

STEWARDSHIP

A Legacy Gift of Good Stewardship

Over the past numbers of months, a group of faithful stewards of St. Mark's have been meeting to develop the St. Mark's Endowment Fund. This effort is a sign of faithful stewardship in the life of our congregation so that there will be a vehicle to receive legacy gifts from members who wish to continue to support the mission and ministry of our congregation.

At the **Annual Meeting of the congregation to be held on Sunday, January 24, 2016** a Continuing Resolution will be presented to authorize the creation of such an Endowment for St. Mark's. Those who have been working on this development include the following: Jim Benson, Pastor Al Bergh, Pastor Pat Geiseman, Faith Greissing, Mark Hipps, Dick Larson, Roger Matson, Clint Meyer, and Preston Runyan. Pastor Olson has served in an advisory capacity.

This St. Mark's Endowment is intended to fund congregational and community mission and building needs above and beyond the programs supported by our regular offerings. Part of the Policy Guidelines defines specifically that no Endowment Funds will be used for regular operations that are to be supported by congregational offerings. Distributions from an Endowment Fund come from a distribution amount established by the Endowment Fund leadership. The Endowment Fund differs from a Special Fund in that gifts to a special fund are used only for a designated purpose and may be depleted. Endowment funds are permanent with spending coming only from the income generated by interest, capital gains, and dividends. **A minimum of \$25K will be necessary in order to begin the Endowment Fund.** Our ELCA Foundation Pooled Trust Fund A has been determined to be the investor and manager of the St. Mark's Endowment. The ELCA Foundation is independently audited every year and ensures gifts are properly monitored, reported, and managed. The total market value of Fund A is \$520 million which is managed by our ELCA Foundation and includes long-term investment of funds belonging to ELCA congregations, synods, seminaries, and other eligible affiliated entities.

Gifts to the St. Mark's Endowment can be made in a variety of ways: Bequest or trust distribution such as assets like stocks, bonds, and personal property through a will or a trust; life insurance proceeds either through a beneficiary designation or through a gift of the policy itself; assignment of certificates of deposit, bonds, and bank deposit accounts as payable on death to the St. Mark's Endowment; charitable gift annuities, beneficiary designations from an IRA, 401(k), 403(b) or other qualified retirement plans. Outright gifts can include cash, stocks, bonds, real estate, and securities.

At the Annual Meeting of the congregation on January 24th the congregation will be asked to elect members to the St. Mark's Endowment Committee. Three voting members of the congregation, not serving on the Congregation Council, shall be elected. Two other members of the congregation who may be members of the Congregation Council will also be elected. The Senior Pastor and the President of the Congregation shall also serve on the Committee as ex-officio members with both voice and vote. The Treasurer of the Congregation shall maintain the account and serve in an ex-officio capacity of the Committee with voice but no vote.

The terms of office for the five members of the Committee elected at the Annual Meeting will be staggered. Two shall serve for 1 year; two shall serve for 2 years; and one for a 3 year term. Members are eligible to serve for only two consecutive terms or a total of six total years.

This St. Mark's Endowment is intended to be a means for legacy gifts to be given by those who wish to carry on the rich tradition of sharing the Gospel. It is a wonderful and meaningful way for a member's Christian stewardship to be lived out. Gifts to the St. Mark's Endowment are a means to be remembered in a lasting and meaningful way. Those gifts are an investment in the future of St. Mark's Lutheran Church and they certainly are a way to enhance the ministries of the congregation by providing for needs beyond and not a part of the General Operating Fund. **All gifts, no matter their size, make an impact for generations to come.**

Stewardship has many different dimensions in our life as disciples of Jesus. This is one very important and appropriate way to convey what our faith and what the community of St. Mark's means.

Brochures and information will be developed in the future. That information will contain specific ways to identify in a bequest, will, or trust how the St. Mark's Endowment can be included in your legacy gift. Questions can be directed to any of the members of the working group. The Congregation Council will receive the recommendation at their January meeting and if the Council approves, that recommendation will be passed on to the congregation at the Annual Meeting on Sunday, January 24th.

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

Council Determines Beginning Plans for Capital Campaign

At its November meeting, the St. Mark's Congregation Council decided upon the beginning plans for a Capital Campaign to be held in 2016. The primary purpose of the Capital Campaign will be to raise funds over a three-year time to assist in reducing the mortgage on the St. Mark's facility.

