowl is green, embossed with symbols of nature. It is intended to remind us of our relationship with God and to help us strengthen our prayer life. Each day through prayer we offer: Praise (honoring God), Intercession (on behalf of others), Confession (making ourselves known to God), Petition (making needs known to God), and Thanksgiving (gratitude to God).

# **Proclaiming Christ's Abundant Love**



- American Cancer Society Making Strides Breast Cancer Walk
- Food Resource Bank Harvest Festival



#### Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk

The American Cancer Society Making Strides Breast Cancer Walk in Fox Valley is on October 19th at Pottawatomie Park, in St. Charles beginning at 9am. For more information on the walk or to sign up, visit: MakingStridesWalk.org/FoxValleyIL



#### **Food Resource Bank Harvest Festival**

What do an apple cider press, a sheep, and a "conference" bicycle have in common? They are all scheduled to be at Harvest Celebration on Saturday, October 18th at the farm of Garv and Jean Dau. 2334 N 42nd Road, Sheridan, IL, this year's hosts for Harvest Celebration. There will be lots of events and things to do, no matter our age!

Things like pedal tractor races, Clydesdale horses, and demonstrations such as a hand corn shelling, wool spinning and felting, horseshoeing, wheat millng, sheep shearing, and more. There will be a straw maze, free-will offering lunch, home-made pie auction, combine rides, and raffles; to mention some of the activities!



- Adult Fellowship Meeting
- Service of Laying on of Hands and Healing
- Come Together Children's Chapel
- Hannah Circle New Evening Meeting Time
- Confirmation Dates to Remember
- Furniture Needed CDC Staff Lounge

#### **Adult Fellowship Meeting**

f you are interested in doing something new, please consider attending an adult fellowship event. We meet once a month to attend an event or visit a new location. Any adult is welcome to attend. Adult Fellowship will meet October 23rd for Brewing Questions with Pastor Pat at 10:30am in Sanctuary Hall. Following we will have a pot luck luncheon. Look for sign up sheet for a dish to pass at the Welcome Center. Please contact Marge Gugerty with any questions, (630) 906-6110.

#### Service of Laving on of Hands and Healing

In the church calendar, St. Luke Day is October 18th. We will celebrate St. Luke Day during the weekend of October 18th and 19th. St. Paul called Luke "the beloved physician" in Colossians 4:14. We give thanks for the healing power of God's love and for the healing power that works through persons who dedicate their lives to bringing wholeness to humanity: physicians, dentists, paramedics, technicians, nurses, chaplains, therapists, psychologists, office workers and all health care workers.

During the worship services we will offer a Service of Healing. Here all who sense the need for God's healing in any way may join in prayer for themselves and others. Each person may come forward to receive the laying on of hands, with the anointing of oil. These signs, first given in baptism, tell us again that we are sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked forever with the cross of Christ, who is health and salvation for the whole world! These are God's gifts given to the community meant to be shared with all. Please join us.

#### Come Together - Right Now - At 10:30am

"Come Together" is a children's chapel for grades K-5 at the 10:30am **service**. While parents are listening to the sermon, children are able to participate in a sermon of their own in Sanctuary Hall. The children's



chapel lasts roughly thirty minutes and consists of songs, crafts and other activities. Once the sermon is complete, the children return to worship for communion. Although the children's chapel is the main component, the goal of "Come Together" is to have families worship and commune as one.

