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PASTORAL ACTS

Baptisms

Dakota Arloea Nelson ~ 9/14/14
Whitney Marie Williams ~ 9/21/14

Weddings

Kenyatta Hooks & Kristopher Boczek ~ 9/13/14

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)



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Pastor Appreciation Luncheon

As many of you may recall, **October is Pastor Appreciation Month.** This year we would like to celebrate the occasion with an old fashioned church potluck. **On Sunday, October 5th the congregation will gather in Sanctuary Hall to celebrate and honor our pastors.** We ask that each family bring a dish to pass that will serve 10 - 12 people. As we have previously done, there will be a basket available for cards for Pastors Pat, Brian, and Al. We look forward to seeing you on the 5th.

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 Dedication

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.**

Service of Laying on of Hands and Healing



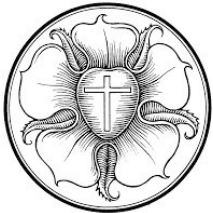
In the church calendar, St. Luke Day is October 18th. **We will celebrate St. Luke Day during the weekend of October 18th and 19th.** St. Paul called Luke "the beloved physician" in Colossians 4:14. We give thanks

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.

Reformation Weekend

According to tradition, on October 31, 1517, Martin Luther nailed Ninety-five Theses to a church door in Wittenberg. Largely, these sentences opposed the Roman church's teaching and practice of selling "indulgences". These were paper promises paid for by the peasants to buy dead relatives out of purgatory. The money was used by Rome to build St. Peter's. The corruption of this deceptive money maker and the desperation of the people moved Luther to take a stand.



The fact that the printing press had recently been invented made the time ripe for reform. Luther's writings, and he was unbelievably prolific, were printed and read throughout Germany and later Europe.

Luther wrote treatises, letters, hymns, and catechisms. Perhaps his most world-changing written accomplishment is the New Testament translated into German. Now, the everyday person could read Scripture! This was the beginning and an opening. Ever since this time, Lutherans have opened the Book of Faith themselves and found the Good News of saving abundant love, available by grace for all.

We will celebrate this history and this calling on **October 25th & 26th.**

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Worship & The Arts

Huntley Brown in Concert at St. Mark’s

On **Wednesday, October 1st at 7:30 pm**, following our Wednesday night programming, **world renowned Concert Artist Huntley Brown will present a phenomenal concert for us right here at St. Mark’s!** Please plan on attending to hear his amazing talent and be inspired as he shares his deep faith through the gift of music. Huntley Brown was born in Jamaica, and his music has been described as inspired, powerful, and anointed. His electrifying playing earned him many distinguished awards including Top Caribbean Gospel Instrumentalist in 2005 and 2006; Musical Ambassador for CTS TV Station in Seoul Korea 2009, and in 2010 he was inducted into the Fox Valley Arts Hall of Fame. He is the youngest person to be inducted in the hall of fame. In 2011 Huntley was the featured guest pianist at Carnegie hall with the Milal World Symphony Orchestra. In 2011 he also became an artist Ambassador for Kids Alive International, a group dedicated to rescuing children around the world.



Huntley has earned both a bachelor and master’s degree in Piano performance and pedagogy. He has performed all over the world including: Austria, Bahamas, Barbados, Canada, China, England, Estonia, France, Germany, Granada, Holland, Hong Kong, Hungary, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Indonesia, Japan, Jordan, Latvia, Lithuania, Palestine, Serbia, South Korea, Romania, Russia, Singapore, South Africa, Spain, St. Maarten, St. Vincent, Slovakia, Switzerland, Taiwan, Ukraine, and Wales.

You don’t want to miss **this free opportunity to see his remarkable talent!** Please join us to hear this amazing person masterfully perform on the piano at St. Mark’s Lutheran Church.

Lutheran Youth Choir International

On **Wednesday, October 8th**, representatives from **Lutheran Youth Choir International** will be coming to St. Mark’s to give a presentation about the choir and their **upcoming trip to Germany in 2015**, also the 500th anniversary of Martin Luther. A very special trip is in store for interested **High School youth singers**. All interested parties please join us for a **meeting in the Sanctuary Hall on Wednesday October 8th from 6:00-7:30pm**.