One of the decisions made was to engage Pastor Olson as the Consultant for the Capital Campaign. Pastor Olson has been involved in four Capital Campaigns in previous congregations and worked for several years for LSSI in preparatory work for a state-wide Campaign from 2011-2013.

Pastor Olson's position as Consultant for St. Mark's is not a part of his role as Interim Pastor. These two roles are two distinct and different contractual relationships with the congregation. There will be times when his role will be specifically as Interim Pastor and there will be other times when his role will be specifically as Consultant to the congregation for the Capital Campaign.

A Capital Campaign takes time and energy to complete the preparatory work which is essential to achieving any success. The old adage of "if you fail to plan you will plan to fail" is absolutely true in any Campaign effort. In addition, a Capital Campaign involves many people – not just a few - and over this next year members of St. Mark's will be asked to participate in a whole host and variety of ways.

At this time the leadership of the congregation is developing a Capital Campaign Working Group or Leadership Team for this effort. **At the Annual Meeting of the Congregation on January 24, 2016, the Council will present a resolution for the congregation to approve the Capital Campaign as the process begins to develop for 2016.**

FELLOWSHIP & MINISTRY

Newsletter Submission Information Update

Submissions for the **weekly Courier** are due each Monday by noon for that weekend's publication.

Submissions for the **February Vineyard** are due by noon on Monday, January 11th. 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 or place handwritten articles in her mailbox. If you have any questions please email or call Nicole at: (630) 897-6891 ext. 27.



Dave Ramsey is Coming to Chicago

On **Tuesday, January 12, 2016, at Willow Creek Church in Barrington**, we have a group from St. Mark's heading to see Dave Ramsey and Chris Hogan for their *Smart Money* tour. **For the \$19 rate waived ticket service fee go to:** www.daveramsey.com/events/sml-chicago-20160112, and use coupon code: **SMLC**. Contact Julie Simpson, Stewardship Committee Chair, at: djsimp480@hotmail.com or (630) 212-6413 with any questions.



Care List



Please remember those on our care list this Holiday Season. Keep them in your prayers and send them holiday greetings. **Their names and mailing addresses are available at the Welcome Center.**

St. Mark's Congregational Council Member Opportunity

Interested in becoming a leader within our congregation? Every year one or more openings become available on our Congregational Council due to someone's three year term ending. **If you would like more information on what it means to be on council and what the time commitment is** please contact Rebecca Mueller, the current council president, at: (630) 907-9987 or at: terry-becky@comcast.net. New council members are voted in at our Annual Congregational Meeting on January 24, 2016.



CHILDREN & YOUTH MINISTRY

Calling ALL Kindergarteners and 1st Graders

Come join us for a **fun** filled **interactive** tour of the Sanctuary on **Sunday, January 31st, 2016!** Your child will get to explore the Sanctuary like never before! The Kindergarteners and 1st Grade families will join us for lunch at 11:45am and at 12:15pm they'll go upstairs with Sue Hilderbrand and Kristin Young for an interactive tour of the Sanctuary. The kids will explore things like the organ, font, and altar in all new ways! **Sign-up at the Welcome Center today.**



Attention 2nd Grade Families: First Communion Kick-off Luncheon



The First Communion Kick-off Luncheon will be **Sunday, January 31st, 2016 following the 10:30am Service, downstairs in Fellowship Hall.** This is a very important part of the First Communion journey for you and your student. At this kick-off, families bake Communion Bread together, do a First Communion banner project, and learn about the journey ahead. Younger siblings can attend the interactive sanctuary tour while parents work with their First Communion student! Nursery care available for siblings younger than 5.

We look forward to seeing you there! **Sign-up today at the Welcome Center and fill out the Information/Registration Packet** that is there as well. First communion classes will begin on Sunday, February 14th during Sunday School and FDL during the week.

