



Serve The Lord With All Your Heart

2018 Ministry Book

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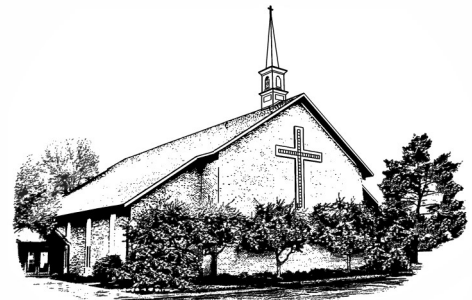
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Our Mission

is to give glory to God through the proclamation of the Word of God and through worship and the sacraments, and to build up the body of Christ, that we might give witness to God's love and salvation. We encourage all members to grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ, to seek to do God's will, and to use their time, talents, and possessions in service to God and all people, especially those of the household of faith (Gal. 6:10).



ADULT BIBLE STUDIES

Contact Group: Parish Ed Committee: Jane Milani; Karen Gerold; Lori McKenzie

Below is the list of our ongoing studies that are available to members and the community at large. These classes cover a wide variety of topics. Most topics run as a series and are determined by the leaders and classes. Watch the announcements, website and the VOICE for new classes. If you wish to lead a class, please contact the Parish Education Committee. Sunday School classes, unless otherwise noted, run from September through May.

SUNDAY ADULT STUDIES (check weekly announcements or call church office for location)

Pastor's Class: The Pastor's Class meets every Sunday. We study together books that help us all grow in the Christian faith. All are welcome to attend any Sunday you are able to attend. Led by Pastor Breum.

Adult Bible Study: David Barnes is leading the adult Bible study. This year we will be having an in-depth study of the Letter to the Hebrews. The only text we will be using will be the Letter to the Hebrews, by the Holy Spirit. Just bring your Bibles! Class meets Sunday mornings at 9:20 am.

Digging Deeper Class: Meets during the Sunday School hour, 9:20am. Brad Gundlach and David Luy lead in-depth discussion based on readings in an area of theology, history, and/or Christian living, always with an eye to walking more closely with God. Examples include Tim Keller's *Counterfeit Gods: The Empty Promises of Money, Sex, and Power- - and the Only Hope that Matters*, C.S. Lewis's *Mere Christianity*, and Eric Metaxas's *Martin Luther: The Man Who Rediscovered God and Changed the World*. All are welcome!

Growing in Christ: We grow in Christ through sharing, teaching, and practicing faith. In these classes we learn how to be a Biblical Christian vs. living as a cultural Christian, how to seek God in stepping out to practice faith in our daily lives, and how to grow by sharing and teaching others (witnessing and defending our faith in today's culture). We look at a variety of genres (Bible, history biographies, DVD series, movies, documentaries, faith based books, etc.) and sometimes go on field trips! In 2017-2018, we discussed Os Guinness's book *The Call, Finding and Fulfilling the Central Purpose of Your Life*. In our second session we viewed and discussed a unique video series, *For the Life of the World: Letters to the Exiles* which focused on the question, "What is your Salvation for?" Meeting times and dates are chosen by participants. Cost varies between \$10-\$15 per session. Look for the upcoming sessions in the Voice, Sunday Bulletin, web page and social media. Contact Barb Ewert, b1182ray@aol.com for upcoming dates.

Pastor Janet's Class: Women of every age are invited to attend a Sunday morning Bible study during the Sunday School hour led by Pastor Janet Breum. We will be studying "Becoming a Woman Whose God is Enough" by Cynthia Heald.

TUESDAY STUDIES

Tuesday Morning Group: This group meets in the Fellowship Hall on Tuesday Mornings from 11:00am – 12:00pm for a study on the Bible and famous Christian literature. Class is led by Pastor Breum.

WEDNESDAY STUDIES

Wednesday Morning Women's Study: This study includes home study, DVD teaching, group discussions and prayer time. This class meets Wednesday mornings at 9:30am in the library. Contact Joy Gajda for class dates and materials. Contact Joy Gajda.

Wednesday Evening Women's Study: This class has a similar format to the morning study but different

content. The class meets at 6:30 PM in the library. Contact Glenda Niffenegger for class dates and materials. Contact Glenda Niffenegger.

Wednesday Night Bible Study: This small group study works through the Bible, book by book. Please bring your Bible, and meet us in the Ed Center Lobby from 8:00pm – 9:00pm Class is led by Dan Kwiatkowski.

THURSDAY STUDIES

Old Testament Study: This class meets on Thursday Evening at 7:00pm in the Ed Center led by Mike Gomski. If you have questions, please contact Mike Gomski at.

Lydia Circle (Monthly): We are a group of women of all ages, who meet the second Thursday of each month (Sept-May). We invite you to join us at 9:00am for fellowship and a light refreshment, and 9:30am -10:30am for study. Offerings are taken and given to mission projects. If you have questions, please contact Karen Perrone (Kperrone@delisource.net).

SATURDAY STUDIES

Saturday Morning Men's Bible Study: We meet every Saturday morning year round at 7:00am at Panera Bread in Round Lake Beach. Each meeting consists of prayer, Bible study and fellowship. If you would like to know more about this meeting, please contact Todd Stickney.

St. Mark Men's Ministry

H.I.S. Ministry, Ministry to every Man: This group of men are seeking to be defined by Christ standards Humility, Integrity, and Spiritual awareness of who God has created us to be. All men are welcome to join. We meet monthly on the second Saturday of the month for breakfast, encouragement, prayer and service projects during the year. Email Jerry Doran at Doran.Jerry@gmail.com for more details.