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.” The story full of romance, rebellion, peril, and redemption ignited a historic wave of change. The main character, John Newton, sits atop an international empire of slavery. He finds himself torn between following in the footsteps of his father, a rich slave trader, and embracing the compassionate views of his childhood sweetheart. During a perilous voyage on the high seas, John is transformed as he confronts his darkest hour. The musical is filled with emotion and adventure, and the musical saga captures the spirit of history’s sweetest and most powerful sound: freedom! 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 will be **taking a bus from the church to the Bank of America Theatre downtown and then back here to church**. **The bus will leave at 4:30 pm**. The cost for the musical and transportation by bus is **\$86 per person**. Please contact Kristin Young with questions.

We Welcome Our New Choir Accompanist – Rosemary Hauser

Rosemary received her bachelor’s degree in music from Webster University and her master’s degree in music education at the University of Missouri. She taught music in St. Louis, both in schools and privately for 17 years. After moving back to Aurora she taught at Holy Angels for 12 years and continued as principal for 3 years. She has been involved as a church musician in Aurora for 25 years, both at her home parish of St. Rita and at Marmion Abbey. Rosemary has accompanied at many other area churches as well as for the St. Mark’s Festival Chorus on their trips to Vienna and Italy. She has also accompanied the Fox Valley Orchestra Chorus and just completed a four year term on the Orchestra Board.

Rosemary has been an active citizen of Aurora and is currently the president of the Woman’s Club of Aurora. She has been married to Dick Hauser for almost 44 years, and they have 5 children, 10 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren.

We welcome you Rosemary, and thank God for your ministry with us.

Servers For Worship

October 4 & 5	Saturday, 5:00pm	Sunday, 9:00am	Sunday, 10:30am
Acolytes	David Hunger	Giovanni Sally	Bradley Regh, Nicholas Wan
Adult Worship Assistants	TBA	Greg	Greg
A/V Desk	Kasey M.	TBA	TBA
Altar Care	Don Bryant	Team A	Team A
Bread Baker	Matt Greising	Matt Greising	Matt Greising
Hospitality Team	Bryant, Jaraz, Jensen, Deiter	Team A	Team A
Reader	Bob Johnson	Team A	Team A
Welcome Center Hosts	Virgil Ostreng	Team A	Team A
October 11 & 12			
Acolytes	TBA	Zac Uhm	Sam Walker, Sophia Bartell
Adult Worship Assistants	TBA	Jeff	Jeff
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	Minard, Ostreng, Tomlin	Team B	Team B
Reader	Erik Egeland	Team B	Team B
Welcome Center Hosts	Martha Egeland	Team B	Team B
October 18 & 19			
Acolytes	TBA	TBA	Alyssa Mayhew, Eva Peterson
Adult Worship Assistants	Tracy McClure	Don	Don
A/V Desk	Nancy C.	TBA	TBA
Altar Care	Debra Haddad	Team C	Team C
Bread Baker	Susan Manning	Susan Manning	Susan Manning
Hospitality Team	O’Connell, Shadle	Team C	Team C
Reader	Dick Shadle	Team C	Team C
Welcome Center Hosts	Dick & Aggie Shadle	Team C	Team C
October 25 & 26			
Acolytes	Siena Rucka	Hailey Jansen	TBA
Adult Worship Assistants	TBA	Don	Don
A/V Desk	Sheila J.	TBA	TBA
Altar Care	Al Lettow	Team D	Team D
Bread Baker	Pam Krasinski	Pam Krasinski	Pam Krasinski
Hospitality Team	Toynton, Mielke	Team D	Team D
Reader	Clare Toynton	Team D	Team D
Welcome Center Hosts	Virgil Ostreng	Team D	Team D

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. Our weekly emphases this month will include:

- Week 1 – Giving God My Day
- Week 2 – Giving God My Worship
- Week 3 – Giving to God My Spiritual Gifts
- Week 4 – Giving to God of My Income

Join us for worship as we celebrate the gifts we have been given and the opportunity we have to respond generously, to the benefit of all.