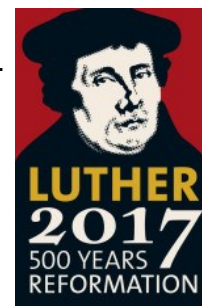
MUSIC MINISTRY

Lutherland Tour and Choral Festival 2017

Take part in the 500th anniversary of Reformation in a unique way and cross one more thing off of your bucket list. Kristin Young along with Music Celebrations International will be designing an awesome trip that incorporates Luther/Reformation sites, Johann Sebastian Bach sites, Historical German sites (including the remains of the Berlin wall), plus a chance to sing in the Berliner Dom under the direction of world renowned conductor and Bach scholar, Helmuth Rilling. Towns we will visit include: Berlin, Wittenberg, Eisenach, Eisleben, Erfurt, and Leipzig.

We will visit the Lutherhalle Museum in Wittenberg where Luther's writings, prints, medals, lectern, and pulpit from St. Mary's are displayed. We will see the Schlosskirche where Luther nailed his 95 Theses on the wooden door. We will visit Wartburg Castle in Eisenach where Luther translated the New testament into German, Luther's Boyhood home, and the birthplace of J. S. Bach. We will also visit St. Thomas Church in Leipzig where Bach was choirmaster for 27 years. Mendelssohn was baptized and performed here, as well as another famous performer at the church, Mozart.

Plus many more sites and museums and stops along the way. **The trip will take place in mid-June of 2017.** If you are interested in this trip there will be a **sign-up sheet in the Narthex. Informational fliers will be available at the Welcome Center in January.** Please don't hesitate to contact Kristin Young with any questions.



NURSING THE SPIRIT

Save the Date - Workshop for Ministers of Care & Deacons

Please join us for **The Gift of Presence workshop on Sunday, January 17th from 11:45am-1:30pm in Sanctuary Hall.** Facilitator, Dr. Beth Plachetka, will discuss ways that will enhance our presence to those we minister to and help us understand what can lead to care ministry stress and burnout. A light lunch will be served. **Please sign up at the Welcome Center. You may also email or call Jean Clementz, RN at: Jean.clementz@presencehealth or (630) 897-6891, X-23.**



NURSING THE SPIRIT

The Importance of Hope

What do you do when you're faced with an obstacle? Do you soon give up, or do you persist, and actively look for ways to work around it? If you can usually find another path to your goals, you probably have a hopeful outlook on life.

According to positive psychologist Charles Richard "Rick" Snyder (1944-2006), hopeful thinkers achieve more, and are physically and psychologically healthier than less hopeful people. His Hope Theory argues that there are three main things that make up hopeful thinking:

1. **Goals – Approaching life in a goal-oriented way.**
2. **Pathways – Finding different ways to achieve your goals.**
3. **Agency – Believing that you can instigate change and achieve these goals.**

It's a simple fact of life that even the best laid plans can go astray. Whatever talent or skill you may possess, hope is the state of mind that helps you navigate life's twists and turns, and keeps you moving forward when times are tough.

Snyder characterized hopeful thinkers as people who are able to establish clear goals, imagine multiple workable pathways toward those goals, and persevere, even when obstacles get in their way. Put simply: **hope involves the will to get there, and different ways to get there.**

Why is hope important? Life is difficult. There are many obstacles. Having goals is not enough. One has to keep getting closer to those goals, amidst all the inevitable twists and turns of life. **Hope allows people to approach problems with a mindset and strategy-set suitable to success**, thereby increasing the chances they will actually accomplish their goals.

Hope leads to learning goals, which are conducive to growth and improvement. **People with learning goals are actively engaged in their learning, constantly planning strategies to meet their goals, and monitoring their progress to stay on track.** A bulk of research shows that learning goals are positively related to success across a wide swatch of human life—from academic achievement to sports to arts to science to business.

Those lacking hope, on the other hand, tend to adopt mastery goals. People with mastery goals choose easy tasks that don't offer a challenge or opportunity for growth. When they fail, they quit. **People with mastery goals act helpless, and feel a lack of control over their environment.** They don't believe in their capacity to obtain the kind of future they want. They have no hope.

People with hope have both the will and the pathways and strategies necessary to achieve their goals. Having hope feels good, but it's also good for you. Dr. Randolph Arnau and colleagues have reported that hopeful people have a greater sense that life is meaningful.

What gives people hope? Dr. Jon Allen says, "There's tremendous diversity in what gives people hope," Patients often cite family members, past successes, and faith in God as common sources of hope, he adds, but others have reported seeing hope in less obvious places: a sliver of light coming through the window, or the ability to be surprised.