Classes are subject to change. Please keep up-to-date with class schedules in the weekly bulletin.

ALTAR GUILD

Contact: Gae Michal
Service is usually once a month.

The Altar Guild takes care of setting up most everything you see behind the altar railing. Included, but limited to:

Banners	Laundering Pastor's & Acolyte robes
Paraments	Communion setup/cleanup
Flowers	Communion Bread baking
Candles	Holiday Decor
Altar Linens	

This is a wonderful ministry for those who may not want to be in the spotlight!! It also lends itself to a team effort!! Also consider it a way to meet new people, try new things!! None of the things we do needs a degree!! It does require, however, attention to detail. If there is not a position available in the category you might be interested in, there is ALWAYS a substitute list for fill-in if one of the regulars is not able to be available on their assigned date. Training is always given.

The "work" of the Altar Guild is seen and appreciated by many, however those that produce that "work" are seldom seen! All that is needed is a wish to quietly serve the Lord! Feel free to explore this ministry.

ALTAR SERVERS

Contact: Carl Norlin cnorlin@sbcglobal.net

Altar Servers, is a unique ministry at St, Mark. Servers are an important and much appreciated part of our worship experience. Other than the Pastors, no one else so closely plays a part in the presentation of the Elements of Holy Communion. Your participation as an Altar Server is special. When you serve with the Pastors, you serve the people of God, and above all, you serve Christ.

Altar servers are typically scheduled for Holy Communion every Saturday evening at 5:30pm and 1st and 3rd Sundays both 8am and 10:30am. One server assists serving the bread on Saturday and three for each service on Sunday.

As an Altar Server, you will do things that others will never do. You will learn things that others will never know. You will see the Worship service in ways that others may never see it. You will do it all for the Honor and Glory of God. You do it out of love for His Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.

ANGEL TREE

Contact: Sharon Tatro

Angel Tree gives our church the unique ministry of sharing Christ's love at Christmas each year with the families of prisoners. It helps meet their physical, emotional and spiritual needs. It is a great way to minister "to the least of these".

We, as a congregation, select Angel Tree ornaments, each bearing the name and gift wish of a child of an incarcerated parent. We purchase the gifts, wrap them, and distribute them to the children.

ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC

Congregational Life Committee

This picnic is held in August following the 2nd worship service. This is an opportunity for families and children to enjoy good food, games and fellowship. There is always a lot of preparation before, during and after the picnic. This is a great place to volunteer and meet other families before the kids go back to school.

AUDIT COMMITTEE

Contact: Finance Committee

Each year the Finance Committee asks for volunteers to assist in the auditing of the church's financial records. This is a limited time commitment. If you have a financial background, or no experience but are willing to give an evening or two in service, we would be glad to have you join us!

BELLS OF JOY

Contact: Karen Gerold kgerold@wi.rr.com

Meetings: Wednesdays from 6:30-7:30 PM, South church Balcony Room

The hand bell choir, ringing 3 octaves of bells, performs during worship services September—May. The hand bell choir is open to anyone high school age and up who loves to make music! We invite you to join our group whether you are a seasoned bell ringer, or have never rung before (some musical experience is helpful!) – we will train you! We need regular ringers, and substitutes.

BEST PRACTICES COMMITTEE

Contact: Bob Parmley; Cliff Ewert; Laurie Kerns

BEST PRACTICES is a Council President-appointed advisory committee that reviews the various policies and procedures of the church to develop a “best standard” way of doing things. The committee's goals are to:

- Gather details of existing practices and determine need for creating new documented practices;
- Create or assist church committees with proposed written policies, procedures and guidelines for the various practices.
- Evaluate practices to determine if improvements can be made;
- Evaluate practices for compliance with St. Mark Constitution and By-Laws and society's legal, moral and ethical standards;
- Assemble Council-approved policies and procedures into a common “Policies and Guidelines Manual”;
- Make the “Policies and Guidelines Manual” known and available to Council and committee members as a reference document so that there is a consistency in practices year after year, even as Council and committee membership changes.

Best Practices is a standing committee for which members are not elected and do not rotate. The committee meets on the third Tuesday evening of the month when it has business to discuss. The current committee is composed of Cliff Ewert, Laurie Kerns, Bob Parmley and Lynn Wetterberg. Persons interested in helping with this work are invited to contact one of the committee members.

BUSY BAGS

Contact: Donna & Abby Bergl

This ministry assembles Busy Bags for small children to use during the worship services to help keep their attention, while still being able to be part of the worship service with their family. Bags are filled weekly with little trinkets, crayons, and age appropriate Bible lessons which the children can color.

CAMP TIMBER-LEE

Contact: Kandi Silk

Since 1947 Timber-lee (located in East Troy, WI) has been reaching out to the children and families of Northern Illinois and Southern Wisconsin. Almost a million individuals have been impacted by the ministry and it's work. This work continues today because a large Family of supporters and staff dedicate time, talents and treasure to carry out the ministry. Experience Timber-lee for the first time or join the Family and be part of taking Timber-lee into the future.

The St. Mark Parish Education Committee has created an incentive program to help your child, grades 2 – 12, earn money towards their church camp fees! Basically, your child has the opportunity to perform various service projects for the church. Each task is worth a specific amount of points which transfers into dollar amounts. Your child will be able to earn up to, but not more than half of their camp fees (not to exceed \$250 per camper). Children must register in order to be eligible for the program. Watch for more information in the early spring.

