



St. Mark's Lutheran Church

Proclaiming Christ's Abundant Love

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



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What is God Calling Us to Do in the Next Chapter of St. Mark's Ministry?



Save the Date!

**Congregational Visioning Experience
Sunday, November 15th at 11:45am**

You are invited and encouraged to attend a **participatory visioning event on Sunday, November 15th after the 10:30am service**, facilitated by Pastor Dave Daubert. Pizza will be served for lunch and childcare will be provided.

The Vision team, along with Pastor Dave Daubert, is in a planning process, trying to understand the community better and become a more relevant and helpful presence in our community. One of the first steps is to interview people in our community that have a better understanding of what the needs are in Aurora. We will be interviewing a wide variety of community leaders including school principals, police and fire, hospitals, non-profits, as well as some local residents.

Another important first step is our Visioning Experience. This is your opportunity to have your voice be heard about the future of our church and what our priorities are as a church. **We need your participation in order to understand what our congregation needs and wants.** Your insights are important to this process and we want everyone to be a part of the process.

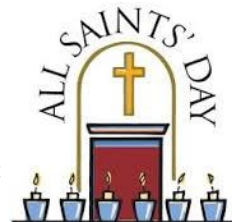
Pastor Dave assures us – this will be fun!

Our vision team members are:

Kari Reiseck, Austin Bredow, Don Friend, Jeff Rehg, Becky Mueller, Jeanne Flynn, and Pastor Patricia Geiseman

All Saints Commemorated

All Saints is an ancient tradition in the church. In the West it dates back to 609, then celebrated on May 13th, which was also a pagan festival. Pope Gregory III (731-741) moved the date to November 1st and expanded the commemoration to include apostles, all the saints, martyrs, and confessors. The Lutheran Church retained this festival after the Reformation. Customs vary around the world, but almost all people light candles and offer prayers. In English-speaking countries people sing, "For all the Saints", a hymn by William Walsham How. On the weekend of October 31st & November 1st, we will gather and sing:



For all the saints who from their labors rest, who thee by faith before the world confessed, thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest, Alleluia! Alleluia! (ELW 422 vs. 1)

On October 31st & November 1st, a credence table in the chancel will hold one candle for each person whose memorial or funeral service was held through St. Mark's:

† Ronald Lorang	† Lois Dunlop
† William Shanks	† Steven Holleran
† Donald Pieart	† Robert Harker
† Georgene Anderson	† Olive Latimer
† Roger Stone	

A larger candle will be lit, as we remember all the faithful who have gone before us and those with us still. Thanks be to God for the saints; may their lights and ours shine on.

At the 9am worship service on Sunday, November 1st we will also dedicate the second phase of the Columbarium.

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STEWARDSHIP

If You Poke It, It Might Hurt!

A man by the name of Ben Rogers once had this to say: "When you go to a doctor for your annual check-up, he or she will often begin to poke, prod, and press various places, all the while asking, 'Does this hurt? How about this?' If you cry out in pain, one of two things has happened. Either the doctor has pushed too hard, without the right sensitivity. Or, more likely, there's something wrong, and the doctor will say, 'We had better do some more tests. It's not supposed to hurt there!'"

So it is when pastors preach on financial responsibility, and certain members cry out in discomfort, criticizing the message and the messenger. Either the pastor has pushed too hard. Or perhaps there's something wrong. In that case, I say, 'My friend, we're in need of the Great Physician because it's not supposed to hurt there.'"

During these weeks we have been encouraged to consider our support of the mission and ministry of St. Mark's. In a world that competes for our time, attention, and money, our gifts in response to what God has first given to us are so essential. Stewardship of our resources is not about just money – it is about our whole life. But it does include our money and therefore it is important to talk about it in the context of what financial support means for the mission and ministry of St. Mark's.

Recently I did an analysis of the Adjusted Gross Household Income that the IRS has available for each of the 24 zip codes where members of St. Mark's live in the localized area. I counted up each of the member households in each of the 24 zip codes. This did not include any settings outside of this geographical setting. I used the 2013 figures for the Adjusted Gross Household income from the IRS since it is a more conservative number.