"What we need to do is tap into that diversity," he says. Ultimately, we all need to be hopeful. Dr. Shane Lopez says, "Many of the ancient religious texts reference faith, hope and love. Hope is an ancient virtue and a basic human quality."

Sources: Psychology Today, American Psychological Association

"For surely I know the plans I have for you says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope."
Jeremiah 29:11

If I can be of assistance to you or someone you know, please call me, 630- 897-6891, ext. 23.

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January

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed
3 Epiphany Coffee Sales Doughnut & Coffee Connection 9:00a Worship 10:00a Academy Choir 10:30a Worship	4 9:00a Lydia's Piecemakers & Knit Pickers 7:00p Naomi Circle - Ginny Pavesich	5 10:00a Adult Bible Study 7:00p Glory Ringers	6 Epiphany of Our Lord 9:30a Bread Wrapping 1:00p Office Volunteer 5:00p Roaring Ring 5:30p FDL & High School 5:30p Joyous Praise 6:00p Confirmation 7:30p Academy Choir
10 Baptism of Our Lord 9:00a Worship & Sunday School 9:30a Blood Pressure Screening 10:00a Academy Choir 10:30a Worship 10:30a Rabideau Baptism 11:45a Council Meeting	11 9:00a Spiritual Journaling 9:30a Faith Circle 6:00p Sanctuary Arts & Banner Meeting	12 10:00a Adult Bible Study 1:00p Staff Meeting 7:00p Glory Ringers	13 9:30a Bread Wrapping 1:00p Office Volunteer 5:00p Roaring Ring 5:30p FDL & High School 5:30p Joyous Praise 6:00p Confirmation 7:30p Academy Choir
17 2 Epiphany Coffee Sales Doughnut & Coffee Connection 9:00a Worship & Sunday School 10:00a Academy Choir 10:30a Worship 11:45a Deacon and Care Minister Workshop	18 9:00a Ruth Circle	19 10:00a Adult Bible Study 1:00p Staff Meeting 6:30p Brewing Questions 7:00p Glory Ringers	20 9:30a Bread Wrapping 1:00p Office Volunteer 5:00p Roaring Ring 5:30p FDL & High School 5:30p Joyous Praise 6:00p Confirmation 7:30p Academy Choir
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31 4 Epiphany 9:00a Worship & Sunday School 10:00a Academy Choir 10:30a Worship 11:45a First Communion Kick-off Luncheon			

Calendar



Wed		Thu	Fri		Sat
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	7 7:00p Lion's Voice Choir	8 6:30p Al-Anon	9 Baptism of Our Lord 11:00a Sampson Recital 4:15p Blood Pressure Screening 5:00p Worship 6:00p PADS		
	14 7:00p Lion's Voice Choir	15 6:30p Al-Anon	16 2 Epiphany 5:00p Worship		
	21 7:00p Lion's Voice Choir	22 6:30p Al-Anon	23 3 Epiphany 1:00p Nielsen Recital 5:00p Worship		
	28 7:00p Lion's Voice Choir	29 6:30p Al-Anon	30 4 Epiphany 5:00p Worship		

HESED HOUSE - PADS

It's January and once again Outreach is highlighting **PADS** and our yearly collection of food items.

Beginning in January, St. Mark's continues to hosts **PADS** on the **2nd 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 of the nonperishable items to take us through all of 2016. 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 items for you.

PADS 2016 Dates

January 9

March 12

May 14

July 9

September 10

November 12

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 lb.)
- Mixed Greens
5 cans (6-7 lb.)
- 2nd Vegetables
4 cans (6-7 lb.)
corn, green beans
- **Decaf** coffee
3 lb. can



**Public Action
to Deliver Shelter**

www.hesedhouse.org

Warmer Weather Menu

Sloppy Joe's

- 3 Bean Salad
6 cans (6-7 lb.)
- Canned Fruit
6 cans (6-7 lb.)
- Baked Beans
6 cans (6-7 lb.)
- **Decaf** coffee
3 lb. can
- **Also needed:** 1 Lg liquid laundry detergent each time we serve.