CANTORS

Contact: Collin Crowl at Collinmcrowl@gmail.com

A Cantor participates in the 8:00am Sunday service by leading the Kyrie and Hymn of Praise portion of the service. Cantors are currently scheduled to serve every other month. If you would like to join this ministry, please speak with Collin who can provide any necessary training. Occasional substitutes would also be appreciated.

CARING CASSEROLES

Contact: Lori McKenzie

Committee chair people meet as needed.

Caring Casseroles is a program that provides a meal to those in need: following the birth of a baby, recovery from illness and/or surgery, death in the family, etc. Our goal is to re-affirm to those in need that God loves them (and so does St. Mark).

We currently have around 60 volunteers participating in our program. Our volunteers are divided into three groups. Each group has a chairperson. On a rotating basis, each group is called upon to provide a meal as the need arises. Each volunteer is called approximately once every 12 meals provided. As volunteers are called, they are asked to furnish one of three categories. The categories are main dish, salad and rolls/bread, or dessert and drink. New volunteers are always welcome.

Contact the church office if you have a need to receive Caring Casseroles.

CHRISTIAN MINISTRY SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

Contact: Kristi Knull; Kathy Shelley

Meetings as needed for application review in Spring, candidate interview in Summer, and for Seminarian sponsorship.

This committee publicizes the scholarship funds available to members of St. Mark who are in their junior or senior year of college, and are working toward a ministry career field. The committee distributes and accepts applications from eligible candidates. The committee holds interviews with candidates and recommends final award winners to the church Council. The Committee also oversees the Seminarian Funds when one is being sponsored by St. Mark.

COLLEGE & MILITARY CARE PACKAGES

Contact: Terri Selz

St. Mark Church likes to keep in touch with our college students and/or servicemen who are away from home. We will be sending small remembrance packages, cards and helpful information throughout the year.

The packages generally include some fun things, some useful things like pencils, and some spiritual remembrance. It's a small way to let our students or members of the service know that we at St. Mark are thinking and praying for them.

If you have a family member or friend whom would enjoy these good wishes, please submit his or her current address to the church office. If you have any suggestions or contributions for things to send to the students, please leave them in the church office marked "College".

COMMUNITY FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE/EVENTS

Contact: Carl Norlin and/or Stewardship Committee

St. Mark is blessed to have Wendy's and Antioch Pizza in Lindenhurst give money to the church from the meals eaten at their restaurants. The dates are posted in *The VOICE* and bulletins, plus you can download vouchers from smlc.info/events. Have dinner with friends and neighbors, it all counts for money going back to the church.

COMPASSION INTERNATIONAL

Contact: Lynn Johnson; Kathy Shelley

Sponsored by: St. Mark Church

Compassion International exists as an advocate to release children from their poverty – spiritual, economic, social and physical. They work to enable these children to become responsible and fulfilled Christian adults.

Two children are sponsored through Compassion International by St. Mark—one by the church and one by the Sunday school and adult members! We send financial support as well as correspondence with each child.

Our sponsorship of love and support allows these two children to attend Sunday School, Bible class, and VBS, but most importantly they learn the word of God and can share with their families.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES

Contact: Becky Butler; Kristi Knull; Lori Quane

Open to any person that is in 7th grade through adult. Confirmation is a two-year program that will develop an individual's greater sense of God through worship, the study of God's word and fun. Classes focus on what it means to be a Christian, how to grow in body of Christ.

Confirmation classes are taught by Pastor Breum and are held on Wednesday nights throughout the regular school year (Sept. - April). Second year students meet from 5:45 - 6:45pm. First year students meet from 7:00 - 8:00pm. Classes are held in the Education Center. Students must register in the fall prior to beginning class. Confirmation Sunday is the first Sunday in May.

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE COMMITTEE

Committee: Polly Eastberg; Brooke Frusti; Terri Selz; Mary Anderson

The Congregational Life Committee seeks to provide opportunities for fellowship and encourage an atmosphere of open communication in order to build a warm and caring church community. They will do this through a variety of congregational gatherings, small groups, and membership support and communication initiatives.

Committee Meetings are held on the 4th Tuesday of each month at St. Mark. All committee meetings are open to the congregation. Please contact a member of the committee if you have something to add to the monthly meeting agenda.

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP PRODUCTION TEAM

Contact: Todd Stickney at sticktodd@gmail.com

It takes a lot of teamwork to make the Contemporary Worship Service happen. The Production Team consists of both setup, operational, and maintenance positions. We need assistance with the following positions: Audio Set up/Strike Technician; Audio (Soundboard) Operator; Video Set up/Strike Technician; PowerPoint Operator.

If you are interested in volunteering for this ministry and being part of the Production Team, please contact Todd.

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP SERVICE PRAISE TEAMS

Contact: Todd Stickney at sticktodd@gmail.com

Are you a closet musician or vocalist? Is God calling you to share the talent He blessed you with? If so, be a part of one of our several Worship Bands. These bands lead music in the Contemporary Worship Service. We also have spots for special music anthems throughout the year. If you would like to be part of one of the bands or do an anthem in the Contemporary Worship Service, please contact Todd.

COUNTING TEAMS

Contact: Laurie Kerns; Marilyn Florip

Counting teams are responsible for counting and depositing the weekly offerings. Each team made up of 3 to 4 people meet on their scheduled week once a month. They meet at a time convenient for their team making sure the deposit is done by Tuesday.