THRIVENT CHOICE DONATIONS

We are pleased to let you know that a deposit of **\$34.00** was made in St. Mark’s account on behalf of Thrivent Financial for Lutherans’ Thrivent Choice Program. Thrivent Choice lets its members help choose where Thrivent Financial gives back. Members eligible for “Choice Dollars” can help direct Thrivent Financials charitable dollars to thousands of Lutheran nonprofit organizations and congregations enrolled in the program.

Thank you to:
Sharon Vega



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OUTREACH

State Funds for Homeless Education

There were almost 55,000 homeless students in Illinois in 2013. Several months ago many of you signed a petition asking Govenor Quinn to restore \$3 million in state funds for homeless education, mainly to provide transportation for students to stay in their home schools. The ability to stay with friends and classmates makes a huge difference in their lives and development. Our letters as well has others sent in across the state helped to bring awareness to this issue, and now there is once again a line item on the budget.

Actual funding of the \$3 million will depend on how the legislature votes on continuing the current 5% tax on income, which expires December 31st. An estimated \$1.8 billion of revenue will be lost to the state, if the current income tax is reduced to 3%. We can be certain funding for homeless issues, and funding for Lutheran Social Services of Illinois will be cut dramatically. The current political debate will have great consequences, so there is still much work to be done.

Winter Coat Drive



During the month of October, we will again be collecting **gently used coats (all sizes) and umbrellas**. Coats should have **functioning zippers, all their buttons, and no holes**. Umbrellas should be in **good working order**. There will be collection bins in the entryway.

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 Gary 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 milling, 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!

Harvest Celebration is an event to celebrate Growing Projects. These are most often related to agriculture, but limited only by our creativity/imagination. Growing Projects unite churches, St. Mark’s is one of twenty-seven in our area, along with small farmers, businesses, and individuals to create opportunities to raise support and funds for developing countries to grow lasting solutions to hunger. Foods Resource Bank programming is achieved through fifteen member organizations, one of which is Lutheran World Relief. To find out more about FRB, please go to: www.foodsresourcebank.org.

Brewingquestions.com

In January of 2013, we launched a small group ministry opportunity for people in their 20’s and 30’s called Brewing Questions, here at St. Mark’s. Not only has this group become a thriving and energetic gathering of people who are interested in talking about their faith in public places; but they also have a love and care for outreach and service and sit together during worship services. I have been really happy to see this small ministry turn into a community that loves and cares for one another, whether they are members of St. Mark’s or not.

Since launching this group, there have been many church pastors and leaders who have asked me for advice on how to form their own group. Through conversation and encouragement, there are now several Brewing Questions groups meeting throughout the Chicagoland area, led and run by other congregations! I have also been asked to lead a workshop at the Professional Leaders Conference for the Metro Chicago Synod. The subject that I will be speaking on will be Pub Theology/young adult small groups. Because of its growth, I formed the website **www.brewingquestions.com**, which serves primarily as a personal blog but also as a website that informs and encouraged leaders to start their own local groups. I invite members of St. Mark’s to stop by the website and read the blog. Very soon, I hope to have online video discussion which could encourage fun theological conversation within our community and maybe even with people we do not know.

I want to thank St. Mark’s for seeing this ministry as something that goes beyond our church walls and for being open to where God is taking it. It has been a joy for me to see this group grow both here at St. Mark’s and for other congregations. Please let me know if you have any questions about this website and please feel free to join in on the conversations!

God’s Peace, Pr. Brian Wise

THANK YOU

The family of Ralph Timer Swan wish to thank the St. Mark’s community for supporting us with prayers and cards during these last eight months. Timer passed away peacefully on August 12 and was laid to rest on August 16, 2014.

Yours in Christ, Lois Swan, Charles and Bebe Fuller and family

Outreach Thank You

The Outreach Team would like to express their gratitude to the ministries at St. Mark’s. This month, we would like to thank Mark Walker and his dedicated team that keep us connected through Foods Resource Bank. This ministry is changing lives with sustainable farming.