The total Adjusted Gross Household income for the membership of St. Mark's for these 24 localized zip codes totals: \$47,173,854.

If you consider the percentage of contributions possible it would mean:

- 1% of that total would mean St. Mark's would receive: \$471,738
- 1.5 % of that total would mean St. Mark's would receive: \$707,607
- 2% of that total would mean St. Mark's would receive: \$943,477
- 2.5% of that total would mean St. Mark's would receive: \$1,179,346
- 3% of that total would mean St. Mark's would receive: \$1,415,215

My point in all this is that as we consider our resources – yes, our money, it is essential that we grow in our response. Percentage giving is the best way to consider our response. Start at a level which is manageable but which will also show you place a priority on your contribution to your church. **Most fundamental churches mandate that members begin at 10%. We don't do that – but hold up the tithe as a measurable response and then grow from that.** But whatever your response – make sure it is from the heart and one which you can feel good about knowing you are supporting the Gospel to be shared.

The day before his birthday, a little boy went out with his mother as she ran her errands for the big occasion. At the grocery store, his mother whipped out her checkbook and paid for the groceries. At each destination on her list: the toy store, the party store, the clothing store, his mother wrote a check to pay for her purchases. Later that evening when his grandparents quizzed him about what he might want for his birthday, the boy didn't hesitate for an instant: "I want a mommy book." To demonstrate he ran to his mother's purse and pulled out her checkbook. With it, he figured, he could get anything his heart desired.

We in the church cannot do anything without the support of all of us. Our contributions and gifts, of whatever size they may be, are essential. But it takes all of us. We don't have a "mommy" book, but we do have each other and that is how we need to work – together!

OUTREACH

Feed My Starving Children News

On Monday, October 12th, twenty-four St. Mark's members, confirmation students, teachers, parents, and others joined in with other volunteers to pack food for the hungry. **All together we packed 163 boxes, which contained 33,208 meals, which will feed 97 children for a year.** Others who support this ministry contributed financially. These meals cost \$7,745.76. In an Annual Report we read that this past year FMSC surpassed one billion meals packed.



Lutheran Disaster Response - US Flooding



The Carolinas have endured catastrophic rainfall that has shattered records and left unprecedented scenes of flooding in its wake. The hardest-hit areas stretch from Columbia, in the middle of South Carolina, all the way to the coast. The flooding has led to the death of more than a dozen people, tens of thousands are without power, major highways and interstates have been closed, and homes have been completely destroyed. Gifts designated through Lutheran Disaster Response will be used entirely - 100 percent - to assist those directly impacted by this crisis.

Bringing Help and Hope Please help by making your check payable to **Lutheran Disaster Response International** and write **"US Flooding"** on your check's memo line. Give through your congregation or send your check directly to: Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, ELCA Gift Processing Center, P.O. Box 1809 Merrifield, VA 22116-8009 . Thank you for your gifts, your prayers, and your partnership.

We raised \$955 for the Middle East and Europe Refugee Crisis last month. Thank you for your support!

MUSIC MINISTRY

Glory Ringers Needed for Christmas Season

Please consider joining the Glory Ringers Handbell Choir for the upcoming Christmas Season. **Rehearsals are Tuesdays from 7-8:30pm.** We have several openings and novices are welcome! We will ring for the Music Ministry's presentation of Lessons and Carols on **December 19th at 5pm and December 20th at 10am, as well as during the Christmas Eve services on December 24th at 8pm and 11pm.** Come join the Glory Ringers for the Christmas Season, ringing handbells is fun and great way to make music. Please contact Sue Hilderbrand at: shilderbrand@stmarksaurora.net with questions.



Singers Needed for Christmas Season



The Music Ministry is in need of extra singers for our Lessons and Carols presentation on **Saturday, December 19th and Sunday, December 20th, and also for Christmas Eve services. Rehearsals will begin on Thursday, November 5th from 7:45-8:30pm.** If nights don't work and daytime would be better for you, please contact Kristin Young about a Thursday afternoon rehearsal.