CRADLE ROLL

Contact: Sharon Tatro

All baptized members of St. Mark, ages birth to 3 years old, receive information packets that help parents chart the developmental growth of their child and encourage their Christian growth as well. On the anniversary of their birth and each six-month mark in between, another card is sent. Baptisms are scheduled through the Church Administrator, with the approval of Pastor.

EVANGELISM COMMITTEE

Committee: Lori Jenkins; Walter Klein

The mission of our Evangelism Committee is to increase God's Kingdom by first and foremost loving God so that we can properly love others. We show this love by serving when and where we are called. By being the hands and feet of Christ, we will reach out... to become involved in communities. We will strive to make disciples who will continue the ministry of reconciliation that began with the Lord Jesus. Our outreach has included supporting various mission trips, both national and international. This has been done individually in various countries and most recently we sponsored a family-centered mission trip for all ages. We've fed the poor through supporting local community efforts and other food pantries. We have also sustained an ongoing support of witnessing to local inmates through Bill Glass Weekend Behind the Walls. We are focused on improving our ability to send missionaries into the world. We do this by staffing and managing a Ministry Center for outreach and evangelism. While we focus on the Church's role in sending, we are also supporting prayer for those answering the call to go. Other support includes training and financial assistance through the Church.

Benevolence Requests: Emergency help with bills, etc.

Mission Trips: China, Africa, Alaska, New York, and South Dakota

Needy: Mitten Tree, Angel Tree, Prison Ministry, and Food Pantries

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FELLOWSHIP HOUR

Coffee: Gae Michal

Every Sunday morning we provide hot coffee, juice and fresh donuts. If you would like to assist with coffee preparation, please sign up on the schedule outside of the kitchen. Training will be provided if needed.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Council President, Council Treasurer; Pam Preston; Lynn Wetterberg; Jill Winling

This Committee is responsible for reviewing the financial records of the church on a monthly basis; auditing the financial records of the church on a yearly basis; working with standing committees during the budgeting process; vetting the organizations we support with our benevolence money by reviewing the annual reports of the organizations and reviewing, monitoring and revising the financial policies of the church. They work with the Treasurer to review the financial practices of the church, recommend policy

and procedures for the management of the church's assets and to assist in the monitoring of the church's fiscal affairs. They are also responsible for forming an independent Audit Committee to conduct an annual audit of the financial statements and to provide the findings of that audit to the council and congregation.

FUNERAL LUNCHEONS

Contact: Church Office

St. Mark has a little known ministry that provides a helping hand during a time of need. With help provided by volunteers from the church, catered luncheons (provided by the family) after a funeral service can be held in the fellowship hall. The volunteers handle the set-up, clean-up, and serving of the refreshments and desserts while other volunteers bake and donate the desserts. Speak with the Pastor if you would like to use this ministry, or call the office to volunteer.

GOOD SAMARITAN EMERGENCY FUND

Contact: Church Office

Committee: Pete Bolender, Pastor Breum, Jeff McKenzie, Joni Wasmund, & Deb Zuchowski.

The Good Samaritan Fund is a source of emergency funds available to St. Mark members and also non members, helping them manage through times of severe financial crisis. These funds are meant to assist people with rent and utilities (paid directly to the vendor). Fund requests from those in need will be handled with confidentiality, fairness and discretion. The Pastor, Church Administrator and a designated member of the congregation may know the circumstance of requests in order to make the appropriate decisions in a consistent manner.

We have partnered with Love INC in Wauconda, to expand our outreach, beyond financial concerns to resolve the source of the need. Love INC is a wonderful resource and partner.

HANDBELL CHOIR

See *Bells of Joy* on page 6.

HOLIDAY DINNER IN A BAG

Contact: Terri Selz

The Holiday Dinner in a Bag is a ministry of the Congregational Life Committee. It is a project that provides the staples for a Thanksgiving dinner for an individual or family that is in need.

Food donations are collected for this project in November and delivered to the families by St Mark volunteers on the Sunday prior to Thanksgiving.

HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE

Committee: Donna Hallberg; Sue Paulson

The Human Resources Committee has primary responsibility for planning, developing and implementing policies and procedures for the effective management of people to accomplish the overall mission of the church; for evaluating effectiveness of the Church's Human Resources; interpreting Human Resources policies and providing oversight to the Church Council to help ensure a pleasing and efficient work environment.

The committee will also develop and monitor a salary matrix for use in ensuring that the salaries and benefits offered to Church employees are within market guidelines and to provide guidance in the hiring process when additional or replacement staff is needed. They will research options for benefit providers annually to keep costs down. The Human Resource Committee also facilitates fair staff management practices and timely reviews in accordance with policy.

Human Resources is a standing committee and the members do not rotate. A church member that has questions should direct those inquiries to presiding members. *Committee Meetings are held on the 4th Tuesday of each month at St. Mark. All committee meetings are open to the congregation. Please contact a member of the committee if you have something to add to the monthly meeting agenda.*

MEALS ON WHEELS

Contact: Marilyn Florip

The Meals on Wheels program is a wonderful and rewarding ministry. The program is run by Catholic Charities. Volunteers pick up hot catered meals from Antioch Township offices located at 1625 Deep Lake Road. St. Mark has the responsibility of delivering meals to Seniors one week every 5th week through the year. We usually deliver approximately 10 – 12 meals and delivery takes just a little more than an hour. I arrange a “ride along” for any person interested so that there is an opportunity to see the route before they volunteer. There are opportunities to be either a full time volunteer or be placed on the Substitute Driver’s list. If you feel you have a heart for this ministry please contact me.