My father, James C. Ferrier, passed away on August 23, 2014 and is finally at rest after a battle with cancer. Thank you to our faith family at St. Mark’s for your prayers, support, and caring these past ten months of my father’s illness and now after his death. Your cards, kind words, and efforts put in for his memorial have meant the world to us during this difficult time.

Blessings, Nicole & Dylan Ferrier and Family

FELLOWSHIP & MINISTRY

Newsletter Submission Information

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 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 Meeting

If 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.

Knit Pickers Update

We have merged with the Quilters group, Lydia's Piecemakers, which **meets from 9am - 12pm on the 4th Monday of the month and the following Monday**. Take the elevator, go to the basement, turn right, and enter the open door. We have tons of yarn and some looms. If you prefer to knit or crochet you are welcome, but please bring your own equipment. **We really need people to knit, crochet, or loom hats and scarves for the homeless and needy**. In the past two years, Knit Pickers has donated more than 175 scarves and hats. This is only possible because of people who have created or perhaps donated these items. We have given to Hesed House, Wayside Cross, Dayspring, and Mutual Ground. We are currently looking into donating 35 baby hats to an area hospital for their newborns. There are also school children in the Aurora area who need your help to keep warm. We hope to see you at future meetings.

September 2014 Photos Needed!

If you have **2014 photos from any St. Mark’s ministry or event** that you would like included in our publications, website, or at next year’s “Year in Review”, please email them to: smyearinreview@gmail.com. **We are hoping to collect photos monthly to keep our publications up to date and the photos organized for the Year in Review**. Please contact Pr. Brian or Nicole Ferrier if you have any questions.



Nursery Helpers Needed

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 9:30-11:30am from October through May** and will need childcare. Please contact Terese Ruppel for additional information at (630) 466-1036 or ter60554@gmail.com.

NURSING THE SPIRIT

Hannah Circle



Attention Mothers of Young Children: We are happy to announce the revitalization of our Hannah Circle group. **Our first meeting will be Monday, October 13th from 9:30-11:30am in Sanctuary Hall. Child care will be provided.**

What is Hannah Circle?

Mission: Proclaiming Christ’s Abundant Love as we grow in faith, fellowship, and family life.

About Hannah Circle: Hannah was a barren woman until she sought the Lord for a child, and once blessed with a son, she gave him back to God for service.

- Meets monthly for approximately 1 ½ - 2 hours, on the 2nd Monday of the month from 9:30-11:30am in Sanctuary Hall from September to May.
- Uses specific materials to enhance discussion and stimulate growth in faith and parenting.
- Childcare will be provided.
- There may be nominal fees to purchase books/materials.

Jean Clementz, our faith community nurse will help facilitate the group for this year. **Please sign up at the Welcome Center if you would to be part of this circle.** You may also contact Jean with any questions at 630-897-6891, ext. 23 or at jean.clementz@presencehealth.org

YOUTH GROUP

Important Youth Group Dates



- **Wednesday, October 1st @ 6pm** - Youth and Parent meeting regarding the **2015 ELCA National Youth Gathering** in Detroit, MI.
- **Wednesday, October 8th @ 6pm** - Youth and Parent meeting regarding the **Lutheran Youth Choir of North America**. We will discuss opportunities for your teen to travel to Germany!
- **Friday, October 17th @ 6:30pm** - Haunted Corn Maze in Malta, IL. Drivers needed! See below for more info.
- **July 14-19, 2015 - ELCA National Youth Gathering** in Detroit, MI. (This is the 2015 Mission Trip.)

Face Your Fears!

Join the St. Mark’s Youth Group **Friday, October 17th** at one of the mid-west’s largest **Haunted Corn Mazes at Jonamac Farms in Malta IL**. Admission is **\$10 per person**. Please meet in the **church parking lot at 6:30 pm** and plan to be picked up around 9:30-10:00pm. A rain date has not been set yet. **Forms are due by October 15th**. If you would be available to help drive, please contact bwise@stmarksaurora.net



NURSING THE SPIRIT

Faith Community Nurse Ministry



As I begin my fifth year at St. Mark’s, I thought it would be beneficial to remind the congregation of my role here as a faith community nurse. Faith community nursing, formerly called parish nursing, is a recognized specialty of professional nursing, “specializing in the integration of faith and health by focusing on the intentional care of the spirit as well as on the promotion of *wholistic* health and prevention or minimization of illness within the context of a faith community.” (ANA Scope and Standards of Practice Faith Community Nursing, 2012). **Wholistic, spelled with a “W”, refers to whole person’s health: mind, body, and spirit.**

Nursing is deeply rooted in the faiths of both ancient and modern religions and much of Jesus’ ministry involved healing of the mind, body, and spirit; not just curing, but a healing that allowed the individual to become a messenger of God’s love. Something we are all called to do.