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 **December Vineyard** are due **by noon on Monday, November 9th**. 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.



Adult Fellowship Outing - Feed My Starving Children



We will be volunteering at Feed My Starving Children, 555 Exchange Court, Aurora, on **Thursday, November 19th at 2:30pm**. We will carpool **from church at Noon and have lunch first at 12:30pm at the Golden Corral Restaurant**, 4270 E. New York Street, Aurora. (North of the mall). All are welcome to volunteer and join us at the meal. **Please sign up at the Welcome Center** and call Al Bergh for further information at: (630) 585-8422.

St. Mark's is Smart about Money

We have a group planning to attend Dave Ramsey's **Smart Money Tour on Tuesday evening, January 12, 2016, at Willow Creek Church in Barrington, IL**. Our rate for this event is locked in at **\$19**. If you have been curious about learning more about Dave Ramsey's program this is a rare opportunity to see Dave in person! Chris Hogan will also be presenting; he is Dave's right hand man with a focus on saving for retirement. To register: call Teresa Duke, 1-800-844-



St. Mark's Funeral Planning Guide

"For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven a time to be born and a time to die." Ecclesiastes 3:2: A reality of our humanity is that we will all someday, die.

How can we make our dying more meaningful, spiritual, and even peaceful? **Part of the answer is advanced planning.** Not only by filling out paperwork and forms, such as advanced directives and a will, but also by having important conversations with our loved ones so they have an understanding of our end of life desires and expectations.

We are pleased to present the congregation with St. Mark's Funeral Planning Guide. This document can be used as a tool for you to think about how you would like to celebrate your life when you die and to discuss this with your loved ones ahead of time. Think of this as giving them a gift that will allow your loved ones to know and understand what you want and enable them honor your end of life wishes.

Update your St. Mark's Contact Information & Vineyard Update



Please take a moment to update your contact information for our records. This information is private and is used for office purposes only! **Please visit our website: stmarksaurora.net under "Calendars, Links, & Forms"**. Thank you for helping us maintain accurate records!

If you previously chose to pick up your Vineyard in the Narthex, please take the time to update your information and **choose a new method of delivery**. Due to important upcoming news the decision was made to only offer email or paper mail delivery for the time being. If possible, please **choose our new email delivery option to help St. Mark's save on costs!**

Preventing Falls

Falls are a common cause of injury in older adults. You can do a lot to reduce the chances that you or someone you care for will fall. Presence Life Connections is hosting an informational morning at **St. Joseph Parish Center – Lower Level, 722 High Street, Aurora on Tuesday, October 27th from 10am - 12pm**. Includes time for refreshments and questions. Please call St. Joseph's office (630) 844-3780 to register.



ADULT BIBLE STUDY

We all go through various seasons in our life. In our **Adult Bible Study at 10am on Tuesdays**, we begin a new series entitled ***The Autumn of Christian Life***. Each week we will focus on different dimensions of how in the autumn of our physical life we deal with different dimensions of change and experiences.

- **October 27** – “What’s It All About – Finding Meaning” – Luke 12:22-31
- **November 3** – “After the Chase – Am I Ready?” – Philippians 3:13-14; Genesis 2:3; Exodus 16:23-24; Psalm 92:12-15
- **November 10** – “Plentiful Harvest or Scarcity?” – Luke 12:32-34; Luke 18:22; Luke 19:8-9
- **November 17** – “Change and Loss” – Romans 5:1-5; Ecclesiastes 5:9-10; II Corinthians 4:16-18
- **November 24** – “Why Suffering? Why Loss?” – Job 19:2-26
- **December 1** – “Wisdom – Sharing Across the Generations” – Proverbs 2:1-11; James 3:13-18

Beginning on December 8th and continuing through December 15th, the Adult Bible Study class will be a focus on the Shepherds, Wise Men, Mary and Joseph in preparation for the Birth of Christ.