MEMORIAL COMMITTEE

Contact: Judy Dunfrund; Lynn Wetterberg; Bonnie Millsop

The Memorial Committee works with other Committees to create a list of Council approved Memorial items. The Memorial Committee then assures that the memorial gifts given are used in the manner in which they were designated.

MINISTRY BOOK COMMITTEE

Contact: Stewardship Committee

The Stewardship Committee revises and updates the Ministry Book and organizes the Ministry Palooza every three years. You are looking at the current Ministry Book. If you are interested in learning about the ministries at St. Mark or helping with the Palooza, contact the Stewardship Committee.

MINISTRY PALOOZA

Contact: Stewardship Committee

Every three years St. Mark holds a Ministry Palooza. The Palooza allows all ministries of St. Mark to show what they do. This is a great way to meet and work with others as we all grow in faith and become more like Jesus.

MITTEN TREE

Contact: Shannon Lunkenheimer

The purpose of the Mitten Tree is to collect new hats, gloves, mittens and scarves for individuals within our community who are in need. This is an opportunity for individuals, families, and groups to support this local program and help a child/children, adults and/or seniors to stay warm during the winter months. Hats, scarves, mittens and gloves can be store bought or home made. The tree will be in the Narthex during the late fall months.

MUGS and MUFFINS

Contact: Brooke Frusti at mugsandmuffins.smlc@gmail.com;

Mugs and Muffins is for women of all ages. Meeting the second Saturday of every month (September - May) at 9:00am. Join us for muffins, beverages, and fellowship. Each month a different woman will be speaking about a God moment in their life or sharing their testimony. Bring a mug and a friend, we’ll provide the rest!

NEW MEMBER CLASSES

Contact: Laurie Kerns; Joyce Mol; Terri Selz

The New Member Class is for those considering church membership. These classes give information about the mission and beliefs of St. Mark, as well as orient attendees to church programs and processes. The classes are held on Sunday mornings during Sunday School hour for 2-3 consecutive weeks. Classes are led by the Pastor and committee members. Watch the VOICE and weekly announcements for information on the next class.

NOAH'S NURSERY

Contact: Deb Heide, Nursery Supervisor

Available every Sunday during 8 AM and 10:30 AM services, and during 9:20 AM Sunday School hour. The Nursery can be found mid-way down the hall from the main entrance – just past the restrooms.

Our ministry is to provide quality childcare to children ages 4 years and younger during church services and to children 3 years and younger during Sunday School hour. This allows parents of young children time to worship and participate in adult Sunday School classes.

We are looking for people who enjoy working with young children. We need adult and teen volunteers for all Sunday morning services as well as adults during the Sunday School hour. You may pick the day & time you would like to help or you may be assigned to a rotating volunteer schedule. Prayerfully consider sharing your time and talents in this ministry.

OPEN ARMS FOOD PANTRY

Contact: Terri Selz

A ministry of the Outreach Committee, St. Mark volunteers a staff of 8 volunteers one night a month (3rd Wednesday) at the Open Arms Food Pantry in Antioch. Hours are 4 PM – 6:30 PM.

Open Arms Food Pantry supplies food to over 250 families in the Antioch, Lake Villa and Lindenhurst communities. To learn more about volunteer opportunities at Open Arms contact Teri Selz or sign up on the Social Ministry Board in the Fellowship Hall. You can sign-up for one month at a time. New people are always welcome!

St. Mark collects specific food items each month and delivers them to the Open Arms Food Pantry in Antioch. Watch the weekly announcements for the monthly item requested, but all staple food items are always welcome! Drop off items in one of the large yellow containers found near the entryways.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Contact: Josiah Frusti at Josiah@smlc.info;

Operation Christmas Child is a unique way to provide the joy of Christmas to kids in need. Funded by Samaritans Purse, churches pack shoe boxes full of clothes, toys, school supplies, hygiene products, and more to be sent off to the various countries around the world. We will be having a "Packing Party" where all families are invited to pack a shoebox or two. Items will be collected the weeks prior to the packing party."

PADS - Public Action to Deliver Shelter

Contact: Jill Decker, Volunteer Coordinator; Laurie Kerns, Food Coordinator; Mary Anderson

PADS is a county wide program to help care for the homeless. Each night from October 1st to April 30th different churches open their doors from 6pm to 6am to provide homeless guests with a hot dinner, place

to sleep, breakfast and a sack lunch. St. Mark is open on Friday nights.

Volunteers are always needed to set-up beds, prepare food, work the evening, overnight or morning shifts, help with cleanup or take bedding to be washed and returned the following week. To volunteer for any part of this program contact any of the above people.

PARISH EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Committee: Lori McKenzie; Jane Milani; Karen Gerold

The goal of the Parish Education Committee is to provide programs to help all of God's children understand the Word. We need to continually study God's Word and follow the examples portrayed within its pages. As we grow as Christians we need to learn how to use God's word in our daily lives as well as how to share the Gospel with others.

Some of the educational opportunities currently available are Sunday School, Adult Bible studies, Confirmation, Vacation Bible School, Church Library resources, Nursery, Cradle Roll and youth groups.