Presence Mercy Medical Center supports our faith community nurse (FCN) ministry. There are 5 nurses who work at several different faith communities in the Fox Valley area. Currently, I serve in 2 congregations, here at St. Mark’s and also at St. Joseph Catholic Parish, 10hrs/week at each church.

How does the FCN integrate faith and health?

- **Health Education and Wellness Promotion** through screenings such as monthly blood pressure screenings; education through monthly Vineyard and weekly Courier articles, information on the bulletin board, and monthly parent newsletters for the CDC, FDL, and Sunday school parents; educational presentations; weekly staff health tidbits; and other wellness promotion activities such as our **upcoming flu shot clinic on Sunday, Oct. 19th from 9:30am - 12:00pm.**
- **Personal Health Counseling** by partnering with individuals or family members to help develop a plan of care, assist in better understanding of medical conditions/medications, and develop ways to enhance or improve health and quality of life.
- **Referral Advisor** by assisting individuals or families in connecting with various resources in the community or church such as social services, healthcare or other agencies, organizations, and groups that can offer support and/or assistance.
- **Health Advocacy** by promoting quality, dignified, and appropriate care for everyone.

“Heal me, Lord, and I will be healed; save me and I will be saved, for you are the one I praise.”
Jeremiah 17:14

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



Save the Date!

There will be a Flu Shot Clinic at St. Mark’s on Sunday, Oct. 19th from 9:30am – 12:00pm in the Community Room.

- Bring Medicare part B card or \$20
- 18 years & older
- Health care provider note required for pregnant &/or nursing mothers



CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER

Wow, where did summer go? We are excited about the new school term and the many changes that are taking place, but sad to see the summer disappear.

We moved two pre-kindergarten classrooms to the education wing of St. Mark’s. Many people assisted in moving furniture, educational supplies, and most of all the children from the CDC to their new classrooms. These classrooms are exciting and learning is evident everywhere. We are able to provide care and education for more pre-kindergarten children in this environment, as well as have more spaces at the CDC for younger ages.

These specialized prekindergarten classrooms are a great transition to kindergarten. We are so pleased to be able to serve as part of the ministry with St. Marks’ church and congregation.

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.

We will be exhibiting the children’s fall art work and have “hands on” activities for everyone to experience. We will enhance your senses with the sights, sounds, and smells of the wonderful fall season. Come see what the children experience every day.

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 hope you will enjoy your visit. Light refreshments will be served. Please bring the children to experience all of our fun activities.

Merrilee Parkhurst
Director



PRAYER CORNER

Be Still



Quiet your mind. Calm your body. Find a safe place, a special place, a place of solitude free of distractions. Be Still.

Sit in an empty room bathed in natural light. Sit under the protective limbs of a tree or in a meadow blooming with wild flowers or sit by a moving river. Close your eyes at your work desk during your break. Be Still.

Let music sooth your soul. Let nature inspire you. Let the quiet refresh you, body and soul. Let children give you hope. Sit with a friend. Walk your dog. Gaze at the sunset. Shake hands with a stranger. Be Still.

Prayer can be spoken, prayer can be action, and prayer can be receptive. Let prayer be the way you prepare to face each day. Let prayer renew your strength as you maneuver through the day. Let awe, wonder, and gratitude give you peace as you give thanks at the end of the day. Be Still and let the Spirit wash over you; work in you and through you. Be Open. Be Still.

Be Still. Be Still. Be Still...