All are welcome – each class is independent so that if there are conflicts on certain days you will not be lost when you return. The whole study is not built on consecutive learning. Come and share in fellowship, coffee, good discussion, and Scripture study. Pastor Olson is the leader for the Tuesday Adult Bible Study.

SALVATION ARMY BELL RINGING

Members and friends of St. Mark's Lutheran Church will be participating in the Salvation Army Kettle Bell Ringing again this upcoming holiday season. **We have committed 100 hours of standing at Salvation Army kettles ringing bells for donations.** The money will be used to provide goods and services for those in need in the Aurora Area throughout 2016.

For those of you who have never "stood kettles", **we ring in one hour intervals.** The days we will be ringing will be on a chart following this information. **Also, please look for sign-up charts near the Welcome Center.** Many families have made a tradition of ringing bells as a family. Do you have children in band? Children, and their friends, can play Christmas music with their instruments. Do Dads, Moms, and children enjoy singing carols standing near the kettles? Do it! Shoppers enjoy the Christmas music and are very appreciative of those skills. It will create memories that none of you will ever forget, and shoppers will never forget either! **Best of all, we never ring on Sundays.**

This is a great opportunity for everyone to provide for those in need during the Christmas season.

2015 Bell Ringing Schedule:

Saturday, Nov. 21 — Prisco's — 8am - 5pm

Wednesday, Nov. 25 — Woodman's — 8am - 8pm

Saturday, Nov. 28 — Prisco's — 8am - 5pm

Saturday, Dec. 5 — Montgomery Walmart (Orchard Rd.) — 8am - 4pm

Saturday, Dec. 5 — Prisco's — 8am - 5pm

Saturday, Dec. 12 — Prisco's — 8am - 5pm

Saturday, Dec. 12 — Jewel (Galena Blvd.) — 9am - 5pm

Saturday, Dec. 19 — Prisco's — 8am - 5pm

Saturday, Dec. 19 — Woodman's — 8am - 6pm

Saturday, Dec. 19 — Montgomery Walmart (Orchard Rd.) — 8am - 6pm

Saturday, Dec. 24 — Prisco's — 8am - 3pm



**VOLUNTEER
BELL RINGERS
NEEDED!**

Ring a bell...help change a life



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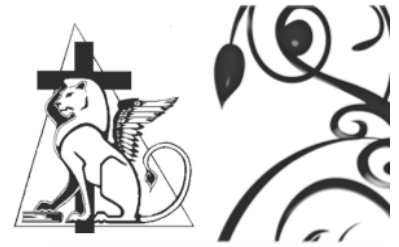
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November