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POT LUCK MEALS

Contact: Congregational Life Committee

We come together to celebrate different occasions that include February/March Lenten Soup Suppers, April Easter Breakfast, August annual church picnic, November Thanksgiving Eve Pie Social, December Christmas Potluck and Advent Soup Suppers. Other special occasion Pot Luck Meals happen during the year. Lutherans are known for their love of food and fellowship!

PRAYER CHAIN

Contact: Connie Saunders; Lori Jenkins

To submit a prayer request, send an email to smlcprayers@gmail.com.

Anyone willing to receive prayer requests and thanksgiving and commit to pray for each request may join the email prayer chain. We pray for individuals, the congregation, as well as community and global needs. This group of people committed to prayer takes action on behalf of the congregation on Jesus' words to "ask and you will receive, seek and you will find, knock and the door will be opened." (Matthew 7:7). The importance of the prayer chain is that it faithfully intercedes on behalf of others in need by lifting up specific requests, concerns and emergency situations. To join the prayer chain, please call or email Connie or Lori.

PRAYER GROUP

Contact: Charlie Burke; Pam Burke

Meetings: Tuesdays @ 7:30 PM in the Sanctuary

Please join the prayer group for 1 hour of worship in song, testimony reports, and prayer requests. We pray in unity of the Holy Spirit from the St. Mark weekly Prayer Chain list and lift concerns for our community, state, nation and worldwide. We praise JESUS for granting us the audience of the King through His sacrifice. Please join us in humbling ourselves before our King, confession, worship and praise, thanks and supplication.

This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears

us. And if we know that he hears us—whatever we ask—we know that we have what we asked of him. - 1 John 5:14-15

PRAYER PALS

Contact: Marilyn Florip

Each year the members of St. Mark have the opportunity to sponsor a first year Confirmation student. As a Prayer Pal you are asked to diligently keep the student in your daily prayers and approximately once a month send the student an anonymous spirit filled note of encouragement through the mail. The commitment is for the length of Confirmation instruction which is two years. As a Prayer Pal you receive the student's picture and information sheet once Confirmation instruction has begun. Your identity as a Prayer Pal is revealed at the Confirmation Tea which is held the Wednesday evening before Confirmation Sunday. The Prayer Pal program is a wonderful opportunity to make a simple time investment in the future of St. Mark. Prayer Pal sign up forms are available each Fall. Please watch for the announcements in the Sunday bulletin and The VOICE.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Contact: Mary Jane Niles; Sharon Schranz; Gae Michal

Whether they are called Prayer Shawls, Comfort Shawls, Peace Shawls, or Mantles, etc. the shawl maker begins with prayers and blessings for the recipient. The intensions are continued throughout the creation of the shawl. Upon completion, a final blessing is offered before the shawl is sent on its way. Some recipients have continued the kindness by making a shawl and passing it onto someone in need. Thus, the blessing ripples from person-to-person, with both the giver and receiver feeling the unconditional embrace of a loving God!

We also provide some prayer shawls to a cancer treatment center so those receiving chemo- may cover up during therapy. If you would like to make a shawl for those patients, please make the shawl a rectangle about 3-4 feet wide and 5-6 feet in length. People become chilled during these sessions and a prayer shawl is the perfect cover during this time. After the shawls are completed, they are stored in a large plastic box in the balcony banner closet (right side as you go up the stairs). Please place your completed shawl in the box and know someone will receive it with much gratitude and appreciation.

Please contact us to let us know of someone in need of a prayer shawl or if you would like to help make them!

PRISON MINISTRY

Bill Glass Behind the Walls

Contact: Jeff McKenzie; or any Prison Ministry participant

"Behind the Walls" assists the church by igniting Christians to share their faith in Jesus Christ. Their purpose is to fulfill the great commission of Jesus Christ, bring hope, offer God's vision to people, reach the lost, put families back together, reduce crime, restore lost lives, and restore people to God.

The Bill Glass Behind the Walls Events feature Christian professional athletes and entertainers in programs that make it easy to present the Gospel by "any Christian who can read" (quoting Pastor Breum) to men, women and youth in nearby prisons and youth centers. We need more Christian "teammates" to share their faith in this way.

The need to evangelize troubled youth is crucial and about 85% of incarcerated youth in Illinois and Wisconsin are housed a short ride away (1 - 1 ½ hrs.) This represents a unique opportunity for our church as thousands are reached annually in this way.

PRISON MINISTRY - SCHOOL MINISTRY

Contact: Jeff McKenzie; or any Prison Ministry participant

Arrangements are made with local middle and high school principals for former NFL players to address students in all school assembly programs. The players are trained to address life's issues and they discuss the importance of character and values, helping them to make life changes. They share personal experiences and present the consequences of alcohol, drugs, crime, peer pressure, and violence and encourage students to try their best at academics, sports and life.

The athletes talk about the importance of values such as honesty, caring, responsibility, and faith, while explaining how they have been able to overcome problems through their faith in God.

PROPERTY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Committee: Robin Korom at RobinK@myconsumers.org

Our mission is to maintain a healthy, safe and functional environment for worship, education, and fellowship.

Our goals are to maintain our present facilities in a functional condition and make improvements when necessary. We will accomplish this through a cooperative effort of committee members and available funds to meet required upgrades in the property.

We would benefit from the experience of those who work in the trades to guide our decision-making.

If you are interested in renting St. Mark facilities, please contact the church office.