How Can I Support PADS

- Pray for those in need at PADS
- Be a volunteer at PADS
- Give to our January food drive
- Donate on Souper Bowl Sunday
- Donate year around:
 1. hotel size toiletries
 2. wash cloths & bath towels
 3. 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, Adele Buss, Brett Deiter, Paul & Ginny Pavesich, Tom & Jack O'Reilly, Dan & Colleen Mielke & Norman Talimongan. **Join us in 2016.**

EPIPHANY - THE SEASON OF LIGHT

Upcoming in our Church Year is the Season of Epiphany. Epiphany means “manifestation” or “showing” and refers to Christ being shown to the Gentiles – which means that Christ was shown to all nations. **January 6th each year is the Day of the Epiphany.**

On Epiphany (or New Year’s Day) you can bless your house. You can make this as simple or as intricate as you like; include a greeting like “The Lord be with you...”, song or carol, holy water (sprinkling door, each room), reading the Epiphany Gospel, more prayers, Lord’s Prayer, incense, assigning parts to different members of the household, and a prayer for Epiphany. Many homes are the dwelling for one person, and yet the blessing of a home where only one person dwells is equally appropriate.

Take chalk of any color and mark on the frame of your front door 20 + C + M + B + 16 (for 2016) saying: The three Wise Men, Caspar (C), Melchior (M), and Balthasar (B) followed the star of God’s Son who became human two thousand (20) and sixteen (16) years ago.

“May Christ bless our home and remain with us throughout the New Year. God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Christ, God’s incarnation, is present in the love and care we manifest to each other in our ordinary daily lives together.”

Another possible prayer that could be used: “May all who come to our home this year rejoice to find Christ living among us; and may we seek and serve, in everyone we meet, that same Jesus who is your incarnate Word, now and forever. Amen.”

This year the Time of Epiphany will be five Sundays in length, shortened by the early Lent that begins on February 10th, Ash Wednesday. There are two Festivals in the Season of Epiphany: The Baptism of our Lord on January 9th-10th and the Transfiguration of our Lord on February 6th-7th. In between those days are the Second, Third, and Fourth Sunday after Epiphany. On the Transfiguration of our Lord we will again practice the “Farewell to Alleluia” which is an ancient practice of not singing or speaking “alleluia” through the Forty Days of Lent.

The Gospel Reading for January 6th, the Day of the Epiphany of our Lord, is the story from Matthew 2 of the visit of the Magi, the strangers from a faraway land.

The Gospel Reading for January 10th, the Baptism of our Lord, is from Luke 3 and recounts the questions of the Messiah’s identity and John the Baptizer.

The Second Time after Epiphany on January 16th-17th has the Gospel Reading from John of Jesus at the wedding at Cana in Galilee. January 23rd & 24th, the Third Time after Epiphany has the Gospel Reading back in Luke and the story of Jesus’ visit to his hometown of Nazareth. The Fourth Time after Epiphany on January 30th-31st reminds us that mercy and healing are given to those who are outsiders as shown in Luke 4.

The Transfiguration of our Lord on February 6th-7th from Luke reminds us of Jesus’ dazzling foreshadowing of the Resurrection on the Mount.

Epiphany is a Season of Light that reminds us that the Light of Christ has been given to all people of all nations. It is a time to remember in prayer all of our sisters and brothers in Christ across the globe and a time to keep the prayer of our Lord “that we may all be one” be shown in our life by our words and our actions.

Tuesday Adult Bible Study—Epiphany: A Season of Light and Longing

January 5, 2016

Festival of the Epiphany – January 6
First Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6
Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

Baptism of our Lord

First Reading: Isaiah 43:1-7
Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

January 12, 2016

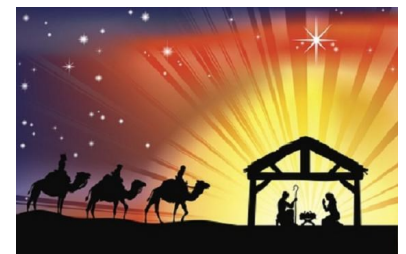
Second Sunday after the Epiphany
First Reading: Isaiah 62:1-5
Gospel: John 2:1-11

January 19, 2016

Third Sunday after the Epiphany
First Reading: Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10
Gospel: Luke 4:14-21

January 26, 2016

Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany
First Reading: Jeremiah 1:4-10
Gospel: Luke 4:21-30



THRIVENT CHOICE DONATIONS

We are pleased to let you know that a deposit of **\$39.00** 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.