~Sue Hilderbrand

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 10:00a Bread Wrappers 5:00p Roaring Ringers 5:30p FDL, Confirmation, High School 5:30p Joyous Praise Bells 5:30p Learning Circle 6:00p ELCA Youth Gathering Meeting 7:30p Huntley Brown Concert	2 7:00p Lion's Voice Choir	3 7:30a Dreyer Meeting 6:30p Al-Anon	4 COFFEE SALES 10:30a Ferrier Memorial Service 11:30a Ferrier Memorial Lunch 5:00p Worship
5 COFFEE SALES DOUGHNUT & COFFEE CONNECTION 9:00a Worship & Sunday School 10:30a Worship & Come Together 11:45a Confirmation Class 12:00p Pastor Appreciation Potluck 1:00p Pet Blessing	6 7:00a Dreyer Meeting 5:30p Herbie's Friends 7:00p Naomi Circle - Barb Price	7 10:00a Learning Circle 1:00p Staff Meeting 7:00p Glory Ringers	8 9:15a WVMTA Meeting 10:00a Bread Wrappers 5:00p Roaring Ringers 5:30p FDL, Confirmation, High School 5:30p Joyous Praise Bells 5:30p Learning Circle 6:00p Lutheran Youth Choir Meeting 7:30p Academy Singers	9 7:00p Lion's Voice Choir	10 6:30p Al-Anon	11 5:00p Worship
12 9:00a Worship & Sunday School 9:00a Columbarium Dedication 10:30a Worship & Come Together 11:45a Confirmation Class 11:45a Council Meeting	13 9:30a Faith Circle 9:30a Hannah Circle 5:30p Herbie's Friends 7:00p Health Ministry Board Meeting	14 10:00a Learning Circle 1:00p Staff Meeting 7:00p Glory Ringers	15 10:00a Bread Wrappers 5:00p Roaring Ringers 5:30p FDL, Confirmation, High School 5:30p Joyous Praise Bells 5:30p Learning Circle 7:30p Academy Singers	16 6:30p Brewing Questions - Pal Joey's 7:00p Lion's Voice Choir	17 7:30a Dreyer Meeting 6:30p Al-Anon 6:30p Haunted Corn Maze	18 10:00a FRB Harvest Celebration 4:15p Blood Pressure Screening 5:00p Worship
19 COFFEE SALES DOUGHNUT & COFFEE CONNECTION HEALING SERVICE 9:00a Worship & Sunday School 9:30a Flu Shot & Blood Pressure Screenings 10:00a CDC Open House 10:30a Worship & Come Together 10:30a Williams Baptism	20 9:00a Ruth Circle 10:30a Spiritual Journaling 5:30p Herbie's Friends	21 10:00a Learning Circle 1:00p Staff Meeting 2:00p Thrivent Retirement Workshop 6:00p Hesed House—Homeless Advocate Meet & Greet 7:00p Glory Ringers 7:00p Thrivent Retirement Workshop	22 10:00a Bread Wrappers 5:00p Roaring Ringers 5:30p FDL, Confirmation, High School 5:30p Joyous Praise Bells 5:30p Learning Circle 6:00p 3 P's Conformation Practice 7:30p Academy Singers	23 10:30a Adult Fellowship - Brewing Questions 7:00p Lion's Voice Choir	24 6:00p Ryan/Iserloth Wedding Rehearsal 6:30p Al-Anon	25 REFORMATION WEEKEND 2:30p Ryan/Iserloth Wedding 5:00p Worship
26 REFORMATION WEEKEND 9:00a Worship & Sunday School 10:30a Worship & Come Together 10:30a Confirmation 1:30p Fox Valley Academy Music Performance	27 9:00a Lydia's Piecemakers & Knit Pickers 5:30p Herbie's Friends 6:00p Banner Team	28 10:00a Learning Circle 1:00p Staff Meeting 7:00p Glory Ringers	29 10:00a Bread Wrappers 5:00p Roaring Ringers 5:30p FDL, Confirmation, High School 5:30p Joyous Praise Bells 5:30p Learning Circle 7:00p Hope Circle 7:30p Academy Singers	30 7:00p Lion's Voice Choir	31 ALUMINUM CAN COLLECTION 6:30p Al-Anon	