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RUMMAGE SALE

Contact: Laurie Kerns

The annual St. Mark Rummage Sale takes place in August and is a great way for you to declutter your house while helping raise money for programs, projects and repairs at church. The sale needs many volunteers for sorting, setting up, and working during the sale to be successful. Volunteer sign up sheets are posted prior to the sale. We are always looking for new volunteers. Join us for fun and fellowship and yes, work.

SAINT MARK SAINTS

Contact: John & Gloria Brda

Saint Mark Saints has been in existence since 2014, and is a group designed for "members helping members." At times members in our St. Mark family may have short term needs and this is a way to support and offer help through random acts of kindness. This committee is an outreach service to help our own with various needs that they may have such as running an errand, going to a doctor's appointment, or even taking someone to the grocery store. It could also be a friendly visit to someone who needs a smile.

SCRAPBOOKING

Contact: Lori Quane; Bridget Schlappi, Bridget.Schlappi@cardinalhealth.com

Schedule: As Announced

We are a fun bunch of ladies who like to get together to preserve our family memories. Friends are invited

to our gatherings. We try to meet quarterly and registration forms are posted in the weekend announcements as well as in The VOICE. Cost for the all-day event is very minimal and includes dinner! Each guest is given a full table to craft on and plenty of sharing of ideas and supplies takes place. Crafters bring their own supplies to work on and a snack to share. New to the craft? Let us know and demonstrations can be arranged. To be notified of the next "Scrap till you drop" date please email Bridget and she'll add you to the list!

ST. MARK CHOIR

Contact: Wendy Weidner, Director

Senior Choir is comprised of people who love the Lord and love to sing. This group is for people ages high school and older. No musical experience is necessary! Please come and fellowship with the Senior Choir.

ST. MARK CHURCH LIBRARY

Contact: Heidi Selgert

Location: Side rooms in the Fellowship Hall

The church library's mission is to have a wide variety of Christian-based materials available for all age groups. There are books, DVDs and videos available for check out by all members of St. Mark. No library card necessary – instructions on checking out books can be found in the library! If you would like to assist in the library and have some time to shelve books, contact Heidi for training. Book donations can be dropped off in the library anytime.

STEPHEN MINISTRY

Contact: Janet Breum at revsbreum@comcast.net; Ian Griffith at ianhgriffith@me.com; John Florip

Stephen Ministry is a one-to-one caring ministry. Stephen Ministers are trained lay caregivers who provide confidential care, encouragement, and emotional and spiritual support to people who are going through a difficult time, such as divorce, grief, hospitalization, unemployment, terminal illness, relocation, chronic illness, or loneliness. Our Stephen Ministry team is looking for people with the gifts for caring, encouragement, and listening to prayerfully consider joining this exciting and important ministry.

To find out more about becoming a Stephen Minister or how you or someone you know could be matched with a Stephen Minister, talk with one of our Stephen Ministry Leaders listed above.

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

Committee: Pete Bolender; Laurie Kerns; Carl Norlin

The Stewardship Committee oversees the following committees or tasks:

- Supervise Counting Teams and revise process as needed
- Educate the congregation on the Endowment Fund and encourage participation
- Develop and promote Restaurant Coupon Nights
- Support Rummage Sale Committee as needed
- Monitor and approve all fundraising initiatives
- Ministry Palooza
- Good Samaritan Committee
- Develop and maintain the Ministry Guides
- Developing, administering and monitoring of time and talent sheets
- Promote Thrivent members to direct their Choice Dollars to St. Mark and to participate in action teams
- Encourage electronic giving and hold enrollment drives

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open to the congregation. Please contact a member of the committee if you have something to add to the monthly meeting agenda.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Superintendents: Karen Gerold; Beth Miller

Sunday School Mission Statement: To provide a safe and loving environment where children find and love God, explore His Word, build relationships with His family, and discover their own God-given uniqueness.

St. Mark Sunday School is held each Sunday from September through May from 9:20am to 10:20am. Classes are available for pre-K through High School.

Positions in this area include Sunday School coordinators, teachers, assistant teachers, song leaders and accompanist.

If you would like to become involved in the Sunday School program, please contact one of the superintendents or the Parish Education Committee. Please continue to hold our young people and programs in your prayers throughout the year.

THRIVENT

Contact: Stewardship Committee and/or Jerry Doran (jerry.doran@thrivent.com)

Thrivent is a Christian not-for-profit company whose mission is "helping Christians be wise with money and live generously." Thrivent has been named one of the "World's Most Ethical Companies" by Ethisphere Institute for seven years in a row. In May 2017, independent insurance analyst A. M. Best gave Thrivent its highest rating of A++ (Superior) for financial stability and ability to pay claims.

TRADITIONAL SPECIAL MUSIC

Contact: Rebecca Gundlach 6gundlachs@sbcglobal.net

St. Mark is currently seeking musicians to contribute their time and talents to our traditional worship services. If you sing or play an instrument, please consider playing during the offering time. Please contact Rebecca to schedule a date to sing or play in the Traditional Services.

TUESDAY GROUP (Men)

Contact: Marty Magera or John Florip

The first thing the Tuesday Men's Group does each Tuesday morning is to straighten out the church pews – making sure pencils, extra church envelopes, and bookmarks are available for use during the church services and post the songs on the hymn boards in the sanctuary.

We are currently a group of about 10 men who meet each week. The group meets from 9:00-11:00am every Tuesday. We stop for a coffee break to visit for a bit and then it's back to work! Please join us!