#### Hannah Circle - New Evening Meeting Time



Attention Mothers of Young Children: We are happy to announce the revitalization of our Hannah Circle group. Our mission is to support each other as we grow in faith, fellowship, and family life. Our first meeting will be Monday, October 13th from 7:00-9:00pm in Sanctuary Hall, and we will continue to meet at this time the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month through May. Child care will be provided. Please sign up at the Welcome Center if you

would to be part of this circle. We will be using MOMS: A Personal Journal (\$15), please contact Jean Clementz before the first meeting to obtain a copy. You may also contact Jean with any questions at: 630-897-6891, ext. 23 or at: jean.clementz@presencehealth.org

#### **Confirmation Dates to Remember**

- October 15th Try on your robes and take them home
- October 22nd 3P's: Pizza. Pictures, and Practice
- October 26th Affirmation of Baptism

SAVE THE DATE COMING UP

#### **Furniture Needed - CDC Staff Lounge**



Please contact the Office at St. Mark's if you have any new or used furniture in good condition that you would like to donate. The Child Development Center's Staff Lounge is in desperate need of a couch and occasional chair, so please consider us if you have any redecorating projects coming up. Thank you!



- Pet Blessing
- Columbarium Thank You
   Nursing the Spirit
- CDC Open House
- CDC Job Posting
- Fellowship Musical Outing
- Nursery Helpers Needed

#### **Pet Blessing**

St. Francis of Assisi, patron saint of animals, is honored on the liturgical calendar on October 4th. In recognition of St. Francis, you are invited to bring your pets for a blessing this Sunday, October 5th at 1:00pm in the parking lot of St. Mark's. There will be special treats for everybody!



#### Columbarium Thank You & News

We want to extend our thanks to the Columbarium Board Members for creating a beautiful and peaceful final resting place for our loved ones. For those who may be interested, we have been able to maintain the pre-construction price of \$1,200 per niche, at least through the end of 2014. Please see any one of the Columbarium Board members, Merry Carey, Martha Egeland, Bob DePaul, Gregg Kobliska, or Pastor Pat Geiseman for details. Please also join us on October 12th at 9am as we celebrate the Columbarium construction with a dedication to be followed with refreshments.

#### Invitation to the Members of the St. Mark's Congregation

Please join us at the St. Mark's Child Development Center, located at 1995 West Downer Place, for a fall celebration and open house on Sunday, October 19th from 10:00am - 12:30pm. We will be hosting our families and members of the congregation after both the 9:00am service and the 10:30am service. The open house is an excellent opportunity to come see our child care facility and meet our caring and highly qualified preschool staff. We welcome everyone to our open house and our caring and highly qualified prescriber static s



Submissions for the weekly Courier are due each Wednesday by noon for that weekend's publication. Submissions for the November Vineyard are due by noon on Wednesday, October 8th. Submissions will be added in the order in which they are received. Early submissions are always welcomed!

Please email articles for the Vineyard and Courier to Nicole Ferrier at:

**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.

Please send all 2014 photos from any St. Mark's ministry or event to: smyearinreview@gmail.com.

#### **Nursery Helpers Needed - Updated Times**

The nursery is in need of helpers for the Saturday evening and both Sunday morning Church services. In addition, we are looking for someone who can help with daytime meetings. Hannah Circle is planning to meet the 2nd Monday of the month from 7:00-9:00pm from October through May and will need childcare. These are paid positions, please contact Terese Ruppel for additional information at (630) 466-1036 or ter60554@gmail.com.

#### **Child Development Center Job Posting**

The CDC is hiring a Pre-K assistant or teacher for the Pre-K classes held at St. Mark's. If you are interested or know someone else who might be please contact the CDC for more information at: (630) 897-6063 or email Merrilee Parkhurst at: stmarksdir@att.net.



#### **Nursing the Spirit: National Domestic Violence Awareness Month**

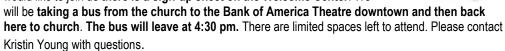


The issue of domestic violence and abuse has made national headlines in recent weeks. Many people who are being abused do not see themselves as victims and many abusers do not see themselves as being abusive. Domestic violence and emotional abuse are behaviors used by one person in a relationship to control and/or have power over the other. Abusers use fear, guilt, shame, and intimidation to wear their victim(s) down.