Sun	Mon	Tue	W
1 Festival of All Saints Coffee Sales Doughnut & Coffee Connection 9:00a Worship & Sunday School 9:00a Dedication of Columbarium 10:00a Academy Choir 10:30a Worship	2 7:00p Naomi Circle - Clare Toynton 7:30p Fox Valley Festival Chorus	3 10:00a Adult Bible Study 1:00p Staff Meeting 6:30p Endowment Committee Meeting 7:00p Glory Ringers 7:00p Financial Peace University	4 9:30a Bread Wrapp 1:00p Office Volunt 5:00p Roaring Ring 5:30p FDL & High S 5:30p Joyous Prais 6:00p Confirmation 7:30p Academy Ch
8 Pentecost 24 9:00a Worship & Sunday School 9:00a Reception of New Members 10:00a Academy Choir 10:30a Worship 10:30a Youth Group Hospitality Team 10:30a Folley Baptism 11:45a Council Meeting	9 9:00a Spiritual Journaling 9:30a Faith Circle 6:00p CDC Board Meeting 7:00p Presence Hospice Memorial Service 7:30p Fox Valley Festival Chorus	10 10:00a Adult Bible Study 1:00p Staff Meeting 7:00p Glory Ringers 7:00p Financial Peace University	11 9:30a Bread Wrapp 1:00p Office Volunt 5:00p Roaring Ring 5:30p FDL & High S 5:30p Joyous Prais 6:00p Confirmation 7:30p Academy Ch
15 Pentecost 25 2nd Grade Bible Weekend Coffee Sales Doughnut & Coffee Connection 9:00a Worship & Sunday School 9:00a Twohill Baptism 9:30a Blood Pressure Screening 10:00a Academy Choir 10:30a Worship 11:45a Congregational Visioning Experience	16 9:00a Ruth Circle 7:30p Fox Valley Festival Chorus	17 10:00a Adult Bible Study 1:00p Staff Meeting 5:30p Stewardship Committee Meeting 6:30p Brewing Questions - Ballydoyle's 6:30p Ivy Glen Meeting 7:00p Glory Ringers 7:00p Financial Peace University	18 9:30a Bread Wrapp 1:00p Office Volunt 5:00p Roaring Ring 5:30p FDL & High S 5:30p Joyous Prais 6:00p Confirmation 7:00p Hope Circle 7:30p Academy Ch
22 Festival of Christ the King & Thanksgiving 9:00a Worship & Sunday School 10:00a Academy Choir 10:30a Worship 3:00p Fall Music Academy Recital 4:30p Fall Music Academy Recital	23 9:00a Lydia's Piecemakers & Knit Pickers 6:00p Sanctuary Art & Banner Team 7:30p Fox Valley Festival Chorus	24 10:00a Adult Bible Study 1:00p Staff Meeting 7:00p Glory Ringers	25 No FDL, Confirmation No Thanksgiving 9:30a Bread Wrapp 1:00p Office Volunt
29 Advent 1 No Sunday School 9:00a Worship 10:00a Academy Choir 10:30a Worship	30 7:30p Fox Valley Festival Chorus		

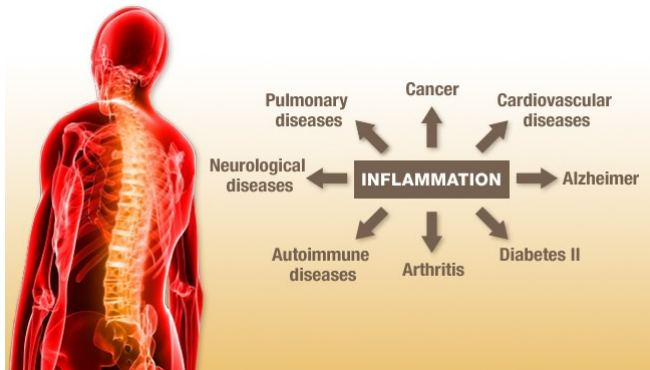
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Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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<p>tion, or HS Classes Eve Service ers eers</p>	<p>26 Thanksgiving Day - Office Closed</p>	<p>27 Office Closed 6:30p Al-Anon</p>	<p>28 Advent 1 5:00p Worship</p>

NURSING THE SPIRIT

Inflammation and Health



Inflammation is the new medical buzzword. It seems as though everyone is talking about it, especially the fact that inflammation appears to play a role in many chronic diseases. The July issue of Mayo Clinic Health Letter highlights inflammation's role in cardiovascular disease.

Of course, inflammation isn't entirely bad. **Acute inflammation, the kind that protects and heals the body after an injury or infection, is essential and normal.** It's an amazing process that from the surface looks like swelling and can hurt, but it's all part of making things better. That's acute inflammation. It's necessary and normal for good health.

The other kind, chronic inflammation, also known as low-grade or systemic inflammation, can play a more puzzling and long-lasting role in the body. Consider the vast array of autoimmune disorders (for example lupus & rheumatoid arthritis), where the body's immune system mistakenly initiates an inflammatory response even though there's no apparent inflammation to fight off. Chronic inflammation also plays a role in diseases such as asthma and inflammatory bowel diseases.

And what about the not-so-obvious role of chronic inflammation? Consider the possible connection between gum disease and cardiovascular disease. Research indicates that heart disease, clogged arteries, stroke and bacterial endocarditis may be linked to oral health. Even less obvious, but of enormous interest to researchers, is the part inflammation plays in cancer.