Tuesday Group Women also meet periodically to send out encouragement cards to members and visitors.

USHERS

Contact: Todd Paxton, Head Usher; Marty Magera, 5:30 PM; Jim Schaufel, 8 AM; Gary Olson, 10:30 AM

Ushers are a key component to making sure worship services run smoothly. They pass out bulletins, pick up attendance slips, collect the offering, direct and help visitors and members, and other things behind the

scenes. We are always in need of more volunteers.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (VBS)

Organization team: Kayla Weidner; Beth Miller; Becky Butler

VBS is an annual summer youth program. It is available to members of the church as well as nonmembers. It is an outreach to the community that gives St. Mark an opportunity to teach, share and introduce the words of God to children ages 3 years old to 6th grade. Bible lessons are taught through drama, Bible stories, music, crafts and games. The important thing is getting the Gospel messages spread through a fun interactive environment.

Volunteers are needed to run the program. Ages 7th grade through adult are accepted. Positions available include Registration Coordinator, Decoration Coordinator, Station Leaders (music, craft, Bible, food, drama, games, food), and Crew Leaders.

A Donation list will be posted on bulletin boards outside the fellowship hall closer to VBS time.

WELCOME TEAM

Contact: Joyce Mol

The Welcome Team members greet St. Mark members and our guests and welcome them to our services. The team members stand at the two outside entrances and open doors for people arriving for services. A member also stands at the Welcome Center before and after services to greet and provide information on St. Mark. The Welcome Center is stocked with Christian books, New Testaments, information cards, and pens to be given to guests.

WORSHIP & MUSIC COMMITTEE

Committee: Rebecca Gundlach; Charlie Burke; Tabra Gomski; Wendy Weidner

The Worship and Music committee has the primary responsibility of supporting the worship service at St. Mark Lutheran Church. Members of this committee work with the Pastors, the Music Coordinator, the Choir Director, the Ushers, Altar Guild, Altar and Communion servers, the Office Staff and others as necessary.

Among the responsibilities that support the Pastors conducting worship are preparing communion, scheduling servers and ushers, the floral arrangements, power point operation and set-up, running the sound board and helping any areas that are needed for the worship service. All of these responsibilities are done by volunteers that work under one of the groups or individuals above. There is always an opportunity for volunteers with the right heart and skills. Whether you have a servant's heart or musical and technical skills, you could help make the worship service a great way for people to praise and honor our Lord.

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YARBROUGH MISSION FUND

Contact: First Lutheran Church in Princeton, IL

The Robert Yarbrough Mission Fund supports evangelism, discipleship, and refugee aid in developing nations. Since 1989 Bob has been involved in pastoral training outside the U.S. Bob served as a pastoral assistant at St. Mark from 2001 until he moved to St. Louis in 2010. Since then, he has continued to be a guest preacher at St. Mark four weekends each year.

St. Mark consistently and generously supports this fund in support of ministries in eastern Europe, Africa, and Asia, in universities, churches, and other settings. In response to requests for Gospel teaching and other

assistance in needy sites worldwide, the goal has been to respond to these requests as God gives opportunity. Recent important initiatives include pastoral training conferences touching thousands of lives in Africa. Connected with this has also been the distribution of Bibles, food, clothing, medical supplies and other life necessities.

These projects stand in constant need of prayer, for Bob & Pastor Bill Shields, as they travel and speak, and for the people to whom they minister. In the past such intercession has resulted in substantial outreach through the generous giving of St. Mark members. To God's glory, you are making a difference!

Checks to be made payable to: First Lutheran Church. (Record "Yarbrough Mission Fund" on memo line)

Mail checks to:

First Lutheran Church
116 N. Pleasant Street
Princeton, IL 61356

YOUTH GROUPS

Contact: Josiah Frusti, Youth and Family Ministry Coordinator,
Josiah@smlc.info

High School (9th-12th Grade) Youth Group: The High School Bible Study Group will meet every Sunday night during the school year (September through May). We meet in the Ed. Center from 6:30 to 8:30pm. We also have various off-site events once a month so look out for those fun activities! We are always looking for more adult leaders so please email Josiah if you are interested in volunteering or if you have any questions.

Middle School (5th-8th Grade) Youth Group: The Middle School and Junior High Group often joins us on our off-site events. We will also go to the Quake event one weekend during winter and that's for 6th grade on up. We rely on parents to chaperone and/or drive for events. Confirmation meets on Wednesday nights for 7th and 8th graders.

56ers: 56ers is a brand new program starting up this fall for 5th and 6th graders, meeting Wednesday nights, typically first and third Wednesdays. We will be meeting a few times a month to engage in games, snacks, activities and Bible lessons. This program helps prepare you for Confirmation and gives you a taste of our High school Youth group! Check your bulletin and announcements for monthly updates and email Josiah with any questions.

The following groups use our facilities to hold their meetings/events. You are welcome to participate in these groups! To find out more about any of these programs call the church office at (847) 365-8140.

Cub Scouts

Boy Scouts

AA (Alcoholics Anonymous)

Meets every Monday at 7:30 pm

Al-Anon (For Family Members of Alcoholics)

Meets every Monday at 9:30 am

Karate through Lindenhurst Park District

Meets Thursday evenings at various times

Kindred Life (For Teen Parents)

Meets every Tuesday at 6:30 pm during the school year

Midwest Creation Fellowship

Meets first Monday of the month at 7:00 pm
(Schedule may vary)

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