Anyone can be a victim! Victims can be of any age, sex, race, culture, religion, education, employment, or marital status. Although both men and women can be abused, most victims are women. We are fortunate to have an excellent domestic abuse agency in the Aurora area, Mutual Ground. Mutual Ground offers counseling and resources for those in need. For more information please visit: mutualground.org or call 630-897-0084 or the national domestic hotline at 1-800-799-7233

#### Fellowship Outing - New Musical: Amazing Grace

We have reserved 30 seats for the world premiere of the musical "Amazing Grace" for the 6:00pm performance on Sunday, October 19th. The musical is about the powerful and awe-inspiring true story behind the world's most beloved song, "Amazing Grace." Both leads are played by Tony Award nominees. It will be a musical you will not soon forget. If you would like to join us there is a sign-up sheet on the Welcome Center. We



#### Check us out online!









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#### St. Mark's Child Development Center

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#### Council Members

Rebecca Mueller (President), Preston Runyan (Treasurer), Roger Shields (Property), Jeanne Flynn (Care & Nurture), Melvin Smith (Worship), Julie Simpson (Stewardship), Nicole Ferrier (Welcoming), Alan Jacobs (Small Groups). Don Friend (Worship)

#### **Pravers**

5:00 p.m. Beth Edwards, Rita Gannon, Ryan Johnson, Mary Kenner, Christopher Knight, Larry Mauthe, Steve McDuffee, Sharon Ross, Ed & Rose Wagner

9:00 a.m. Barb Brown, Jeff Carter, Kirk Harding, Diane Harrold, Janet Jones, Bruce Lindgren, Debbie Mansen, John & Sue Ortlieb, Gordon Pike, David Reimer, Joe Schimpf, Molly Voglund, Dale & Gail Warren, Melody Wilson

10:30 a.m. Eddy Britton, Phyllis Fauth, Bud Gamage, Victor Gutierrez, Jim Kalish, Olive Latime

Continuing Care Rose Bukowski, Nick Fahrlander, Gerd Gunnarsson, John Lange, Charlie Walters, Lorene Wood

Paul's Ministry We give thanks to God for the staff, congregation, and ministries at First Lutheran Church of the Trinity in Chicago, IL and Martin Lutheran Church in Chicago, IL.

We pray for comfort and peace for the Phillips and Wagner Families who mourn the death of Vicki's mother and Dana's grandmother, Lucy Phillips.



# St. Mark's Lutheran Church Proclaiming Christ's Abundant Love

October 4th & October 5th, 2014

#### Welcome!

We've been waiting for you! Our mission at St. Mark's Lutheran Church is to proclaim Christ's Abundant Love. We are called to reach out to persons of all ages and life situations with Christ's own hospitality and acceptance. to invite you to be our companion on the spiritual journey as we discover together the ways that Christ is offering hope, healing, and a renewed sense of meaning for our



If you are not a member, we would love to talk to you about our ministry. We invite you to talk to one of our pastors or stop at the Welcome Center near the church entrance.

May your worship experience here at St. Mark's draw you closer to Christ and His Abundant Love!

#### Today's WORSHIP FOCUS

We move from the Season of Creation to our response - Abundant Joy and Overflowing Generosity.



This weekend we consider how we give **God our day.** For many of us guiet time

is hard to come by, with pages, phones, iPods, televisions, and radios demanding attention. Sitting quietly may not happen easily.

Quiet time in prayer and meditation, allow us to know that we are treasured and loved. Silence opens us to accept and extend forgiveness. In silent times the Spirit may urge us to slow down, stop running, ask, accept, or speak the truth.

Go to your room, and shut the door... is not meant literally. Prayer, connection to the Source, is something we do first of all, alone. This connection does not require a holy place.

#### Next Week's WORSHIP FOCUS

We continue with Abundant Joy, Overflowing Generosity as we consider the gift of our worship.

Praying alone prepares us for the next part of giving, worship with the congregation. In this



corporate time we celebrate God's presence in our lives, that we are in relationship with God and each other. Together we build each other up, encourage one another, and are in communion.

Together we pray...Our Father...