Just what does all this mean for you? Can you actually do something to reduce your risk of chronic inflammation that may play a part in disease? That depends. At present, it's still too early in the science to reasonably conclude that reducing inflammation leads to a reduction in cancer risk. Many of the questions concerning cause and effect with cancer have yet to be proven.

What you can do, though, is make a point to avoid certain things that cause inflammation and are proven unhealthy. Prime examples are smoking and excessive alcohol use. **Some people advocate an "anti-inflammatory diet." Although there's less evidence such diets work to directly thwart inflammation, most of the recommended foods are typical of the Mediterranean style of eating and in principle are good choices.**

Key components of the Mediterranean diet include:

- Eating generous amounts of fruits and vegetables
- Consuming healthy fats, such as olive oil and canola oil
- Eating small portions of nuts
- For some, drinking red wine in moderation
- Eating fish on a regular basis
- Consuming very little red meat



You may wonder if nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs), such as aspirin, ibuprofen and naproxen, would be helpful, as the drug class name would seem to imply. The prospects are intriguing, but the data isn't solid. If you take aspirin or another NSAID under a doctor's direction for a health-related concern such as preventing heart attack or relieving chronic pain, that's an accepted and appropriate use for this class of drugs. As always, the risks of gastrointestinal bleeding have to be considered with regular NSAID use.

The best advice concerning chronic inflammation is to stay tuned. This is a huge area of interest in the medical world and there are bound to be discoveries down the road that can improve well-being and the quality of health.

NURSING THE SPIRIT

Source: Brent Bauer, M.D. General Internal Medicine, Editorial Board member of Mayo Clinic Health Letter

Speak with your health care provider to discuss any further questions or concerns regarding inflammation.

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

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



CHILDREN & YOUTH MINISTRY

High Schoolers, are you ready to have fun?!



This is an open invitation to **all high school students**, grades 9-12, to join the St. Mark's Youth Group! The Senior High Ministry will be led this year by our former intern, Tracy McClure, and youth group volunteer, Anna Themanson. Both are excited about this new opportunity! The year promises to be filled with lots of fun activities, such as corn mazes, lock-ins and caroling, as well as opportunities for fellowship, service and ministry. **The Senior High Youth Group meets Wednesday nights from 5:30-7:30pm and bringing a friend or two is always encouraged!**

The Senior High Youth Group also **leads the 10:30am hospitality and hosts a bake sale on every second Sunday of the month.** Please join us for our next bake sale/hospitality opportunity on **Sunday, November 8th**. We look forward to sharing cookies, coffee and conversation with you!

Attention All Parents of 2nd Graders

Our Bible Sunday will be on **Sunday, November 15th**. All 2nd grade students will receive an Adventure Bible during Worship that weekend. We will have Bibles at **all 3 services** that weekend. Please mark it on your calendar and plan to attend!



Christmas Shopping Day Out for Parents

St Mark's Senior High Youth Group would like to offer a Christmas Shopping Day Out for parents on **Saturday, December 5th from 1-4pm**. Drop off your **3-10 year olds** at church for an afternoon of crafts, games, singing Christmas songs, and watching a Christmas movie! Parents can leave and enjoy a few hours to themselves to get some Christmas shopping and errands done. Price of **admission is one unwrapped toy** that the youth group will donate to families in need!

St. Mark's Annual Children's Christmas Program!



Rehearsals have already begun, but we could still use your help! **If you are able to help with the play** whether it's directing, music, costumes, or rehearsal supervision, **please let Kari Reiseck know** and we'll keep you up to date when more information is available.