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NOVEMBER MONTHLY FINANCIAL RECAP

Monthly Budget Goal	\$ 71,093.00
Monthly Offering Information	
Envelopes – General Fund	\$ 65,881.75
Envelopes – Mortgage/Building	\$ 6,667.00
Other (loose, miscellaneous, Sunday School, interest)	\$ 4,371.34
Total General Fund Income	\$ 76,920.09
Monthly Surplus/Shortfall	\$ +5,827.09

Summary Information as of 11/30/2015

Annual Budget	\$ 853,171.00
Percent of Year Completed	91.67%
Offerings/Commitments received year to date	\$ 748,098.79
Actual Expenses Year to Date	\$ 763,255.09
Actual Expense Shortfall/Surplus Year to Date	\$ -15,156.30
Budget Expense Shortfall/Surplus Year to Date	\$ -33,974.63

Mortgage Balance as of 11/30/2015

Balance Due on Church (not including CDC)	\$ 2,580,559.47
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SERVERS FOR WORSHIP

January 2 & 3	Saturday, 5:00pm	Sunday, 9:00am	Sunday, 10:30am
Acolytes	Michelle Gorney	TBA	TBA
Adult Worship Assistants	Bob	Greg	Greg
A/V Desk	Kasey M.	TBA	TBA
Altar Care	Don Bryant	Team A	Team A
Bread Baker	Pam Krasinski	Pam Krasinski	Pam Krasinski
Hospitality Team	Jaras, Toynton, Bryant	Team A	Team A
Reader	Clare Toynton	Team A	Team A
Welcome Center Hosts	TBA	Team A	Team A
January 9 & 10			
Acolytes	TBA	TBA	TBA
Adult Worship Assistants	Bob	Don	Don
A/V Desk	Kathy W.	TBA	TBA
Altar Care	Erik Egeland	Team B	Team B
Bread Baker	Jens Jensen	Jens Jensen	Jens Jensen
Hospitality Team	Clark, Minard, Deiter	Team B	Team B
Reader	Erik Egeland	Team B	Team B
Welcome Center Hosts	Martha Egeland	Team B	Team B
January 16 & 17			
Acolytes	Dylan Ferrier	TBA	Eva Peterson
Adult Worship Assistants	Bob	Greg	Greg
A/V Desk	Nancy C.	TBA	TBA
Altar Care	Al & Vicki Lettow	Team C	Team C
Bread Baker	Susan Manning	Susan Manning	Susan Manning
Hospitality Team	Tomlin, Minard, Deiter	Team C	Team C
Reader	Pat Larson	Team C	Team C
Welcome Center Hosts	TBA	Team C	Team C
January 23 & 24			
Acolytes	Michelle Gorney	Hailey Jansen	Brady Reiseck
Adult Worship Assistants	TBA	Don	Don
A/V Desk	Sheila J.	TBA	TBA
Altar Care	Virgil Ostreng	Team D	Team D
Bread Baker	Matt Greising	Matt Greising	Matt Greising
Hospitality Team	Ostreng, Walz, O'Connell	Team D	Team D
Reader	Kathy Walz	Team D	Team D
Welcome Center Hosts	TBA	Team D	Team D
January 30 & 31	Saturday, 5:00pm	Sunday, 9:00am	Sunday, 10:30am
Acolytes	TBA	TBA	Brady Reiseck
Adult Worship Assistants	Bob	Greg	Greg
A/V Desk	Nancy C.	TBA	TBA
Altar Care	Sheila Johnson	Team D	Team A
Bread Baker	Pam Krasinski	Pam Krasinski	Pam Krasinski
Hospitality Team	Lettow, Ostreng, Minard	Team D	Team A
Reader	Kasey Minard	Team D	Team A
Welcome Center Hosts	Virgil Ostreng	Team D	Team A



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PASTORAL ACTS

Baptisms

Bridget Olivia Twohill ~ 11/15/15

Hazel James McGuire ~ 12/13/15

Planning a Baptism?

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

Planning a Wedding?

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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