We will also be having our annual Christmas potluck and Visit with Santa. **We will need volunteers to coordinate the potluck, a set up crew, and a clean-up crew!** Please let Kari Reiseck know if you can help with the potluck in some way. **We will have sign up information for the food at Welcome center in early December.**

THRIVENT CHOICE DONATIONS

We are pleased to let you know that a deposit of **\$444.00** 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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Thank you to: **Ryan Bartell, Robert DePaul, and Maybelle Rygh**

AUGUST MONTHLY FINANCIAL RECAP

Monthly Budget Goal	\$ 71,093.00
Monthly Offering Information	
Envelopes – General Fund	\$ 54,797.00
Envelopes – Mortgage/Building	\$ 4,725.00
Other (loose, miscellaneous, Sunday School, interest)	\$ 4,461.14
Total General Fund Income	\$ 63,983.14
Monthly Surplus/Shortfall	\$ -7,109.86

Summary Information as of 9/30/2015

Annual Budget	\$ 853,171.00
Percent of Year Completed	75.0%
Offerings/Commitments received year to date	\$ 609,780.78
Actual Expenses Year to Date	\$ 629,523.29
Actual Expense Shortfall/Surplus Year to Date	\$ -19,742.51
Budget Expense Shortfall/Surplus Year to Date	\$ -30,097.47

Mortgage Balance as of 9/30/2015

Balance Due on Church (not including CDC)	\$ 2,601,846.94
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SERVERS FOR WORSHIP

October 31 & November 1	Saturday, 5:00pm	Sunday, 9:00am	Sunday, 10:30am
Acolytes	TBA	TBA	Nicholas Wan, Sam Walker
Adult Worship Assistants	Don	Greg	Greg
A/V Desk	Nancy C.	Scott	Melvin
Altar Care	Don Bryant	Team A	Team A
Bread Baker	Pam Krasinski	Pam Krasinski	Pam Krasinski
Hospitality Team	Bryant, Johnson, Deiter, Jensen	Team A	Team A
Reader	Bob Johnson	Team A	Team A
Welcome Center Hosts	TBA	Team A	Team A
November 7 & 8			
Acolytes	Katie Ulrich	Brady Reiseck	Walker, Rehg, Ferrier
Adult Worship Assistants	Bob J.	Tracy H.	Tracy H.
A/V Desk	Kasey M.	Fred	Fred
Altar Care	Virgil Ostreng	Team B	Team B
Bread Baker	Matt Greising	Matt Greising	Matt Greising
Hospitality Team	Toynton, O'Connell	Team B	Team B
Reader	Clare Toynton	Team B	Team B
Welcome Center Hosts	Martha Egeland	Team B	Team B
November 14 & 15			
Acolytes	Michelle Gorney	Aiden Hobson	Eva Peterson, Brady Reiseck
Adult Worship Assistants	Don	Greg	Greg
A/V Desk	Nancy C.	Dan	Melvin
Altar Care	Erik Egeland	Team C	Team C
Bread Baker	Jens Jensen	Jens Jensen	Jens Jensen
Hospitality Team	Ostreng, Walz, Jaras	Team C	Team C
Reader	Erik Egeland	Team C	Team C
Welcome Center Hosts	TBA	Team C	Team C
November 21 & 22			
Acolytes	Michelle Gorney	Hailey Jansen	TBA
Adult Worship Assistants	Bob	Greg	Greg
A/V Desk	Sheila J.	Matt	Mark
Altar Care	Al Lettow	Team D	Team D
Bread Baker	Susan Manning	Susan Manning	Susan Manning
Hospitality Team	Clark, Tomlin	Team D	Team D
Reader	Kasey Minard	Team D	Team D
Welcome Center Hosts	TBA	Team D	Team D
November 28 & 29	Saturday, 5:00pm	Sunday, 9:00am	Sunday, 10:30am
Acolytes	TBA	Hailey Jansen	TBA
Adult Worship Assistants	Bob J.	Don	Don
A/V Desk	Nancy C.	Dan	Melvin
Altar Care	Sheila Johnson	Team D	Team D
Bread Baker	Pam Krasinski	Pam Krasinski	Pam Krasinski
Hospitality Team	Johnson, Walz, Lettow	Team D	Team D
Reader	Kathy Walz	Team D	Team D
Welcome Center Hosts	TBA	Team D	Team D



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Funerals

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